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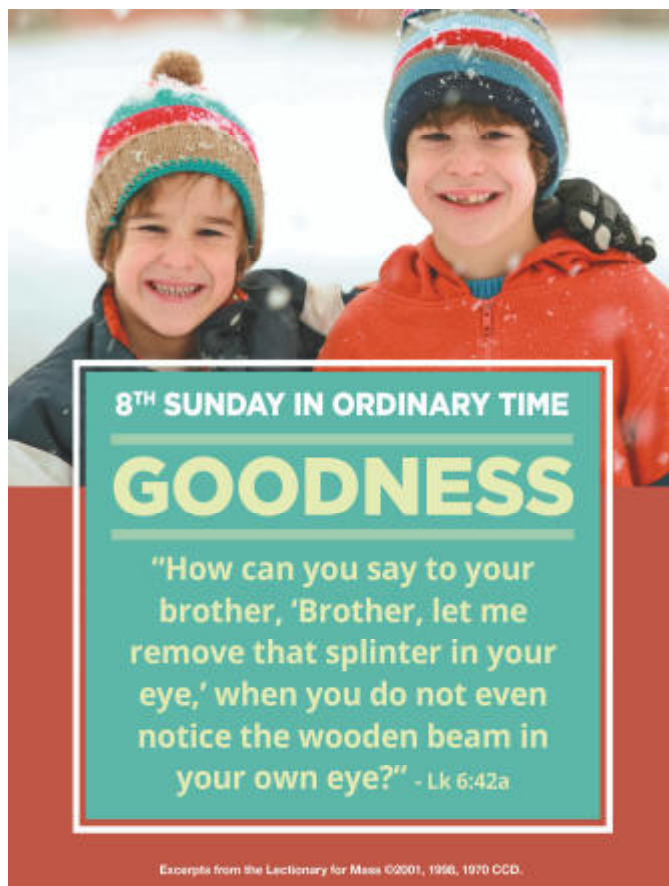
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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wednesday, March 6th @ 6 pm - Ray Schmedding

Friday, March 8th @ 8:30 am - Gabriel Delay

Sunday, March 10th @ 8:30 am - Lorraine Hamilton

Scheduled Masses:

All Saints:

Saturday @ 4 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am

St. Isidore the Farmer:

Saturday @ 6 pm

St. John the Baptist:

Sunday @ 8:30 am



Liturgical Ministers for March 10, 2019

- 8:30 am: Sacristan: Sue Schettler
EM: Diane Kimm, Andy Moeller, Shawn Lueth, Andrew Louwagie
Dave Klostermann, Merri Lueth, Alex Lueth, Ryan Lueth
Lectors: Lisa Thuerauf, Tom Wieseler
Servers: Lauren Ryan, Landon Stolte, Sabrina Bleile, Ryne Moeller
Greeters: Randy & Sandra Jaeger, Patty Lynch, Dave & Lesley Panos family



- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b] Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Encounter Lent

Join our parish community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. If you did not pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from Social Justice Commission this past Sunday, you may find them in the all entrances of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Weekly Contribution February 24, 2019

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Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, March 5th

6:30 pm - RCIA Session

Wednesday, March 6th

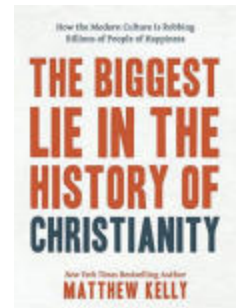
9 am - St. Anne's Circle
Following Ash Wednesday Mass - Soup Supper

Thursday, March 7th

6:30 pm - Liturgy Commission Mtg.

Sunday, March 10th

- 8:30 am - Preschool FF
9:30 am - K - 3rd grade FF
* Confirmation Session after Mass
* Book Read Discussion after Mass



As we continue to hold Eucharistic Adoration on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8 pm - 10 pm we plan to amp up this practice during the Lenten Season by offering it every Wednesday. You are welcome to come and pray even if you're not signed up, but we are in need of volunteers to commit to each half hour time slot. If you would like to volunteer please go to the following link: [Signup Genius for Eucharistic Adoration](http://www.signupgenius.com) - **OR** you can go to the **PARISH WEB SITE**: <http://www.stjohnmv.org> where you can find a link to the signup as well **OR** you can e-mail or call Sarah Covington to sign up for a time: blakesarahcovington@gmail.com or call 319-551-4243.

Knights of Columbus Club 5677 Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday March 8– April 19, 5 - 7:30 pm
Mt. Vernon Rd. SE & Hwy. 13 (behind Casey's).



Fish Fillet: Baked or Fried, catfish nuggets fried, baked and french fried potatoes, coleslaw, corn bread, fresh baked desserts, fountain pop and coffee, Children's menu: Mac & Cheese and grilled cheese sandwiches. Adults: \$12, children 5-12: \$5, 4 & Under: Free. 50/50 drawing each

Friday at 7:30 p.m. Call 319-247-2000.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the "why" of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The faith community of St. John the Baptist welcomes Oscar Jay Torkelson, son of Andrew and Katherine Torkelson who was baptized on February 24, 2019 by the Rev. John R. Flaherty. May Oscar Jay continue to grow in his faith life surrounded by the Christian example of his family and the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

He said to them, "**Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.**" And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "**Isn't this the son of Joseph?**" - Lk 4:21-22

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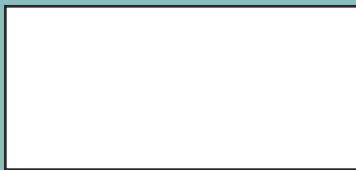
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