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MASSES Saturdays: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:30 am / 10:00 am / 11:45 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 am

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



welcome

Today, as we come to the end of the 'holidays,' we know many families still have guests who may have joined them for Mass today. If that description includes you, a special welcome to you!

We delight in having people come to be with us each Sunday. And we pray that you feel at home when you are here. If you have been here before, then please help us welcome other visitors.

Our parish is all about people coming together to support one another as we grow in faith, worshipping God as the core of our being. If you want to know more about this parish, please continue to check us out.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

For more information on preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, or First Eucharist, contact Hilary Lemon.

CONFIRMATION

For information about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Erin Nagy MARRIAGE

For Marriage preparation, contact Fr. Herb SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/SICK

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/1	10:00am	Lavern Swartz
Sun.	1/2	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Norbert Molyet Parish Parish
Mon	1/3	9:00am	Parish
Tues.	1/4	9:00am	Parish
Wed.	1/5	9:00am	Varga Family
Thurs.	1/6	9:00am	Parish
Sat.	1/8	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	1/9	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Parish Norbert Molyet Parish

PERSONAL THANKS

All of us on the staff at St. John XXIII are grateful for your generosity and kind words shown during the Christmas festivities. Thanks for cards, cookies and candy, and other gifts. Blessings to everyone in the year ahead.

THANK YOU

A huge <u>THANK YOU</u> to all those who contributed to our Giving Tree for the residents of Bethany House and to our Secret Santa gift collection for our own residents. Your generosity is just one sign of the beauty of your congregation. Blessings on your Christmas Season! ~The staff of St. Clare Commons.



This Week's Music

GATHERING SONG: Majesty in a Manger (Greg Sykes)

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Light of the World (Lauren Daigle)

> COMMUNION: Christmas Offering (Casting Crowns)

RECESSIONAL: All Creation Sing (Joy to the World) (Fee)

GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for the outpouring of sympathy upon the death of our father, Norbert Molyet. He left us quite the legacy of faith, generosity and sense of humor. Continue to pray for our dear mother who has a significant adjustment after 67 years of marriage. –Sr. Anne Mary and Sonya Molyet-Ruppel

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

We prayerfully remember the following: Norbert Molyet, father of Sr. Anne Mary and Sonya Ruppel; Garth Creps, husband of Karen; Jewel Pollauf, aunt of Colleen Barenbrugge and Connie Calmes; Roy Held, brother of Irene Brooks; Darlene Allen, wife of Neal; Warren 'Jay' Hays, father of Jim; Jim Dempsey, Jr, uncle of Katie Cornell; and Gerri Neiling, wife of Karl.

May these recently-deceased live forever in the love of the Risen Lord, and may their families find peace and comfort.

our community

Pastor's Note: ALL THINGS NEW...OR NOT

It's the beginning of the year. As we look at a new year unfolding before us, we can be sure of both change and sameness.

There will be ups and downs, for sure. And certainly there will be challenges, each of which may cause us to call upon God's help more and more.

But there will also be opportunities. One of the ways we truly thrive is to recognize opportunities and try to respond fully. This means not getting lost in the day-to-day rush but stepping back once in a while and observing what is going on.

Some opportunities come through successes and peak moments of joy. We discover new talents and skills, often way beyond what we thought we had. At other times, opportunities come from outside us in the circumstances of each day's activities. Opportunities may not always stay long, so we want to recognize the potential good and claim it as our own.

What we do know about the new year is that it consists of 365 days. Each day has twenty-four hours. So a year has 525,600 minutes. It's up to us to make each one count!

Frifel

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As our parish grows larger, we become more and more aware of how many parishioners face surgery, undergo treatment, and are sick because of other causes. Please keep one another in prayer.



SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering from the weekend of December 18-19 was \$33,890. Thank you. The report for Christmas and December 26 will be printed in next week's bulletin. In order to comply with the Bulletin company schedule in preparation for Christmas, we are going to press early each of the next couple of weeks. Thanks for being understanding.

GIVING DIRECTLY

It's very easy for parishioners to elect to give electronically, transmitting funds from their accounts to the church, using our ACH service. You control the amount and the time of the month for the transmission of funds. There are forms at the Connection Center desk that you can use. Please submit a completed form with a voided check, for routing purposes, to the parish office. Thank you.

DISHES, PLEASE

If you brought in food items for any recent funeral luncheon, please stop by the hallway next to the kitchen in the Parish Life Center to claim your dishes. Thank you.

EPIPHANY – LITTLE CHRISTMAS

(Traditionally, the Feast of the Epiphany has been celebrated on January 6, thus leading to the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." I

n the church we observe this important feast on the first Sunday after January 1. This year that is the very next day!)

I can recall as a child being told that the Feast of the Epiphany was known as "Little Christmas." In many countries around the world, this is the day of gift-giving, apparently in imitation of the gifts of the Magi to the child Jesus (Matthew 2:11).

The word 'Epiphany' means 'Manifestation." Simply put, the Magi represent the entire (foreign) world and the good news of the birth of Jesus and his redemption is meant to be spread to all people of all corners of the earth. This is a good day to pray for those who migrate and for all who are missionaries.

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SACAMENT PREPARATION

First Communion preparation begins at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 12. Both at least one parent and the student are required to attend all seven sessions. These sessions are done in the coaching style, meaning the parents take the lead on teaching the lesson with guidance from Hilary. There will also be two parent sessions with Fr. Herb. If you have questions please contact Hilary at 419-874-6502 or at hlemon@stjohn23.org.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a Confirmation meeting for both parent and student at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 23, in Roncalli Hall. This meeting will explain the process our parish uses for Confirmation preparation. There are Diocesan required assignments, Confirmation bootcamp, and a retreat that students will need to complete. Contact Erin if you have any questions. She can be reached at 419-87406502 or at enagy@stjohn23.org.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are, or you know of, a current High School Student, who is seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we would love to walk with you on this journey. Please contact Bobby by using the email: bmoren@stjohn23.org if you are interested or have questions.





'SYNODAL CHURCH' GATHERINGS.

You are invited to participate in any of the following prayer, discernment and discussion sessions to be held in our Diocese as part of the Preparatory Phase for the Pope's 'Synod on Synodality.'

(Note: if you are questioning this, 'synodality' is a concept that grew from Vatican II and helps look at the church in a more collaborative and de-centralized model. These sessions are a part of phase one, taking place throughout the world.-hw)

All gatherings will begin in the Church with reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and evening prayer, followed by dialogue and discussion.

- -January 13 at Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm -January 20 at St. John, Defiance 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm -January 27 at St. Joan of Arc, Toledo 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm
- -February 3 at St. Anthony, Milan
- 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm

-February 10 at St. Mary, Tiffin

2:00pm to no later than 4:30pm; and another session 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm

A gathering will be cancelled if there is a level 2 or 3 snow emergency in the county where the city, listed above, is located. If one or more of the above dates are cancelled, an alternate gathering will be held on February 17 from 6:30pm to no later than 9:00pm at St. Michael, Findlay.

Please register to assist us in making appropriate preparations for the gatherings at www.reconnecttoledo.org/synodality.



WANT MORE SPACE?

If you desire to have more distance between yourself and others as you attend Mass, we continue to block off every other pew in the two sections to the left and to the right of the alter platform. The chapel is also available for those seeking a bit more distance. Thank you.

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MID-WEEK MEDITATION

You can sign up to receive a weekly mid-week reflection from Fr. Herb.

These meditations arrive on your electronic device on Wednesday morning. The purpose is to help people tune in to some aspect of faith in the middle of the week while also learning to notice how God is at work on a daily basis.

You can receive this meditation (MWM) in your inbox by simply going to 23.church and signing up.

We're Back!

<u>56M & 78M</u>

No registration required. Contact Erin Nagy with questions. enagyestjohn23.org

56M meets Tuesdays from 7-8 PM 78M meets Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM



78M 1/6 - Jesus is one of a kind

1/13 - God made us unique

1/20 - We can serve in unique ways



56M 1/4 - Jesus is one of a

1/11 - God made us

1/18 - We can serve in

HSM Ministries Upcoming Events | 6pm-8pm | 9th-12th Grade Students

- 01/02: NO HSM | Mission Trip Registration Opens Today
- 01/09: HSM Game Night
- 01/16: HSM Topic Night: "You Are Distinct"
- 01/23: HSM Service Night

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01/30: HSM Topic Night: "We Are Church"



Questions? Contact Bobby | bmoren@stjohn23.org

OPEN FOR YOUR CHILDREN

We are very happy to announce that at ALL MASSES we have our nursery, which we call the Nest, open with child-care workers, for children age four and under. You do not need to pre-register, but you will sign in when you come. We provide this service to help parents with young children as they try to truly enjoy celebrating Mass.



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00PM
ALL PROCEEDS FUND THE HSM SUMMER MISSION TRIP

REGISTER ONLINE AT 23.CHURCH Questions? Contact bmoren@stjohn23.org

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Where are you on the continuum? There are some who have not yet returned to in-person Mass attendance but follow each Sunday on line with great fidelity. There are some who may or not follow us on line and may or may not show up in person.

In addition, there are those who may not read these words because they have slipped away from ACTIVE participation since COVID struck. Their hearts still long for the Word and Sacrament, but they are clouded from figuring out how to move forward.

And finally, there are those who have returned to weekly participation at Mass. Some have come back recently after family members have been vaccinated. Others returned as soon as they could last year.

The only thing we know is that as a parish community, we want everyone to MOVE FORWARD, supporting each other from wherever your starting point is.

The next few months we want to a) continue to do our best to keep people safe while in church; and b) encourage people to find creative and consistent ways to stay connected with their church. We believe that this is how we will get through what continues to be challenging times.

A LOOK AHEAD

It's good to have a long look to see all that is happening. Here is what is coming up in the next few weeks.

Jan 2	Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 2	HSM Summer Mission Trip
	Registration Opens
Jan 4	Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes
Jan 4	RCIA Resumes
Jan 4	56M
Jan 5	Blood Drive
Jan 6	78M
Jan 6	Together Women Rise
Jan 8-9	Family Disciple Group Box Pickup
Jan 9	Baptism of the Lord
Jan 9	Connection Point
Jan 9	HSM resumes
Jan 10	College Football Championship

Jan 10 St. V de P meeting Jan 10 Taking down Christmas decorations Jan 12 First Communion classes begin Jan 14 Parish Trivia Night Jan 15 Euchre Night Jan 17 K of C Meeting Jan 17 Bible Study Jan 18 Prayer for Christian Unity begins Jan 18 56M Jan 20 78M Jan 21 National Prayer for Life Jan 21 Date Night Jan 23 Confirmation meeting Jan 24 Book Discussion

upcoming events

SOULCARE

Join Julie Parkins to nourish body, mind and soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. Feel free to bring a chair and join us for a prayer only experience.

Where: St. John XXIII -Classroom 102 Time: 7:00-8:00 Dates: 1/17, 1/24,1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per class, for those who are able, with all proceeds will being donated to Heartbeat of Toledo. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat. Text Julie Parkins at 419-351-2338 for additional information.

St. John XXIII Blood Drive Sponsored by the Anights of Columbus Council 14502 The Saint John XXIII Knights of Columbus Is sponsoring our first blood drive of 2022. This will take place in Roncalli Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. The drive runs from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This drive features the return of our famous Chili Cook-off. All donors can sample any or all of multiple versions of chili, all created by members of the Knights of Columbus Council 14502. You can schedule your donation at 23.church, or contact Jerry Radwanski at 419-360-3747 or Jeff Van Sloun at 419-392-1999.

DATE NIGHT WITH FATHER NATE

Join us for an evening with your spouse to eat, relax, laugh, and learn together as Father Nathan Cromly shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. Through Scripture, he helps to make sense of the ordinary struggles we face and gives us tools to renew and re-energize our spirits through the celebration of marriage.

This event will be held at St. John XXIII Parish at 6:30 p.m., January 21, 2022. Register at https://tinyurl.com/5n9azb9v. For more information, please contact Susie Jagodzinski at 419-350-6357 or susiejag@gmail.com.



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American Blood

Services

Red Cross

JANUARY DATES

Every January there are some special dates to keep in mind.

From January 18 to January 25, we observe a week of prayer for Christian Unity.

On January 21, the anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision, the church has a National Day of Prayer for Life.

Of course, we are now in the year of Luke (Cycle C of our lectionary). So you will have during the days that follow the Baptism of the Lord (next week), we also are reminded to pray for Religious Vocations when we hear about the call of the apostles.

This year we have two full months (and a bit more) before Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Lent begin, a good time to really get into the flow of the Lucan account of Jesus' ministry. It's also a time to jump head-first into the programs and activities of the parish. Be sure to look at what is happening for you and your family.



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Connection Point is a casual and conversational environment where you can get to know Saint John XXIII, our programs, services, mission and message. This is also where you may take the next step and become a member of our parish.

Now taking reservations for January 9 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.



CONNECTION POINT NEXT WEEK!

People often ask how to sign up to become parishioners here at St. John XXIII. Your first step is to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Then we ask that you come to the next Connection Point. At that time you will have a chance to see how this parish functions and what its mission is. Only then, with an awareness of who we are, do we invite you to register if you choose.

If you want to be a member of St. John XXIII, we ask that you attend the next Connection Point, which will take place at 1:00 p.m., Sunday January 9, 2022. Go to 23.church to sign up to be with us at that time.

COME HANG WITH THE CLOTHESLINE!

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg offers a clothing ministry, the Clothesline, to those in need locally. Many St. John XXIII parishioners either volunteer at or benefit from the work they do. The Clothesline is presently in need of some volunteers to help on Friday mornings during shopping hours. If you have some time and want to have fun doing a valuable ministry, please contact Nan Myers for more information at nanmyers75@aol.com. Thanks!

THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

In the spirit of fun and pre-Christmas intrigue, we decided to build anticipation of the great ANNOUNCEMENT that was made at Sunday's Masses a few weeks ago. I hope that you were not disappointed when you heard the good news.

For our parish to be out of debt – TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY – within three years of a very major campus expansion of nearly eight and a half million dollars is a testimony to the entire parish. There were so many people involved, supportive, and GENEROUS in the process of raising so much money.

One of the aspects of our parish that I love is the vast expanse of people who have contributed. We did not rely on a small number of people to give in the name of all. Many persons stepped forward. Thank you.

Just so you know, the Parish Building Fund will continue. We will accept gifts and ongoing contributions, especially from those finishing their pledges. And the fund will be allowed to grow so we will have funds for repair, replacement, and refurbishing as needs arise.

You can watch the video again on our YouTube channel stjohn23pburg. Look for the video Weekend Announcements (December 12). - hw





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