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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

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 pm

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4th Sunday, IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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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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.

RCIA

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this week_

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat.	1/29	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	1/30	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Parish Ascencion Lopez Richard Lewis
Mon	1/31	9:00am	Parish
Tues.	2/1	9:00am	Gerri Neiling
Wed.	2/2	9:00am	Parish
Thurs.	2/3	9:00am	Parish
Sat.	2/5	5:00pm	Georgia Pertner
Sun.	2/6	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Parish Malcolm Coffman Parish

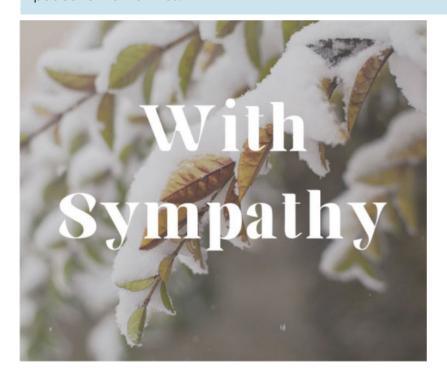
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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.



CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

We prayerfully remember in prayer: Jeffrey Hay, son-in-law of Bernie and Jean Scott; and Georgia Pertner, grandmother of Amanda Monnett. We pray for these deceased and ask that God will bring comfort and peace to their families.



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.

our community

Pastor's Note: HALF-WAY MARK

(This is a reprint from the January 31, 2021 bulletin.)
Wednesday of this week people will observe
Ground Hog Day. The church has the feast of Candlemas Day, also known as the Presentation of the
Lord. Amazingly, these observances are connected. And, to add to the intrigue, February 2 also

marks a half-way mark to spring.

Let me explain. According to the Book of Leviticus, a first-born male is presented in the temple on the fortieth day. (Because the child 'belongs' to God, the parents present that child while also 'buying back' the child with a simple sacrifice.) So this Tuesday we celebrate the presentation, which also marks the completion of the purification that would take place after a woman gives birth. The Gospel reading for Tuesday is Luke 2:22-40. In some cultures, this is the actual end of the Christmas season!

Over the centuries this day became noted as Candlemas Day (Candle Mass Day) and candles were blessed for people to use in their homes. I know my mother always had blessed candles to light when there was a storm and the power was out. A candle, of course, recalls that Jesus is the light of the world, which we observed on Christmas. An old English poem developed that went something like this:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright Winter will have another fight. If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, Winter will not come again.

One can easily see how this little rhyme reminds us of what we have learned about Ground Hog Day. This small animal is a reminder of those more ferocious animals that hibernate during winter and become restless at this time of year. The fact that it is the very mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox (about forty days each way) tells us that that a forecast of six more weeks of winter always seems safe to say!

Finally, remember the blessing with candles that is normally used on the feast of St. Blase, February 3. According to tradition, Blase blessed the person who had a fishbone caught in his throat with candles left from the previous day. We can still pray over people with this blessing, and it is not confined to February 3.

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SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering for last week was \$17,299. Thank you very much.

Jesus made a point of praising the widow who gave generously (Luke 21:1-4) even though it was less than others who gave from their surplus. It's not always so important how much we give but how generous we are with what we have received. Thank you.

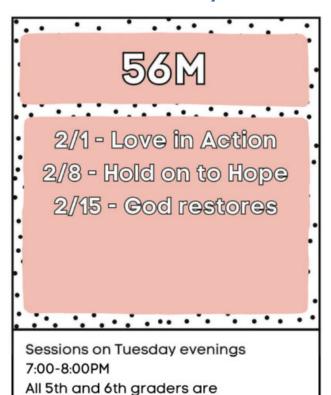


CHECKS IN THE MAIL

We want to extend a word of appreciation to all who continue to support this parish even when not able to attend in person. Your many checks that come in the mail, the ones you drop off during the week, the on-line givers, the ACH commitments that people make – all these plus the offerings at Mass itself, really tell us that you are still actively engaged in this parish even when we can't see you.

Hopefully, in the very near future, our attendance will grow again as the latest coronavirus surge subsides and more people choose to be vaccinated. - hw

faith & family



2/3 - Love in Action 2/10 - Hold on to Hope 2/15 - Cod restores Sessions on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30PM All 7th and 8th graders are

Questions? Contact Erin Nagy

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LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This is the year when we will have special prayer/training sessions for all lectors and Eucharistic Ministers – full attendance at a training session will be expected. Then on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, May 29, we will install all Lectors.

Eucharistic Ministers will be installed, both new and renewed ones, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19. Dates for these important training sessions will be announced in upcoming months.





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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.

Lent 2022

See what God can do with your one simple "yes".







The Season of Lent offers us the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in the Scriptures and to share with others in a community setting. These DiscipleGroup are havens where parishioners listen to the message of Jesus and apply the Word to their joys and struggles in life. Conversion happens when such encounters transform darkness into light.

See what God can do with your one simple "yes".

Choice #1 Join a new DiscipleGroup in the atrium on Wednesday evenings, March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13 Sr. Anne Mary will host and facilitate.

Choice #2 Participate in an existing DiscipleGroup that meet in parishioners' homes on a day/time that is convenient for you.

Choice #3 Gather some relatives and/or friends and form a DiscipleGroup that meets during Lent.

Contact Sr. Anne Mary: ammolyet@stjohn23.org

Learn more at 23.church





REAL PRESENCE: FORM AND SUBSTANCE

(This is the third in a series about the Eucharist. Please go back to read previous installments from past bulletins. Fr. Herb)

In the Catholic Church we use the term 'Real Presence' when we try to describe our belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist as more than mere symbolic. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that the Lord is present in the church in many ways (cf. first part of this series two weeks ago). It goes on to include:

"In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." (paragraph 1374)

The passage goes on to emphasize the use of the word 'substantially' – as in substance – to help understand what is meant by REAL presence.

Substance, using a philosophical explanation, is what something truly is. Substance means what it is in essence and not merely in what it appears to be in form.

Thus, the externals and even the chemical make-up of bread and wine, remain the same. But the substance – that which it is – becomes something more. In the Eucharist, the bread still looks like bread and tastes like bread just as the wine maintains its own characteristics. But their substance is transformed!

It would be a mistake, at the other end of the spectrum, to think of the real presence as a corporeal presence. No, one does not find bones or fleshy aspects of Christ in breaking the bread. The form of bread remains while it becomes something more, the body of Christ himself, a belief held since the very beginning of the church. –hw

GRACEFUL LIVING

Many of you will have received in the mail the quarterly magazine called "Graceful Living" that comes from our Diocese. It is well written and features various aspects of our diocesan ministry. If you failed to get a copy, there are some available at the Connection desk. Please take one.

DISHES, GLASSES, AND OTHER ITEMS

Please take a moment to pick up any serving dishes left here after recent funeral lunches. These items can be found in the short hallway near the kitchen in the Parish Life Center. Also if you have left items in church (gloves, keys, glasses, coats), we have a Lost and Found at the desk in the Connection Center.



upcoming events

50^NORTH POTLUCK

Save the date for the next 50^North Potluck. We will meet Friday, February 11 in Roncalli hall. More details at 23.church.

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 31	Bible Study
Feb 1	RCIA
Feb 1	56M

Feb 2 First Communion Class –

Parent Session

Feb 3 78M

Feb 3 Together Women Rise

Feb 5 Server Training
Feb 5-6 St. Vincent de Paul

Collection

Feb 6 HSM Flag Football Feb 7 Book Discussion Feb 7 Server Training

Feb 8 56M

Feb 9 First Communion Class

Feb 10 50^North Potluck

Feb 10 78M

Feb 10 YA Axe Throwing Feb 11 50^North Potluck Feb 12-13 Coffee Sales

Feb 14 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Feb 16 First Communion Class

Feb 21 K of C Meeting

Feb 23 First Communion Class –

Parent Session

Feb 26 Wedding

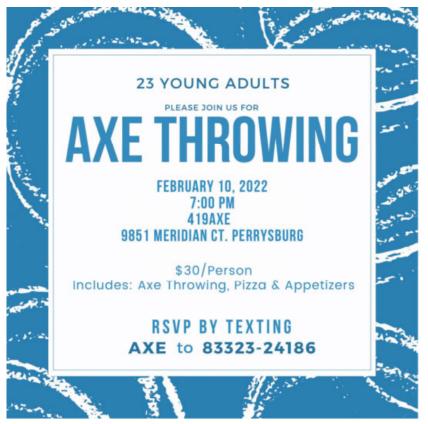
Feb 26-27 ACA Commitment Mar 2 Ash Wednesday Mar 5-6 Food Drive

Mar 6 (RCIA) Rite of Enrollment

Mar 1-13 Coffee Sales
Mar 13 Connection Point

Apr 17 Easter

May 1 First Holy Communion



CONNECTION POINT!

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. 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.

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

We welcome these new parishioners who have recently been Baptized: Thea Calkins, daughter of Jared and Samantha; and Bailey Gardner, daughter of Brooks and Laura. May these children grow in God's love and may their families continue to marvel at the gift of new life!



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 preregister, 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.

FAMILY DISCIPLEGROUPS









TODAY IS

BOX PICK-UP

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



2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like your 2021 contribution statement (church giving and capital campaign payments) for your income tax needs, please call the church office at 419-874-6502, or email Tina at tcarella@stjohn23.org to ask that they be sent to you. Thank you!



MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

For about fifteen years members of this parish have been participating in a Parish Mission Trip to San Lucas, Guatemala. Usually we go at about this time of year - late January or early February. Over the years we have had dozens of parishioners attend. It has become a powerful once-in-a-lifetime experience for many.

As you may guess, we have been unable to go the last couple of years.

I find myself very thankful for the experiences that I have had traveling with members of this parish. And I also rejoice in having come to know a number of the residents of San Lucas as we helped in the construction of houses, built stoves in people's homes, picked coffee, worked in the vegetable fields, painted buildings, and just plain immersed ourselves in the lives of the people. A great joy for me has been celebrating Mass each time at San Andres, a small mountain community of people who had lost their homes during a hurricane some years ago.

It was after our first mission trip that some of those who went decided to sell coffee here so that money raised could help the local coffee farmers. These are small, very small, family farms where coffee-growing is their primary income. It's a success story that allows these families to have their own farms and not just work for the big plantation owners.

It is not clear right now when another trip may be organized to San Lucas, but we are not forgetting about this wonderful tradition that we have started.









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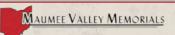
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