

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:00 pm*

Sunday: 9:00 / 11:00 am / 5:30 pm

*Interpreted with American Sign Language

Monday: 9:30 am at St. Clare

Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 6:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 pm

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Perrysburg, OH 43551
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welcome

We always welcome people, but it is especially important to us at Christmas time to joyfully greet all who come here. We know there may be crowds (we are having two Masses at 4:30 to help accommodate everyone), but we truly do not want you to be lost in that crowd.

Whether you are from out of town or live right around the corner, your presence counts. Together we are the assembly and we celebrate the holy mystery together.

If you are looking to find a church that helps you on your faith journey, please continue to check us out.

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.

RCIA

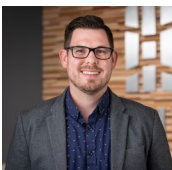
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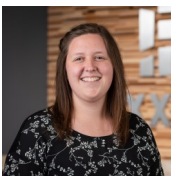
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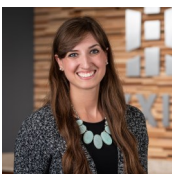
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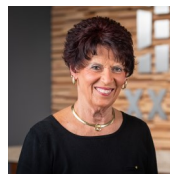
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this week

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat.	12/21	5:00pm	Mark Frederick
Sun.	12/22	9:00am 11:00am 5:30pm	Marissa Anne Rose Donald Sternitzke Parish
Mon.	12/23	9:30am	(at St. Clare Commons)
Tues.	12/24	4:30pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 11:00pm	Pertner/ Monnett Families Parish Parish Parish
Wed.	12/25	10:00am	Anna Morrin
Sat.	12/28	5:00pm	PC and Kathryn Harrison
Sun.	12/29	9:00am 11:00am 5:30pm	Donald Sternitzke Lavern Swartz



MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 28– 29

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Greeters
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jackie Venzel Ed Hoover	Robert Zacharias, Wayne Vreeland, Mary Pat Yeager, Kendra Freeman, Heather Butterfield, Teresa Tolan, Fritz Tresso, Scott & Deni Basilius, Diane Slack, Tom Asmus, Steve & Kathy Kirwen, Carolyn & Larry Turnwald, Karen Dariano	Trever Shaffer Jonathan Butterfield Emma Brancheau	Justin Lynch Donna Puccetti Kay Asmus Jeff Finch Donna Finch Joe Frederick Chris Recker	Christina Brancheau Judi Turner Larry Turner Larry Daly Jean Daly Doug Rhodes
Sun. 9:00 am	Meghan Russell Jared Masserant	Marti Richards, Jim Gross, Joni Donovan, Dan Mouch, Sandy Mercurio, Kathy Gabel, Cade Zimmerly, Kara Trombley, Bonnie Ash, Elaine Sattler, Ann Kujawa, Cheryl Fulton, Tom Avery, Kathie Maxwell, Terrance Szyperki, Deborah Wright, Tina Roth	Katy Gruber Kelsey Gruber Colin Gruber	Paul Schauer, Brent Welker, John Ball, Chris Browning, Jim Marquette, Rodney Theis, Jim Jordan, Jim Rossow, Mike Feldkamp	Lynn Browning Tim Boerst Kathy Kraynak Tom Chorba Kara Trombley Clare Orris
Sun. 11:00 am	Karen Schrock Pete Carella	Bill Ryan, Rick Gibson, Mike Sanders, Lynn Priest, Terry Makar, George Dunlevy, Suzie Miller, Steve & Mary Ruhe, Fred & Maribeth Connor, Andrea Crowley, Dennis Inkrott, Diane Bohland, Arron Mier, Denise Gruden, Eileen Bensen	Jack Bowe Ethan Gruden Elise Finding	Joe Sontchi Patrick Kwiatkowski Brad Thomas Paul Makar Chris Makar	Deann Schiavone Andrea Crowley Doug Crowley Corinne Jaco Teresa Gibson Arlene Kipker
Sun. 5:30 pm	Student Lector Tania Schneider	Jeff & Denise Martin, Carol Reyes, Dave & Amy Ross, Mary Ann King, Jeannie Yarberry, Jennifer Reighard, Kelly Shank, Alan & Kathy LaCourse, Connor Shank, Deb Boyce, Faith Croskey, Eileen Bensen, Leslie Mohn	Frankie Croskey Marysa King Madison Mohn	Gary Werling Mike Ward Dan Taylor John Farley Steve Mochon	Nancy Scott Joe Perz Sally Perz Jen Bruns Mary Kerin Eileen Bensen

our community

Pastor's Note: SLEEPLESS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

When I was growing up, there were no Christmas eve Masses. That is one reason the Midnight Mass became so popular. It was the earliest Mass that could be celebrated for the wonder-filled celebration of Christmas. (Vigil Masses started in the late 1960's.) I may add, however, that even with Masses earlier in the evening, celebrating Mass in the middle of the night is still mystical and attractive.

Of course, as a child, I was too young to go to Midnight Mass anyway. After some special Christmas Eve gift exchanges, we had to go to bed. I love the wisdom of my mother that allowed gifts given to each other to be opened on the eve, knowing full well that the 'special gifts' would be there when we awoke on Christmas morning.

No matter how hard I tried, I could not fall asleep when we had to go to bed on December 24. As an adult, I wonder if it was BECAUSE I was trying so hard to fall asleep that I simply couldn't get there.

There remain many who do not get much sleep on the night before Christmas. Parents are often up late; children often arise very early. More than a few adults have told me that as children they were not allowed to come downstairs until a certain reasonable time!

These days I still don't get much sleep on Christmas Eve. Our Masses take me deeper into the night than I usually go. And, although Christmas morning Mass is not until 10:00 a.m., I am up much earlier to be fully ready to celebrate. Not that I am complaining, I have learned over the years that this is a night for not much sleep for many people. As our Advent concludes and we slide into Christmas, we all want to be awake to take in every moment of splendor and joy.



THANK YOU

In my own name and the names of the entire parish staff, I want to thank the many parishioners who have reached out to us during this holy season with cards, gifts, candy, and cookies. Thank you and Christmas blessings to you! - hw

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend our prayers and condolences to Joseph Frederick and family at the death of his sister-in-law Judith; and to Greg Esposito and family at the death of his mother Lois. May God bring these loved ones into eternal life and grant comfort to their families at this holy time of year.

A Place for Community.

Life is better connected.



**You need community,
and someone in community needs you.**

**Find A Group at
23.church**

Questions? Contact Sr. Anne Mary: ammolyet@stjohn23.org

Want to start your own group? Let us know!



DUAL-PURPOSE BULLETIN

This bulletin is for Christmas as well as for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We don't want to overlook the significance of the final Sunday of Advent. (Please meditate on Joseph's predicament.) We also know that many others will be here for Christmas Masses and we want them to know what our parish is like.

It is interesting that between the Fourth Sunday and Christmas Masses, we have accounts of how people experienced God's dwelling on earth. In other words, we get to see people - Joseph, Mary, shepherds, and more - who are drawn into to this mystery. May each of us realize that this is not simply a far-off, long-ago story, but a telling of our salvation as well!



First Communion Preparation

Wednesdays
7:00pm-8:00pm
Beginning January 29

All 2nd graders will be preparing for First Communion this year! These classes require at least one parent to attend with their child to partner in the learning of the lesson. Formation will continue in the Fall of 3rd grade as we dive deeper into the meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note that families should be participating in BaseCamp **in addition** to First Communion and Reconciliation classes!

Register at 23.church

Contact Hilary with Questions: hlemon@stjohn23.org

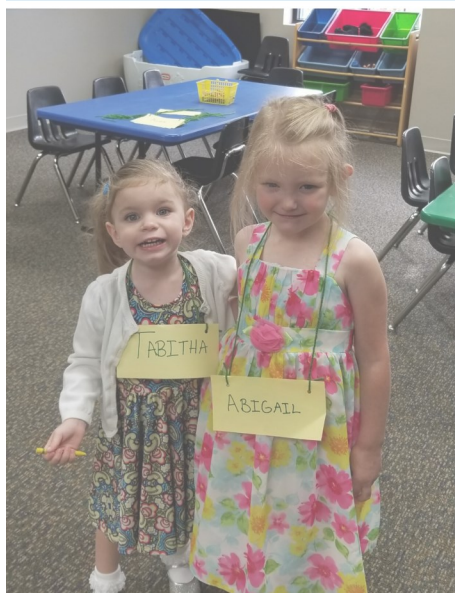
BaseCamp

Family Faith Formation for families with students grades 1 - 4.

**Our next BaseCamp gatherings will be
January 12 and January 13!**

Sundays 12:15pm - 2:00pm
Mondays 6:00pm - 8:00pm

We will begin with a meal together!



Sunday Morning Preschool and Kindergarten

Sunday Mornings
9:00am - 10:00am

Sunday Preschool and Kindergarten programs at St. John XXIII are a chance to plant the seeds of faith and love of God in your children.

Our new session begins January 5!

Register at 23.church



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This ministry is a wonderful way for the youngest members of our parish to be able to learn and listen to God's Word in an easy-to-grasp and age-appropriate way. Keep reading for some Children's Liturgy fast facts:

- This ministry** is for children ages Preschool – 2nd Grade. Once your child is preparing for First Communion, they should be fully participating in Mass.
- High Schoolers**, this is a fun way to earn SERVICE HOURS! Help lead the children – no experience needed.
- We are always** looking for more leaders and helpers (people who don't necessarily lead, but assist with the lesson)! If you love the little ones, this may be the role for you!
- Questions?** Contact Hilary Lemon: hlemon@stjohn23.org

Christmas

at Saint John XXIII

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:30 p.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word, Full Band, No Incense (Second Mass in Roncalli Hall)
 7:30 p.m. - Full Band, Use Of Incense, Candlelight setting
 11:00 p.m. - Full Band, Use of Incense, Candlelight setting

Christmas Morning (December 25)

10:00 a.m. - Full Band

Feast of the Holy Family (December 28-29)

Saturday and Sunday Regular Mass schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

January 1 - 10:00 a.m.



SAINT JOHN XXIII 2019 MEMORIES



upcoming events

NEXT CONNECTION POINT

The next Connection Point will take place Sunday, Jan 19.

Here at St. John XXIII we ask you to do more than simply sign a 'registration form' to become a parishioner. We want people to know more about the parish before making a commitment. We are asking for 'informed' decision-making on your part.

To join the parish, please come first to our next Connection Point, which will be 4:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 19. But before you come, please register at 23.church, so we know to expect you. Actual parish registration takes place AFTER Connection Point.

See you there!

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON

The Saint John XXIII Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its first Blood Drive of 2020, taking place on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in Roncalli Hall. The drive runs from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and will feature the return of our annual Chili Cook-off. All donors can sample any or all of multiple versions of chili, all created by members of the Knights of Columbus Council 14502.

You can schedule your donation by going to www.redcrossblood.org, or contacting Jerry Radwanski at 419-360-3747 or Jeff Van Sloun at 419-392-1999.



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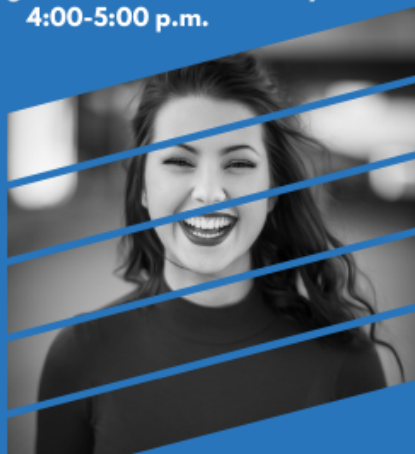
Want to join our church? Start here.

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 19
4:00-5:00 p.m.

RSVP at 23.church



"INTRODUCING THE ORCHESTRA" featuring Toledo Symphony League Young Artist Competition Winners

St. John XXIII
Friday, January 24, 2020 | 7 PM
Tickets are \$10!

Bring your friends and family to see all of the different instruments of the orchestra up close! Small groups of musicians will perform throughout St. John XXIII's church then come together for a finale featuring Toledo Symphony League Young Artist Competition Winners and the full orchestra. Join us for a fun and interactive evening of music!



For more information, call 419.246.8000 TODAY!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 as well as Wednesday, December 25, reopening on Thursday, December 26.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

This annual retreat is for all women of the parish, January 31-February 2, 2020, at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse. The time offers the opportunity to slow down, reflect and pray and enjoy the companionship of other women. The group gathers by 7:00 p.m., Friday evening, and the retreat concludes by noon on Sunday. RSVP on 23.church.

23STUDENT MINISTRIES



confirmation prep

Preparation for Confirmation begins in 8th grade. Students attend 78M where they begin formation. Formation continues over the summer with BootCamp in June 2020. The first parent meeting will be Sunday, January 5 following 11am Mass.

Register via [23.Church](#)

our mission

We believe that discipleship starts BEFORE someone becomes an adult. That is our main focus in 23students. to build a community that helps students encounter Christ, grow with Him, and witness to the change in our life because of Him.

our leaders

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Erin Nagy: 56M & 78M Coordinator
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56M

RETURNING JANUARY 7
[ROAD MAP](#)
A NIGHT ON THE
BEAUTITUDES

78M

RETURNING JANUARY 9
[FIAT](#)
A SMALL GROUP BIBLE
STUDY ON MARY

HSM

RETURNS JANUARY 12
[UNDERGROUND](#)
A SERIES ON THE FIRST
CHURCHES

NEW! BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN JANUARY

A new bible study will launch in January, 2020. This study is a biblical walk through Christ's Passion titled *No Greater Love*. The videos used for this study are filmed on location in the Holy Land. Edward Sri from Ascension Press plus others will guide us on a walk with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. There also will be time for prayerful reflection in each session. Come and experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love. There are **six** sessions, and this study will run every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Roncalli Hall, beginning January 14, 2020. We will conclude March 31, 2020. A workbook and textbook are available for purchase. RSVP at 23.church.

SAINT JOHN XXIII

4 BEST WAYS TO BE IN THE KNOW

@23YoungAdult

SJ23 YOUNG ADULTS

Simply start by choosing ONE;
the BEST way YOU receive information!



LOOK FOR 23YA

It's as simple as that! All of the future extravaganzas, hangouts and news flashes will spotlight our 23YA imprint. Stumble upon it in the bulletin, on Facebook and around St. John XXIII.

FACEBOOK

@ SJ23 Young Adults

Like, Follow, Friend, Share, Message, or Ghost us on Facebook. Here you can effortlessly connect with and "creep on" other rad adults in our parish and score EXCLUSIVE event leaks.



GROUPME

@ SJ23 Young Adult Group

Our GroupMe chat is a splendid alternative to get the specifics. Use your smart mobile for a little social motivation and see where you can find the group hanging out, which table they are sitting at, and get special messages to be in the know!



FLOCKNOTE

We promise we will do our best to spam you... NOT spam you! If you're so kind to surrender your email, visit us on the information super highway at 23.CHURCH. With a "Click of a (multiple) button(s) you will be blessed with a memo for each event. Join the flock and feel the love!



23.CHURCH/23YA

SJ23 Young Adults [21-35]



BELONGING

A RETREAT FOR PARENTS
HAVING THEIR FIRST
CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST.
JOHN XXIII.

VISIT 23.CHURCH TO
SIGN-UP FOR THE NEXT
RETREAT:
FEBRUARY 16
1:00PM - 3:30PM

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT HILARY LEMON
HLEMON@STJOHN23.ORG

FOUR PILLARS

When our parish was founded in 2005, we presented ourselves the challenge of ministering with four key pillars. They still are important to us.

REVERENCE is the beginning. We not only show this special reverence towards God, but also towards all that God created. The means that we show respect to all individuals and we even value the very planet with live on.

INVITATION is essential. It is truly Christian to reach out and ask others to accompany us on our journey of discipleship. That includes asking others to join us at worship and in following Jesus.

HOSPITALITY is how we accept and include others as part of our Christian observance. Another word for this could be Community, where we help people belong.

OUTREACH is our reminder to never stay within the four walls of church, but to be light in the community by the way we serve everyone, especially those with needs.

