

SEPTEMBER 8, 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)



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” — Lk 14:25-27

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, September 9th

8:00 am The People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes

Tuesday, September 10th

8:30 am Mass at St. John Bellflower

Wednesday, September 11th

8:00 am For the Intention of Alvina Cruz

Thursday, September 12th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, September 14th, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm + Bob Murphy

Sunday, September 15th, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 am + Allen Cooper

11:00 am Harvest Mass for Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Marie Riegel.

Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Mary Lou Barnett, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hallin, Roy Harrold, Mary Hirsch, Deacon John Leonard, Tina Man-

nix, Joni Mollet, Steven R. Smith, Sally Waite, Angie Walden, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.


Christmas Baskets Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who donated Mac 'n Cheese or money to the Christmas Baskets Program. We collected all that was needed and more to help those in need have a nice dinner this Christmas. Thank you for your generous support!

Collection Counters this week are
Denny Madix and Paul Nothnagel.
Thank you for serving in this way.

Remember Your Offerings

Saturday, August 31st 4:00pm
and
Sunday, September 1st 8:30am



Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,045.00
Loose.....	\$176.00
Total Collection.....	\$2,221.00



CCD Registration

Pre-K thru 8th grade CCD registration will be held following the 8:30 Mass on **Sunday, September 15th** in the large classroom in the

basement of the Hall. Please make sure to register at this time so we have the appropriate number of books and supplies for each child. Your child will have an opportunity to meet his or her teacher and see the new book series we will be using. Coffee, donuts and juice will be served. First day of classes will begin on **Sunday, September 22nd** following the 8:30 Mass.

The celebration of Confirmation for the candidates from St. John's and Sacred Heart Parishes is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th at 3:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria, Illinois. Student are to be at the Cathedral by 2:45 pm. To help prepare for this important event, **a special Confirmation gathering for all candidates will take place on Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 pm** at the Fryman/Mandrell property. Directions: From Wapella, turn on Main Street. At the stop sign by Christian Church, turn left. Follow curve to Parnell Road. Go 3 miles to 13000 East (Enterprise Road) and turn left/north. The Fryman/Mandrell building is at the first intersection on left.



Thank You

St. John's recently received the following thank you note from Mary Ann Ryan. We wish you luck in your new home!

*Dear Father Jim & Parishioners,
Thank you so very much for my going away party. The statue was beautiful and the music was great. I sure miss you all! Cindy is same, stressed out. She starts teaching Tuesday. I worry About her! Still have lots to do! Gone to Church each week. Love, Mary Ann*

Fall Festival Dinner



SAVE THE DATE! St. John's Fall Festival Dinner is coming September 22nd (previously known as the Pork Chop Dinner). Envelopes are in the back of the Church. Please pick up your envelope today and save us the postage. Sign Up sheets and extra Raffle tickets are also now available. Please share your talents and help your Church in any way you can.

Also, please note that the yard signs to help advertise our Fall Festival Dinner are now available in back of the church. Please take one home and help us advertise this major fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

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A Message from Emily and Alan Hable

Hello Dear Friends and Family,

As the 2 year mark of our parent's passing approaches (let's not even begin to think about whether that feels like a short time or long time), Alan and I are looking to be more intentional about preparing the house for sale. Our hope is to be ready to sell the house by November. The reason we're contacting you is that we know they played a big role in your life and you in theirs.

We wanted to reach out to you all to see if there were any physical objects you would like to keep from their home as a remembrance of Karen and Tony. We can't promise we haven't gotten rid of the item, but if we can accommodate your requests, we will gladly do so. We want you all to have a chance to have something to remind you of them.

If something comes to mind, please email either myself (mlehable@gmail.com) or Alan (ahable2@gmail.com) to request whatever you would find dear to you. We will take requests up until the end of October, before we plan to place the house on the market.

Much love,
Emily, Alan, and family



As we approach the beginning of the Season of Fall, we also approach the beginning of the Adult Education season. In order to prepare adults who request the Sacraments of the Church,

there must be an appropriate period of teaching and learning. As Catholics, we believe it is important that those who desire to live a Christian life know what it is that Catholics believe. As adults we must learn not only about Jesus, but learn about the Sacraments, Church structure, and all that goes into being a believing Catholic. Anyone who is an adult baptized Catholic and has not been Confirmed may also take part in these classes and prepare for Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Community, please phone the Parish Office during regular business hours. (935-5727)

Outreach 2nd Sunday Collection

This weekend is the second Sunday of the month and Outreach weekend. A second collection will be taken after Communion for the support of the Outreach Fund. This Fund helps those in Dewitt County who struggle to pay for their basic needs of rent and utilities. Thank you for your continued financial support of the Outreach Program.



The Gospel today speaks about discipleship and presents the conditions to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem where He will die soon on the Cross. This is the context in which Jesus speaks about discipleship. In the teaching which follows, Jesus gives the conditions for those who want to be His disciples.

First condition: to hate father and mother. Some reduce the force of the word to hate and translate it as "to prefer Jesus to one's own parents". The original text uses the expression "to hate one's parents". In another place, Jesus says one must love and respect one's parents (Lk 18, 20). How can this contradiction be explained? Is it a contradiction? The force of the word is typically Semitic. Matthew uses the terms "loves father or mother more", which shows the meaning of hate is rather to *love less*. At the time of Jesus, social and economic conditions led families to become self contained. This prevented them from fulfilling the law of ransom or liberation (goel) which calls one to help one's brothers and sisters in community (clan) who were in danger of losing their land or becoming slaves (cf. Dt 15, 1-18; Lv 25, 23-43). Closed in upon themselves, the families weakened life in the community. Jesus wants to reconstruct life in community. This is why He asks to put an end to the restricted vision of the small family. He asks the family to open itself and be united by the larger family of community. This is the sense of hating father and mother, and wife, sons, sisters and brothers. Himself, when His family wants to take Him back to Nazareth, Jesus does not sympathize with their request. He ignores or hates their petition and extends His family saying: "Behold, my mother and my brothers! Anyone who does the will of God, is my brother, sister and mother" (Mk 3: 20-21, 31-35). The family bonds of union cannot prevent the formation of the Community. This is the first condition.

Second condition: to carry the cross. "No one who does not carry his cross and come after me can be my disciple". Jesus is going toward Jerusalem to be crucified and to die. To follow Jesus and to carry the cross means to go with Him up to Jerusalem to be crucified with him. This recalls the attitude of the women who "followed and served Him when He was still in Galilee, and many others who went up to Jerusalem with him" (Mk 15, 41). This also reminds us of Paul's phrase in the Letter to the Galatians: "But as for me, it is out of the question that I should boast at all, except of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Ga 6,14)

Conclusion for discipleship. The conclusion is only one: to follow Jesus, is something serious. For many people today, to be Christian is not a personal choice, and neither is it a decision for life, but a simple cultural phenomenon. They do not even think of making a choice. Anyone who is born a Brazilian is a Brazilian. He who is born Japanese is Japanese. He does not have to choose. He is born like that and will die like that. Many people are Christians because they were born so, without ever choosing their faith.



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