

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season--assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.



"Life is the most basic human right, and without it, no other rights can be enjoyed or protected." ~unknown~

~~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time~~



Luke 6:17, 20-26: Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.

Kim May and Terry Wakeland are in the process of updating the Parish Directory. If you want to be included, they need a current photo, appointments available in the near future. Email: sjbcuster@gmail.com or call Terry (209-598-5479) Kim (281-881-2905) Thanks, and God bless.

Worship/Gathering Space Addition Update

Progress on the exciting new Worship/Gathering Space Addition continues, with Father receiving tentative approval from the Bishop to sell the Parish Center. The Worship/Gathering Space Addition will be a major enhancement to the religious and community life of St John the Baptist family.

Meetings to receive parish input on the Initial Design Concept are planned for March 8/9 and 15/16 after Mass. Formal approval from the diocese will be requested after input from parishioners is received and Father Collins has approved the plans. If everything proceeds as planned, construction is expected to begin in September 2025 with completion in May 2026. All dates are tentative. Please continue to pray that this long sought after improvement to our parish comes to life.



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"The Holy Spirit changes us" ... go forth...

ANIMA CHRISTI: Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash over me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from You, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to You bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising You forever and ever. Amen.



Cinema with the Shepherd: Jubilee Year of Hope

"Hold fast to hope, a sure and steadfast Anchor of the soul." Heb. 6:18-19



The Month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family

Super Bowl Party Update

Approximately 40 people showed up and there was enough food to feed 80. Beside the football there were board games going on-some of them quite serious and of course cornhole was happening. Super Bowl Party started around 3 PM and after cleanup we shut the lights about 8 PM. We are already planning the next Super Bowl Party between the Buffalo Bills and Chicago Bears.

BINGO February's calendar is quite full of events so the next BINGO won't be until **Feb. 23, 1-3pm** with money going to send some SJB kids to a fantastic Youth Conference at **Steubenville of the Rockies**. Bring a friend who doesn't normally go to St Johns' events and both you and your friend will get a free bingo card (with purchase of a card). See bulletin insert for more ways to win free cards!