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St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

6th Sunday of Easter

May 24th and 25th

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

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| Sat. May 24 | 5pm Estevan; †Antoinette Styre |
| Sat. May 24 | 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. May 25 | 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. May 25 | 10am Estevan; Mass for the People |
| Tues. May 27 | 6:30pm Estevan; †Ian Fernandez |
| Wed. May 28 | 11am Hospital; In Thanksgiving |
| Thurs. May 29 | 9am Estevan; †Beatrice Olheiser |
| Fri. May 30 | 9am Estevan; CWL Member Intentions |
| Sat. May 31 | 5pm Estevan; †Richard and Eva Hagel |
| Sat. May 31 | 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. June 1 | 8am Bienfait; †Richard Mann |
| Sun. June 1 | 10am Estevan; Mass for the People |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 24: | 11:45am Blessed Meals |
| May 27: | 9:45am CWL Executive Meeting |
| May 27: | 6:15pm Benediction |
| May 29: | 9:30am Coffee in the Hall |
| May 29: | 7pm SJB Choir Practice |
| June 2: | 6:30pm Baptism Prep Class |
| June 3: | 6:15pm Benediction |
| June 5: | 9:30am Coffee in the Hall |
| June 5: | 7pm Choir Practice |
| June 6: | 6:15pm First Friday Devotion |
| June 7: | Name Tag Weekend |
| June 8: | Name Tag Weekend |
| June 8: | 11am Parish Fun Day |
| June 10: | 6:15am Benediction |
| June 10: | 7pm K of C Meeting |
| June 11: | 1pm Finance Meeting |

*Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
-Psalm 67*



We would like to thank everyone who attended our Service Recognition Celebration on May 6th. It was a lovely evening celebrated by about 40 members, volunteers, friends and family.

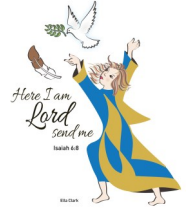
We gathered and prayed the Rosary together.

We presented 28 membership awards.

Rose Weinrauch received her 70 year pin.

Marjorie Heidinger received her 65 year pin and

Brenda Keating received her 55 year Pin.



We also presented the Maple Leaf Service Award Pin to **Genevive Fichter, Dianne Green and Brenda Friess** for their exceptional leadership and dedication to our Funeral Service Committee. The Maple Leaf Service Pin was introduced in 1971 for members who have served the League in an exceptional manner. We are very honored to have these wonderful ladies on our Council.

Thirty-five children received the sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist on May 17.

Thank you to our confirmation families, our catechists, to all of our ministers for the confirmation Mass, and to Father Thuy and Archbishop Donald Bolen for making this a wonderful celebration. You are all examples of faith for our children.

Thank You



Congratulations to our newly confirmed!!

May the Holy Spirit guide you and empower you to live a life of faith.

Parish Garage Sale on June 8 at the Parish Funday. Items for donation can be dropped off in Father's garage beginning May 28 from 9am-5pm. Clothing and furniture will also be accepted this year.



HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW." ALSO HE SAID, "WRITE THIS DOWN, FOR THESE WORDS ARE TURSTWORTHY AND TRUE."

-Revelation 21:5



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The joy of Easter continues to shine brightly in our parish, especially as we recently celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young members. It was a profound moment of grace, made even more beautiful by the presence of our Bishop, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for the warmth of your welcome, the unity of our community, and the vibrant spirit of faith alive in our parish.

I want to extend my deep thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council, the various ministry groups, all volunteers, families, and especially our children who helped organize and participate in this special celebration. Your dedication and generosity are the soul of our parish life.

Let us continue to work together to make our parish not just a place of worship, but a true home for everyone – a home that welcomes all families, all cultures, and all people. May it be a place where the poor find comfort in Christ and in our support, where the young discover direction and hope through the Word of God, and where children enjoy the beauty of childhood in safety and joy.

As we look ahead, I warmly invite you to support and participate in our upcoming **Parish Fun Day**. Please consider volunteering, registering, or simply being present – your involvement will help make it a day full of joy and connection, a true celebration of the family of God.

With gratitude and hope,
Fr. Thuy

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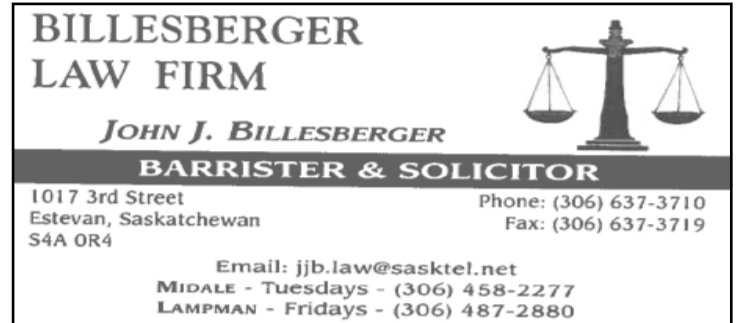
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Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 25, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope." The theme for Catholic Education Week 2025 was inspired by the following considerations:

- In February of 2022, the late Pope Francis had announced that the theme for the upcoming 2025 holy year would be "Pilgrims of Hope." "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.

(from Vatican News, a short video on the history of the Jubilee/Holy Year:

<https://x.com/VaticanNews/status/1783768498885275868>)

- The late Holy Father asked us to focus prayerfully on the bonds that unite our whole human family, to reflect on the rampant poverty in our world, and to think about the plight of the many refugees forced to leave their homes. He also summons us, as stewards of Creation, "to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home."

- A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others – and that certainly describes Catholic education. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus' name. The late Pope Francis invited us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focused on the future. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "We must fan the flame hope that has been given to us."

(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope)

SJB Blessed Meals

Our next meal will be delivered on May 24 at 11:45am.

If you or someone you know would enjoy a free home cooked meal, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

June 8
11am
(following the
10am Holy
Mass)



PARISH FUN DAY Fundraiser

Bring
Your
Lawn
Chair!

Concession Menu

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| BBQ Hamburger | 5 Tickets |
| BBQ Cheeseburger | 6 Tickets |
| BBQ Double Cheeseburger | 8 Tickets |
| Hot Dogs | 4 Tickets |
| Vegetarian Egg Roll | 2 Tickets |
| Deep Fried Wontons 6 for | 5 Tickets |
| Bag of Chips | 1 Ticket |
| Freezie | 1 Ticket |
| Rice Krispie Cake | 1 Ticket |
| Drinks | 1 Ticket |
| (Coffee, Bottled Water, Pop) | |

Activities

(1 - 3 Tickets Per Activity)

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| Photobooth | Rock Painting |
| Sucker Tree | Treasure Hunt |
| Fish Pond | Ring Toss |
| Balloon Darts | Corn Hole |
| Bean Bag Toss | Face Painting |
| Cake Walk | Bouncy Castles |
| Dunk Tank | |
| (Yes, Father Thuy will be in the Dunk Tank!) | |



Cash Only Activities

50/50 Draw
Pie Auction

Garage Sale
Raffle Table

Tickets are distributed to each child at the end of every Holy Mass and all games will require tickets to play.



You may also purchase tickets at the Fun Day
or in advance at the Parish Office.

1 Ticket = \$1

Family Pack: 50 Tickets = \$40



Entertainment For All Ages!

Karaoke!!

Bring Your Family And Friends!!!

See you there!

All proceeds are going to the St. John the Baptist Parish Youth Fund.