



# St. John the Baptist Parish

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### MASSES

SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM  
SUNDAYS: 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM  
DAILY: WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AT 8:30 AM  
HOLY DAY MASSES: 7:00 PM VIGIL, AND 8:30 AM

### FOOD PANTRY

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH FOOD PANTRY  
(ALSO SERVING RESIDENTS OF EAST BROOKFIELD)  
ADDRESS: 296 MAIN ST., NORTH BROOKFIELD  
HOURS: FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: 6:00-7:15PM  
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: 12:00 NOON-1:15PM.  
PLEASE COME TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH DURING  
THESE HOURS FOR REQUESTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE.



### **REGISTRATION OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Parish !**  
If you would like to register or you have changed  
your address, please fill out the following information  
and submit it to the parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### SACRAMENTS

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAYS AT 3:15 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

**BAPTISM**  
BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD  
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

**MARRIAGE**  
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY  
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE  
OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

**MINISTRIES**  
**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**  
KATHLEEN MONDOR

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
SUZANNE LAMOUREUX      CHRISTOPHER DEPASSE  
AMANDA LAMBERT        KRISTEN DEPASSE  
ANDY NEWTON             RALPH PIGNATORE  
KEN WOOD

EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never  
hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
- Jn 6:35



**Sacraments and other events**

**Saturday, August 4, 2018**

4:00pm Rev. H. Homer Boyer, req. by the parish

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

8:00 am Rev. Edward S. Sheehan, req. by the parish

10:00 am Rev. Albin Welier, req. by the parish

**Monday, August 6, 2018**

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

8:30 am Rev. Norman R. Jalbert, req. by the parish

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**

8:30 am Msgr. Lawrence J. Deery, req. by the parish

**Friday, August 10, 2018**

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

4:00pm Rev. Walter F. Coonan, req. by the parish

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

8:00 am Rev. Joseph J. Pijanowski, req. by the parish

10:00 am Rev. Peter P. Malloy, req. by the parish

*Parish Support*

Week of July 29 , 2018

Weekly \$ 1,906.00  
 Monthly \$ 410.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

**Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/  
 Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35  
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/  
 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29  
 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
 Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/  
 Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/  
 Mt 17:14-20  
 Next Sunday:  
 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/  
 Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are people that seek security. We have to have enough to eat, be warm in the winter and have water when we are thirsty. We need protection from the cold, the heat, any danger, violence, and natural disasters. Some people spend thousands on alarm systems on their home, and others have a dog.

God is a sustainer for us because God gives the seed the power to grow. God gives rain on our crops, so they grow. In the Gospel, God challenges the people and us to grow beyond our physical needs. God wants us to become stronger with our inner life, recognize our soul and what the soul is all about. God wants us to eat the bread of life that lasts forever. It is not easy to understand, for when we eat regular bread, it satisfies our appetite and hunger, a temporary phenomenon.

Think of outer space - how it is endless in its beauty and how we can be awed by it. Receiving Christ when we are properly disposed, when we are free from mortal sin (such as missing Mass on Sundays unless we are sick), connects us with eternal life and brings us closer to God. Pope Benedict, who knew the Scriptures very well, wrote that eternal life is never losing that connection: the love for God and from God forever. When we give sincerely of our love to others in works of charity, we sense the beyond within ourselves. In other words, when we do good things for others such as visiting the sick and feeding the poor, we experience a union with God. We experience a certain sweetness about us.

*"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

*-John 6:34*

God love you always,  
 Fr. Rich



**Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is: Tues. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Wed. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

## Everyday STEWARDSHIP

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Congratulations

We want to congratulate Stephanie and Kyle Chambers, on the occasion of last weekend's Baptism of their son, Brayden. We also congratulate Paul Los, from our parish, Brayden's proud grandfather. We would like to welcome Brayden as a new member of our Catholic community, as we offer our prayerful support in their journey of faith.



Lord, thank You for seeing the good in me.  
Help me to become all You want me to become.

Genesis 1:31

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Humane Vitae (Of Human Life)

Pope Paul VI encyclical, issued July 25, 1968

### Married Life

According to Pope Paul VI, married love takes its origin from God, who is love, and from this basic dignity, he defines his position.

Love is total—that very special form of friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonably exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his/her partner loves not only for what they receive, but loves that partner for the partner's own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of themselves.

With this view, there can be no accommodation for giving something less than oneself as created by God, as happens with contraception.

### Predictions of Humane Vitae:

Pope Paul VI made **four prophecies** about the consequences of dissenting from the Church's teachings on marital love. *Have they come true?*

**Infidelity and moral decline:** He predicted that the widespread use of contraception would "lead to conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality." That this has happened is very difficult to deny (increased number of divorces, abortions, out of wedlock pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, etc.)

**Loss of respect for women:** Pope VI argued that "the man" will lose respect for "the woman" and "no longer (care) for her physical and psychological equilibrium" and will come to "the point of considering her a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer as his respected and beloved companion" (*Current examples would include: the movie "50 Shades of Gray", sex trafficking, pornography, etc.*).

**Abuse of power:** The Holy Father saw that the widespread use of contraception would place a "dangerous weapon... in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies" (*Current examples: family planning programs in the Third World, forced abortion in China, Obamacare's contraception mandate*).

**Unlimited dominion:** He warned that contraception would lead man to think he had unlimited dominion over his own body. (*Currently, sterilization is now the most widely used form of contraception in the U.S., in vitro fertilization, test tube babies, cloning, etc.*).

