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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

welcome

The holidays are over and most people have returned to their normal routines. Even with that, we also know that people continue to visit other churches and explore going to Mass with a different community.

So if you are here for the first time today, a very special welcome! If you are here because your New Year's resolution is to return to healthy on-going faith practices, welcome to you as well.

If you are looking to find a church to call your own, then please return and continue to check us out. Please don't hesitate to ask questions. And come back when you can!

Again, welcome!

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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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this week.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/8	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	1/9	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Parish Norbert Molyet Parish
Mon	1/10	9:00am	Parish
Tues.	1/11	9:00am	Parish
Wed.	1/12	9:00am	Parish
Thurs.	1/13	9:00am	Parish
Sat.	1/15	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	1/16	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	James Trybus John Buckenmyer Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As each day passes, 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.





our community

Pastor's Note: ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

Almost every adult knows the date of his or her own birthday. Often friends and family members observe the day with parties, cards, and notes. That Betty White did not quite live to her 100th birthday is now well known, but the party to observe that birth anniversary will apparently still take place next week. People want to celebrate.

Birthdays are important; it is good to remember them and celebrate the gift of life they represent. But there is another birth date that most people don't know or remember: the anniversary of their Baptism.

When engaged couples meet to prepare for their weddings, they are required to get certificates of their Baptisms. Often these are sent directly to me. I show them to each couple and then tell them the date of their Baptisms. Some write down those dates. Others try to figure out what drew their parents to having them Baptized at that time.

Baptism truly is a birth. Unless we start to take it to heart, we will probably fail to appreciate its value.

When we are Baptized, we truly are 'born again.' Through water and the Holy Spirit, we are given a new life, that we should treasure throughout our years.

All other sacraments flow (no pun intended) from the waters of Baptism. Several times, at weddings the bride (the groom, too) as they begin to walk down the aisle to the altar, have stopped at the Baptismal font to bless themselves before continuing the procession to the sacrament of Marriage.

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I am asking everyone to explore and learn more about their own Baptism. And parents, please help your kids value their dates of Baptism as well.

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT We want to thank everyone for t

We want to thank everyone for their on-going support of this parish. Our offering for Christmas 2021, so far, is \$60,044. For Sunday, December 26, it was \$17,108. And for Sunday. January 2, it was \$17,715. Thank you very much.

January is often a time to re-assess giving patterns, asking yourself what percentage of your income goes to the church and to charities. Take a few moments and consider this as we move ahead into a new year. Thank you.

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.



CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

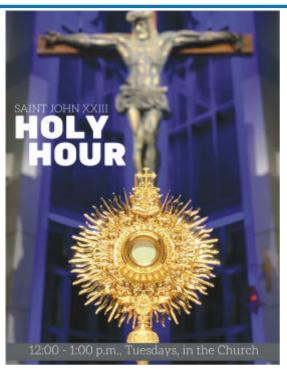
We prayerfully remember in prayer: Mariester Pavlica, wife of John Pavlica; and James Trybus, brother of Carole Trybus, who died at the end of December. May they come to eternal life, and may their families find peace.

faith & family

WANT TO BECOME A MASS SERVER?

We are excited that we are re-building our team of Mass servers after the last two years! Anyone in grade four and up who may be interested in becoming a server, we ask that you sign up at 23.church for one of the training sessions. After that you will be scheduled according to your family's schedule. Parents, we need your support and we require a parent signature for this ministry.

Training for new servers will be at the following times (attend one of them): 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5; 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 7. Allow 30-45 minutes for each session. Questions? Contact Fr. Herb.



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.



FAITH FORMATION AT ST. JOHN XXIII

(This is a brief summary of the faith formation process at St. John XXIII)

General Principles

We believe in lifelong learning that also includes the interaction of parishioners with other parishioners, whether these be with other families or with other groupings.

Disciple Groups

This is where 'large church becomes small.' Members of the parish join a group with others and meet at prescribed times, usually in someone's home. Some groups are very specific like Young Adult, Moms, or Men's groups. Most groups are a healthy mix of those who can make the commitment to meet with others, almost always focusing on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. Watch for more details in early January about how you can become part of a group if you are not already in one.

Family Disciple Groups

This is the basic faith formation process for families with children in elementary, middle and junior high school. Families are grouped with 2 or 3 other families with similar aged kids to journey together. Groups meet twice a month at times decided by the group, either at someone's home or at church. A monthly 'supply box' includes exciting materials for each gathering.

Sacrament Preparation

Building on the Family Disciple Groups, children have special sessions for First Holy Communion (beginning in January) and Confirmation. Details of upcoming gatherings are found elsewhere in this bulletin.

56M, 78M, and HSM

The Ministry for those in fifth and sixth grades (56M) and those in seventh and eighth grades (78M) take place throughout the year. Go to 23.church for a complete schedule.

High School Ministry (HSM) meets regularly on Sunday evenings. There are also special gatherings for retreats, mission trips, and other outreach opportunities.

Young Adults

23Young Adults is a community for those 20-30 somethings who wish to find fellowship and deepen their faith. All young adults are welcome: those that are single, married, married with kids, etc.

TIME TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our Nativity scene and other Christmas decorations are still in place this weekend, but we will be taking them down tomorrow, Monday, January 10, beginning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. You are welcome to join us.

Thank you to those who can come and are willing to share their time and energy to pack away the Christmas decorations.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

The time-line is as follows:

- ♦ June 19, 2022 Feast of Corpus Christi: Launch of the Eucharistic Revival
- June 19, 2022 June 11, 2023: Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival
- ♦ June 11, 2023 July 17, 2024: Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival
- ♦ July 17 21, 2024: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, Indiana
- ♦ July 17, 2024 Pentecost 2025: Year of Going Out on Mission

You can start now by going to the official website, for the National Eucharistic Revival, which is now live! Learn more about the story of the revival, watch a free course from Bishop Cozzens, and receive important updates about the revival over the coming months. Go to: EucharisticRevival.org.



56cM

All 5th and 6th graders welcome!

Tuesdays 7-8pm 1/11 - GOD MADE US UNIQUE

1/18 - WE CAN SERVE IN UNIQUE WAYS

78M

All 7th and 8th graders welcome!

Thursdays 7-8:30pm 1/13 - GOD MADE US UNIQUE

1/20 - WE CAN SERVE IN UNIQUE WAYS

Questions? Contact Erin Nagy

HSM Ministries

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

01/09: HSM Game Night

01/16: HSM Topic Night: "You Are Distinct"

01/23: HSM Service Night

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







Questions? Contact Bobby | bmoren@stjohn23.org

'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

6:30 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m.

-January 20 at St. John, Defiance

6:30 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m.

-January 27 at St. Joan of Arc, Toledo

6:30 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m.

-February 3 at St. Anthony, Milan

6:30 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m.

-February 10 at St. Mary, Tiffin

2:00 p.m. to no later than 4:30 p.m.

& 6:30 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m.

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.

END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Although many have taken down their own Christmas decorations or have turned out their outside lights, the church has continued the celebration of Christmas into today, ending with the Baptism of the Lord.

In some cultures, the observance of Christmas goes on until the fortieth day after the birth of the Lord, thus ending on February 2, which is also called Candlemas Day. Our church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord on that day.

The truth, of course, is that regardless of how many days we observe the Christmas season, we pray that the event of 'Emmanuel' – God with us – is not forgotten at any time of the year!

upcoming events

A LOOK AHEAD

Jan 24 Jan 29

Jan 30

Feb 3

Feb 5-6

Feb 14

Feb 21

Mar 2

Mar 6 Apr 17

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 8-9 Jan 9	Family Disciple Group Box Pickup Baptism of the Lord
Jan 9	Connection Point
Jan 9	Sunday morning Pre-School, Kindergarten resume
Jan 9	HSM resumes
Jan 10	St. V de P meeting
Jan 10	Finance Committee
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 23	Confirmation meeting

50^North to Wildwood Manor

Together Women Rise

(RCIA) Rite of Enrollment

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.

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.

50^NORTH JANUARY OUTING

Easter

Book Discussion

K of C Meeting

Ash Wednesday

Weddina

50^Northers, did you enjoy the Christmas decorations at Wildwood Manor House last month? Or haven't vou ever seen the house at all? Either way, you really haven't seen the REAL Manor House in all its year-round beauty! Here's your chance! All parishioners 50 and older are welcome to a 50^North private tour of the Stranahan estate at Wildwood Metropark. On January 30, vou will be able to tour the home with your own docent who will explain how the home came to be and the importance of the Stranahan family to the Toledo community. You won't want to miss this opportunity, so go to 23.church or the Connection Center to find more information and sign-up opportunities. Hurry, space is limited!





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.

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING

Even as our church opposes abortion, we also seek to help provide healing for those who have participated in an abortion at some time in their life.

Both men and women suffer greatly from post-abortion pain. But there is hope and a possibility of a new beginning. That is where 'Project Rachel' comes in. Confidential contact: HopeAfterAbortion.org or 888-456-4673. There is also a local contact person through the Toledo Diocese (419-244-6711).

Want to join our church? Start here.

connection point

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.



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 forwad.

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.

CONNECTION POINT TODAY!

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, 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.

SOME NECESSARY POSTPONEMENTS!

With a desire to keep everyone safe and avoid creating an occasion for spreading the COVID virus, the following two social gatherings have been postponed. We also want to help those who are likely to come have a worry-free gathering.

Please stay tuned for announcements regarding future dates for these events.

- Trivia Night, originally scheduled for January 14, will take place after Easter
- Date Night, led by Fr. Nate Cromley, will be re-scheduled when we know he can come

Thank you for your interest in both events. And thank you for being understanding!

the date of your own
BAPTISM?









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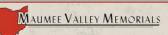
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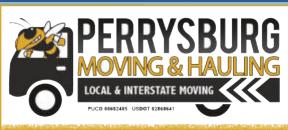






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