

## St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Baptism Preparation for Older Children and Adults

Is your child asking to be baptized? Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus through Baptism, or want to be Catholic? We can help you or your child prepare for this beautiful sacrament! Please contact the Parish and ask about Baptism (or becoming Catholic) for yourself, or your child or children.

## Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (Communion) and/or Confirmation Preparation for High School Youth and Adults

Many young people and adults have not completed their initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. Christian initiation begins with Baptism and is sealed with Confirmation. The Eucharist renews both of these sacraments weekly. God calls each of us to a life-long faith journey, and the Church's sacraments supply us with all of the necessary spiritual resources. St. John the Evangelist Parish invites you and your older child to contact the Parish to prepare for these sacraments with other youth or adults.

## **School Opening Celebrations**

Whether Fr. Dean went to your child's school for Mass or the School came to celebrate at our Church, all our six schools had a holy start to their year. The students as always were happy, respectful and reverent. They participated by being Readers, carrying the Offertory Gifts, as Altar Servers or in the Entrance Procession, and participating in the Mass responses and singing. Parents, you should be very proud of your children! To all those family members who attended, thank you for representing all those who could not be there. We welcome you and your family to Mass at St. John on Saturday evenings at 7, and Sunday mornings at 9, 10:30 and noon. If you are in need of a little quiet time with God yourself, come to morning Mass Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 – 9, a half hour that gets your day started the right way.

**Catholic Education Sunday** will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2 and 3, at St. John the Evangelist Church. We invite you to join us in recognizing the gift of publicly funded Catholic education. All staff of Catholic schools present will be acknowledged by Fr. Dean. Our Parish is collecting new school supplies to make sure *all* children have the joy of holding a new pencil, writing in a new scribbler, and colouring with new crayons this year. Your donations of school supplies at these Masses will be greatly appreciated.

We start our monthly **Pancake Breakfasts** again on **October 27** and **November 24**, after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. This is a CWL-Knights initiative. Your donations contribute to the charities supported by these Catholic organizations and are much appreciated. Give the happy memories of social time with friends and family at Church by continuing this tradition with your own family.

p.s., if your young people (gr 6 and up) are looking for service hours or just want to help, we would appreciate their assistance in setting up, serving and take-down. Call or email us!

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