

Welcome to this issue of the Messenger. The St. John XXIII Stewardship Commission works to highlight some of the many ways people are actively living out Christ's message of love and service in our faith community. This month we are pleased to publish an article by Tim Handle, our Director of Worship and Liturgy.

Stewardship Commission

Director of Worship and Liturgy Lists Our Many Opportunities to Worship at St John XXIII

When I was asked to write something, I thought this would be a great time to share some of the opportunities we have here at St. John XXIII. When reading documents from the 2nd Vatican Council, we read that we are supposed to actively participate in the Mass. The original Latin term was "Actuosam." That translates better as "full and robust, active participation." Here at St. John XXIII there are many opportunities to explore so that you can more fully and robustly engage with the Mass.

First, if you are looking for greater depth and understanding, we have many resources within the Catholic Church. With 2000 years of Catholic history (plus another 2000 years of history from our Jewish roots), there is bound to be something that excites you and helps you to engage more fully with your faith. Check out the incredible resources Kelly has to offer at "A Place to Be." For more information, call them at (262) 277-1928 or visit <https://www.aplacetobesc.org/>.

At St. John XXIII we have the traditional adult; a children's choir open to all students from grades 2-8, a resurrection choir which sings at all funerals, cantors for 4 Mass times, and more opportunities coming this fall. Instrumentalists of all types are welcome, from woodwinds, brass, strings, and keyboards, all are welcome. For more information, please contact me at Handlet@stjohn23rd.org.

In addition to the above, opportunities for lecturers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters & ushers, and servers are available at all Masses. If you would like something more behind the scenes, we have the environment teams which prepare all three sites for various feast days and seasons. Call the office at (262) 284-4266 for details.

God Bless,
Tim Handle
Director of Worship and Liturgy

Thank you to all who gave so generously of your time, talent and treasure

Our hats off to the staff, faculty and volunteers who coordinated the removal of items from St. Mary's attic and school, set up the estate sale and did a lot of manual labor to make it all happen. Your valuable gift of time and talent is greatly appreciated! To all of our volunteers who make visitors and parishioners welcome, thank you. To our parish vendors who have donated much time, talent and materials to our buildings and grounds, we are very grateful and blessed for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your contributions have helped us finish many projects generated by our coming together as a united parish. Have a safe and blessed August.

Upcoming events

Saturday, August 10, Moving Day All of St. Peter's to St. Peter's
Thursday, August 15, Holy Day 8:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception and 7:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's
Friday, August 16, 5:00 pm, A Place to Be Fund Raiser at Saukville Legion Hall
Saturday, August 16-18, Moving Day, All of St. Mary's to St. Peter's

Please see the bulletin or Parish website at www.stjohn23rd.org for more information on this event and to see a full listing of events