

JULY 25, 2021

Saint John *the* Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**502 NORTH MONROE
CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727**

Pastor

Rev. James P. Henning, O.F.M. Conv.

Deacons

Patrick Comfort
Scott Whitehouse

Parish Office

Phone 217-935-3727
Emergency Cell 309-838-3661
E-Mail stjohnsclinton@yahoo.com
Bulletin stjohnsbulletin@yahoo.com
(Bulletin Items Due By Monday 9:00am)
Website..... clintonstjohns.org

Parish Staff

Religious Education Sue Neuschwanger
Parish Secretary Debbie Askins
Bulletin Secretary Kathie Summers
Parish Trustees Francis Jackson
Becky Wisher
PPC President Bill Spencer

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

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. In 6:9, 11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



**SAINTS
ANN AND
JOACHIM
PRAY FOR US**

Parents of Mary - July 26

CLPI MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 26th

8:00 am + Doris Schlotter

Tuesday, July 27th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 am + Todd Bowers

Thursday, July 29th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, July 31st, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Alma Kite

Sunday, August 1st, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am + Duane Schmid

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Howard Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.



Your parish doesn't get two weeks off with pay. Please remember to send in your envelope even if you are on vacation.

Saturday, July 17th 4:00pm

and

Sunday, June 18th 8:30am

Sunday Collection\$1,655.00
 Envelopes \$288.00
 Loose\$1,943.00

Melissa A. Nagy
July 9, 1967 - July 18, 2021



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Melissa Nagy** who was buried this past week. Melissa was received into the Catholic Church last year on July 11, 2020 at St. John's Church and has been a member of our parish ever since. May she be at peace in God's loving care.

From St. John's Altar & Rosary Society: We are sad to announce that Melissa Nagy succumbed to cancer on Sunday, July 18, 2021. She had been a warrior for many years (refusing to give up) because of this disease.

Through the years she collected rosaries and, therefore, we thought it was only fitting that the Altar & Rosary members gather to say the Rosary for Melissa's soul since no services are being conducted here in Clinton.

Please pray the Rosary with us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 29, in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served afterward. This will also be a nice opportunity for us to visit since we didn't have meetings last year.

Diocesan 25th & 50th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2021, please notify the Parish Office. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria on September 26th at 3:30pm in your honor. This celebration is always very special and it is a wonderful opportunity to visit our Diocesan Cathedral of St. Mary. We encourage you to attend.

Collection Counters this week are
Nancy Stokowski and Nancy Wikoff.

Thank you for serving in this way.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The next Bloodmobile will be held on Thursday, August 5th at St. John's Parish Hall, 514 North Monroe Street from 11:30am to 5:30pm. For an appointment please call Faye at 935-8788. Walk-ins are welcome. Remember to bring your ID. Please donate if you are able.



JOHN C. LARKIN,
D.M.D.
Dentistry

Office Hours
by Appointment

323 W. Washington St.
217-935-5216



Can You Help Open the Church?

After years of faithful service, Jerry Ishmael will no longer be acting as our Saturday Sacristan. We have relied on the fact that Jerry would always be there. His absence is greatly felt. But who will fill this void on Saturday?

Please consider sharing your time with the people of Saint John to welcome people by opening the doors of the church. Please contact Fr. Jim to let him know if you are willing to help. See below for the ancient day rules of the Church porter.

The Order of Porter

In the Old Testament Levites were appointed to keep the gates of the tabernacle and later of the temple; they also had charge of the sacred vessels (1 Paral. 9, 26). The sacredness of the house of God in the New Testament and of the vessels used for the celebration of the divine mysteries calls for at least the same care and safekeeping. The ostiarii were the doorkeepers or porters of the church. The word is derived from the Latin ostium, the door.

It seems probable that up to the fourth century porters were not ordained, but simply appointed. In our days the duties of porters are usually performed by sacristans, ushers, and janitors.



Prayer for Franciscan Vocations

As Father Jim mentioned at Masses last weekend, many of our priests are reaching the age where they cannot perform the ministries we need. The need for young priests is greater than ever. We ask for your prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Leftovers are such humble things,
We would not serve to a guest,
And yet we serve them to our Lord
Who deserve the very best.



We give to Him leftover time,
Stray minutes here and there.
Leftover cash we give to Him,
Such few coins as we can spare.



We give our youth unto the world,
To hatred, lust and strife;
Then in declining years we give
To him the remnant of our life.

- Source unknown



The Fragments Filled 12 Baskets

John's Gospel is filled with much symbolic meaning. Today's passage from the Gospel of John concludes the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. After feeding the multitude of people with only five barley loaves and two fish, they were able to fill twelve wicker baskets with what remained. What was the reason for the extra?

The twelve baskets represent the Twelve Disciples. They were the ones specially chosen by Jesus to receive so much more. Recall the times when Jesus taught the crowds in parables and then, later, would explain the meaning to the Twelve in private. He revealed to them certain truths that most people could not understand and accept.

This whole business about bread and baskets left over refers symbolically to bread for the nation of Israel and then bread for the Gentiles in their midst. The number 12 almost always refers to the 12 tribes of Israel. It is the national number of the People of God. So in our discussion today it can have two meanings - 12 tribes of Israel or the 12 Apostles. Christ is prompting His apostles to "get it" and see that the Gentiles are going to be brought into the basket "after three days". Saint Paul is later placed "in a basket" because He is the designated Apostle to the Gentiles.

John's description of this event anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, with the crowd reclining and all hungry satisfied, with an **abundance remaining**. This connection of Jesus and the Messianic banquet is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a "king". John, through today's reading, is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are truly anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Another possibility is that the meaning of abundance is to challenge us as to what we do with the abundant blessings in our lives. Do we share? Do we hoard? How do we share the abundant gifts we have received from God? Like those who benefited from the miraculous feeding, can we see that all we have come from a God who cares for us. A God who want to meet our physical and spiritual needs. Having received these gifts we need to give thanks to the giver of every good gift. The fragments speak to us of the abundance of Jesus love, mercy and concern for all his children.

Compliments of



STARCREST
CLEANERS

bright ideas in dry cleaning

John C. Larkin
D.M.D.

Comprehensive
Dentistry

PARISHIONER

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

217-935-5216
323 W. Washington St.

Fryman Tree
Service

(217) 935-9281

PO Box 117
Wapella IL 61777

Kevin & Kim Mandrell
Owners



FRANCIS JACKSON
OWNER

512 W. Van Buren
217-935-BIGD
bigd1985@icloud.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized Provider SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

K & S
Furniture

Downtown Farmer City
202 S. Main • Farmer City

Low Sales Tax **309-928-9382** FREE Delivery

Hours: Tue-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm

Catholic Men's Group

Join us in building Church through fund-raising activities and fun outings. Membership is open to all men of our area 18 years and older. See inside bulletin for meeting times and dates.



Working For You
To Create
A Meaningful
Expression
Of Love.

Alex A. Calvert, Director Serving All Faiths

Calvert
funeral homes
Argenta Clinton Marist

BORDER PATROL PEST CONTROL

Termite Inspections/Treatments
And All Other Pests

Vic Ranney
Locally Owned & Operated

CLINTON
935-4391

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Trey Hill**
to place an ad today!
thill@4LPi.com
or (800) 950-9952 x2613

BETSY ULRICH, D.D.S., M.S.
SUGAR CREEK ORTHODONTICS, P.C.

200 S. Towanda Ave.
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 452-7445

400 North Chicago St.
Lincoln, IL 62656
(217) 732-1073
www.sugarcreekortho.com



Tim Leary
Owner
Operator

Retail

Open 7 Days

1522 E. College Ave. • Normal, IL
(309) 452-2222



WATER CONDITIONING
• SALES • RENTALS • SERVICE

Free Water Analysis

100 EAST CLAY STREET
217-935-3690

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO
BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

CALL NOW!
1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Work-Life Balance
- Paid Training
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Some Travel
- Serve Your Community

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

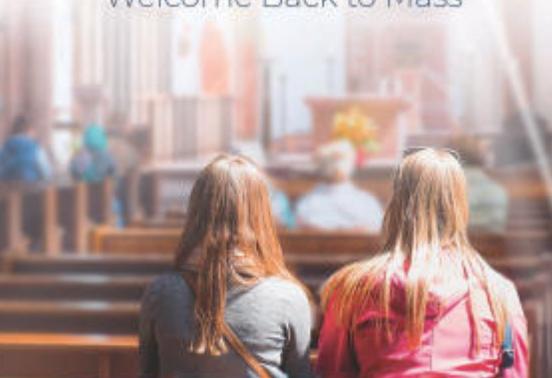
DB
DeWitt Savings Bank

302 W. Main St.
Clinton, IL 61727
Ph: 217-935-9470

JUSTIN FENTRESS
President

FDIC www.dewittsb.com

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com



support our
ADVERTISERS