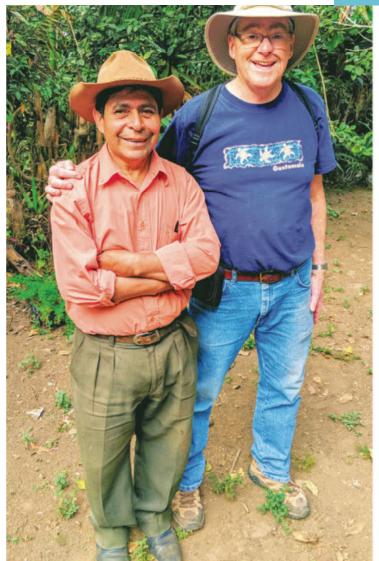
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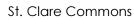
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<u>this week_</u>

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.	6/25	5:00pm	David Nirschl
Sun.	6/26	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	James Woznicki Parish Parish
Mon	6/27	9:00am	Parish
Tues.	6/28	9:00am	Parish
Wed.	6/29	9:00am	Parish
Thurs.	6/30	9:00am	Parish
Sat.	7/2	5:00pm	Gerri Neiling
Sun.	7/3	8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	Norbert Molyet Steve & Betty Kochan Parish

THIS WEEK

Just as a way of clarification, Fr. Herb's official resignation/retirement takes place on Thursday of this week, June 30. He will celebrate the morning Mass that day, but please don't expect that you will find him in the office the rest of the day. Fr. Jeff McBeth begins his tenure on Friday and will be arriving at the parish in time for the holiday weekend.

This Week's Music

GATHERING SONG: Because He Lives (Matt Maher)

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

Follow You Anywhere (Passion)

COMMUNION: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God (Getty)

RECESSIONAL: Glory Let There Be Peace (Matt Maher)

BACK TO GREEN

It's been months since the liturgical color for Sundays was green. Think back to February 27, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We have gone through Lent and Easter seasons. Then the last couple of weeks we have observed the feasts of Holy Trinity and Body and Blood of Christ, both with the liturgical color of white. Now we are back to what is called Ordinary Time, with the color green.

Green will be with us as we continue to travel with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. Starting today we see Jesus leaving his home area of Galilee and heading to Jerusalem. The journey opens the door for all



kinds of great missionary work for the Lord and his disciples.

If you have time, pick up the Bible and let your 'fingers do the walking' through the chapters of Luke from the end of Chapter Nine (today) into the middle of Chapter Nineteen (October 30) as we travel with the Lord. It's great when you can look at the sequence of events and see where each Sunday's reading fits in.

our community

Pastor's Note: THE LAST NOTE

As I think about the title above "The Last Note," I'm recalling a great concert that ends with one last note. Often that note pulls it all together and highlights the entire piece.

When I apply that same term "One Last Note" to my weekly Pastor's Note, I find what I will write will be much less significant. The reason is that I simply can't pull together seventeen years with a few paragraphs.

As I do the math, I have written nearly nine hundred of these notes. Many of these notes related to liturgical seasons or feasts; others referenced events happening in our world. I addressed: personal events in my own life, unusual occurrences like a Pandemic, the change of popes and bishops, parish growth and campaigns to raise money for a new church building, mission trips, and our need for hospitality....among many other topics.

What I often tried to do was to help people put into perspective what is going on in our secular or church world. Not that I have all the answers, but I have tried to raise up salient points for reflection.

If you have been along for the ride, thank you for trusting me enough to read what I write. If you are an occasional reader, then that is good. And if you never read my Pastor's Note, then you likely are not reading these words either.

Serving in the position of pastor is a unique relationship with people, something that I have always held as both an honor and a special responsibility. May blessings continue to come your way.

Frifel

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Our Sunday offering from last weekend, June 18-19, was \$17,712. Thank you.

This week we end our fiscal year on June 30. Thank you for all who have continued to financially support this parish throughout the past year. A full report of parish finances will be published in September.



CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

We offer our prayers for the recently deceased: Marilyn LaMaster, sister of Richard Jun. May the Lord receive her into his eternal presence, and may her family find peace.

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-a-year collection designated for communication evangelization).



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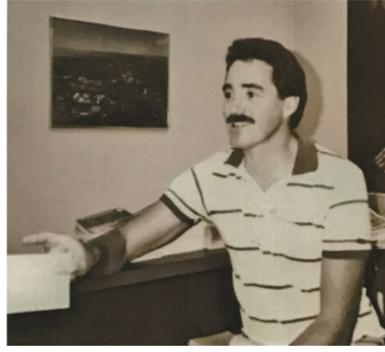
LOOKING BACK AT 48 YEARS - Part IV

'GRATITUDE'

In this fourth and final installment of my 'look back' over forty-eight years, I want to highlight all that I am grateful for. There have been a tremendous number of blessings, way beyond expectations...and often coming when I did not expect them.

First of all, I am thankful for the great number of good people who have been part of my life through these years. As a priest, I have been blessed to meet and get to know many people. Sometimes this has happened during hard times like sickness or death; many times I am with families and individuals when they are celebrating. People, I'm convinced, are basically good, and I've been able to see evidence of that goodness.

I used to keep a list of people whose lives were exceptional, not because of their accomplishments but because of their willingness to continue against all odds. The list got long and I realized there really should not be a list separating people. Instead, I find myself thinking of each person as someone with his or her own story. And you know how I love stories!



Continuing on, I discovered great joy in ministries that were challenging and often hard. Recently, leaving a hospital after visiting someone who was deeply depressed and feeling hopeless, I reflected on this person's life and how little I was able to accomplish during my visit. At the same time, I felt distinctly blessed that I was the one who was able to visit the man. My own limitations were obvious, but nonetheless, I was being used as an instrument of God. (The Prayer of St. Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace..." was on the ordination card that I handed out forty-eight years ago.)

Certainly, I feel blessed that I could continue in active ministry for forty-eight years. Aside from some physical setbacks, I feel God's generosity when it comes to health. I have often told people, especially in recent years, that I don't pray for health as much as for energy. God seems to have given me both of those.

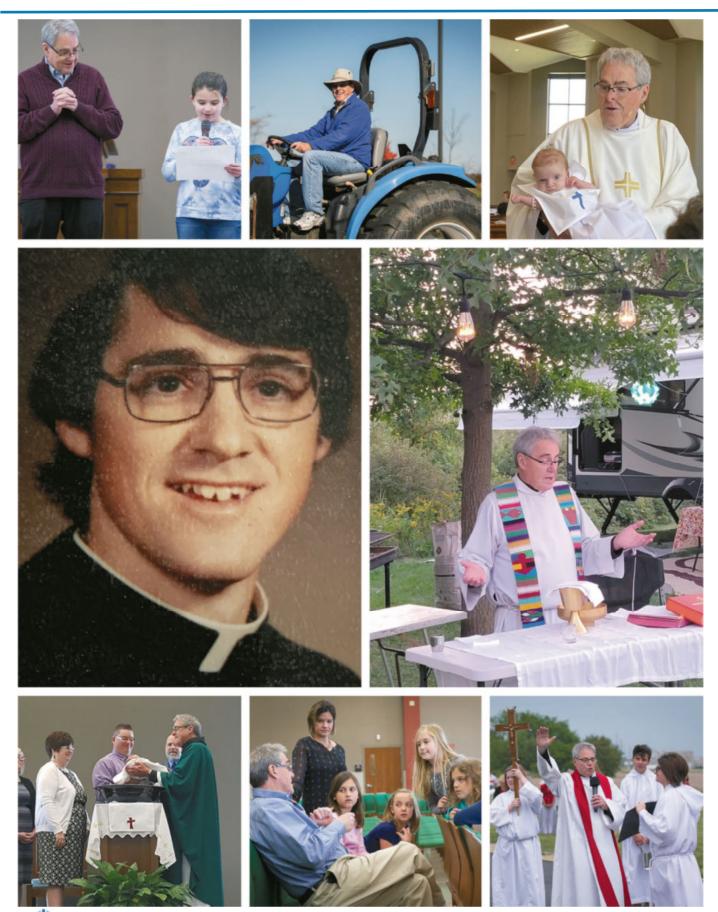
Growing up in a hard-working and happy family, I was blessed with a positive outlook on

life. As I studied theology and then transferred theological insights into priestly ministry, I realized that our faith is a message of hope. We truly know and have certainty of the redemption that transforms our lives and allows us to live in the light. Here at St. John XXIII, I have tried valiantly, even during various challenges, to remind people to be hope-filled.

More than anything else, I am grateful for priesthood itself. I can't imagine being as happy doing anything else. There are other fields that I highly respect and appreciate. But for me, being a priest has allowed me to be present to others at that point where humanity and divinity come together. I often feel I am walking on the sacred ground of someone's life and experience.

Finally, being called to start a new parish and help it grow with a particular vision has been both a humbling and exciting experience. I truly don't think I am a humble person by nature, but when I reflect on all that has taken place in the last seventeen years, it is clear that what has taken place is beyond my own efforts. God has a plan! What a joy it has been to be part of that plan!

It is the right time for me to seek 'senior status.' I will turn 75 later this year. No doubt I will continue to find ways to minister to people at various parishes in various ways. Thank you to all who read this for having been a part of my own journey. I am forever thankful.



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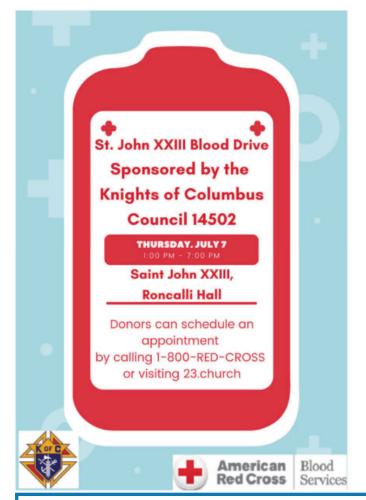
upcoming events

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



Want to join our church? Start here.



Connection Point is a casual and conversation become a member of our parish

Now taking reservations for August 21 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.





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 a 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!

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

> August 9 -Yard Games 6:30-7:30 PM

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

78M

July 28 - Water Wars 6:30-8:00 PM

> August 4 -Scavenger Hunt 6:30-8:00 PM

All incoming 7th and 8th graders are welcome. No registration required.

Questions? Contact Erin at enagy@stjohn23.org

CONFIRMATION BOOTCAMP



MINISTRY SCHEDULER

The new schedule for liturgical ministers for weekend Masses will run from July 2 to September 4 (Labor Day Weekend). An email was sent to liturgical ministers to update their profile last Thursday. If you did not receive it, check your junk or spam folders. Also, there is an App for MSP that makes updates and sub requests easy to access. If you have any questions, contact Sr. Anne Mary at ammolyet@stjohn23.org or call 419-874-6502.

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MISSION TRIP BEGINS-THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT





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	\$39,080
Percentage of Goal	52%
Total Number of Donors	182

Perrysburg Christian United

July PCU food of the month is pork and beans.

All non-perishable food donations and/or personal hygiene/laundry items are gratefully accepted any time. Bins are located in the hallway by Roncalli Hall.



WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM We welcome through the Sacrament of

Baptism the newest member of our parish: Decker Jay Marquette, son of Lee and Arin. May this child grow in God's love and grace!





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