

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

EST. 1884

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Welcome to St. John's Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am
Monday - Friday: Noon
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sacraments

Confession:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm
Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

Baptism:

Contact Parish Office

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



APRIL 28, 2024 ~ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS
April 29 – May 5, 2024

MONDAY APRIL 29

St Catherine of Sienna
 8:30am +Eileen Criste
 12:00pm +William Bell

TUESDAY APRIL 30

Easter Weekday / St Pius V, Pope
 8:30am +Tony & Julie Bodoh
 family
 12:00pm +Monica Palumbo

WEDNESDAY MAY 1

*Easter Weekday /
 St Joseph the Worker*
 8:30am M/M Anthony Criste
 12:00pm +Eleanor Rhodes
 7:00pm Bryan Martinez

THURSDAY MAY 2

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
 USA National Day of Prayer*
 8:30am Karsten Brown
 12:00pm +Phyllis Hibl

FRIDAY MAY 3

Sts Philip and James, Apostles
 8:30am +Ray Ehlinger
 12:00pm Sarah & Michael Gannon

SATURDAY MAY 4

Easter Weekday
 8:30am +Vera Schraa

SATURDAY VIGIL

6h Sunday of Easter
 5:00pm +Leonel Taborda

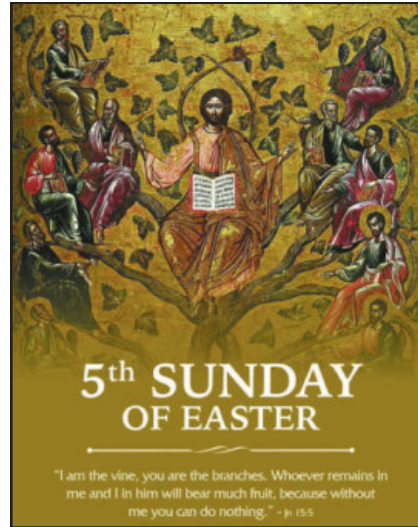
SUNDAY MAY 5

6h Sunday of Easter
 7:00am +Galina Mironova
 8:30am Jeff Alban
 10:30am Parish Family
 12:30pm +Eocardo Luna
 5:00pm Zena Wilkinson

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday:
 8:30am and 6:30pm
 Saturday:
 8:30am & 3:30pm

APRIL 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

Keep in Touch:

Sign up to receive St John's email updates
 by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.
www.sjtb.org

Second Collection on May 4/5:
 Religious Education

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 4/5

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahan, Samuel Price
8:30am	Mark & John Bockrath, Michael Fisher, Simon Hepler, Max Stanmeyer, Isaac Fitzpatrick, Benedict Schmiedicke
10:30am	Damien Shunk, Joseph & Jude MacDougall, Ronan, Eamonn & Declan Glass, John Lazarus & Victor Davis
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriguez, Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles
5:00pm	Aidan, John & Louis Barragan

*Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer
 as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!*



ST JOHN'S STAFF

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Deacon Mark Jerge

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Deacon Gerald Solitario

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Monday - Friday

9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Parish Membership

Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church or on the parish website. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline

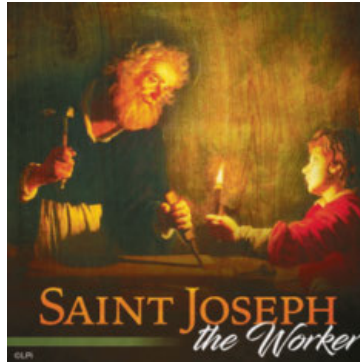
Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.

May 1: Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Established in 1955, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker is part of a growing devotion to Joseph of Nazareth. But it is also a message from the Church about what it means to be truly human in the modern world.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker by Pope Pius X

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity.



National Day of Prayer: The First Thursday of May



The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. It is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created

in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Pray for our Country!

Mother's Day Novena

Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses begins May 12th. If you would like to enroll your mother and other loved ones in this novena, there will be cards available in the vestibule and at the parish office. Kindly drop off your list of names to be enrolled and stipend in the collection basket, at the office or mail it.

Land of Peace Goods for Sale

If you missed last week's religious goods sale, you may go to their website: www.landofpeace.org

Opportunities

“Dinner Together”

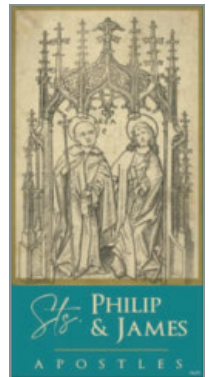
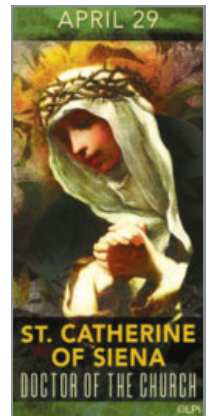
Dinner Together is a ministry that provides take-out meals Monday -Thursday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for those in need. Meals are provided, coordinated, served and delivered by Front Royal/Warren County's faith and civic communities. St. John's community provides a single meal per month (first Thursday of each month), and yet we are very much in need of volunteers to help out. In particular, we need volunteers to cook (at home and drop off to Fellowship Hall) and also 2 male volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Numbers of those in need are increasing and we are in need of help. If you think you and/or your family can provide this wonderful work of mercy, please contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com Thank you!

Speakers Wanted

SJTB Seniors Group is looking for volunteer speakers to present topics of their choice to the seniors on the 3rd Saturday of the month. If you are willing to donate an hour of your time to speak to the group in a particular month, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Christendom College Athletics is looking for head coaches for Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer this coming Fall 2024 season. We are also looking for a head Men's Basketball coach for this coming Winter season, 2024-25. There is a coaching stipend for each coaching position. If interested or you need more information, please contact Patrick Quest at patrick.quest@christendom.edu .

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Vocation Awareness

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. John 15:4

You cannot bring forth any worthwhile fruit unto God apart from the indwelling power of Jesus Christ. It is as wood, hay, and stubble that will burn when the day of judgment comes. The only lasting fruit is that which is produced as the result of the relationship with Jesus Christ. The fruit that comes forth from our lives is a very natural thing; it's not forced. That apple hanging on the tree is not out there struggling and striving and pushing and doing its best to get ripe. All it has to do is just hang in there and it's going to ripen and come to maturity. We just need to hang in there, just to abide in Christ, and the natural result of abiding in Christ is going to bring forth fruit. Unless you're abiding in Him, you cannot bear fruit of yourself, bearing fruit that God desires is the most natural thing that can happen to you as you abide in Christ.

Sign up to have the Vocations Crucifix in your home for 1 week:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AC2CABFDC52-47616384-vocations or use QR code



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Arlington Diocese

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 14-16, led by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

What happens at an ordination? What is a first blessing and a first Mass? For clarification to these and other questions, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/ordination-liturgy/



Activities & Events

Coffee & Donuts

Welcome to our parish! If you are interested in learning more about us or about the Catholic faith, we invite you to contact us (stjohns@sjtb.org or 540-635-3780). Please join us for coffee & donuts after Mass and introduce yourself.

Red, White & Blue Mass

Saturday, May 18th at 10:30am St. John's will hold its second annual Red, White & Blue Mass to honor those of our community who are First Responders: Fire and Rescue, EMT and Medical Services, and Law Enforcement. All First Responders and their families are invited to attend this Mass. If your department has a dress uniform, please wear that in attendance. Working uniforms are more than acceptable. For our state and federal LEOs, suit/dress with badge is requested.

Diaper & Formula Drive

Our annual Mother's Day Diaper & Formula Drive for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center will take place on the weekend of May 11/12. At all Masses that weekend there will be a box in the vestibule to collect donations of diapers (sizes 4 & 5 especially needed) and formula (Similac Advanced and Sensitive, or generic equivalent) OR you may drop them off directly to the Pregnancy Center. You may also drop off Walmart or Martins gift cards at the parish office to be given to the FRPC.. You may also make a monetary gift directly to the Center by going to their website: www.frontroyalpregnancy.org



2024 Tea & Fashion Show: Save the Date!

Wonderfully Fashioned and the PPA senior girls invite all women of the parish to a Tea & Fashion show on Sunday, May 19th from 2-5 PM in FRH. We hope to spotlight beautiful and modest fashions and accessories for girls & women of all ages. To this end, we are looking for donations for our fashion show/silent auction. We are looking for stylish quality clothing for girls, teens, or women that is NWT (new with tags), designer, or vintage suitable for sale or auction: also accessories that are NWT/designer/vintage including purses, jewelry, scarves, hats, etc. We will also accept luggage, picnic baskets, and selected housewares. We are also happy to accept donations from local businesses or artisans if you have a product you would like to promote. All proceeds from the show will benefit Padre Pio Academy's graduation fund. Please contact reginaschmiedicke@padrepiolearning.org if you have questions or something to donate.

Pilgrimage to Poland

See the Catholic Treasure of Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call 1-800-213-4295

Ongoing Activities

SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am.

The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com

Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's? Looking for community? Get in touch! FB [youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist) IG [st_johns_young_adults_va](https://www.instagram.com/st_johns_young_adults_va) Email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com

That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

Youth Group

Twice/month on Mondays 7-8:30pm FRH

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

Rosary &

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Little Flowers

Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6 4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass



**DIVINE
 MERCY
 SAID:**

"Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it."
 (St.Faustina's Diary, 1075)



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Cinnamon Bun Sales Return! The John Carrell Jenkins Knights' sought-after and highly anticipated cinnamon buns return on the weekend of May 11-12. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on getting a box for your family, or a single one or two to enjoy to yourself. Watch this space for more details!

Firewood Project - Volunteers and Sources Needed: The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. We need volunteers who are willing to support the effort throughout the year. Please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555) if you'd like to be notified of upcoming events or know of a source of free hardwood (oak, walnut, cherry etc) trunks.

Save These Dates:

Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12: Cinnamon Bun Sales after all the Masses, Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12.

Sunday, June 2: Annual Corpus Christi Procession.

Saturday, June 8: Diocesan Jubilee Fest, Warren County Fairgrounds

Saturday, June 22: St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic in Bowman Park.

Contact us: Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com. Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org.

Married Couples. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – sign up now for an experience near you!

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC

September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA

November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

Altar Guild	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	Outreach Committee	outreach@sjtb.org
Church Flowers & Decor	julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com	Parents' Support Group Children w/Special Needs	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
Divine Mercy for the Dying	mbodoh@sjtb.org	Prayer Chain	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 setonmom@gmail.com
Dominicans Third Order	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com	Prison Ministry	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@sjtb.org	Religious Education	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
Fasting Brothers	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net	RCIA	Parish Office, 635-3780
Flame of Love	Boots Sargis bootssargis@yahoo.com .	Seven Sisters	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net
Lectors	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	Saint Johns Athletics	www.saintjohnsathletics.com
Legion of Mary/Adults	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	That Man is You!	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
Legion of Mary (Juniors)	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	Vocations Liaison	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 sjtbvocations@gmail.com
Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Front Royal Pregnancy Center	(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		abortionpillreversal.com

For full list of ministries, go to www.sjtb.org or call the parish office for specific inquiries.

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Paul Gerrick	Judy Ratigan
Nellie Adkins	Michael Greco	Manuel Reyes Avila
John Alsberry	Eileen Hawkins	Shoana Riccio
Allison Andrews	Cecilia Hawkins	John William Rice
Brenda Bailey	Billy Hooten	Mary Alice Rice
Rozie Baker	Norman Hunt	Maggie Roberts
Rose Britain	John Janaro	Gabbi Rodgers
Elijah Carino	Stephen Jerome	Elaine Ryan
Tony Casarotti	Erik Jurek	Judy Samborsky
Joseph Centrella	Donald Kerns	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Jorge Daniel Chang	Susan Kirby	Dan Schneible
Laura Hibl Clark	Peggy Leonardi	Mary Shaffer
Josh Conlon	Maureen Lewis	Sophie Shannon
Dominique DeClue	Christopher Martin	Sophie Sheppard
Linda Donahue	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Robin Spencer
Clara Anne Duda	Carol B. May	Anee Stanford
Al Dudeck	Laura McMahon	Deby Stears
Kelly Duvall	Edward Meinsen	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Ignatius Ehlinger	Merridee Michelsen	Judith Thompson
Kathy Elar	Marie Miller	Suzanne Traeger
Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
Mike Ferris	Barbara Ann Orozco	Nancy Wing
Tahlia Fernandez	Kris Pondo	Kathy Winkle
Laura Fusto	Carmela Rao	John Yarborough
Gary Garcia		Geneve Yarborough

Please pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory and for their loved ones grieving their loss.

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Jason Pugh
Brady Anderson	Jasmine Frank	Chris Reinhard
Colin T. Barrett	Dustin Goard	Michael Reuwer
Nick Barton	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	Lxex Robles
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	David Schmitt
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	Forest Selby
Joseph Buono	David Kelleher	Paul Shannon
Paul Buono	David Larsen	Andrew Shorter
Ben Cabreva	Glen Lash	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Christian Carino	Timothy Marra	Devon Smith
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Timothy Smith
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Sean Smith
Sean Conroy	Matthew Mooney	Keegan J. Thomas
Robert Cooke	Emma Morgan	Brian Tilley
Kevin Corella	Clement M. O'Reilly	Jamie Troutman
Rory Crooks	Daniel Nejja	Manuel A. Vicente
Vince E. Cruz	David Parnes	Kieran Vieira
Trey Dusseault	Justice M. Parrott	Samatha Wilkinson
Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Michael Wood
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Mark Zepeda

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2024

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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joined	pray	gardener
branch	fruit	clean

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MISSION

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



LET THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!



MASS - MUSIC - FOOD
FOOD - FUN - FIREWORKS



FREE EVENT FOR ALL
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



DIAPER AND FORMULA DRIVE

MAY 11-12

IN SUPPORT OF
THE FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER



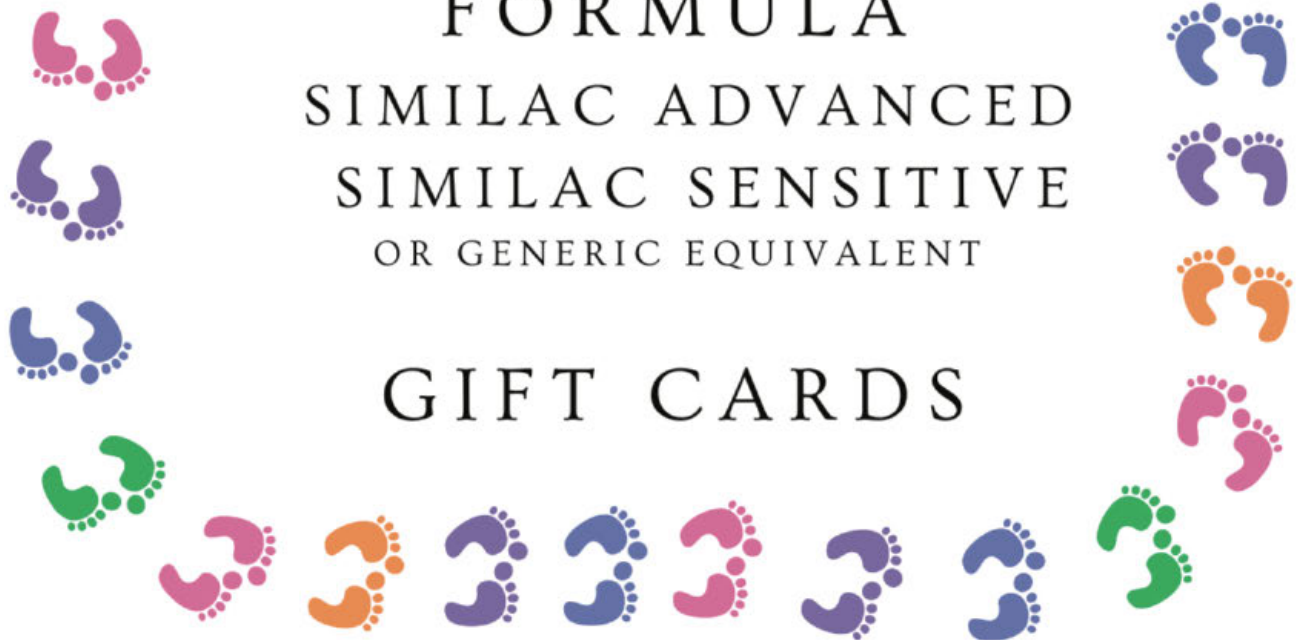
DIAPERS

SIZES: NEWBORN TO 5
SIZE 4 & 5 ESPECIALLY NEEDED

FORMULA

SIMILAC ADVANCED
SIMILAC SENSITIVE
OR GENERIC EQUIVALENT

GIFT CARDS



APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.



In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



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