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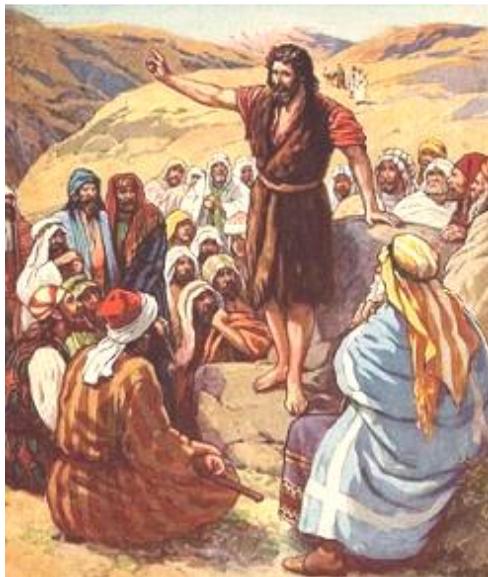
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The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist

June 24th, juin

2012

Nativité de saint Jean Baptiste



Adoration  and Prayer

Wednesday, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

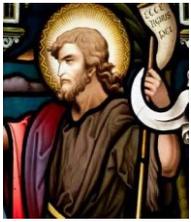
Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



John the Baptist's birth helped prepare us for the birth of Jesus.

John the Baptist's birth, which the Church celebrates today, is a source of great rejoicing, as well as a promise for the future. He came to prepare the way for the Messiah, who fulfilled God's promises made to Israel and all people.

St. John The Baptist – June 24th

In the Patty Duke Show of the early sixties, Patty Duke played identical cousins - an interesting, although impossible occurrence. Cousins do share some of the same gene pool but not enough to be identical. Yet, outside of our brothers and sisters, cousins are our closest kin. In the United States, first cousins are considered too closely related to marry.

Cousins are interesting relatives. We don't have to associate with our cousins as we must with siblings, and, in some cases, we may not even know who our cousins are. If we do have a relationship with them, it allows for some of the same easy-going familiarity that comes from having shared many of the same family functions and traditions without as much of the stress.

John the Baptist and Jesus are traditionally called cousins because their mothers were related. They were born within six months of one another in towns not far apart. Although the Bible doesn't say so, they must have encountered one another at family weddings and funerals. John began his public ministry a few years before Jesus ended it by saying that he had merely prepared the way for Jesus.

When we are looking for friends and allies, cousins can be one of our best sources. They already know something about us and our history. Given a chance, cousins can often become good friends.

From The Diocese Of St. Paul - Everyone is invited to the ordination of Deacon Francis and Deacon Thomas to the priesthood on June 29, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the St. Paul Cathedral presided by Bishop Luc Bouchard. A light lunch will be served following the ordination.

From The Knights Of Columbus

1. This weekend we pleased to have the Knights of Columbus's presence in more visible way at the church. They will make a short presentation and be available at the back of the church. If you are currently not a Knights and would like to become one or have any questions about the Knights, please speak to one of the representatives. They will answer all the questions you may have.
2. **KC Breakfast** today **Sunday June 24th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm** at the **Morinville Community Centre**.
3. On Sunday July 15th from 12-4 the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an Old Fashion Picnic at the Green space beside the Parish Hall. The K of C will be supplying the burgers, hot dogs and pop. There will be activities for kids of all ages including bounty castle, face painting, crafts as well as something for those young at heart. There is no cost, but the K of C will be accepting donations. If there are any Knights interested in helping please contact Ryan O'Gorman at 780-939-7743.



Why Be Hospitable?

"The biggest disease is not leprosy or tuberculosis, But rather the feeling of being unwanted."

Blessed Mother Theresa

Parishes need to be welcoming to those who come to churches.

Welcoming parish communities could become the fertile ground for converting the unchurched and for welcoming back Catholics who have left the church or who only occasionally attend the weekly celebration of the Mass.

As Catholics, we have been challenged by the Lord to love our enemies (Mt 5:44). So, if we are called to love our enemies, certainly we are expected to love those who sit next to us in church. Right? And yet, how many times have newcomers to a church been greeted with a dirty look because they were sitting in someone else's seat?! At the other end of the spectrum, how many times have newcomers been greeted warmly and made to feel welcomed? Sadly, there are many more experiences of the former than of the later.

Rarely have people experienced Catholic churches as places where newcomers are welcomed. Perhaps one of the reasons why we have not been more welcoming is because we have never had to worry about numbers of parishioners as necessary for our survival. It has been claimed that if former Catholics were a denomination unto themselves, that they would comprise the second largest denomination in the US (after current Catholics). Some leave the church and do not go to any church. But many are welcomed into upstart Christian communities, and are greeted so warmly, that they never look back.

If you asked committed members of a parish, they would undoubtedly say, "We want to be a welcoming place." But, most parishes have never thought about, talked about or planned how this will happen. Generally speaking, once people get to know a newcomer in the Catholic Church, they do warm up and become welcoming. But as Christ said, "if you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them," (Lk 6:32).

Hospitality is manifested in an open and welcoming spirit; a willingness to drop what we are doing and receive the other person when they need us. We are reminded of Abraham's hospitality to the three strangers (Gen 18:1-10). In welcoming the strangers, he was welcoming God. And he received a reward from God for this hospitality. But we should not be motivated because of some reward, other than the good feeling that comes from making another feel welcomed. So if we wish to grow in hospitality, we would do well to emulate the example of Abraham.

We recall Jesus' words: "what you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me" (Mt 25:40). And then Christ gave us the exquisite example of hospitality at the last supper when he got down and washed the disciples' feet (Jn 13:3-17). And he commanded us, who would claim to be his followers, to do likewise. If we really took this command seriously, we should be tripping over each other as we approached the strangers in our churches to make them feel welcomed.

St. Benedict wrote rules for living a Catholic life. These rules are still practiced by most monastic communities today. Rule #53 states, "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me," (Mt 25:35).

When new people come into a church, most decide in the first five minutes if they will ever come back. For this reason alone, it is always important to be a welcoming parish. And this is especially true during this time in the church.

We all, as members of St. Jean Baptiste Parish have to take this seriously and reflect how we show hospitality to those who come to pray with us, how welcoming we are.

We all, in some ways and to some extent, think of future...how our life, family community will look like in years to come. There is a question how our parish we look like in the future? It will look bright and with much hope if we are all open and welcoming to those who come.

Becoming a welcoming parish is a process, not an event.

Communion from the Cup

"Take this, all of you, and eat it."

"Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

We celebrate a more complete sign of Jesus' love for us.

In Our History

Our first centuries

During the first three or four centuries it was normal for Christians to receive communion under both forms each time they took part in celebrating the Eucharist. People knew that they were baptized into the body of Christ, the Church, and sought the nourishment of the eucharistic banquet to strengthen them in their daily living for God. The Eucharist was recognized by all believers as a holy food and drink for the holy people of God.

In the Middle Ages

The fervour of the earlier centuries cooled somewhat as the Church entered the period known as the Middle Ages. Although the vernacular languages of modern Europe were beginning to develop, the Mass remained in Latin. As a result, participation in the Eucharist declined as people no longer understood Latin. The eucharistic prayer became silent, the altar grew more distant from the people, and the clergy gradually took over all the ministries.

Because of fear and a misunderstanding of the Eucharist, many people refrained from communion to the extent that the Church authority had to command people to receive communion at least once a year. As the frequency of communion declined, so did communion from the cup for the laity.

As the Church's understanding of the Eucharist developed, it came to be more clearly understood that the whole Christ is truly present either in the form of bread or in the form of wine. The practice of communion in the form of bread alone eventually became common for all except the presiding priest.

Restoring the Cup

A gradual movement to renewal culminated in the Second Vatican Council's call to the whole Church to open itself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Many reforms took place in our worship; these include celebrations in our own language and the restoration of ministries to the people. We were invited once more to live up to the privilege and responsibility of our baptismal sharing in the priesthood of Jesus and to take our full part in the liturgy as the main source of our Christian spirit. "The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14).

Eucharistic banquet

Today's people of God are becoming more aware of the command of Jesus and of the meaning of the symbols we use. We eat and drink in the name of the Lord, responding to our Lord's invitation at the Last Supper. We recognize that our eucharistic celebration is a foretaste of the joyous banquet in the kingdom of heaven. We are being nourished by Christ's body and blood so that we may share in his life and work. We are strengthened by this holy sacrifice and banquet, and are made more like Christ: in obedience to our Father in heaven, in love for God and for one another.

Gradual return

Since Vatican II we have gradually increased the number of occasions when we receive communion under both forms. We are beginning to recognize the importance of this symbol of the cup: Jesus' blood is poured out to save us from our sins. As we take part in the joyful banquet, we are also ready to share with him in the cup of his suffering, in order that we may one day share in his glory.

Receiving Communion

In returning to the use of the cup along with the bread, the goal is that each communicant will be able to *eat* the body and *drink* the blood of Christ when Eucharist is celebrated.

How do we receive communion from the cup?

At the preparation of the gifts the bread and the wine to be consecrated are brought to the altar by members of the congregation. One cup filled with wine is placed on the altar (together with carafes as needed). The sign of one cup -- the cup of blessing (*1 Cor 10.16*) -- on the altar reflects the unity of the Church.

While the *Lamb of God* is sung, communion ministers may assist in breaking the bread (especially if there is a large amount). When communion is given from the cup, there are usually two ministers of the cup for each minister of the eucharistic bread.

Receiving from the cup

After responding with *Amen*, we take the eucharistic bread as usual in the hand or on the tongue, and eat it with reverence. Then we approach the minister with the cup. This minister gives us the cup, saying *The blood of Christ*. We answer *Amen*, and take it with both hands, one on the base, the other on the stem or bottom of the cup. We lift it gently to our lips, drink a small amount, and return the cup to the minister, who wipes the cup carefully and thoroughly. Singing accompanies the communion procession.

Ministry

Communion under both forms provides an opportunity for some to serve the community by giving the body and blood of Christ to their brothers and sisters in faith. Individuals should be ready to serve in this ministry when asked and commissioned.

Hygiene and the cup

Fear of communicable diseases may keep some people from receiving from the cup. Medical studies over the years suggest that there is little chance of transmitting disease when the cup is carefully wiped after each communicant. Of specific concern is AIDS. All evidence to date states that infection with HIV has not occurred through oral contact, including the use of common dishes. Individuals still need to use caution, however, refraining from receiving the cup when they have a cold or the flu, or if their own physical condition is delicate. The choice to receive from the cup remains a personal decision.

Coming Closer to Jesus

Baptism and Eucharist -- birth and food -- are closely related. Once we are born into the Christian life, we need to be nourished regularly so that we may live and work as God's beloved family. Each time we take part in the Eucharist and receive communion, we are given a deeper share in the life and love of Jesus, our brother and our Lord.

We are nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We share in Jesus' promise of everlasting life, and we have a first taste of the glorious banquet that Jesus will give us when we join with him at his table in heaven. Communion from the cup helps us to have a fuller experience of the joyful banquet to which Jesus is inviting all his brothers and sisters.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? (1 Cor 10.16)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
June 23 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Norm Chalifoux – Lucien Cote & Family	The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist
June 24 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Leonard & Tillie Meyer – Jerry & Carol Kaup	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
June 26 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Ted Rosychuk – Marge & Family	
June 27 Wed – mer	10:00 am 5 – 7 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	(Lodge) Special Intention Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Rosary</i> <i>Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction</i> RIP Tom Houle - CWL	
June 28 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lucienne Pelletier – Tony Pelletier	St. Irenaeus
June 29 Fri - ven	9:00 am	Closing School Year Mass for Greater St. Albert Catholic School District	St. Peter and St. Paul
	7:30 pm	Mass of ordination to the priesthood of Francis and Thomas at the Cathedral in St. Paul	
June 30 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	13 th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
July 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention for Ray & Kathy Swerda on their 50 th wedding Anniversary - Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Bernadine Lefebvre – Mary	



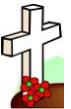
PLEASE PRAY FOR... Joanna Sehn, Louise Buttineau ,Kaleb Weir, Carol Jean-Mosco, Ernie Wulff, Denise Expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world; Those who are going through any medical procedures and treatments. The Administrator of our Diocese Father Peter Tran as well as all the priests in our Diocese.

Please Pray for...



✝ Lucien Coté, Brother of Jeannine Chalifoux who passed away on June 20th.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him



Altar Servers Training

There will be orientations for new Altar Servers coming up. One will take place on Sat. June 30th after evening Mass at 6 pm. If you are unable to attend that, please talk to fr.Ignacy to arrange a different time. We encourage children who received their First Communion to come forward and become Altar Servers.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday June 27th.

Next Sunday July 1st the access to the church parking lot will be blocked on the west side which is facing the museum. The parking lot entrance on the east side will be open.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Restoration & Maintenance \$ 1250.00

Needs of the Diocese \$ 85.00

June 17th \$ 3,683.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

Archbishop Richard Smith invites you...



The Catholic Family Life Conference is a unique opportunity for you and your family. Meet other families, deepen your knowledge of our faith, encounter more fully, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and feel moved to share his love with all whom you meet.

Take this tremendous opportunity to celebrate the anniversaries of two precious gifts of the Church, Vatican II and the Catholic Catechism as we prepare for the "Year of Faith".



Richard Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton

17th Annual Catholic Family Life Conference

June 29 - July 2, 2012 Lac Ste. Anne, AB

2012 Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 29th

12:00 Noon: Registration
7:00 pm: Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th

9:00 am: Session One
10:30 am: Mass
1:30 pm: Session Two
3:00 pm: Chaplet
4:30 pm: Session Three
7:30 pm: The Akafist Hymn to our Lady (Eastern Rite)
9:00 pm: 18-35 Coffee House

SUNDAY, JULY 1st

9:00 am: Session Four
10:30 am: Mass
1:30 pm: Session Five
3:00 pm: Chaplet
4:30 pm: Session Six
7:30 pm: Benediction

MONDAY, JULY 2nd

9:00 am: Pro-Life Talk
10:00 am: Rosary
10:30 am: Mass

This schedule is a general outline for the weekend and is subject to change. Check for updates or changes as sessions, speakers and activities are finalized.

www.catholicfamilyministries.com

Youth For Christ Camp



Youth For Christ Camp is the place to be to grow in faith and strengthen friendships. Children between the ages of 8 -14 yrs are invited to come for a week or two as **Campers**. Those 15 yrs of age and older can volunteer as **Counsellors**. Camp is loaded with activities such as swimming, hiking, volleyball and other exciting games. Camp is also a great place to reconnect, continue or

begin a beautiful faith journey with God. We celebrate Mass almost everyday, listen to Talks, reflect on the life of Christ, and have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the end of each day we rejoice and praise God through singing at Campfire. If you have any questions please e-mail us at campstlouis.com or visit our website at youthforchristcamp.org, or call St. Louis Parish at (780) 826-3010. Registration forms for camp and family week are available at the back of the church.

Dates 2012

- Counsellors July 2-6
- 10-11yr. olds July 8-13
- 11-12 yr. olds July 15-20
- **25th Anniversary Mass & BBQ –**
- **July 29th** starting with Mass at 5:00 pm.
- Family Week July 29-Aug 3
- 8-9 yr. olds August 6-10
- 13-14 yr. olds August 12-17

Parish Project Update

The Finance Committee had a meeting last Thursday with the Architect Company, Construction Manager, and with Gary Chen from the Department of Culture and Community Spirit. There was a long and good discussion with lots of information and updates. Everything about the church building and its need of repairs: the steeple and the north roof (that's where we have the leaking problems). We continue as a Finance Committee to explore different ways to deal with this. Though all the details and cost may seem to be overwhelming at times, we believe with all the assistance and help coming from different directions as well as with God's help...and the help of St. John Baptist, we can do what we ought to do and preserve our beautiful church. We are open to some ideas of possible fundraising as well as we welcome anyone with valuable thoughts to please talk to any of the Finance Committee members or fr. Ignacy. We are looking at a total cost of the 2 projects at approx. \$400,000.00. We are thankful for all your support shown in many ways, through donations with the Restoration & Maintenance envelopes or outside of that, but we need your continuous support to make these projects happen.

UPCOMING EVENTS



* Dust Angels	- June 25 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... "Whatever difficult situation you are going through, just smile!"

Have a good week!