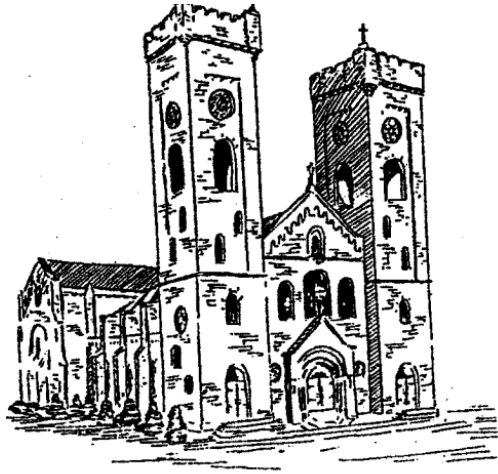


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

701 East Court Street, Beloit, Kansas



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St. John's School website: www.GoSTJ.com

Salina Diocesan website: www.salinadiocese.org

MASS SCHEDULE: Monday & Friday-7 a.m., Tuesday & Thursday-8 a.m.,
Wednesday-7 p.m., Saturday-6 p.m. and Sunday-8 a.m. & 10 a.m., First Saturdays-8 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday before Mass,
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m. & 9:30-9:45 a.m., anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptismal instructions are required for parents if this is their first child or if
parents are in-active Catholics. Call the parish office (738-2851) to make appointments for this sacrament as
well as for instructions.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office (738-2851) six months in advance of the
anticipated date to begin preparation.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS: Are you or someone you know interested in the priesthood? Contact
Fr. Jarett Konrade the Vocation Director for our diocese at fatherkonrade@yahoo.com or 785-827-8746.

RCIA: Weekly classes start in September through Easter Vigil.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday by 12:00 noon.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to St. John's Parish. Please stop by the parish office to register.
Let us all pray for one another.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JANUARY 28-29, 2012 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

6:00 P.M. Lisa Long, Doug & Arlene Thiessen
8:00 A.M. Sharla Broeckelman, Richard & Sylvia Budke
10:00 A.M. Joe Holdren, Marcy Kee, Andrew Niewald
Lectors: 6:00 P.M. Rose Cramb **8:00 A.M.** Craig/MaDonna Reiter **10:00 A.M.** STJ Students
Gift Bearer Family: 6:00 P.M. Jeff Bates **8:00 A.M.** Don Brown **10:00 A.M.** STJ Students
Organists: 6:00 P.M. Marlene Mispagel **8:00 A.M.** **10:00 A.M.** Elaine Peters
Altar Servers: 6:00 P.M. Leandra, Silsby, Quintin Silsby, Kylie Voelker
8:00 A.M. Aaron Gengler, Kelsey Gengler, Ryan Gengler
10:00 A.M. STJ Students
USHERS: 6:00 P.M. Leo Eilert, Don Goddey, Larry Heidrick, Steve Krier, Robert Silsby, Tom Weber
8:00 A.M. Sam Eilert, Tony Gengler, Jerry Hake, Norbert Kohler, Daniel Peters, Gerald Zimmer
10:00 A.M. STJ Students

FEBRUARY 4-5, 2012 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

6:00 P.M. Jeff & Jeri Bates, Kim Gengler
8:00 A.M. Richard & Sylvia Budke, Sharla Broeckelman
10:00 A.M. Brian & Susan Dillner, Joan Schwerman
Lectors: 6:00 P.M. Marilyn Vossman **8:00 A.M.** Gerald Zimmer **10:00 A.M.** Phyllis Oetting
Gift Bearer Family: 6:00 P.M. David Martinitz **8:00 A.M.** Bill Bergmann **10:00 A.M.** NHS Members
Organists: 6:00 P.M. Annette Burks **8:00 A.M.** Linda O'Hara **10:00 A.M.** Elaine Peters
Altar Servers: 6:00 P.M. Shanell Criswell, Shania Criswell, Lydia Eilert
8:00 A.M. Marissa Budke, Brianna Elsen, Lacy Elsen
10:00 A.M. John-Paul Knappert, Chance Kopsa, Brady Palen
USHERS: 6:00 P.M. Craig Gengler, Phillip Kirchoff, Brian Schmitz, Mike Tiernan, Max Thomas,
Bill Wendell
8:00 A.M. Don Bergmann, Jeremy Budke, Bill Charbonneau, Doug Daugherty, Kirby Kisslinger
Dustin Reiter
10:00 A.M. Byron Palen, Nelson Palen, Rodger Schmitz, Carl Schwerman, Tom Stover,
Bob Wessling

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2012 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

6:00 P.M. Ron Eilert, Rosella Krier, Ginger Robinson
8:00 A.M. Joe & Terri Ortner, Richard Reiter
10:00 A.M. Curt & Sherry Frasier, Andrew Niewald
Lectors: 6:00 P.M. Phillip Kirchoff **8:00 A.M.** Betty Litton **10:00 A.M.** Ruth Emerson
Gift Bearer Family: 6:00 P.M. Katie Cheney **8:00 A.M.** Dennis Elsen **10:00 A.M.** Rodger Schmitz
Organists: 6:00 P.M. Marlene Mispagel **8:00 A.M.** Helena Wiegand **10:00 A.M.** Elaine Peters
Altar Servers: 6:00 P.M. Luke Chism, Branden Dameron, Claire Pastrovich
8:00 A.M. RJ Jackson, Drake Kee, Hunter Kee
10:00 A.M. Jessica Boden, Braxten Eilert, Tommy Gunderson
USHERS: 6:00 P.M. Don Eilert, Riley Gates, Steve Krier, Max Peters, Greg Renter, Bill Walter
8:00 A.M. Jim Bell, Isaac Hesting, Josh Hesting, Luke Hesting, Marty Hesting, John Highland
10:00 A.M. Bob Sahlfeld, Jerry Buser, Aaron Gengler, Curt Pahls, Joyce Robinson, Pat Ziegler

PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—Celebrating with Our Parish

Sun. Jan. 29 10:00 A.M. Sunday Pre-School for 3, 4, and 5 yr. olds
7:00 P.M. RCIA @ Conference Room
7:00 P.M. Live Debate @ High School

Mon. Jan. 30 6:00 P.M. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—Celebrating with Our Parish
Legion of Mary

Tue. Jan. 31 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Celebrating with the World
9:00 A.M. Moms In Touch Prayer Group @Conference Room
4:00 P.M. HS BB @ Thunder Ridge

Wed. Feb. 1 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Celebrating with Our Community
5:00 P.M. Light Weigh @ Conference Room
7:00 P.M. CCD
7:30 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (7:30 p.m. Wed.— 7:00 a.m. Fri.)
8:00 P.M. HS CCD @ Mobile Classroom

Thurs. Feb. 2 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Celebrating with Our Families
6:15 A.M. That Man is You @ HS Cafeteria
Scholar Bowl Regional @ Frankfort
6:30 P.M. MS BB League Tournament @ Mankato (Boys @ approx 7:30 p.m.)

Fri. Feb. 3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Celebrating with Our School
1:00 P.M. School Dismissed (Teacher In Service)
4:00 P.M. HS BB VS Sylvan @ Home (Kansas Assessment Recognition)

Sat. Feb. 4 MS BB League Tournament @ Mankato

Sun. Feb. 5 10:00 A.M. Sunday Pre-School for 3, 4, and 5 yr. olds
7:00 P.M. RCIA @ Conference Room

PIZZA HUT NIGHT – Please mark your calendar for February 13. Come out and enjoy some pizza while helping to support St. John’s Schools.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR— will be at St. John's Grade School beginning Wednesday, January 25 through Friday, February 3. Proceeds will go to St. John's Catholic Schools' libraries. Book Fair hours will be from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. weekdays, as well as Sunday, January 29 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please check out the huge selection of quality books at St. John's Grade School or at the web address <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wwwgostjohnscom> Your support would be greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION – St. John’s annual school benefit auction is March 17. Solicitors will soon be contacting all local parishioners and businesses. Please be generous in your support of St. John’s Catholic School.

CO-CHAIRMAN NEEDED – The Funeral Committee is in need of another co-chairman. There are two other people on the committee that serve as co-chairman. If you are interested in being a co-chairman please call Bev Porter 785-545-3664.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – Fr. Joseph Kieffer presented a check for \$3,783.53 to the Beloit Ministerial Association for the BMA Food Pantry and Assistance Fund. This money was collected at the Christmas Masses. Thank you to everyone who donated to this vital ministry for our community.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION—
Our 2011/2012 Fiscal Year began July 1, 2011

Budgeted Envelopes/Offering Per Week	\$15,421.00
Envelopes/Offering received on Jan. 22, 2011	\$9,994.30
Budgeted Envelopes/Offering Year to Date	\$462,630.00
Actual Envelopes/Offering received Year to Date	\$346,782.19
As of January 22 we are Under	\$115,847.81
Operating loan from Diocese:	\$108,794.26
Heating/Cooling Loan from Diocese:	\$159,000.00
Payments to the Diocese:	\$101,550.00
Outstanding Balance:	\$44,950.00

BAPTISM – Kaliana Amber Long, daughter of Luke and Kristen Long was baptized on January 21 by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Beloit, KS. Godparents for Kaliana are Kevin Zachary and Angie Zachary.

CATLIN’S RECEIPTS - Just a reminder that Catlin’s is donating to the school a portion of your grocery receipts from September 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. There are boxes at the store for St John’s and the public school. Just put your receipts in the box and they will count toward the donation to each school. If you like to keep your receipts the cashier can print a second receipt you can put in the box. If you have receipts at home you can turn them in at the school or at the store. Just remember the program is ending in March so please turn in all of your saved receipts by then. Thanks for your support of our local business and our school!

END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS - Tax statements for contributions made during 2011 were mailed January 24. If you do not receive yours or if you have questions regarding your statement, please call the Parish Office at 738-2851.

PRAY FOR THE SICK—Lord Jesus, we lift these people to you: Max Reiter, Doug & Rebecca Miller, Bernadine Swiercinsky, Naomi Swanson, Sharon Heiman, Shirley McGuire, Kristi Hamm, Dick File, Michael Heiman. May we continue to pray for those who are sick, and may His inner peace come to us all.

Names will be removed from the prayer list after two months. If the person is still in need of prayers, call the Parish Office at 738-2851 and we will gladly put their name back on the list.

ST JOHN’S PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY: To request a quilt, please call Debbie Lutgen at 738-3322 or the Parish Office at 738-2851.

THANK YOU - to everyone in our parish who attended the March for Life breakfasts or participated in the flamingo flocking. Your generous support allowed 14 students from our parish to travel with our diocese to Washington DC on January 23 to march in support of life from conception until natural death. Please continue to offer your prayers for life. Thank You and God Bless.

CYO PANCAKE BREAKFAST – There will be a pancake breakfast on February 12 at the high school cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds will help cover expenses for the CYO convention in Salina. Please come out and support the youth.

LADIES GUILD MEETING – The Officers, Circle Chairmen, and Banquet Committee members will meet to plan the School Auction and upcoming banquets on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The annual dues are \$5.00. Please use the membership dues envelope attached to the newsletter in this week’s bulletin for remitting your dues.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – will be on January 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and January 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the NCK Wellness Center Gym.

HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF SALINA – as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Concordia in 1887, which later became the Diocese of Salina in 1945, this is a good time to reflect with gratitude upon the Lord’s faithfulness in accompanying His Church and guiding it’s mission through the years. This beautiful book presents some of the highlights of the rich history of our Catholic Church in north central and northwest Kansas. It tells the story, even if only briefly, of many of the people and places, individuals, communities and institutions associated with the spread of the Gospel on the prairies of Kansas. The book is \$35 and is available at the parish office.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS - Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. Next retreat: February 17-19 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) rvineyard@ruraltel.net confidential

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL – CCAA supports the many ministries of the Diocese including Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Schools, Seminary Education, and Family Life. If you have not yet made a gift to the Appeal, please take some time this week to consider doing so.

WALK FOR A GRIEVING HEART – When we have experienced God’s forgiveness, we are new creatures. We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live a forward-looking hope of glory-Reflections from *Footprints*. Please consider helping Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats by partaking in Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9:00 a.m. February 11 in Colby, Hays, and Sharon Springs. Walkers will have a choice of walking inside or outside. All walkers who obtain \$50 in donations will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes are available. For registration form, please contact: rvineyard@ruraltel.net or call 1-877-447-4383

IS THE LORD CALLING YOU? – A vocation discernment retreat for men ages 18-40 will be on February 10-12 at St. Fidelis Friary, Victoria, KS. For information or to register text/call 303-981-1111 or email at johnclager@aol.com

LIFE LINE SCREENING - Where: Beloit Knights of Columbus Hall. When: Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-800-324-1851. For more information please pick up a flyer in the back of Church.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL ALUMNI RAFFLE:

Jan.	23	\$30	Mike Schnell, Cody, WY
Jan.	24	\$30	Makenzie Zimmer, Wichita, KS
Jan.	25	\$30	Mark Bergmann, Cawker City, KS
Jan.	26	\$30	Chris Reiter, Beloit
Jan.	27	\$30	Leon & Betty Krier, Beloit
Jan.	28	\$30	Tara, Gunner, and Hartley Madden, Beloit
Jan.	29	\$50	Ashley Eck, Dublin, CA

**Get your name in the drawing!
Stop by the Parish Office
for tickets!**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Jan.	28	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
Sun.	Jan.	29	8:00 A.M.	Kirby & Paula Kisslinger
			10:00 A.M.	Our Parish
Mon.	Jan.	30	7:00 A.M.	Our Teachers & Staff
Tues.	Jan.	31	8:00 A.M.	Our Parents
Wed.	Feb.	1	7:00 P.M.	Our Community
Thurs.	Feb.	2	8:00 A.M.	Our Grandparents
Fri.	Feb.	3	7:00 A.M.	Our Students
			9:45 A.M.	Hilltop Mass
Sat.	Feb.	4	8:00 A.M.	+Kevin Krier
			6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
Sun.	Feb.	5	8:00 A.M.	+Ted Schulte
			10:00 A.M.	+Cordelia Froetschner

Dear People of God,

God’s blessing be upon all of you in this New Year. All of you should have received in the mail this week information from our diocesan office on the Catholic Community Annual Appeal (CCAA). The theme of this years appeal is “Let Us Give Thanks”. You may or may not recall that this appeal was suspended during the time of the capital campaign for the Priest Retirement and the Seminarian Education Funds. That campaign has ended and we are resuming the annual appeal for the needs of the diocese to help in the various ministries it provides for all of the parishes across the diocese. Our goal for St. John’s parish is \$10,314. The total goal for the diocese is \$1,100,000. The appeal this year has added an extra benefit. For ever dollar received above our goal, 50% will be returned to our parish for our own needs. So if we receive \$5,000 above our goal we will receive \$2,500 back.

I know that many of you, like myself, have been very generous to the annual appeal. I pray that you will continue to be generous as we give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph Kieffer

STEWARDSHIP *“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.”*
1 Corinthians 7:32



How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining even more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.

“How can I repay the Lord for all the good He has done for me?”
-Psalm 116:12