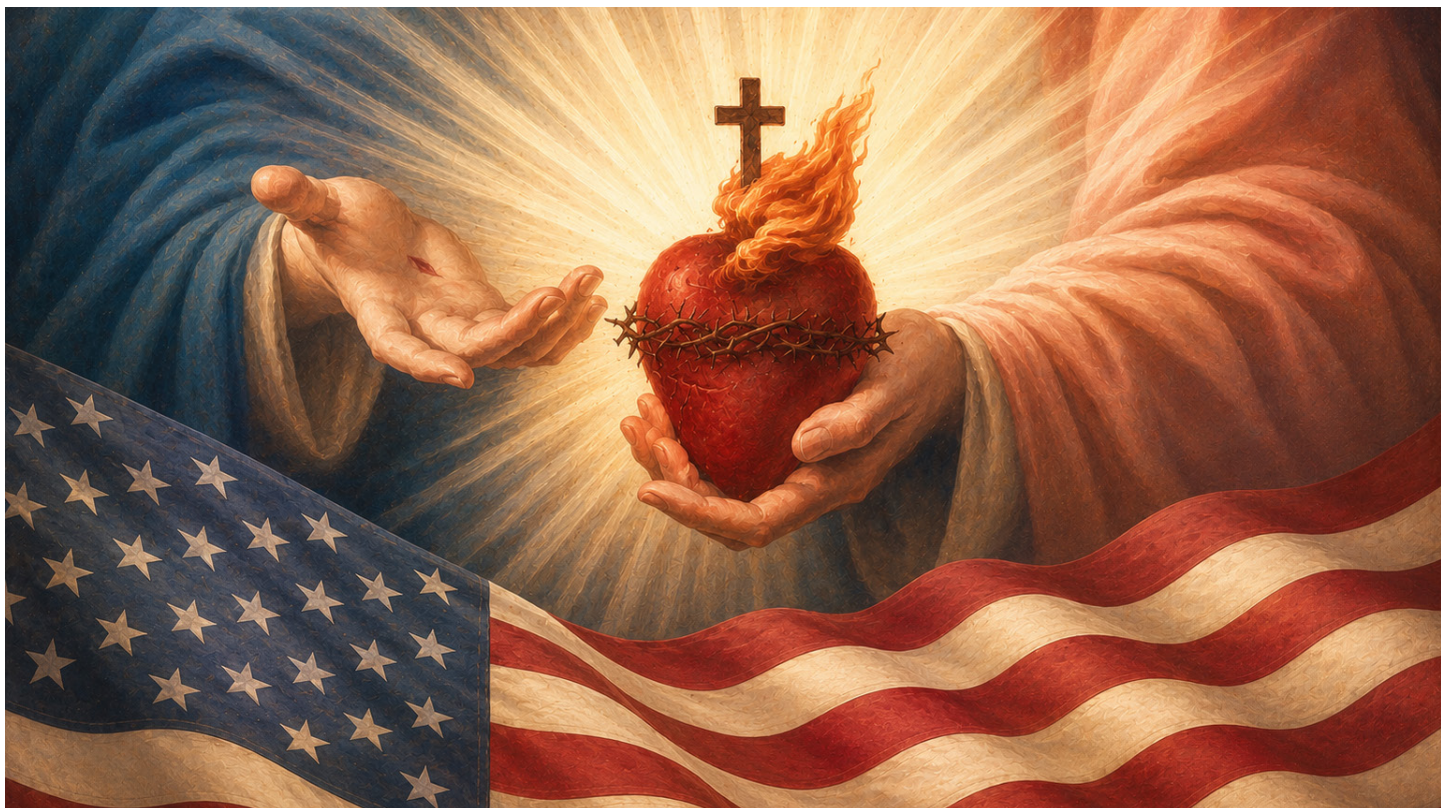


SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 14, 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time & The Consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. — Romans 5:8

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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

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Thank you, our almighty and loving God, for all our children and young people who are graduating during these blessed days.

We pray that You will give them direction, purpose, perseverance and all the blessings they need as they enter the next phase of their young lives.

Give them your wisdom in order to recognize and appreciate the plans and new horizons that You have prepared for them.

May our 2026 graduates gain wisdom from You and may they always grow in faith, love and charity toward others.

We pray that they will always rise above all the wrongs and temptations of this world and have the courage and perseverance to stand up for what is right and noble.

Give them wisdom to spend wisely their time and talents which always come from You.

Grant them success in all their life endeavors, at every turn of their life journeys, and guide their feet to follow your lead and Commandments.

Our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.

All Saints of heaven, pray for us.

Amen.

 **CLASS OF**
2026



Mass Intentions

We remember our loved ones and community

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 AM Florence Sacco

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 AM Florence Sacco

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 AM Joseph Breen

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 AM Florence Sacco

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 AM Lee Meyer

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 AM Barbara Palica

5:00 PM Margaret Coyne

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 AM Father's Day Remembrances

10:00 AM Father's Day Remembrances

12:00 PM Father's Day Remembrances

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, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Liam Fanning, Ken McGlone, Eileen Stasiunis, Christina Perlis, Maria Spaccarotella, Bruce Hawkinson

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Frances Delasey

**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 is taking place 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!

The historic origins of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Every liturgical year, on the third Friday following the great feast of Pentecost, 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

AS ONE FAMILY OF FAITH, LET'S "DIG" OUR SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST OUT OF THE WINTER SNOWSTORMS

- ❄️ **Saturday & Sunday, December 13 – 14, 2025**
Hillsdale: 5.0"
- ❄️ SNOWSTORM: Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Hillsdale: 2.1"
- ❄️ **Friday & Saturday, December 26 – 27, 2025**
Hillsdale: 3.8"
- ❄️ SNOWSTORM: Friday, January 2, 2026
Hillsdale: 0.1"
- ❄️ **Saturday, January 17, 2026**
Hillsdale: 2.8"
- ❄️ **Sunday, January 18, 2026**
Hillsdale: 2.8"
- ❄️ **Sunday & Monday, January 25 – 26, 2026**
Hillsdale: 15.0" with coating of freezing rain
- ❄️ **Friday & Saturday, February 6 – 7, 2026**
Hillsdale: 0.3"
- ❄️ SNOWSTORM: Tue & Wed, Feb 10 – 11, 2026
Hillsdale: Ice coating of freezing rain
- ❄️ **Sunday & Monday, February 15 – 16, 2026**
Hillsdale: 0.5"
- ❄️ **Sunday & Monday, February 22 – 23, 2026**
Hillsdale: 21.3"
- ❄️ SNOWSTORM: Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026
Hillsdale: 1.2"

CUMULATIVE SNOWFALL TOTALS:

Hillsdale: 54.9 inches

December: 10.9 inches

January: 20.7 inches

February: 23.3" inches

A Special Collection to Assist our Parish

with the missed weekend collections
during Saturdays and Sundays
of numerous winter storms &
with extraordinary expenses during
the very cold and challenging
Winter of 2025-2026



**The Solemnity
of The Nativity
(Birthday)
of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2026
[an online outreach]
[http://giving.parishsoft.com/
app/giving/stjohnhillsdale](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnhillsdale)
until Sunday, June 28, 2026
[in pews Collection]**



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

	2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$ 7,135	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	\$ 4,911	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$ 12,046	\$12,900

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



PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

So far we have received \$98,050 in pledges and donations for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We are very grateful to the 213 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.

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 1 st 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



St John’s Academy graduation was held on Friday, June 12. An update may be found in next week’s bulletin.

*“To live without faith,
without a heritage to defend,
without battling constantly for truth,
is not to live but to ‘get along’;
we must never just ‘get along.’”*

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 - 1925)