

Our Mission

*St. John the Baptist
Catholic Community,
inspired by
the Spirit of Christ,
reaches out, educates,
helps and nurtures all
people, as we worship
and serve
Our Heavenly Father.*

All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining our worshipping community. Please stop by our parish office to register and let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sunday Mass

English:

7:30am, 10:00am,
6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30pm

Daily Mass-Summer

Monday - Saturday

8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by
appointment

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours for
prayer. Call the office
for the code.

Parish Office

Tues.-Fri. 9am - 5pm;

10955 SE 25th Ave,
Milwaukie, OR 97222
503-654-5449



MERRY CHRISTMAS, FELIS NAVIDAD!

Dear brothers and sisters,

Merry Christmas to each of you and your loved ones.

What Child is this? Why is it that everyone celebrates His birth? He is the baby that ushered new destiny to humanity. He is the baby that changed everything for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and the whole humanity. Jesus has brought us peace, joy and eternal salvation and so the angels announce the birth of this Child as they sing "Glory to the New Born King."

May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, show us the way to the Father. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, teach us to love one another. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, bring hope to the suffering humanity and those in despair. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, enlighten the minds and hearts of our world leaders to foster peace. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, teach us to care and to share with the poor. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, teach us to pray and worship God as one body. May this Child Jesus, Emmanuel, prepare us for eternal harvest.

Once again wishing you and your loved ones a holy, happy and joyful Christmas 2011.

I also want to let you know that I will be taking some time off to visit my family in Goa, India in the month of January. I will leave on January 4th and be back February 8th 2012. During my absence, Fr. Mark our parochial vicar will assist the parish in all the pastoral and spiritual needs. Please pray for my safe trip and be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Many blessings,

Rev. Maxy D'Costa
Pastor

Ministries of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church...

offers a wide range of ministry to all age groups for a deeper spiritual experience through the word of God and sacraments. We encourage the members to discern the call to embrace the volunteer opportunities to minister to our parish faith family. If you feel called to engage in any of these ministries, please contact the coordinator listed below or email our parish office at parishoffice@sjbcatholicchurch.org .



Ministry of the Lector

The ministry of the Lector is to proclaim the Word of God, by active confirmed parishioners, to the assembly with reverence and confidence. A Lector brings scripture to life for the assembly at Sunday liturgy through your role as a storyteller of God's Word. Lectors serve rotating terms and attend a training session to learn the responsibilities and instructions for this ministry.

Michele Murphy is our contact person for this ministry. 503-653-6264

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Active confirmed parishioners are lay ministers who help with the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass. The Eucharist is distributed under both forms of bread and wine at all Masses. To become a Eucharistic minister one must attend a training session and ongoing formation. Our contact person for this ministry is Barbara McCarthy 503-652-2154.



Altar Servers

The altar servers' role in the Church is to assist the priest and deacon in all liturgical celebrations, beginning principally with the celebration of the Mass. The altar server trains and studies, learning and growing in the understanding of faith and in their relationship with God and His Church. Servers are generally 4th-12th grade youth. Our contact for this ministry is Karen Varner 503-659-6900 or Beth Sawtelle 503-654-8878.

Ministers of Art and Environment

Ministers of Art and Environment are responsible for the design and execution of church decorations for Ordinary time and for each liturgical season. We plan and create banners, and organize and facilitate seasonal decor changes. Seasonal decorations are designed and constructed by members, based on input from Church documents, the Pastor and the parish Liturgy Commission. Project, and activities are organized and pre-scheduled according to the church calendar. Our contact for this ministry is the parish office 503-654-5449.



Ushers

An usher meets the people at the door to offer any assistance they may need. The duties of the usher during Mass are helper, order keeper, welcoming, emergency assistance, take up the collection and arrange for a family or group to carry the Gifts (bread, wine, and offering) to the altar during Mass. The goal of an usher is to carry out their duties as directed by the Pastor, primarily to see that Masses and other services run smoothly, are orderly and quiet. The contact for this ministry is Jim Newman 503-654-4502



Greeters Greeters meet people at the door and welcome them to Mass. Contact John White at 503-513-6809.

Hispanic Ministry

We offer a 12:00 Noon Spanish Mass each Sunday and celebrate various Spanish celebrations. There is a Spanish bulletin, Spanish Choir, altar servers, lectors, religious education, etc. Our contact for our Hispanic Ministry is Genesee McCarthy at 503-654-5449.



Adoration Chapel

The St. John's Perpetual Adoration chapel started in 2001 under the direction of bishop Kenneth Steiner. The Chapel is located on the NE corner of the Church. In order to get in, you need to punch in the secret code on the door. The parish office has the code. Over 100 people come for their regular weekly hour. Many have been coming for the last 8 years. We have substitutes available for those who need to occasionally miss their hour. People come for many different reasons. Some come for the quiet and prayerful atmosphere. Some like to read and reflect using one of the books available in the chapel, write in prayer journals, or pray the rosary. Our contact person for this ministry is John White 503-513-6809.

Religious Education

Religious Education grades 1-5 is held on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45pm. These classes provide the religious educational needs for children of St. John's who attend public school or are home schooled. The text series, *We Believe*, provides age appropriate lessons using one general theme per grade level. The lesson theme plus Scripture, Tradition, Prayer and Social Justice are interwoven in each lesson, encouraging the children to live, as well as know, their Catholic faith. We invite parents to our prayer services held throughout the year. We begin our evenings with all grades gathering in the parish center.



The Edge is a program for middle school students (6th, 7th, & 8th) that asks, "Are you willing to take the leap?" Students in this age range are in a very challenging time in their life. The long search for their identity smacks them right in their face. In the pervasive pop culture we live in the question Jesus asks in the Gospel, "Who do you say that I am?" must be asked. The youth are invited to see in exciting and insightful ways if Jesus will be their Messiah or a man who lived 2000 years ago. The EDGE is designed to meet the catechetical, educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents.

Middle school students are removed from behind classroom desks and brought into the youth ministry environment, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30pm in the Teen Room, located in the lower level of the parish center.

If you are on the precipice and wondering if you want to take the leap, I will meet you at the EDGE and we can jump together. Call Patrick David in the RE office to register, 503-659-2760.



Youth Ministry

The youth are NOT the future of our Church and it is our responsibility to help them understand how amazing and awesome our faith is RIGHT NOW! Some may measure a successful Youth Ministry with the amount of programs running in a week. Such a mentality will leave a community empty. Here at St. John the Baptist, Youth ministry is committed to being Christ Centered, not program centered. We not only want our youth to do the work of Christ, we want them to be people of Christ. Youth Ministry is not a group independent of the church community. We need your help. We need your gifts. We need you. What good does a candle do if it is under a bushel basket? If you have been wondering how you can be more involved in the Parish, consider this your invitation.

The Youth M&M is held the 4th Sunday of the month and caters to middle school and high school students. The Youth M&M stands for Youth Mass and Meeting. We have a youth choir and band that play and sing at the youth mass. Following Mass, the second half of the M&M is held in the teen room during coffee-n-donuts. Contact Patrick David, Youth Ministry Coordinator at 503-659-2760.

Facebook: SJB Youth

Twitter: Stjbyouth

Blog: <http://stjbyouth.wordpress.com/>

Sacraments



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the first Sunday of the month directly following the 10 am Mass. One baptismal preparation class is required. The preparation class seeks to help parent understand the Rite of Baptism and to prepare and support parents in the on going faith formation of their child. Please call Pat at the Parish Office 503-654-5449 or email at pat.rashion@gmail.com, to register or for any other questions. School age children who have not been baptized will be attending religion classes in the school or religious education until they are prepared for the sacraments. Parents need to attend a baptism preparation class.

RCIA

Do you know someone who has questions about the Catholic Church?

RCIA is a process of initiation for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith:



RCIA for teens: is a process, as above, for young people. They meet in a very comfortable environment where they are able to ask questions. They have the same opportunity for deeper formation of the Catholic Church and preparation for the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.

RCIA-for children: This process is designed for children ten years old and older who have not been baptized. Classes meet every week at the parish. This process will introduce the child to the basic teachings (age appropriate) of the Catholic Church and prepare them for the Sacraments of Initiation. To register call Pat at the parish office 503-654-5449 or pat.raschio@gmail.com.

Sacramental Preparation:

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation

This process provides preparation for the first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for all children of St. John's parish. Children at least 2nd grade and older, who have been baptized, may begin preparation for the sacraments by first registering at the RE Office. Honoring the vital role of parents in the development of their children's faith the preparation for these two sacraments is done in the home with monthly family meetings. Religion classes, whether in school or RE, are to support and augment what happens in the home. The text books used are selected to fulfill this support. Honoring the distinctness between the two sacraments the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the winter and First Communion will be celebrated in May. If you have an older child who has not received the sacraments please see RCIA for children. Registration and a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate are required. To register or for further questions please call Patrick David at the Religious Education office, 503-659-2760 or email pdavid@sjbcatholicchurch.org.



Confirmation Preparation

Teens continue their faith journey as they receive more fully the grace initiated through the Sacrament of Baptism. In this intimate setting, the students are invited to look at faith beyond their scope of their minds and asked to go deeper. We venture pass the textbooks and are empowered to enter into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Confirmation is not a completion of the religious education program, rather it is the sign that directs us to go further. If you are a non confirmed teenager who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist and are up for this exciting challenge Contact Patrick David at the Religious Education office, 503-659-2760 or email pdavid@sjbcatholicchurch.org.



Adult Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation completes the sacraments of Initiation. As the Catechism article #1285 states: 'a reception of the sacrament of confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For the sacrament of Confirmation, (baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.' If you are a baptized adult who has not received this sacrament, our Archbishop invites you to prepare for the celebration of Adult Confirmation in May at the Cathedral. If you would like to participate and need more information and to register for the reception of the sacrament please call or email Pat; pat.raschio@gmail.com or 503-654-5449.

Marriage

The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures and spiritual attitudes. So proper preparation may be made, engaged couple must arrange for pre-marriage instruction at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office to set an appointment with the pastor.

Anointing

Anointing of the Sick is offered is the sacrament for all who are seriously and/or chronically ill who may be in danger of death. to the parish community twice a year. The priest administers this sacrament with blessed oil on the forehead and hands. The frail elderly may receive this sacrament because in cases of old age, almost any illness can take on a serious nature. A person may receive the sacrament prior to a serious operation. If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his/her health, he/she can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. A person with a continuing chronic illness may receive this sacrament more than once. To request this sacrament call the care minister at 503-6564-5449. As a parish, Anointing of the Sick is offered twice a year during the weekend Masses.

Funeral-Please contact the parish office to arrange for a funeral. 503-654-5449.

Care Ministry

Care Ministry is here to serve you in a variety of ways. If you are temporarily or permanently homebound due to rehabilitation from surgery or an illness, or if you are chronically ill and/or elderly and no longer can attend Mass, our trained volunteers are available to bring you Holy Communion weekly.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer shawls are made by our parishioners and are given to folks who are visited.

For our elders or handicap, care ministry can assist in finding assistance and/or resources in the community that can be of support for the individual needs, including caregivers. We welcome and value anyone with a mental illness and will be of support in staying connected to the parish. For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, bereavement information and support is available. Memorial Mass is offered every six months in November and May each year. Grief support is available. A seven session support group is offered twice a year for the newly bereaved. The Good Grief Group (social gathering) meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Saalfeld room. For those who like to read and contemplate on their grief in private, monthly messages from the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved (written by professionals) are mailed.

If you are an active senior and looking for fun and enjoy meeting with others, St. John has a senior potluck once a month, Pinochle every Wednesday, and outings are scheduled in the Spring and Summer. Blood pressure screening is available every 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are in need of support, or looking for fun, or if you would like to volunteer in this ministry, please call the church office 503-654-5449

Liturgy of the Word for Children

At our 10:00am Mass on Sunday's we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word during the homily. The children gather up front of the church and are taken to the Jordan Room in the parish center where they are given the gospel message at age appropriate level. Then they return to participate in the remaining part of Mass.

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council, comprised of 12 parishioners, is the parish body responsible for providing a comprehensive plan for meeting the spiritual, educational, emotional and physical needs of the parish family and the social concerns of our community and to promote these pastoral actions. We share these responsibilities with the Archdiocese and its representative in our parish, the pastor.

Liturgy Commission

The role of the Liturgy Commission at St. John's is to work with the pastor and parish staff in planning, preparing for/and assisting in vibrant, conscious and active participation of the people of God in all liturgical celebrations. Our Liturgy commission is made up of a group of dedicated parishioners appointed and representing each of the Liturgical Ministries.



Finance Council

The Finance Council exists to advise the Pastor on matters relating to both short term and long term financing plans and strategies and to provide oversight for both church and school operation. Included in these ongoing advisory responsibilities are the school and parish annual operating budgets, ongoing maintenance of the parish campus, capital improvement and expansion plans for the church and school as well as major fundraising or debt financing related to any of these projects.

The Finance Council meets on a monthly basis and consists of 5 parish members in addition to the Pastor and Parish Business Manager.

Coffee & Donuts

Most Sunday's after the 7:30am and 10:00am Mass we offer coffee & donuts in the cafeteria for a time of socializing. Various groups in our faith community take turns hosting.



The right school will change a child's future.

Many choose St. John the Baptist Catholic School because of our reputation for academic excellence. Others are looking for the individual attention that is often missing in larger public schools.

Achievement means something different to each and every child. For more than 90 years, our exceptional faculty has provided both the nurturing and the challenges needed for our students to discover what achievement means to them - to accomplish what they thought they never could, and to learn how good their best can really be.

We believe that the best investment you can make is in your child's future. And that's why we invite you to visit our school and see how it can change the course of your child's life.

This understanding of the educative breadth of a faculty member's role is the foundation of the SJB program. St. John the Baptist Catholic School educates to the whole person, forming both the heart and mind of its students. It values and celebrates all forms of excellence, creating leaders of many different proportions and leaders of conscience.

FAST FACTS

Accreditation and Memberships: St. John the Baptist Catholic School is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association and is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Description: Co-educational Catholic school

Average Class Size: 19

Number of Teachers: 15

Number of Teachers with Graduate Degrees: 70%

Campus: 5+ acres

Demographics: The majority of the student population comes from Milwaukie. We also have students coming from Gladstone, Oregon City, Portland, West Linn, Clackamas, and Happy Valley - to name just a few.

Year of Founding: 1919

Grades: Preschool through 8th Grade

Number of Students: 200 (Pre-8)

Hours: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Lunch: 11:30 to 12:30

Hot Lunch: Yes, daily

Before and After school care: Yes

Financial Assistance available: Yes

Academics: Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Computers, Library, Spanish, Physical Education, Music

Athletics: basketball, football, swimming, and volleyball

Student Clubs: Bell Choir, Student Council, Yearbook, and Scouts

Caring and Nurturing staff: Always

To schedule a tour, please contact Dana at the school office: 503-654-0200

**Ted Havens
Principal**



Calendar for the Week

Monday, December 26

Christmas Break for School

Mass	8:30am	Church
Beginners	6:43pm	Parish Center
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon Center	7:30pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Group	7:00pm	Church

Tuesday, December 27

Mass	8:30am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
NO RCIA		
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church

Wednesday, December 28

Mass	8:30am	Church
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

Thursday, December 29

Mass	8:30am	Church
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Jordan

Friday, December 30

Mass	8:30am	Church
Wedding Rehearsal	5:00pm	Church
Hispanic Committee	6:30pm	Jordan

Saturday, December 31

Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Mass	8:30am	Church
Wedding	10:00am	Church
Confessions	4-5pm	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church



Sunday, January 1- Mary, Mother of God

7:30am Mass
10:00am Mass
12:00pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Mass

Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Liturgy of Word	12:00noon	Jordan/Cafe
Boy Scouts	5:00pm	Cafe
Coffee & Donuts hosted by Girl Scouts		

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Maxy D'Costa, Sfx.
email: pastor@sjbcatholicchurch.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Mark Gikenyi
parochialvicar@sjbcatholicchurch.org

Parish Office 503-654-5449

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Principal

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If you are interested in what is happening at the school check out our website -- www.sjbcatholicsschool.org

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Pre-School DirectorMary Danna
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59; Psalm 31:3-17;
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, Dec. 27

1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-12; John 20:1-8

Wednesday, Dec. 28

1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-8;
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday, Dec. 29

1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-6; Luke 2:22-35

Friday, Dec. 30

Sirach 3:2-14; Psalm 105:1-09;
Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, Dec. 31

1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-13; John 1:1-18

Sunday, Jan. 1

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-8;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 26

8:30: McGee Financial Staff...Mary Vaetz

Tuesday, Dec. 27

8:30: Abdulla El Youssef & Brothers (d)...
El Youssef Family

Wednesday, Dec. 28

8:30: Fred Moffie, Sr. (d)...Robert Sanvitale

Thursday, Dec. 29

8:30: Robert Noble (d)...Leo Hopman

Friday, Dec. 30

8:30: Rob Pekkola (d)...Cameron Family

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:30: Bud Bingold (d)...Ruth Bingold

5:30: Annie Wise (Int)...Carol Jacob

Sunday, Jan. 1

7:30: Ann Stangel (d)...Allan & Betty Jones

10:00 Mass - For the People of the Parish

12:00: Helen Trayle (d)...Carl Jacob

6:30pm: Joseph & Millie Vrvilo (d)...The Austin
Family

*You are invited to start your day
with us at
8:30am Daily Mass*



Pew Cards

We hope you are taking advantage of the new pew cards with the Mis-sals. Now there are 3 new pew cards in each section in the entire church. We ask you not to take them from the church but leave them in the pews for all who attend Mass. We, also ask, that you do not allow your children to write on them. Thank you for helping keep this added source available to all.

Prayer Concerns for December

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Please call the office if you would like your name on the prayer list for December.
503-654-5449



Christmas Tree Recycling

Boy Scout troop 144 will be recycling trees this year on Sat., Jan. 7th and Sunday, Jan. 8th from 10am-3pm behind the parish center. This is a drop off site but we are also available to come pick up your tree. Suggested donation is \$5. For tree pickup you can contact Tony Keagbine at 503-652-1223.

Care Ministry

Transportation to Mass on Sundays

A parishioner who lives on River Rd close to Gladstone is in need of a ride to the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays. She will go to any Mass that the ride is available. Please call Barbara Dunlap at the parish office 503-654-5449

Volunteers needed for Care Ministry Tasks

Care ministry provides a variety of service to our elders, sick, handicap, and those who are grieving.

Volunteer help is needed for:

- ♥Writing cards, & addressing them.
- ♥Twice a year help is needed in preparing and hosting the receptions for the Memorial Mass.
- ♥Writing up the deceased stories for the Memorial Mass bulletin.
- ♥Making follow-up phone calls to parishioners to see how they are recovering.
- ♥Preparing the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.
- ♥Preparing packets for funeral and bereavement.

If interested in any one of these tasks please call Barbara Dunlap 503-654-5449 for more details.

Let us help!!!!

If you are unable to attend weekly Mass due to illness or disability, and would like to receive communion visits at home, please call the church office at 503-654-5449.

Hello from Rich DeVitis!

To All My Friends:

I am still overwhelmed by the depth of affection and appreciation you showed me before I moved to Seattle. It confirms my belief that each and every one of you is a "Wonder-filled Miracle!". (Yes, that includes you!) No one can explain your existence, except God. That makes you a miracle. Each of you reflects a unique aspects of God's love for us. Nobody has ever or will ever be able to show us God's love the way you do. That is especially wonderful.

Everything is going well up here. We are settling into a routine and I am able to do more for Frank and give Roni some relief.

I miss being there and seeing each of you and being able to give some of you a bad time, but I have to be honest and say that the thing I miss the most is the luxury of being able to go the Adoration Chapel anytime of the day or night. I haven't been able to find a Church up here that has Perpetual Adoration. If you haven't tried it, do yourself a favor and try it. You might just like it. I know Baby Jesus would like it. It would be a great Birthday present!

I will come down sometime in the early part of 2012 and look forward to visiting with you, especially at coffee and donuts, which they don't do up here.

I earnestly pray that each of you and your family have a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessing and tons of love!

Rich DeVitis