

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 20, 2021

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

So whoever is Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. — 2 Corinthians 5:17

### PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

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Rev. Bogumil Misiuk

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

#### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

#### WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM

#### HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

#### CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays  
- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,  
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Many wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed Father's Day!

The Gospel of today which comes from the early part of the Mark's Gospel (cf. Mk 4:35-41) presents to us a story from - at that point - a still developing relationship of trust and common mission between Jesus and his disciples. Continuing his preaching, and while being together with the disciples in a boat, "a violent storm came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up." In that moment of uncertainty, fear, and of so many doubts, Jesus calms the storm and puts at ease their hearts and minds. At the same time He fills their souls with confidence that He is among them not only as the living revelation of the redeeming presence of God, but also as the source of love, peace, joy, wisdom and protection.

It is in this important junction where the love of God manifested through Jesus meets the true human love which we experience through our earthly fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and other men with a father-like role in our personal and spiritual lives. When they become a source of faith, love, peace, joy, wisdom and protection, their mission and life becomes Christ-like. Even their most ordinary responsibilities and ordinary cares have a divine dimension as they reveal to us the love of God.

This week we also proudly celebrate another "fatherhood" which nourishes us in our parish community - a special patronage and protection of Saint John the Baptist to whom our parish has been dedicated for almost 100 years. Every year, on June 24, the Catholic Church commemorates John's birth and his place in the history of salvation. (On August 29 the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, recalling his heroic witness to the truth and his martyrdom.) John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical about becoming a father in his advanced age and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will. Even before Jesus made any public statement regarding His mission and divinity, it was John the Baptist who planted the first seeds of the early Christian discipleship as he publicly proclaimed that Christ is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (cf. Jn 1:29). We repeat these words every time we participate in a Mass and in response to those Saint John's words pronounced by a priest we publicly declare: "but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

As we gather today for our Sunday Masses and as we celebrate this week the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, let us unite in prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of the spiritual heritage which we continue to share and for all past, present and future parishioners who call this blessed place their "spiritual home," and Saint John the Baptist their "patron."

— Fr. Peter

**KEEPING THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Kenneth Jackson, Rich Correr, John Angermeyer, Rose Zara, Aida Cabrera, Angelina McCarthy, Thomas Ivancich, Rob Staudt, Yoshi Powell, Michael DeMarco

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:**

Harriet Dougherty, Manuel Perez Silva, Salvatore Grosso, Karen Alexandridis

Mass *Intentions*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

5:00 PM Nigel Barnes

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**

8:00 AM Fathers Day Remembrances  
by Special Intention

10:00 AM Fathers Day Remembrances  
by Special Intention

12:00 PM Fathers Day Remembrances  
by Special Intention

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

8:00 AM Ross Bruno

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

8:00 AM Gloria Simpson

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23**

8:00 AM Lawrence Campbell

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**

8:00 AM Lawrence Campbell

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

8:00 AM Angelina Carillo

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

8:00 AM Marian Kivlehan

5:00 PM Nigel Barnes

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

8:00 AM James Montgomery

10:00 AM Protection of babies in the  
womb & their families

12:00 PM Dorothy Kennedy

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF

**KATHLEEN ROONEY**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE ROSARY SOCIETY

THE BREAD & WINE IS DONATED  
IN MEMORY OF

**JOZEF SMUTELOVIC**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE HUVANE FAMILY



## Solemnity of St. John the Baptist

**JUNE 24, 2021 • 8:00 AM**

Every year on June 24 the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates a special Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, the beloved patron of our Parish.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is one of the oldest feast days of the Church. It is celebrated three months after the celebration of the Annunciation (March 25), when the Archangel Gabriel told Our Lady that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy, and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus (December 25). The purpose of these special Solemnities is not to celebrate the exact dates of the aforementioned events, but to commemorate them as the very fundamental milestones in the history of Christianity.

**Please join us for our Parish 8am Mass on this Solemnity, or unite with us in prayer throughout that special day in remembering our Parish family and all its past, present and future members.**

## CCD REGISTRATION

Registration for St. John's CCD 2021-2022 year is underway! The goal of our CCD program is to assist parents in the religious education of their children. Parents are the primary teachers in the ways of faith and we very much want to partner with them in deepening their children's faith and love of God.

Our CCD Program is open to all Catholic children in grades 1 - 8 who are not attending a Catholic elementary school. Registration forms and information have already been sent via email to all families registered in previous years.

New families or general CCD questions, contact: Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar, CCD Program Coordinator at [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com).

## Happy Father's Day

"The righteous who walks  
in his integrity -  
blessed are his children after him!"  
Proverbs 20:7

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.

You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness.

But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, His tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone.

Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over them faithfully as you have done.

*Saint Pope John XXIII*

God our loving and eternal Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old, for those nearby or those who are far away, for those living and those dear fathers who have already returned to Your Eternal Kingdom.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers and for all fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in Your Eternity and in our daily lives continue to nourish us with their love.

Amen.

# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

		2020: COVID-19	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,045	\$1,807	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	<u>\$4,695</u>	<u>\$4,842</u>	<u>\$2,656</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$11,740	\$6,649	\$13,283

*Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church in these difficult times. Thank you and God bless you!*



# THANK YOU, NAOMI!

For almost 14 years Mrs. Naomi Kavanah has been that “welcoming and caring voice” of Saint John the Baptist Parish, greeting in our office dear parishioners, family members, friends and even those who do not belong to our parish community but have been in any need. Those who have simply called our parish offices but have never witnessed Naomi’s gentle smile and the goodness of her heart have always appreciated her kindness and willingness to help. In addition, Naomi has spent countless hours on the phone listening to and talking with our homebound and infirmed parishioners for whom she has always been that “familiar voice” representing the caring spirit of our parish community and our own desire to assist those who are in any need.

Following Fr. Peter’s requests - with a great spirit of service - Naomi has postponed her planned retirement for a number of months, continuing to assist our parishioners and those in any need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and through all the “turbulences” and special needs which surrounded this very challenging period in our lives. As Naomi will begin on July 1, 2021, her well deserved retirement, our community is very grateful for these blessed years of her dedicated service. We will miss the gift of her beautiful smile and compassionate heart, but also know that she is eager to begin her retirement and the blessing of more time to share with her husband Grant, who retired in March, and their family.

We ask God’s Blessings upon Naomi and ask you to keep her in prayer as she embarks on a new and exciting time in her life.

**Please join us in celebrating Naomi’s retirement at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, June 27th, with a small reception in Naomi’s honor following the Mass.**

“To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to ‘get along’; we must never just ‘get along.’”

—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 - 1925 A.D.)