

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Kohrman
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sunday Akuh

Music Director: Andrew Nemeth

Parish Office: Located at H.F. Rectory
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Parish Secretary: Sue Cencelewski

St. John's Grade School
Principal: Mr. Brian Carver
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Liturgical Celebrations
Weekdays: See inside bulletin
Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 am
1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
that fall on weekdays**
Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin
Holy day: 8:00 AM

May 2, 2021

Sacrament of Penance
Weekdays: Before Mass
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
Anytime by Appointment

New Parishioners
Please stop by rectory (located at Holy Family) to register

Sacrament of Baptism
Call parish office to set date

Bulletin Deadline
Monday—3:00 pm

Email Addresses: johnthebaptistcc@aol.com

Sacrament of Matromony
Arrangements must be made
with the pastor at least six
months prior to wedding

Website: www.stjohnsb.com



First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Allison Amaya-Cuahutle, Francisco Bernal,
Camila Hernandez, Iris Hernandez, Zachariah Hickman,
Ethan Talbott, Vittoria Torres, Brandon Weaver

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

8:30 AM Cecelia Lowman by Gene & Pat Levan

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

8:30 AM Chuck Baumgartner by M/M Shawn Nolan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

8:30 AM Ken by Pat

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

8:30 AM Anthony & Elizabeth Scanlon

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

8:30 AM Frank & Rose Vite by Frank & Barb Vite

11:30 AM Richard Gorney by St. John's Retirees

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

5:00 PM John & Bernice Hyduk by Family

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

10:00 AM Jan Cencelewski

1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

This Week in our Parish

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

After Mass Divine Mercy/Bible Study

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:00-4:45 pm Confessions before Mass

Sunday, May 9, 2021

1:00 pm La Misa en Española

OFFER CONGRATULATIONS THROUGH TODAY'S CATHOLIC!

This spring, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is excited to ordain seven new priests and two new deacons. At the same time, we will be celebrating our 2021 graduates as they receive their diplomas and prepare for the next chapter of what God has in store for their lives. Offer your congratulations for these important occasions by placing a commemorative ad in Today's Catholic, published alongside our graduation or ordination event coverage. Contact Erika Barron: ebarron@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1449

St. John's Retirees will meet on Friday, May 7, 2021. Mass at 11:30 am with a lunch to follow. **Masks must be worn** when moving around the building.

News & Notes

A Holy Hour of Reparation will follow the 6 pm Mass on Monday, May 15th at Holy Family. Please plan to join in adoration and prayer. The third Monday of each month will be observed in the same manner. All are invited. For more information, call 574-250-2484.

Heart to Heart Hospice: "Share your time and your heart by volunteering with Heart to Heart Hospice. Our volunteers brighten the day of our patients by visiting to play cards or games, watching TV, reading, taking walks, or simply sharing in a good conversation. To serve, you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. For more information, please call Karin at 574-440-4224.

"Looking for a summer job? Right to Life Michiana needs canvassers to educate on the injustice of abortion and share life affirming resources with our community. Canvassers paid \$10/an hour. Flexible hours. Email Jackie at executivedirector@prolifemichiana.org or call (574) 232-5433 for more information."

Christ Child Society Diaper Drop

In honor of Mother's Day, the Christ Child Society wants to make the lives of infants, toddlers and Moms in our community better, healthier and safer!

The Christ Child Society will hold its second annual Diaper Drop will be on **Wednesday, May 5, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Christ Child Society Clothing Center in the Town and Country Shopping Center.** Boxes and bags of diapers can be dropped off in front of the building with no need to leave cars. It is a no-contact way to help local Moms.

When a baby cries, one of the first things Mom checks is his diaper. How do you soothe a crying baby if you don't have a clean, dry diaper? Imagine the stress and despair Moms feel when they can't soothe their baby in a most basic way.

Diapers will be delivered to: El Campito, St. Margaret's House, YWCA, the Center for the Homeless, and St. Vincent de Paul Society to be shared with Moms in need. The greatest need is for diapers sizes 3 to 6.

Our Sacrificial Giving

Adult: \$1,837.88

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

"God's Love Unites Us!" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. John the Baptist Church. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at <https://www.stjohnsb.com/>.

Fr. Glenn's Pen

Can you imagine how difficult it would have been for the early Christians? They saw Jesus crucified and His followers persecuted and Saul was a famous persecutor! It is understandable why they were being so careful! But they trusted. We hear in the first reading how there was peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria and they walked in the "fear of the Lord". Fear is not trepidation but a deep reverential respect for God. When we have a valuable relationship we are "afraid" to do something to hurt the other.

When we understand the Mass we long to receive Him. He gives us Himself to consume. He physically strengthens us and spiritually we have no ability to begin to comprehend the supernatural gift of the Eucharist. John shares with his people how they can discern their relationship with Jesus. We need simply to look within and be open to the promptings of our heart.

This can be a frightening thing. Many years ago before I was here at Holy Family I traveled with a few men to a retreat at a Trappist Monastery. A Trappist monastery is a very quiet place. We had only been there a few hours before one of the parishioners wanted to talk to me and was having a very difficult time with the silence. Being honest with oneself can be a terrifying experience, but do not be afraid! Most people do not know what they do not know! When we know Christ, it moves us to love for others and even oneself. We come to realize that God's commands are merely the means in which God tries to protect us from ourselves. By the end of the few days the man came to relish the silence and would look forward to finding times to reflect. He would often turn off the radio in his truck, because he came to value the silence more than music or talk radio.



Let us all pray that we grow closer to Christ and be those branches that bear fruit. We need to be open to really know who God wants us to be! It certainly entails taking an honest look at ourselves! He is Risen, Truly He is Risen!

School News

St. John's Race for Education: The St. John's RACE for EDUCATION is upon us. This is a very exciting time for our school, as this is the largest fundraiser that we have. This year we have HUGE plans for the money raised, as we plan to update our school web-site. Today we will be sending home important information with your student, that will help us along our way in this process. This fundraiser is very hands off for our families, all we ask is that you provide us with valid email addresses of family members, friends, or co-workers that you think would sponsor your student during the race. There will be prizes awarded for the students that return the most email addresses, generate the most money, and run or walk the most laps. Please join us in our RACE for EDUCATION!

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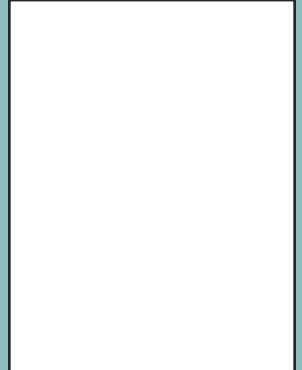
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