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JUNE 7, 2026

The Solemnity of THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.— John 6:51

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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 & SATURDAY
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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ — June 7, 2026

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

Welcome to our celebrations of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This special feast day, also known as the celebration of “Corpus Christi”, highlights one of the most fundamental beliefs of our Catholic Faith, the “Real Presence” of the Lord in the Eucharist. His presence is not merely a symbol or a historic remembrance, but the true presence of our Savior in our midst. Today we hear in our Scripture readings the words which profoundly define not only our Catholic Faith and the mission of the Church, but they also continue to “mold us” into more authentic and faith-filled disciples of Christ.

The Catholic Church professes that in the celebration of the Eucharist ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we gather today, Jesus will reassure us that “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink: (cf. Jn 6:51-55). The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist and this is what we humbly profess with one of the most profound declarations of our religious lives: with our word “Amen”, continually repeated after our daily prayers, after our proclamation of the Creed and before we receive the Eucharist.

The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church called “*Lumen Gentium* - Light of the Nations” defined the Eucharistic sacrifice as “the source and summit of the Christian life.” As we take part in the great liturgical celebrations of this special weekend, or as we spend some time in our church during the coming days and weeks, let’s look up, above our altar and tabernacle, and let’s read some of the Scripture quotes that surround our sanctuary. They remain there as an eternal message and a reminder left for us by our brothers and sisters who dreamed big, sacrificed, and built our beautiful spiritual home. They remind us about that life-giving fact that our Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, is “our Living Bread.” He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, “for the life of the world,” so that as we receive Him we shall “live forever.” May He continue to nourish us and strengthen us in our daily lives, in our families and in our parish family of Saint John the Baptist..

— Fr. Peter

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Kim Costa, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Jim Derbyshire, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence, Ann Walsh, Elaine McBreen, Baby Rocco, Edward Sandt, Jr., Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Liam Fanning, Ken McGlone, Eileen Stasiunis, Christina Perlis Maria Spaccarotella, Bruce Hawkinson, Frances Delasey

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Bernard Cullen, Leona Meyer

Mass Intentions

***We remember our loved ones
and community***

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

5:00 PM John Angermeyer

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 AM William Lord
(24th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Jack Armstrong

12:00 PM Caroline Bisi
(Living)

MONDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 AM Margaret Coyne

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 AM Leona Meyer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 AM Dominic & Francis
Martorano

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 AM Florence Sacco

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 AM Amalia Jens

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Vivian Fogarty

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 AM Thomas Rooney &
John Henry

10:00 AM Frank Monteleone

12:00 PM Dawn Tafaro-Chica

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

**DR. JOE AND
LORETTA BARRY**

*at the request of
The Huvane Family*

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our parish Religious Education Office is excited to share that the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Registration (aka CCD) for St. John's is open & available on our parish website www.stjohnhillsdale.org "Faith Formation".

Our Faith Formation programs are available to all Catholic children in grades 1 - 8 who are attending public school. Our programs are in-person or family-at-home (gathering once a month during a weekday evening for both children and parents). All families who register for faith formation must be registered parishioners of St. John's Parish Community.

Faith Formation is a lifelong journey of growing in our relationship with Jesus and understanding our Catholic faith more deeply. Participating each year helps children remain connected to the parish community, develop friendships rooted in faith, and better understand the importance of living as disciples of Christ in everyday life.

We encourage families enrolling their child in the summer program to register immediately to assist the staff in planning for a successful program.

Families with a child entering second grade in September (who has been baptized and completed 1st grade religious education), please register him/her for First Reconciliation and First Communion along with Faith Formation.

For further information please contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com



THE EUCHARISTIC
SACRIFICE IS THE SOURCE
AND SUMMIT OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life". For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to us. Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love. [...]

Did the Apostles who took part in the Last Supper understand the meaning of the words spoken by Christ? Perhaps not. Those words would only be fully clear at the end of the Holy Triduum, the time from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. Those days embrace the paschal and Eucharistic mystery. The Church was born of the paschal mystery. For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, stands at the centre of the Church's life.

"Mysterium fidei! - The Mystery of Faith!". When the priest recites or chants these words, all present acclaim: "We announce your death, O Lord, and we proclaim your resurrection, until you come in glory". In these or similar words the Church, while pointing to Christ in the mystery of his passion, also reveals her own mystery: The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. By the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was born and set out upon the pathways of the world, yet a decisive moment in her taking shape was certainly the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room. Her foundation and wellspring is the whole Paschal Triduum, but this is as it was gathered up, foreshadowed and "concentrated" forever in the gift of the Eucharist. In this gift Jesus Christ entrusted to his Church the perennial making present of the paschal mystery. The thought of this leads us to profound amazement and gratitude. In the paschal event and the Eucharist which makes it present throughout the centuries, there is a truly enormous "capacity" which embraces all of history as the recipient of the grace of the redemption. This amazement should always fill the Church assembled for the celebration of the Eucharist. [...]

Pope JOHN PAUL II – Encyclical Letter *ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA*:
On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church – Introduction,
April 17, 2003

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

(Amina Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil enemy defend me.

*In the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to thee,*

*that with your saints I may praise thee
for age upon age.*

Amen.

**IN THE FAMILY, FAITH IS HANDED ON TOGETHER WITH
LIFE, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION.
IT IS SHARED LIKE FOOD AT THE FAMILY TABLE AND LIKE
THE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS.**



The Gospel we have just heard shows us Jesus, at the Last Supper, praying on our behalf (cf. *Jn* 17:20). The Word of God, made man, as he nears the end of his earthly life, thinks of us, his brothers and sisters, and becomes a blessing, a prayer of petition and praise to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we ourselves, full of wonder and trust, enter into Jesus' prayer, we become, thanks to his love, part of a great plan that concerns all of humanity.

Christ prays that we may “all be one” (v. 21). This is the greatest good that we can desire, for this universal union brings about among his creatures the eternal communion of love that is God himself: the Father who gives life, the Son who receives it and the Spirit who shares it.

The Lord does not want us, in this unity, to be a nameless and faceless crowd. He wants us to be one: “As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us” (v. 21). The unity for which Jesus prays is thus a communion grounded in the same love with which God loves, which brings life and salvation into the world. As such, it is firstly a *gift* that Jesus comes to bring. From his human heart, the Son of God prays to the Father in these words: “I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (v. 23).

Let us listen with amazement to these words. Jesus is telling us that God loves us as he loves himself. The Father does not love us any less than he loves his only-begotten Son. In other words, with an infinite love. God does not love less, because he loves first, from the very beginning! Christ himself bears witness to this when he says to the Father: “You loved me before the foundation of the world” (v. 24). And so it is: in his mercy, God has always desired to draw all people to himself. It is his life, bestowed upon us in Christ, that makes us one, uniting us with one another.

Listening to this Gospel today, during the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, fills us with joy.

Dear friends, we received life before we ever desired it. As Pope Francis said: “all of us are sons and daughters, but none of us chose to be born” (*Angelus*, 1 January 2025). Not only that. As soon as we were born, we needed others in order to live; left to ourselves, we would not have survived. Someone else saved us by caring for us in body and spirit. All of us are alive today thanks to a relationship, a free and freeing relationship of human kindness and mutual care.

That human kindness is sometimes betrayed. As for example, whenever freedom is invoked not to give life, but to take it away, not to help, but to hurt. Yet even in the face of the evil that opposes and takes life,

Jesus continues to pray to the Father for us. His prayer acts as a balm for our wounds; it speaks to us of forgiveness and reconciliation. That prayer makes fully meaningful our experience of love for one another as parents, grandparents, sons and daughters. That is what we want to proclaim to the world: we are here in order to be “one” as the Lord wants us to be “one,” in our families and in those places where we live, work and study. Different, yet one; many, yet one; always, in every situation and at every stage of life.

Dear friends, if we love one another in this way, grounded in Christ, who is “the Alpha and the Omega,” “the beginning and the end” (cf. *Rev 22:13*), we will be a sign of peace for everyone, in society and the world. Let us not forget: families are the cradle of the future of humanity.

In recent decades, we have received a sign that fills us with joy but also makes us think. It is the fact that several spouses have been beatified and canonized, not separately, but as married couples. I think of Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus; and of Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi, who raised a family in Rome in the last century. And let us not forget the Ulma family from Poland: parents and children, united in love and martyrdom. I said that this is a sign that makes us think. By pointing to them as exemplary witnesses of married life, the Church tells us that today’s world needs the marriage covenant in order to know and accept God’s love and to defeat, thanks to its unifying and reconciling power, the forces that break down relationships and societies.

For this reason, with a heart filled with gratitude and hope, I would remind all married couples that marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman: a love that is total, faithful and fruitful (cf. SAINT PAUL VI, *Humanae Vitae*, 9). This love makes you one flesh and enables you, in the image of God, to bestow the gift of life.

I encourage you, then, to be examples of integrity to your children, acting as you want them to act, educating them in freedom through obedience, always seeing the good in them and finding ways to nurture it. And you, dear children, show gratitude to your parents. To say “thank you” each day for the gift of life and for all that comes with it is the first way to honor your father and your mother (cf. *Ex 20:12*). Finally, dear grandparents and elderly people, I recommend that you watch over your loved ones with wisdom and compassion, and with the humility and patience that come with age.

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

Let me add one last thing. The prayer of the Son of God, which gives us hope on our journey, also reminds us that one day we will all be *uno unum* (cf. Saint Augustine, *Sermo super Ps. 127*): one in the one Saviour, embraced by the eternal love of God. Not only us, but also our fathers, mothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters and children who have already gone before us into the light of his eternal Pasch, and whose presence we feel here, together with us, in this moment of celebration.

Pope Leo XIV, *Homily - Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, June 1, 2025*



**Our 2026-2027 Faith Formation and Sacramental Programs Registration Process
Has Now Initiated
Join Us!**



Dear Families of our Saint John the Baptist Parish Faith Formation Program,
Dear Brothers and Sister of our Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, the entire Catholic Church celebrated the conclusion of the Liturgical Season of Easter, as we gathered and prayed together in remembering the glorious moment of the Lord's fulfilled promise that the Holy Spirit will come and dwell in the hearts and minds of his Apostles, and the community of the Early Church. They received the Holy Spirit in order to be guided, strengthened and protected by God on their personal and missionary journeys of life.

This past Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and gave thanks to the Almighty for the gifts of creation and life, the gifts of our redemption and love, and the gifts of sanctification and growth, hoping that our every action and every prayer will continue to be carried out "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." And, this coming Sunday, June 7, 2026, we will once again gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, a special feast-day highlighting the importance of the Eucharist for each and every Catholic.

It is very symbolic that in the context of these three precious Solemnities, and the spiritual realities which they highlight in our Catholic faith, we open our 2026-2027 Saint John the Baptist Parish Faith Formation Program Registration. It is our true hope that during the upcoming school year our Faith Formation Program will not only spiritually and humanly form our children and young people but facilitate the spiritual growth of our entire families, so that the love and grace of God shared always "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," may continue to grow in our souls, our minds and our hearts. On that always adventurous journey we will rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and will place the Lord's gift of the Eucharist, and the Sunday Mass - when we gather, celebrate and receive the Eucharist together - into the very center of that true and authentic Catholic faith formation.

In my own name, as your Pastor and Brother on this journey of faith and personal growth, and in the name of our Saint John the Baptist staff, I want to reaffirm that we daily take on these important spiritual and human responsibilities (at least) as seriously as any excellent educational program, extracurricular activities program, sports program, or any first-rate school. That is why **your**

personal interest, investment of your time and personal talents, and your good example given to our children and young people is not only required but is absolutely necessary in our common task of forming them in faith, love of God and Christian charity. As you will see, in the attached registration form we sincerely ask you to make that free-will personal decision and commitment before you register your child or children in our SJB Faith Formation Program. Without this personal commitment we will not grow, but will only “tread waters” of mediocrity, disengagement and poor examples given to our children and young people.

In addition, after a thorough review of the participation and completed home online assignments in our SJB Home Formation (Online) Program we realized that a significant number of our children and families - while “enrolled” in the program - have not completed their home study assignments, and some have even totally ignored them. For that reason, **only the children and families who have completed at least 80% of their assignments (16 of 20 home study online assignments for 2025-2026) will be eligible to re-register for our 2026-2027 online home program.**

The month of June every year is so very special for our Parish because *on June 24*, in addition to so many Church feast days and celebrations, the end of the school year celebrations, family gatherings, and the beginning of the summer season and vacations, *the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, or, the Birthday of Saint John the Baptist.* In fact, while we have many celebrations of the saints in our Catholic calendar, the Church throughout the world celebrates only three birthdays: Jesus’ birth celebrated at Christmas, Mary’s birth on September 8, and John the Baptist’s birth on June 24. We pray for St. John’s intercessions and guidance, and, in our commitment to the faith formation of our children and young people we hope to give our heavenly patron our community’s special “birthday gift.”

I, personally, and all of us who serve you here in our beautiful church and Parish, pray that our upcoming new year of faith and human formation will be filled with joy, hope, knowledge and always growing love of Jesus and His Church. If you need any personal assistance during the registration process, please don’t hesitate to contact Kathy Breitenbach, at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com. Although Kathy and all of us spend many hours every day in our offices serving the needs of our many children, young people and families, your questions or requests presented in writing - via email - allow her and all of us to properly and timely review, discern and answer your communications and requests. While the first year Confirmation preparation program for our high school freshmen is not included in the attached online registration form, in the coming days we will roll out those registrations with all necessary attention and promotions.

Grateful for your witness of faith, and with blessings, best wishes and assurances of my prayers,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Peter Smutelovic
Pastor

More information at: www.stjohnhillsdale.org

The historic origins of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Every liturgical year, on the third Friday following the great feast of Pentecost, this year, June 27, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The heart has always represented the whole person, and the Heart of Jesus is the symbol of His eternal love for us. The solemnity is our opportunity to acknowledge His love and offer repentance for the times when we have ignored His affection.

It was a young nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Visitation order at Paray-le-Monial, France, who would become Jesus' conduit to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart throughout the Church. This is an ancient devotion that began when the Roman soldier stuck his spear into the side of our crucified Savior, and God's grace, in the form of water and blood, flowed from His side, from His heart. Saints, theologians, writers and individuals have long recognized the Sacred Heart as the source of endless blessings, mercy and love. But for centuries, it was mostly a personal devotion. In the 17th century, Catholicism was under attack from the spread of Protestantism and the heretical beliefs of Jansenism. The Jansenists, who were Catholics, claimed that only a chosen few people would reach heaven and that God was to be feared. They degraded the humanity of Jesus, including His Heart, and wanted the Church to return to the rigorous penances of the past. Both Protestantism and Jansenism impacted the fervor the faithful had for many Church teachings.

Beginning in 1673 and over a period of more than 18 months, Sister Alacoque claimed to have received visions during which our Lord Jesus displayed His Sacred Heart as the symbol of His love for mankind and told her that she was to be his instrument to spread a universal devotion to His Divine Heart. In one vision, Jesus appeared with His "Divine Heart, enthroned, as it were, in flames, was surrounded by a crown of thorns, and the wound it had received was still open, while a cross more brilliant than the sun, surmounted all," according to "The Beauties of the Catholic Church" by F.J. Shadler. Sister Alacoque said Jesus told her that despite loving mankind so much that He gave His life for them, He was being treated with irreverence, coldness and ingratitude. He wanted the world to recognize the love He continually poured out for them symbolized by His Sacred Heart, and for mankind to make amends for their ingratitude. He urged her to begin a personal devotion to His Divine Heart by receiving Communion every first Friday and spending an hour in prayer the night before; both focused on seeking His pardon and making reparation for mankind's desertion of His love. In another vision, Jesus asked her to establish a Church feast day to honor His Sacred Heart. On that day, the faithful would attend Mass, receive Communion, profess their love and offer reparation for the insults He had suffered. These visions are the basis for the First Friday devotions and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The love and compassion of Jesus' Heart dispel the heresies of Jansenism.

When Sister Alacoque first shared her visions, many were skeptical. St. Claude de la Colombiere, her Jesuit spiritual adviser, recognized her holiness and sincerity. As a cloistered nun, she had little influence beyond her order, so it was St. Colombiere and St. John Eudes who promoted the feast day to the faithful and the Holy See. Universal approval eventually came from the Vatican in August 1856 during the reign of Pope Pius IX (r. 1846-78). In 1899, Pope Leo XIII (r. 1878-1903), encouraged by Catholics around the world, consecrated humanity to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sister Alacoque died in 1690 and was canonized alongside St. Joan of Arc in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. Some argue that, like in the 17th century, our fervor for the Sacred Heart is again waning today. Turning to the visions and words of Margaret Mary, once again we can rally to this symbol, this source of Christ's love.

Thank you to D.D. Emmons and Our Sunday Visitor and The Digest/Texas Catholic Herald

THE CONSECRATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS
in our Saint John the Baptist Parish



SATURDAY
JUNE 13, 2026
5:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY
JUNE 14, 2026
8:00 AM, 10:00AM,
12:00 NOON MASSES



The Consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on June 12, 2026, in preparation for the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our great Nation.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) voted on Nov. 11, 2025, at the USCCB Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore to consecrate the U.S. to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**PRAYER TO THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,884	\$ 7,190	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	<u>5,284</u>	<u>\$ 4,950</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$12,168	\$ 12,140	\$12,900

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



ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

So far we have received \$97,504 in pledges and donations for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We are very grateful to the 210 families and individual parishioners who have helped us with this campaign. Every donation gets us closer to our goal of \$98,750. **Please note that only those pledges paid in full by June 30 will be counted toward our parish rebate and the reduction of our Archdiocesan Assessment.**



Please complete a pledge envelope —they are at the doors of the church. The envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or to the Rectory Office or even mailed directly. You may also make your pledge online by using the QR code or by visiting www.rcan.org/sharing. **Please indicate on all pledges and donations that you are a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hillsdale.**

May God bless you always for helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

Can you help stock the shelves? The donations at the pantry have declined substantially. While there is always a need for a variety of food items, the following are in greatest need:

Brownie mix, apple juice, apple sauce, mayonnaise, oil, coffee (instant & decaf), shelf stable milk, egg noodles, canned pineapple, sugar, cookies, crackers, breadcrumbs, shampoo, conditioner, paper towels and facial tissues.

Please ensure all food items are within their expiration dates. In addition, supermarket gift cards are always accepted and appreciated.

Donations may be brought directly to the Pantry, located at the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenues - at the South entrance of Hillsdale United Methodist Church. THANK YOU!

www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com

thankful
grateful
AND
Blessed

Thank you for remembering & supporting our Parish!

*“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist.
If God had something more precious,
He would have given it to us.”*

Saint John Vianney (1786-1859 A.D.)



WeAreHisWitnesses.org
for updates, timelines
and resources.