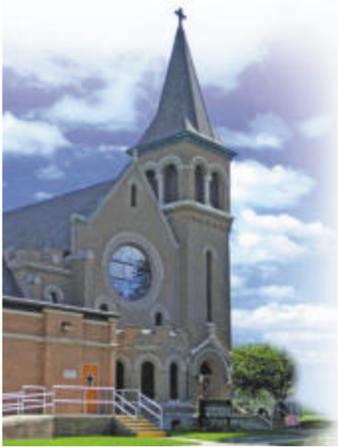


AUGUST 8, 2021

Saint John *the* Baptist

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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

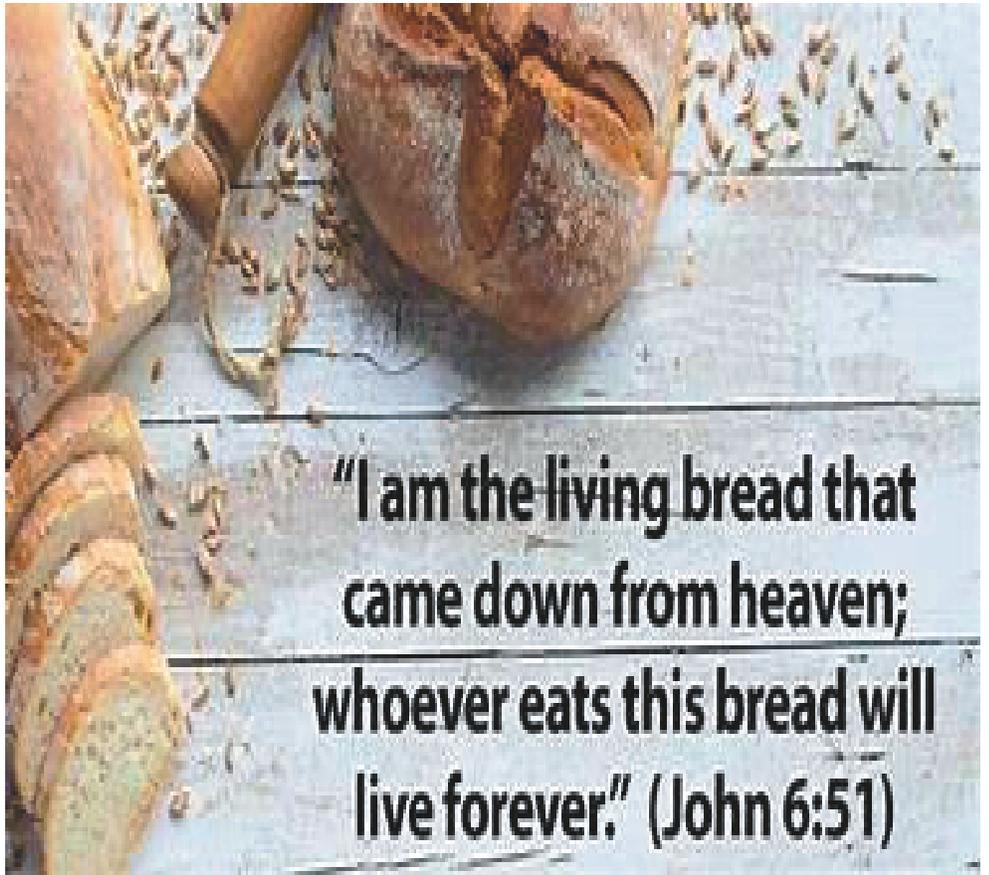
Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

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.



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” — Jn 6:48-50

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August 8

Saint DOMINIC



MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, August 9th

**8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist
and Sacred Heart Parishes and
Their Benefactors**

Tuesday, August 10th

8:30 am NO Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, August 11th

8:00 am ++ Jack & Ileen Schumacher

Thursday, August 12th

8:30 am NO Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, August 14th,

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm + Grace Hurley

Sunday, August 15th,

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Ed Madix

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



**Mildred "Millie" Frese
July 12, 1922 - August 1, 2021**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Millie Frese**, mother of parishioner Kathy Rakers, who was buried from our parish this past week. Millie has been a member of St. John's parish since moving to Clinton in 2015. After moving to Liberty Village, she was a regular attendee of our monthly Nursing Home Mass. Please keep Kathy & Mike Rakers and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

May she rest in God's loving peace.



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

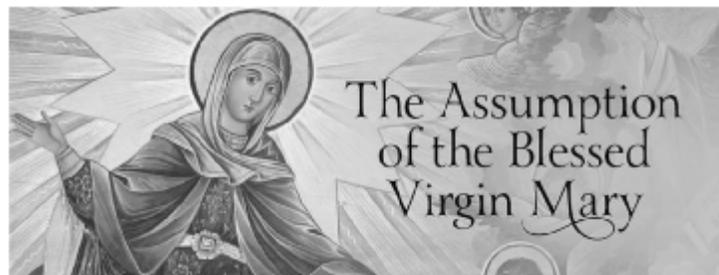
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,065.00
Loose	\$376.00
Total Collection.....	\$2,441.00

It's August! And our Annual Picnic/ Church Picnic Mass at Weldon Springs will be here soon. This will be a combined event with St. John's Clinton and Sacred Heart Farmer City to be held at Weldon Springs near the sledding hill on Sunday, August 29th. Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by the picnic. Sign Up sheets are now available in the back of Church so please sign up.



Eric Millburg has volunteered to transport the items needed for the Mass and picnic but he needs help. If you are able to help with loading and unloading, please contact Eric or Deacon Patrick and let them know.

Remember ... We need YOU to make this event a success!



Why Does the Feast of Mary Replace Typical Sunday Mass?

Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and saints listed in the General Calendar take precedence over some Sundays. Example: the Nativity of John the Baptist, because it "outranks" the Sundays of Ordinary time. This year it happens with August 15th (the Assumption). It happens again when Christmas, November 1st (All Saints), and January 1st, falls on a Sunday. That seems to make sense because they are holy days "of obligation."

Collection Counters this week are
Silvia Comfort and Paul Nothnagel.
Thank you for serving in this way.



Church Bell Rings Again

It's been a while since we've had a song scheduled to play on our Church Bell Carrillon. This Saturday, August 7th at 5:05pm, the carillon will play "Happy Birthday" in memory of Mary Jackson, donated by Francis Jackson. And last Saturday, July 31st, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" was played in memory of Steve and Jackie Smith's 68th wedding anniversary. You too can have the song of your choice played on a specific day and time for your special intention. The cost is only \$10 for a weekday and \$15 for a weekend. Just stop by or call the Parish Office during business hours. All money donated will go toward the maintenance of our church bell.

Reflection on John 6:41-51 ~

If you are an Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, there is an indescribable beauty witnessing transubstantiation reflected in the eyes and expressions of those receiving.

SAINTS OF AUSCHWITZ

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Virgin and Martyr Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel (Carmelite Order). Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in religion was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of fifty-one. In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on October 11, 1998. **Feast day is August 9**



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland. He was a Polish **Conventual Franciscan** friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, in 1911, he professed his first vows. St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim to severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on **August 14 (feast day)** and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary.

"You just don't get it, do you?"

Jesus doesn't deliver this line to his detractors in John 6:41-51, although I wouldn't blame him if he had. The group, referred to as "the Jews," wouldn't be the first people in the Gospel of John not to get it. In just the first six chapters, Jesus has shown remarkable patience with all kinds of people. One of the themes of John's Gospel is that Jesus is "from above," of the light, and that he bears a message of eternal significance. He has come down to our world, where there is darkness that has almost overcome the light and where we are focused on that which is physical and fleeting. The Prologue tells us that "He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him" (1:10-11). The theme of non-recognition and rejection is a thread that runs through the gospel of John. Those who recognize Jesus' divine identity and mission believe in him and have eternal life.

He could certainly have delivered this line several times in the course of his remarks to his detractors in 6:41-51.

Really? You think because you know my origins, you know who my dad was and where I came from, that this invalidates my claims? Didn't

you hear me say that "The Bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (6:33)? That you know where I grew up is the whole point. God has come into your here and now through me.



Jesus reiterates, "*I am the bread of life*" (v. 48; see also v. 35), and contrasts this bread with the manna eaten by the Israelites in the wilderness (v. 49). Jesus' emphasis here is that it is God who provides the bread of life.

"*Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died*" (v. 49). The manna sustained Israel for a while in the wilderness, but then they died. Because of their lack of faith, they died in the wilderness without ever seeing the Promised Land (Numbers 14:22-23).

"*This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die*" (v. 50). Jesus contrasts the bread that he offers, which leads to eternal life, with the bread of their ancestors, who died in the wilderness without having seen the Promised Land. The death that the Israelites experienced in the wilderness was physical death. Jesus promises that those who eat of the spiritual bread that he offers will never die.

"*Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh*" (v. 51c). This is sacrificial language—the gift of one's flesh is the greatest and most personal of all sacrifices. In this instance, Jesus makes his sacrifice in behalf of the world—not just Israel. His sacrifice is both voluntary and vicarious.

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