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June 19, 2022

<u>this week</u>

WELCOME

Summer is here and we know that many people travel on weekends. If your travels have brought you here for this Mass, a special welcome!

Our goal is not to just help people have a good Sunday experience, but to let our Sunday worship direct us throughout the week. We seek to help make disciples of all.

If you are looking for a church to call your own, we invite you to continue to join us and experience a full Sunday Mass celebration. We have saved a seat for you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat.	6/18	5:00pm	Patricia Katafias
Sun.	6/19	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Norbert Molyet Parish Jim Reichert
Mon	6/20	9:00am	Doris Beck
Sat.	6/25	5:00pm	David Nirschl
Sun.	6/26	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	James Woznicki Parish Parish

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Please note that because of the Priests Convocation, there will not be Mass at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week. There will be the usual Monday morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. The regular schedule will resume the following week. This Week's Music

GATHERING SONG: A Place At Your Table (Ben Walther)

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: There Will Be Bread (Sarah Hart)

COMMUNION: Do This In Memory of Me (Chris Muglia)

RECESSIONAL: Amen, Let It Be Done (Curtis Stephan)

CORPUS CHRISTI

When I was a child, our parish took advantage of the Feast day of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) to have a Sunday afternoon service that included an outdoor procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. While that highlighted a deep devotion to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, it only makes sense when we also appreciate the reception of Christ in the Eucharist at Mass.

In recent years there has been a renewed emphasis on Eucharistic adoration. That is certainly good. At the same time, however, people sometimes forget about the overwhelming beauty and power of the celebration of Mass. In other words, our REAL devotion is a call to be fully present to the Eucharistic celebration (Mass) as it takes place. That the Lord is with us should draw all people to Mass.

On a personal note, I have been disappointed that some people have not yet returned to their regu-



lar, active participation at Mass since COVID. Watching Mass online is really meant for those who simply cannot come.

We will continue to stream Mass as we have done for ten years. But, if this applies to you, do not let that be a 'just-as-good' substitute for attending and participating in person! - hw

our community

Pastor's Note: PRIESTS GATHER THIS WEEK

For nearly forty years, the priests of our Diocese have gathered every two years with the Bishop for a three-day Summer Convocation. That will take place this week, beginning Monday afternoon and concluding at noon on Thursday. (Don't worry, I will be back by Thursday evening to be present for the Farewell Reception.)

Like many scheduled events, the Convocation did not take place two years ago because of COVID. So this is the first time we are able to gather in this way for four years. In addition to a chance for comradery, these days will be basically a spiritual retreat and time for renewal.

Priests are often alone in parishes. For some, this is an extreme hardship. It is easy to feel isolated or apart from others who understand and appreciate the life and ministry of priesthood. We need to reconnect and remember our shared priestly brotherhood.

I always go to these events because I enjoy being with other priests. There is much goodness to be found there. And I want to be supportive of others. At this stage of my life, I feel I have much to give and share.

For a lot of priests, their ministry is getting harder each year. With fewer priests – right now there are still a couple of parishes without pastors – those who can are being asked to take on more responsibilities. And people's expectations are very high.

Please pray for us during this week.

Fr Hel



SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering from last weekend, June 11-12, was \$19,309. Thank you.

We call it 'Sacrificial' commitment because our giving to support the church should involve some level of sacrifice that requires us to look at our values. Again, thanks.

HABITAT FINANCES UPDATE

We continue to accept your donations for the Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity – St. John XXIII house that we are building this summer. Thank you to those who have already contributed. You can give online (go to 23.church and hit 'Give') or you can use the gift card and envelope mailed to you (there are also some available at the Connection Center desk). Thank you.

Habitat House Goal	\$75,000
Contributions to date	31,860
Percentage of Goal	42%
Total Number of Donors	159

ANNUAL RETREAT

Sister Anne Mary is on a 10-day silent retreat June 12-22, 2022. She will be at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat Center, Sedalia, CO. Please keep her in your prayers.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

I love the blessing for Fathers (that follows the blessing for Mothers) at the end of the Baptism ceremony. It says basically that dads, along with their wives, will be the FIRST teachers of faith to their children; may they be also the BEST teachers of their faith.

We expect a lot of fathers, and we simply can't overstate the significance of their role in the family gathering.

So, Dads, congratulations on accepting this, your wonderful vocation. And be assured of the prayers of this parish to support you in what you do. - hw

Happy Father's Day!

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WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism these newest members of our parish: Olivia Anne Roy, daughter of Brian and Sara; and Sophie Leeann Rublaitus, daughter of Kyle and Allison. May these children grow in God's love and grace!

PARISHES IN TRANSITION

As a parish that is seeing its first transition of pastors in its history, we can easily forget to think about and pray for other parishes who are also in transition. Please keep them in prayer...as well as the priests who are moving!

GRACEFUL LIVING

The latest issue of the Graceful Living magazine from our Diocese will be in parishioners' (registered, 55+) homes in the next two weeks. In addition we will have copies available here at church for you to pick up. Graceful Living is paid for with advertising revenue and, due to the rising cost of postage and paper, a small portion from the Communication Campaign Fund (the once-ayear collection designated for communication evangelization).



CONNECTION POINT

The next Connection Point will take place on August 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Plan to be with us if you want to join this parish.

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.

WITH PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We remember in prayer parishioner Paul Koester; and Carter Neiling, the grandson of Karl Neiling. May these loved ones be brought into eternal life and may their families find comfort.







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 August 21

LOOKING BACK AT 48 YEARS - Part III

I have no doubt that I have changed in the last forty-eight years. What is interesting is that there have been other changes as well. Not only has parish ministry evolved tremendously, but the church itself is different now from my first years. I have broken the last forty-eight years into four periods of time. – Fr. H

First Post-Council Years

I was ordained in 1974. Although the Second Vatican Council had ended in December of 1965, many of the ways the church looked at itself were just taking root during those first years of my priesthood.

Many people know that the Council updated our celebrations of Sunday Mass. But there was so much more: with a new look at Baptism we re-discovered the significant role of the laity in the church. We started interacting with other Christians and non-Christians outside our own parishes. We saw the role of the 'church in the modern world' – a phrase used by the Council - as we reached out to society. And so much more.

I was right out of the seminary where we had discussed what the church could and should be. Fortunately, I was supported by pastors who allowed me to put into action the theory I had learned. Sometimes we were successful as we helped people experience their faith. At other times we were extremely idealistic and even naïve.

The Evangelizing Church

The next decade or more of my priesthood was filled with a notion that we could do the impossible. Lay ministry training, retreats and renewal programs, new liturgical music, and programs of all kinds produced some of the most exciting days. When fellow priest James Hoffman became the Bishop of our Diocese, his vision of church was contagious and his willingness to take risks to build church for the future gave me more hope than I can express.

At the same time, I became pastor after ten years being a priest. I quickly discovered that as pastor my job was to help share a vision with the people of the parish. I often said I didn't create the vision but held it and needed to help members of the parish make it their own.



A Struggling Church

The year 2002 was extremely hard for everyone in the Catholic Church in this country, but especially for priests. That year started off with the Boston Globe expose on abusive priests whose behavior had caused harm to many young people in every part of his nation. What made it even worse was that some people became suspicious of **all** priests.

I felt very fortunate that I had already been at the same parish (St. Peter's, Mansfield) for about eight years and discovered that people trusted me. Even more, there were many who found wonderful ways to reach out and show support to us priests at that difficult time. (Sadly, those who suffered from the abuse were not always treated with respect...although some were given ways of healing.)

I recall spending countless hours with families who had sons abused when they were school children. We talked and talked. I found that I was called to stand up for those who were hurt even as I also worked to find ways to make the church a safe haven for families and children. **(Continued next page)**

LOOKING BACK AT 48 YEARS - Part III continued...

Today's Church

Not totally because of the abuse crisis, although that was part of it, the church seems to have withdrawn into itself and away from the prophetic positions it took some twenty to thirty years ago. Now some of the priests seem to be more clerical than before. I see more emphasis on external pietism among priests and laity. And sadly, parishes are sometimes bland and disconnected from people.

I don't mean to be critical of what is going on so much as to comment that the vision of St. John XXIII Parish has always been about preserving and living the message of the Second Vatican Council. And as I read about our patron, Pope John XXIII, I find that he genuinely trusted in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide the church.

I don't know where the church will go in the next ten to twenty years, but I am convinced that the vision of the church in the modern world is always about bringing hope to people. We are called to live in the light and share that light with others.



A TWO-PART CELEBRATION

As Father Herb retires from this parish after 17 years and accepts 'Senior Status,' we have two parts to our farewell. You may attend one or both. On Thursday evening, we will have dessert in Roncalli Hall with a program for the occasion. Then on Sunday, after the 11:45 Mass, there will be a big-tent event on the lawn for a parish picnic. Please go to 23.church, to let us know if you are planning to attend. While there, you can also sign up to assist in set-up and clean-up. Thank you.

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upcoming events



You're invited to a reflection garden dedication.

Please join us for a special ceremony to honor Sister Diana Lynn Eckel, OSF, and Sister Joy Barker, OSF, for their spiritual guidance and commitment to the mission in serving the residents and employees of St. Clare Commons.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 | 1:30 – 3 p.m. St. Clare Commons 12469 Five Point Road | Perrysburg, Ohio

Reception to immediately follow.

If attending, RSVP by Friday, June 17 to 419.931.0050.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

This is a final reminder that you can celebrate with the Oblates of St. Francis DeSales and the Order of Visitation Sisters as they observe the Double Jubilee Anniversary of St. Francis DeSales and St. Jane DeChantal on June 19. All are invited to attend to join at Mass at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Gesu Church, Parkside, Toledo. A reception will follow.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED AT MERCY ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER

Mercy St. Vincent is looking for compassionate and caring individuals interested in being Eucharistic Ministers. Some of the requirements are: COVID and Flu vaccinations, must be masked during patient encounters, have the ability to walk from room to room and unit to unit, endorsement by the Diocese of Toledo to serve as a Eucharistic Minister.

Volunteers can serve on a regular basis and specific day each week or on specific dates as needed. If you are interested, please contact Robin in our Volunteer Services office at 419-251-4545 or Robin_Couch@mercy.com. We hope you consider this opportunity to join us!





56M

All incoming 5th and 6th graders are welcome! No registration required.

July 19 | 6:30-7:30 PM Water Wars

August 9 | 6:30-7:30 PM Outdoor Party **78M** All incoming 7th and 8th

graders are welcome! No registration required.

July 28 | 6:30-7:30 PM Water Wars

August 4 | 6:30-7:30 PM Scavenger Hunt

Questions? Contact Erin at enagy@stjohn23.org

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