THE DISCIPLES a place for discipleship JANUARY 23, 2022

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

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

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 pm

MASSES

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3rd Jundar IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



welcome

Today we welcome all who are with us, including those who are celebrating this Mass on line. Welcome to all.

These are hard days for people to gather and we totally support both those who venture out carefully and those who conscientiously choose to stay home and be with us by way of the marvels of streaming. (Imagine how hard this would have been twenty years ago when Mass streaming was all but unheard of.)

Please be patient as we await the day we can gather totally and not fear infecting someone else around us. Until then, I want to invite each person to think of being part of a community, even if you are sitting alone, in church or at home. Again, welcome!

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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

Sick or reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, contact Fr. Herb.

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January 23, 2022

this week_

Sat.	1/22	5:00pm	Parish	
Sun.	1/23	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Rick Hartman Parish Helen Bihn	
Mon	1/24	10:00am	Burns Funeral	
Tues.	1/25	9:00am	Memorial Mass Cindy Getz	
Wed.	1/26	9:00am	Peter Rancatore	
Thurs.	1/27	9:00am	Parish	
Sat.	1/29	5:00pm	Parish	
Sun.	1/30	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Parish Ascencion Lopez Richard Lewis	

MASSES THIS WEEK

Because the funeral Mass for Lloyd Burns will take place on Monday, January 24, we will not have the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass that day. And the 9:00 Mass on Tuesday (the usual time) will be a Memorial Mass for Cindy Getz, whose funeral was out of town. We will follow that Mass with the usual Bible Study because Cindy was a regular member of that group, even when she had to join us by way of Zoom.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

We prayerfully remember in prayer: John Ball, the father of Greg Ball; parishioner Gerald Mockensturm; and Lloyd Burns, the husband of Angie. May these loved ones be brought into eternal life, and may their families find comfort.



This Week's Music

GATHERING SONG: As One (Jacob & Matthew Band)

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Many and One (Steve Angrisano)

COMMUNION: We Come to You (Josh Blakesley)

RECESSIONAL: Send Me Out (Fee)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY

One of the important documents of the Second Vatican Council was the decree on Ecumenism. This document calls all Christian churches to seek unity with each other.

When I was growing up, we were cautioned about interacting with people of other denominations. (I suspect some Protestants were told the same thing about being with Catholics.)

With the Council, we took a fresh look at this situation and realized that it is imperative that we seek ways to find unity with others who also believe and follow Jesus. We do this by joint study, prayer and service. Working with others (as with the PCU), learning about others' beliefs, and finding time to pray together - these are necessary steps.

Our annual Week of Prayer of Christian Unity concludes this Tuesday with the 'Conversion of St. Paul,' but we can continue to pray for church unity throughout the year.

our community

Pastor's Note: LAST WEEK

It certainly was not my intention to catch people off guard or to shock anyone with my announcement last week. But I did want to let everyone know the news.

Re-Cap: I will be retiring on June 30, 2022. For us priests, we call it *Senior Status* because no one really retires from priesthood. The retirement is from pastoring at this wonderful parish. I am very confident that this is the right decision and the right time even though it is going to be challenging for both you and me.

I have been a priest nearly 48 years and have been pastor here since the beginning of this parish almost seventeen years ago. My birthday is in December, and this year I will turn 75. Although age itself is not the determining factor, there are two considerations that have pointed me towards this decision.

The first consideration is that I am no longer as sharp mentally and physically as I have been and want to be in order to be a good pastor. You may not have noticed it, but I certainly have.

Secondly, I feel the parish needs the creative energies that can come from a different pastor. My way of having done things is not the only way, and I am fully aware that I have overlooked some good possibilities of parish growth and enrichment.

Please let me make it very clear that I am the one who initiated this retirement process at this time...although at 75 we are required to address the question. According to our policy, I could have retired as many as eight years ago, but I knew it wasn't the right time until now.

I truly don't want to make light of this transition. For me, it will probably be hard leaving and even harder adjusting to a new way of living. For the parish, I can only imagine the need for much patience, support of the new pastor, and a generous openness to the work of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to talk about this transition in the days ahead. At the same time, I am still with you for more than five months and intend to be a full pastor throughout that time.

(Please read the item called "Pastoral Change" to see the answer to some basic questions.)

Fr Hel

PASTORAL CHANGE

(Please read my "Pastor's Note" for this week before you read the following. – hw)

Questions that are coming up: Question One: Do I know who will follow me? <u>Answer</u>: No, the process for succession has just started. Those priests of the Toledo Diocese interested in applying can apply to our Personnel Board (which is made up of elected priests who advise the Bishop)

Question Two: Do I have input in selecting the next pastor?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes, both directly and indirectly. We have a parish profile available so priests who may be interested can see what we do at this parish. The Bishop has also asked me for names of potential successors, and I have gladly given him the names of fine priests who may be available.

Question Three: Will I be staying around the area? <u>Answer</u>: Although I am still finalizing a place to live, I intend to be in this general area although perhaps not in Perrysburg itself. (I don't want to be looking over the shoulder of my successor.)

Question Four: What will I be doing?

<u>Answer</u>: Like all priests, I will be happy to help out at various parishes when the pastor is out of town. I also have some writing I plan to do and a desire to work with Catholic Relief Services as one of their ambassadors. Of course, I intend to travel and enjoy nature as much as possible. And I am sure that I want to take time to sit down and have coffee with friends on an on-going basis.



SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering for last week was \$40,944. Thank you very much.

We are in the first month of a new year. May I ask people to use this as a time to re-assess their giving patterns? I find the beginning of the calendar year to be a good time to look at what I give to the church and other charities and match it against my income. Then comes the hard question: am I giving out of surplus or from what I want to give, off the top, before paying other bills? Try this and see where it takes you. Thanks.

faith & family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

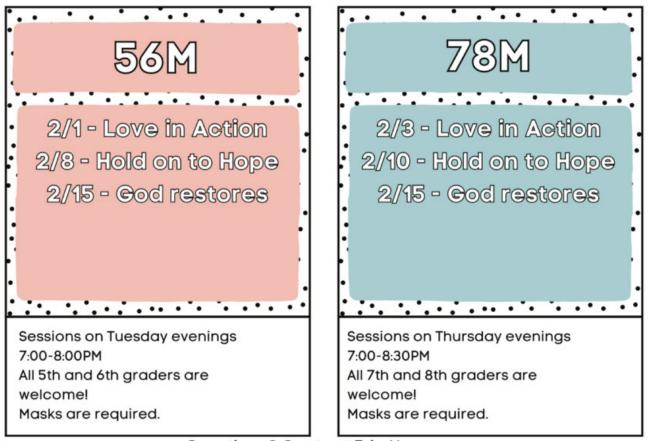
As our parish grows larger, we become more and more aware of how many parishioners face surgery, undergo treatment, and are sick because of other causes. Please keep one another in prayer.

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; or 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 7. Allow 30-45 minutes for each session. Questions? Contact Fr. Herb.





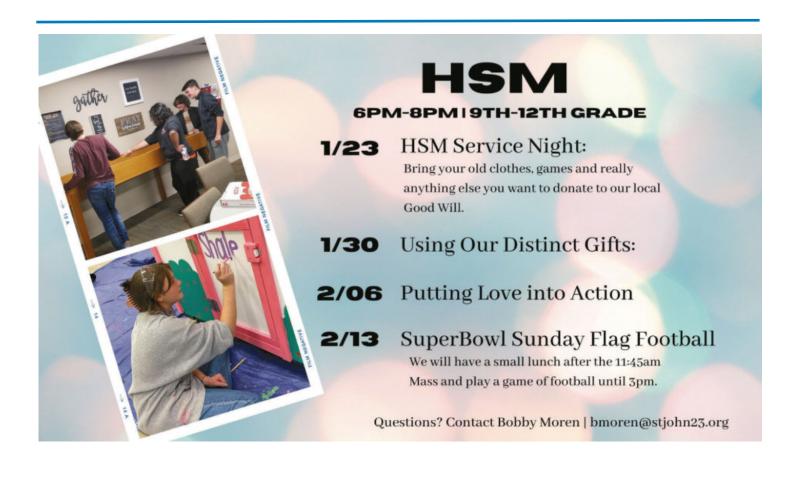
Questions? Contact Erin Nagy

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 in-box by simply going to 23.church and signing up.



'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. A couple of sessions have already taken place. Here are the remaining sessions:

-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 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.

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.



Sunday, January 23 at 1:00pm

Confirmation Meeting

For current 8th graders and their parents Please register for Confirmation before attending the meeting via 23.Church

Questions? Contact Erin Nagy

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7

upcoming events

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 23	Confirmation meeting	Feb 5-6	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Jan 22-23	Coffee Sales	Feb 7	Server Training
Jan 24	Book Discussion	Feb 9	First Communion Class
Jan 25	RCIA	Feb 14	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Jan 26	First Communion Class	Feb 16	First Communion Class
Jan 27	Synodality gathering	Feb 21	K of C Meeting
Jan 27	Pastoral Council	Feb 23	First Communion Class – Parent
Jan 29	Wedding	Feb 26	Wedding
Jan 31	Bible Study	Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
Feb 1	RCIA	Mar 6	(RCIA) Rite of Enrollment
Feb 2	First Communion Class – Parent Session	Mar 13	Connection Point
Feb 3	Together Women Rise	Apr 17	Easter
Feb 5	Server Training	May 1	First Holy Communion

CONNECTION POINT!

50^NORTH JANUARY OUTING

50^Northers, did you enjoy the Christmas decorations at Wildwood Manor House last month? Or haven't you 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 Sunday, January 30, you 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!

If you have not yet been able to attend one of our Connection Point sessions, plan to come to the next one at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 13.

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.

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 March 13 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.



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. Go to 23.church to sign up to be with us at that time.

Parent Session

January 23, $202\overline{2}$

FAMILY DISCIPLEGROUPS









BOX PICK-UP

AFTER MASSES IN RONCALLI HALL QUESTIONS? CONTACT ERIN OR HILARY ENAGY@STJOHN23.ORG OR HLEMON@STJOHN23.ORG





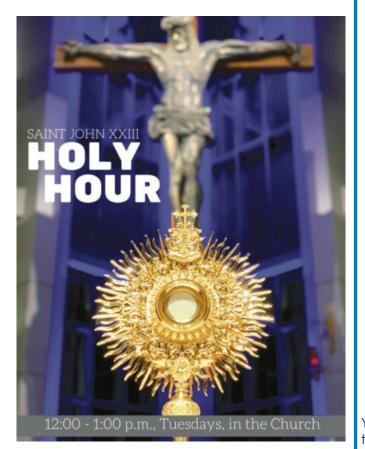
PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Zachary Powers and Katelyn Skoczyn, who will be married here on Saturday, January 29. May God give them many years of love, joy, and grace!

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

We welcome these new parishioners who have recently been Baptized: Mateo Tomas Cousino, son of Neal and Andrea; Aiden Lee Albright, son of Chad and Victoria; and Shelby Grace Urbaniak, daughter of Barton and Cheryl. May these children grow in God's love and may their families continue to marvel at the gift of new life!

this is us



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a threeyear 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-alifetime 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! Go to: <u>EucharisticRevival.org</u>.

THE EUCHARIST - WHAT IS 'EPICLESIS'?

(This is the second installment of an occasional series about the Eucharist. – hw) I've been thinking about the power of the Eucharist and how children, receiving First Holy Communion, often notice things that adults overlook.

In a childlike way, kids will say something about the bread becoming Jesus. They may think that the 'priest' somehow does this - a notion that adults don't believe but can't explain in a better way. My response is to help people think of what is going on at the altar. Simply put, it's the Father's work that is taking place. The priest is simply the instrument.

Before the words of consecration, which people may or may not focus on, there is what is called in Greek, the *epiclesis*. If you watch the priest, you will see that he puts his hands over the elements of bread and wine, palm-down over these human gifts, and says words asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit. The words are powerful:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us

the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eucharistic Prayer II)

In other words, we ask our heavenly Father to send the Spirit to transform these simple elements. In other words, the priest is asking for this transformation for all of us. Those moments should make us very aware of being in the presence of something so holy and overwhelming!

What kind of transformation will take place? That's coming next week. Fr. H



