



**JUNE 9, 2019**

# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am  
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CCD.

## Congratulations Debbie!

After 28 years of service to the people and parish of St. Patrick, Wapella, Debbie Askins officially retired last week. Do not fear, Debbie will continue to serve St. John the Baptist Parish as Secretary on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Yes, she will also continue to assist the Parish with our music ministry.



# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, June 10th**

**8:00 am For the Health of  
Mike & Betty Priami**

*Tuesday, June 11th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Wednesday, June 12th**

**8:00 am + Herb Bank**

*Thursday, June 13th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Saturday, June 15th, The Most Holy Trinity**

**4:00 pm Father's Day Novena**

**Sunday, June 16th, The Most Holy Trinity**

**8:30 am Father's Day Novena**

*10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*



### Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Dorothy Kuntz,  
Marie Riegel, Mary Ann Ryan.

### Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Mary Lou Barnett, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hal-  
lin, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Deacon John Leonard, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Sally Waite, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Deacon Todd Weber, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.

### Deacon Todd Update

We have been advised that Deacon Todd is home now and doing much better. Thank you for all the prayers. Another example that prayer does work!

Collection Counters this week are  
**Nancy Stokowski and Troy Vanover.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.



**Saturday, June 1st 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, June 2nd 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....\$1,662.00  
Loose.....\$373.00  
Total Collection.....\$2,035.00

Ascension Collection \$956.00  
Outreach Donations \$150.00



### Baptism Class

A Baptism class has been scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd at 2:00pm at John's Clinton. Class will meet in the 2nd floor Rectory. Anyone who is planning a baptism within the next six months should plan to attend. Please call the Parish Office to register.

*Please be reminded that there are basic requirements for the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart parishes which must be met before a baptism can be scheduled. **No exceptions will be allowed.** Baptism may be postponed until all of these requirements are fulfilled. Contact the Parish Office for more information.*

### Website Editor Needed

St. John's is looking for someone to manage our parish website. Nikki Welch took on this task a couple of years ago and did a wonderful job of updating and designing our parish webpage. At her loss, we now are in need of a new editor. Please keep in mind that this is something that can be managed from your home. There is no need to come into the Parish Office. If this is a way you feel you can help our parish, please contact Father Jim.



### Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is next Sunday, June 16th. We will again be offering our Father's Day Novena of nine masses. The novena will begin on Saturday, June 15th at the 4:00pm Mass. You may include your father, living or deceased, or any other important men in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are now available at the church entrances. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or return them to the Parish Office.

### Parish Pastoral Council

St. John's Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, June 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### In Memoriam

The people of St. John's Parish wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of **Rob O'Malley, Jr.** who was buried from our parish family this past week at Sacred Heart Church.

We also extend condolences to Kathie Summers (SJC and SH bulletin typist) at the loss of her mother, **Grace Hurley**, last week. Kathie's father, **Tom Hurley**, passed away in April of 2018. Please keep these families in your prayers.

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's loving peace in heaven.*





## Why is Saint Anthony often pictured holding the infant Jesus?

Since the 17th century, artists most often represent Saint Anthony holding the child Jesus in his arms or with the child standing or seated on a book which the

saint is holding. This representation is rooted in the story about St. Anthony's visit to the home of a friend. Anthony was praying in his room far into the night when suddenly the room was filled with light more brilliant than the sun. Jesus appeared to Saint Anthony in the form of a little child. His friend, awakened and attracted by the brilliant light that filled the house, was drawn to Anthony's room where he witnessed the vision.

This story reflects the sense of wonder and awe Saint Anthony had for the mystery of the Lord's birth - the Word of God made flesh. In his sermons, he spoke eloquently of the humility and vulnerability of the Lord who emptied himself to become one like us in all things except sin. For Anthony, living a simple lifestyle was a way to imitate Jesus who was born in a stable and who had no place to lay his head. The call to live a simple Christian lifestyle is a call we all share.

*Blessed Anthony,  
Jesus was the center of your life.  
It must be the same for us, and for every Christian.  
Your purity of soul, your humbleness,  
your simple radiant faith,  
fits well with the gently and humble Savior.  
Help us to give up our desire for power and control,  
and for an over-abundance of things.  
Keep us from a merely intellectual faith,  
and may we be totally dependent on Jesus as you  
were, with the helplessness of a little child. Amen.*



Howard & Bev  
Hartsock  
May 30, 1959  
60th Anniversary

Howard and Bev Hartsock marked 60 years of marriage by renewing their marriage vows at the 4:00pm

Mass on Saturday, May 25th at St. John's. We congratulate them on this wonderful length of a sacramental life and extend our best wishes and prayers to them for many more years of happiness together.

On the evening of the Lord's Resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear of Jesus' enemies when Jesus himself became present among them. There was no hiding who he was and what he had been through. His wounds proclaimed his mortality even as his presence reinterpreted the meaning of death. Most of all, in spite of all that happened, including their fearful hiding from his passion, Jesus reminded his disciples of the promise he had made when they shared their last meal together: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).



At the appearance of Jesus the disciples rejoiced. Their joy had to include a good measure of confusion. They were rejoicing in the fact that all of their thinking had been mistaken — from the meaning of what had happened to Jesus to their reasons for fear and hiding. Their rejoicing must have been a very humbling kind of elation. They were celebrating the fact that nothing in the world is as it seemed, that they were wrong in their fears and forgiven for their failure as disciples. He offered them his peace again. Then, as if to tell them that knowing nothing but his peace was everything they needed, he gave them the commission that offered them an unending future with him.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 17:18). Although Jesus may have implied in the past that this was their vocation, in John's Gospel he had not sent his disciples out on mission until this moment. Additionally, this commissioning far outshines anything we see in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6, Luke 9:1-6 and 10:1-12). In what Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us, Jesus did not give the disciples precise instructions and well-defined powers. Now, after his resurrection, Jesus invites them to become one with him in and through carrying forth God's own mission. Then, in order for that to become possible, Jesus breathes his Holy Spirit into them, just as God blew the breath of life into the first human at the creation. Just as he had appeared among them as the good friend offering peace, Jesus now gives them the mission to do the same. All he hopes they will ever accomplish is summarized in the offer of peace and forgiveness. Jesus warns them that if they fail to forgive, the world will not know forgiveness. Giving and proclaiming forgiveness is the way they will exercise God's life-giving power in the world. That is their Pentecost vocation — and ours as well.

## Farewell Rosenbergs



With a hug and a blessing, the Parish of St John's said goodbye on Sunday to Troy and Amelia Rosenberg and the family. Due to job relocation, the family will be relocating to the far away State of Minnesota. While parishioners at St. John's, Troy became a Catholic, Amelia served on Parish Council, helped with Religious Education, and assisted with various Parish Dinners;

all three children were baptized and Hensley just made her First Holy Communion. We thank them for their help and wish them God's Blessing.

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