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MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. *
Sunday: 8:00 / 9:45 / 11:30 a.m.
Monday: 9:30 a.m. at St. Clare Commons
Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday: 6:15 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

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Welcome to St. John XXIII

We want to welcome everyone who has come to be with us today. And a special welcome to those who have joined us in recent weeks during these summer days.

Our parish is a living church. We are the walls and we are the pillars. But Jesus is the corner stone and the foundation! We build on the Lord's work. Thank you for being with us.

Please continue to come, especially if you are looking for a parish to call your own.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

For more information on preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, or First Eucharist , contact **Marla Overholt.** For information about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact **Michael Puppos**.

For Marriage preparation, reception of the Sacrament of the Sick or reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, contact **Fr. Herb.**

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, August 19	5:00 p.m. - *Mark Fredeerick*
Sunday, August 20	8:00 a.m. - *Malcolm Coffman*
	9:45 a.m. - Parish
	11:30 a.m. - Parish
Monday, August 21	9:30 a.m. - at St. Clare Commons
Tuesday, August 22	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 23	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 24	6:15 p.m.
Friday, August 25	10:30 a.m. - at Otterbein
Saturday, August 26	5:00 p.m.- Parish
Sunday, August 27	8:00 a.m.- *Marissa Anne Rose*
	9:45 a.m.- Parish
	11:30 a.m. - Parish

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; ; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 9:16
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Ministries for August 26 & 27

Lectors

Sat 5:00 Deb Boyce, Parker Kern
Sun 8:00 Sue Wumer, John Blodgett
Sun 9:45 Debbie Rossler, Pete Carella
Sun 11:30 Cathleen Orians, Kelly Shank

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 5:00 Larry & Judi Turner, Robert Zacharias, Steve & Kathy Kirwen, Karen Dariano, Connie Kern, Karen Pierce, Cheryl L. Windisch, Kris Fauver Shery Milz
Sun 8:00 Fred & Ann Eberly, Sandy Mercurio, Bob & Linda Schrinel, Tina Roth, Aileen Hunt, Lisa Knopp, Claudia Losek
Sun 9:45 Deb Boyce, Tina Carella. Larry & Diane Mershman, Steve Suelzer, Rick & Sonya Ruppel, Steve & Mary Ruhe, Lynn Priest, Vicki Askins
Sun 11:30 Brett Loney, Amy Waskowiak , Deb Boyce, Jen Hefernan, Bill Ryan, Stacy Hohman, Jeannie Yarberry, Rick Gibson, Mary Ann King, Laurie Barteck, Shari Sontchi

Servers

Sat 5:00 AJ Day, Ashton Day, Rebecca Koralewski
Sun 8:00 Mazie Zepeda, Kelsey Gruber, Katy Gruber
Sun 9:45 Ben Bascuk, Chris Bascuk, Sabrina Wilson
Sun 11:30 Keegan Shank, Jack Bowe, Christopher Browning

Ushers

Sat 5:00 Kay Asmus, Jeff & Donna Finch
Sun 8:00 Chuck Ore, Wayne Vreeland, John Farley, Steve Mochon
Sun 9:45 Jim Marquette, Rodney Theis, Jim Paszczikowski, John Ball, Mike Feldkamp, Jim Jordan, Paul Schauer, Brent Welker
Sun 11:30 Alex Loney, Mike Makar, Chris Makar, Steve Snyder

Greeters

Sat 5:00 Darcy Wilhelm, Connie Tresso Larry & Jean Daly
Sun 8:00 John Ginter, Linda Murray, John Hunt, Maggie Hunt
Sun 9:45 Dave & Misty Charville, Tim & Mary Ann Butler
Sun 11:30 Nancy Scott, Dan Calmes, Betty Hunt, Laura Wott

Pastor's Note:
TWELVE YEARS AND COUNTING

On August 21, 2005, our parish celebrated its first-ever Sunday Mass, at Perrysburg High School. We gathered at the Commons area, which is usually used as the school cafeteria.

Twelve years later we now have four Masses each weekend, a much larger and more crowded venue, and the plan to construct a larger building. Growth has been the norm for us these past twelve years.

But numbers do not fully describe our parish. In fact, as we grow in parish registrations and attendance, we have also emphasized personal spiritual growth and the desire to enter more fully into our discipleship of the Lord.

This fall we will once again provide the opportunity for spiritual growth through: a) Small Faith Groups; b) a unique program for discovery of the way the early church functioned; c) RCIA for those seeking more information about Catholicism - also a great opportunity for Catholics who wish to be sponsors; d) more parental involvement in youth programs; e) Sacrament Preparation with parent connections; f) Bible Studies; g) Stirring and Meaningful Sunday liturgies, h) Numerous Outreach opportunities; and lots of opportunities for personal investment.

We also will have our ILLUMINATE Capital Campaign going on this fall. Yes, this is to raise money for our building project. BUT IT IS SO MUCH MORE! If this is done the way we want it to be, it will also provide an unifying and renewing commitment of our entire parish to the vision of this parish.

Most people know that our parish is unique in many ways. We are not just another suburban church. We are on fire and we want the flame of our enthusiasm to help light up the sky.

Thanks for twelve good years! With God's help we will have many more even better years ahead of us.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Hurray, we have the full schedule of weekday Masses this week: Monday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Clare Commons, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.; Thursday at 6:15 p.m.; and Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Otterbein Nursing Home. On Tuesday we will also have Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

Thanks to everyone who has been understanding about Masses during the last six weeks.

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FAITH ALIVE! REGISTRATION

Registration is now taking place for our parish Religious Education process, which we call FAITH ALIVE! You can find dates and information on the website.

Families of children in Grades K-5 are expected to participate yearly in this process, not only when it is a Sacrament preparation year. This year's new texts also have a provision to accommodate children with special needs.

Faith Alive! starts September 17. It is the core formation for those children who will have additional classes in preparation for First Communion and Communal Reconciliation. This means that even though First Communion preparation does not start until January your family should be participating in Faith Alive! from the beginning of the year.

Registration for the two sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) is also available on the website. For questions please contact Marla Overholt.

SUNDAY NURSERY

If you have tiny humans coming to Mass with you, we want you to know we have a staffed nursery at the 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. liturgies. This is a drop-off service. There is no pre-registration required, and it is free to all who attend these liturgies. Please take advantage of this service that we are happy to offer to our community.

DINING FOR WOMEN

The August *Dining for Women* gathering and potluck is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2017, in the atrium. We will go to the country of Bhutan, where our featured grantee, READ Global is empowering rural communities to alleviate poverty. READ programs will enable over 300 Bhutanese rural women to gain valuable financial literacy skills and income generating livelihood skills, plus access to savings programs through advanced training at READ Centers.

Bring a dish to share and your own table service, if you are able. For further information, contact Meg Sears 419-367-8504 or megsears@roadrunner.com.

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering for the weekend of August 12-13 was $13,959. Thank you very much for your on-going support of this, your parish.

FINAL THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS SUMMER

For the last six weeks I have been sharing some thoughts in each week's bulletin about my summer journey back to health.

Today I simply want to make two points.

First of all, it has become incredibly clear how much we all need others. Thank you to so many people who have reached out to me. I firmly resolve that we as a parish will become even more aware of others around us who are going through tough times and be ready to offer a hand, a word of support, or encouragement.

Secondly, thank you to those who kept this parish running. The pastoral team is outstanding; thank you to all. But thanks also to the many other parishioners who stepped forward to oversee and check on things. And thanks to the priests who came to visit. I pray that the smorgasbord of presiders at Masses these past few weeks will have also inspired and fed you well.

For a long time I have told people that I am the most blessed priest in the diocese to be at a parish like this. How true that has become for me. Thanks to all who have expressed that they care. -Fr. Herb

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers this week for three families who have lost loved ones.

We pray for John Beck, father of Helen Bare, who died this past week. John and his wife Doris have been residents of St. Clare Commons.

We also pray for Stanley Sattler, father of Steve, Stanley, Jane, and Sue. Stanley was a regular at the 8:00 a.m., sitting in a wheelchair with his family.

And we pray for John "Jack" Bires, Jr., grandfather of parishioner Jennifer Reighard, who also died early this week.

May God bless these men and bring them to eternal life while providing peace and comfort to their families.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Families who had a child receive First Eucharist in the spring are reminded to register for Communal Reconciliation as well as the core faith formation process called Faith Alive! Communal Reconciliation will begin 7:00 p.m. Sept. 25 in Roncalli Hall.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Our Sunday morning sacrament preparation program for older children who may have missed a sacrament at the usual time, will be starting again in September. This fall we will be doing preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students joining us this fall will continue their preparation in the spring. Registration for Communal Reconciliation can be accomplished at the parish website (www.stjohn23.org) Just choose the Sunday morning option.

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL

Yes, we have a Sunday morning preschool for your kids!

St. John XXIII Catholic Community believes in life-long learning. We begin our formal process of faith formation on Sunday mornings with a preschool session during the 9:45 a.m. liturgy. This program is for those who turned 3 by March 1, 2017, to 5-year-old children, not already attending Kindergarten. Registration for a six-week session is required and can be accomplished at the parish website: www.stjohn23.org.

The cost for the program is $15.00 per six-week session. Each weekly 'class' is one hour in length. Parents must be present in the building during the session. The first six-week session will begin on September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in teaching in the Preschool can contact Marla.

A RESPONSE TO HATRED

There are times when we need to speak up, especially as religious and moral leaders, against hatred. This is one of those times.

The violence inflicted last Saturday, August 12, was a tragic example of what happens when we allow hateful attitudes to become acceptable. As one who has recently experienced cancer, I can't help but think of hatred as cancer that grows and destroys.

Often such hatred is directed towards people of other religions, ethnicities, races, or life-styles. Many people in the twenty-first century may not know this, but there was a time when that same type of hatred was spoken against Catholics, against many of our ancestors. (Open anti-Catholicism persisted into the second half of the twentieth century.) It was unfair then and it is unfair now for those persons of color or non-Christian religions to be signaled out as not 'white enough' or 'American enough.'

Ultimately, it is up to us to challenge such faulty thinking. Perhaps no one who reads this thinks of himself or herself as part of a hate group. I pray that we are not. But the fact that a young man who resided just a few miles from us (listed as a resident of Maumee) was allegedly willing to drive his car into a crowd and kill and injure others, shows that hate can exist anywhere. Hateful words of some lead to hateful actions by others.

We are not immune to these attitudes. But we cannot give an inch. Hate breeds hate. We have to look at others, including immigrants, minorities, people of different beliefs, and those we hardly know…we have to look at them and work to see them as our sisters and brothers.

Fear is a horrible thing. It often paralyzes people and prevents them from actively reaching out to others. Sadly, hatred often builds upon fear and is used to justify inhumane thinking. Now is the time to cast fear aside and reject hatred.

- Fr. Herb

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION THANKS

Thank you to all who remembered to bring in items for the Back-to-School collection of backpacks and other school supplies. And thank you to our St. Vincent de Paul for coordinating this donation once again this year.

COFFEE SALES

The third weekend of the month is when we sell our premium Fair Trade coffee. You can buy bags of ground or whole bean coffee. All proceeds go to our sister parish San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala.

CONSTRUCTION

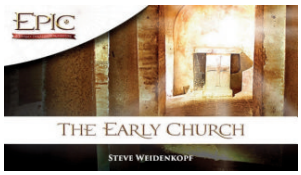
The next few weeks you will see a lot of activity as construction begins!

The final pre-construction meeting with the city of Perrysburg is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15; hopefully, by the time you read this, the building permit will be in hand.

Among the first steps will be the work to re-route our front driveway to the parish property. (You may have already seen some stakes in the ground.) Since the new building will overlap with the southern part of the present driveway, our entrance from Dixie Highway will be directed to a more northerly route that will take us to the parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE: while the driveway is being worked on, you may find it helpful to enter and exit by way of the driveway that goes east towards and around St. Clare Commons. That brings you out on Five Point Rd. While driving on that road, however, please take it easy. It is well constructed and wide, but there are two 90-degree turns, so please be careful not to cross over the middle line.

As construction takes place, we will be posting photos on a regular basis.



NEW *EARLY CHURCH* STUDY!

This fall debuts with a study of the first 500 years of Church history. *Epic: The Early Church* will lead you through a powerful journey from the lives of the apostles through the rise and fall of Constantine. You'll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. Even more importantly, you'll discover what the experiences of the early church have to teach us about the church in the twenty-first century. The 10-week study features DVD presentations with Church history professor Steve Weidenkopf, and student materials including a full- color workbook, detailed timeline chart and bookmark. Sr. Anne Mary, Jason Eichenberg and Kris Fauver will facilitate this study.

Join us for *Epic: The Early Church* beginning 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, and continuing every Tuesday until November 7. To register for the study, go to https://ascensionpress.com//login or contact Sr. Anne Mary at ammolyet@stjohn23.com or 419-874-6502. The fee for workbook, timeline chart, book mark is $29.95 which can be paid with credit card when you register through Ascension Press.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God,
You have created the human mind with curiosity and a thirst for knowledge.
You have given all your children, regardless of age, the capacity to learn, to grow, and to become the persons you want them to be.
And you give us teachers, mentors, guides, and support in this process.

Bless those who will soon be entering upon a new school year.
Allow the shy to be courageous and filled with joy.
Encourage the outgoing to be ready to listen.
Give those with weak impulse control the ability to stay focused.
And to all those who feel they already know everything, provide enough humility for them to learn.

Bless our children as they learn to interact with others.
Help kids to pay attention to and include each other.
Be with those of low self-esteem that they will discover their true value.
And do not let bullying, name-calling, or criticism overshadow the potential good of each day.

Finally, Lord, we ask that you bless all adults in the lives of these children.
Give our kids strong role models.
Remind teachers and parents alike that they have at heart the same best interest of these children.
And invigorate all who get discouraged, so they will not give up.

Lord, this school year is a gift to us. May we use it well and allow this time to be special in the life-plan of each child and adult.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

We offer our prayerful support and best wishes to Allison Reinhart and Kyle Rublaitus who will be married on Saturday, August 26. May God bless you with many good and happy years!

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Divorce support group

Divorce is painful and often rocks the very foundation of persons who felt they had an understanding of themselves, their faith, and life in general.

You are invited to join a twelve-week program meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m., Mondays, beginnings on September 11, at St. Joseph Parish, 104 W. Broadway, Maumee (Adult Formation Room), using THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE. You can contact Sr. Stephanie Thompson at 419-893-4848, or at stephanie.thompson@stjosephmaumee.org.

OurNEST

Creation care potluck

OurNEST, our parish environment concern team, is pleased to announce our first ever Creation Care Potluck! Please join us 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, in the atrium of the Parish Life Center. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish to share. Swap recipes and learn how eating lower on the food chain can be tasty, healthy, and good for the environment, too!

This will be a great way to celebrate the Church's "Season of Creation" in the month of September. Because seating is limited, please contact Bob Clark-Phelps at clarkphelps@verizon.net, or by phone at 419-377-1540, to reserve a seat.

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It's a chance for us to celebrate as one family with mass and a lot of food and fun.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
MASS BEGINS AT 5:00P
Not able to come to Mass? Don't worry, you are still welcome! Festivities will continue until 8pm
Food Trucks($)
HSM After-Party Bonfire at 7:30p
We are going to be filling out small group sheets so don't miss this!

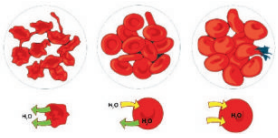
THIS WEEK'S MUSIC:

- Gathering: Gathered As One (Light)
- Preparation of Gifts: We Walk By Faith (Bolduc)
- Communion: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy (Bolduc)
- Recessional: The Rock of Faith (Bolduc)

CONFIRMATION MEET & GREETS CONTINUE

Meet & Greets between candidates' families and the Confirmation team continue this week. If you haven't registered your eighth grader for Confirmation yet, please be sure to do so today. You can sign up for a Meet & Greet once you have registered your student for Confirmation. Questions? Contact Michael Puppos.

CATHOLIC BY OSMOSIS?



There are many persons at each weekend's Sunday Masses who come to church regularly, often with a spouse or other family member, who are not Catholic but feel very much at home here.

To those, we want to say Welcome. We are happy you are here and find this parish helpful in your faith journey.

At the same time, there may be a calling inside you to immerse yourself more fully into the practice of the Catholic faith. If you have attended often over the years, you may feel you are already Catholic 'by osmosis.' But that may not be enough for you. Discover the beliefs and practices of Catholicism and how we as a community of faith journey together

This year's RCIA is forming now. We will start meeting on Tuesday, September 12, the week after Labor Day. Those who sign up are not necessarily committed to becoming Catholic; they are interested in exploring and seeing if this is the right step for them.

Or maybe you know someone else who would like to be part of RCIA but simply doesn't know where to get started. Your first step is very simple: just send an email to Fr. Herb at hweber@stjohn23.org, and he will get back to you.

Please remember: RCIA is more than simply learning about the Catholic Church. It is a process to help people explore their faith and come to know more fully the path Jesus may wish you to take.

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS THIS FALL

Keep these dates in mind!

August 14-24	Confirmation Meet & Greet
August 18-20	Last Blast Retreat
August 23	RCIA Team Meeting
August 26	Wedding
August 27	The BIG Party
Sept 2	Quinceanera
Sept 3	HSM begins
Sept 4	Labor Day
Sept 5	RCIA Begins
Sept 6	Confirmation Class Begins
Sept 7	JHM Begins
Sept 8	Portage Valley Mass
Sept 9-10	Announcement Weekend
Sept 10	Small Faith Group Sign Up
Sept 10	HSM Launch Party
Sept 13	OurNEST Potluck
Sept 16	Wedding
Sept 17	Faith Alive! begins
Sept 24	Campaign Kick-Off
Sept 23-24	JHM Boot Camp
Sept 24	Pre-School begins
Sept 25	Communal Recon Begins
Sept 28	Pastoral Council Discernment
Sept 29	Otterbein Mass
Oct 1	345 Club Hiking with Fr. Herb
Oct 1	Small Faith Groups Begin
Oct 6	Portage Valley Mass
Oct 6	Wedding
Oct 15	Faith Alive!
Oct 21	Wedding
Oct 21-22	Mission Awareness Weekend
Oct 22	BIG Night
Oct 27	Otterbein Mass
Oct 28	Wedding
Nov 1	All Saints Holy Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 3	Portage Valley Mass
Nov 5	Rite of Acceptance (RCIA)
Nov 10-12	Men's Retreat
Nov 17	Otterbein Mass
Nov 17-18	Confirmation Retreat
Nov 18	Wedding
Nov 18-19	Thanksgiving Food Collection
Nov 18-19	Commitment Sunday
Nov 22	345 Club delivers/sorts Thanksgiving Food
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day

REFLECTIONS ON THE PARISH CAMPOUT

Late in June I attended a conference in Nashville, Tenn. called Intergenerate. It was a wonderful event in which parish leaders from all religious denominations as well as academics from the field of intergenerational learning came together to learn and share about a style of learning we have been employing here in our religious education processes since the birth of St. John XXIII.

I was reminded of my experiences at this conference this weekend as I participated in the parish campout at Maumee Bay State Park. There we were 11 families of the parish gathering together around fun, food and campfires from the tiniest of infants to the "elder" population, myself included. We were indeed an intergenerational group! Children heard the stories of the elders around the campfire and the elders saw the enthusiasm of late night whiffle ball games in the grassy circle. This was priceless time under the stars with people of faith from our parish community.

What I learned at my conference is that there needs to be more times like this to allow elders, parents and children to be together and share stories of faith. That is one of the goals of our Faith Alive! process (formerly known as Generations of Faith).

As we were getting ready to leave Sunday morning I noticed that several of our youth had taken the initiative to begin to return the picnic tables from the circle to their appropriate camping site from which they had been borrowed for our potluck. There were no adults guiding these kids. They had stepped forward, noticed a need and taken action! A simple task that spoke volumes of what Jesus calls us to do in this life. - Marla

THIS WEEK'S PICS… *Campout at Maumee Bay*

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