

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

March 22, 2020

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

“ I CAME INTO THIS WORLD
FOR JUDGEMENT

*so that those who do not see might see,
& those who do see might become blind.* ”

- JOHN 9:39

WELCOME TO ALL!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter what your past or present religious affiliation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color—you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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St. John the Evangelist Church, West Chester

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 5:30pm
Friday 8:30am - Noon

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Monthly Total as of March 2, 2020

Sunday Offerings.....\$71,386.76
Online Donations.....\$32,522.00
Total.....\$103,908.76

Mar. 23, Team 1: Bob F., Ron R., Elmer B.

Total Monthly Amount:

Actual: \$103,908.76
Budget: \$104,000.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Amount:

Actual: \$917,618.22
Budget: \$910,000.00
Over/(Under): \$7,618.22

FATHER DON'S REFLECTION

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking to you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him.

We have another story about a transformation of an unnamed person. This time we hear about the man born blind. The apostles want to know whose sin it was that caused his blindness. Jesus tells them that neither the parents nor the blind man had sinned, but "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Through the whole story, we see the man grow in his understanding of who it is that brings him his sight.

The man goes toe to toe with the Pharisees and wins the battle in my opinion. The Pharisees do not even want to believe that the man was born blind. Of course, they are also upset that Jesus cured the man on the Sabbath. The question is who is really blind in the story? The apostles don't understand what is going on. The parents of the blind man don't want any part of the situation and, lastly, the Pharisees say to Jesus, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus puts them in their place by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains." Even the bystanders want to deny who the blind man is. But Jesus knows who he is and comes to him to make sure that the blind man understands who Jesus is. The man comes to believe when Jesus reveals himself as the Son of Man. And the man worshipped him calling Jesus Lord.

I have pretty good eyesight, when I wear my glasses. I am not very good without my glasses on. But I have been blinded many times in my life. I don't mean blind with my eyes - I mean blind as to seeing the Lord clearly in my life. I don't know about you, but there are times when I have a lot of Pharisee in me. I am so blind to see the goodness in people around me that it can be scary. I become jealous of others' good fortune. Knowing that God is alive in others is great news, but sometimes it just seems that some people have all the luck. Then I feel the Lord come to me and open my eyes and see that I was being judgmental and that is no way to live. It is good to have the Lord come to you and take the care, as he did with the blind man, and lead us to the water that clears our eyesight. What a powerful image the healing of the blind man is. And the Lord wants to do the same for each of us.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Are we humble enough to admit that we are sometimes blind? Can we call for the Lord to heal us? It is never too late to admit that we are in need of getting our eyesight back. During this Lenten season, make time to turn to the Lord to be healed. Let us be like the blind man and say to the Lord, "I do believe." Have a great week!



PRESIDER SCHEDULE:

March 28 / 29

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.....Fr. Don West

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.....Fr. Don West

9:30 a.m.....Fr. Don West

11:30 a.m.....Fr. Don West

(Please note that this schedule is subject to change.)

Readings for This Week: Mar. 23-27

Monday IS 65:17-21; Ps 30;
JN 4:43-54

Tuesday EZ 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; JN 5:1-16

Wednesday IS 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40;
HEB 10:4-10

Thursday EX 32:7-14; Ps 106; JN 3:16

Friday WIS 2:1A, 12-22; Ps 34;
JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Next Weekend: March 28/29

First Reading: EZ 37:12-14

"I will put my spirit in you that you may live."

Second Reading: ROM 8:8-11

"If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

Gospel: JN 11:1-45

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

New Caregiver Support Group at St. John

You are a caregiver whether you devote as little as 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail or elderly. Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving and learning to care for yourself. We are starting a group at St. John and our first meeting will be Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 am in the Spirit House. For more information, or if you have caregiving questions, please call the Caregiver CAREline at (513) 869-4483, email Angie at ahomoelle@ccswoh.org or Scott Steinke on staff at St. John at ssteinke@stjohnwc.org . Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

Volunteer Needed

We are currently looking for someone to help with cleaning church laundry. This laundry consists of the linens that are used throughout the week and weekend for Mass. You would be in a monthly rotation with someone who is taking care of it every week right now. If you are interested, please contact Scott Steinke in the parish offices or via email at ssteinke@stjohnwc.org.

Scholarship Opportunity

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Essay

Deadline: March 27 at 5pm

The Knights of Columbus #13608 Council scholarship essay application is now available! Application deadline is Friday March 27th at 5pm. The Knights will give away two \$1,000 scholarships to anyone who is eligible. Check out the St. John website to view the scholarship requirements and complete an application.

Applicants will:

- be a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in West Chester Township, Ohio
- be accepted and enrolled in a two, or four year degree program at a post-high school institution of higher learning (college, university, seminary, trade school, etc.)
- be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- complete and return the application on or before the submission deadline

The scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors, high school graduates beginning a degree program, college students already enrolled in such an institution, veterans beginning/returning to a degree program, or other adults training for a new career.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners!

Diane & Del Eastman

Kelly & Chris Brandner

Online Giving

While caring for your well-being, we ask that you also take into consideration the well-being of St. John. If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend mass, please consider continuing to give to your parish so that it may continue to provide its parishioners with spiritual assistance, sacramental preparation and education. You can give from home, both by mail and through online giving on our website, www.stjohnwc.org

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students from St. John who have made their respective schools' honor rolls:



Saint Gabriel
Consolidated School

First Honors

Bridge, Charlie	Sawyer, Greta
Brown, Aleah	Schlater, Gabriella
Gettelfinger, Ellie	Schmuelling, Connor
Glendon, Kendal	Schriml, Adam
Hartford, Lindan	Shelton, Grace
Japikse, Skylar	Starke, Justine
Luong, Gracie	Thorsen, Sam
Myers, Gabriella	Zieker, Ben
O'Meara, Chloe	

Second Honors

Andreyko, Avery	Sawyer, Jameson
Andreyko, Drew	Shelton, Luke
Glendon, Jackson	Shelton, Noah
Gonzales, Alexis	Tanaka, John
Hoeting, Catherine	Tanaka, Kate
Mulcahy, Leah	Teodoro, Brandon
Neises, Isabel	Thorson, Ella
Neises, Nolan	Turner, Lilyanne
O'Daniel, Liam	Ujvagi, Jack
O'Meara, River	Wagner, Sophia

CORONAVIRUS NOVENA

This is a novena provided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati asking for the intercession of several saints to come to our aid in the current global crisis. Follow the daily prayers below with the Memorare, St. Michael's Prayer and a Glory Be.

Day 1: St. Anthony the Great

Gracious father, we come before you today asking for your aid in the present crisis. Be with all those who have the coronavirus, both in our nation and abroad. We ask that all those who have contracted the virus would be able to receive appropriate medical attention and recover. St. Anthony the great, patron saint of those afflicted with infectious diseases, pray for us.

Day 2: St. Edmund the Martyr

Gracious father, we come before you today asking that the coronavirus pandemic would quickly and swiftly end. We ask that this pandemic would end in a way that would only be attributed to your divine intervention and mercy. St. Edmund the martyr, patron saint of the victims of pandemics, pray for us.

Day 3: St. Guirinus of Neuss

Gracious father, we come before you today asking for a miraculous in to the present coronavirus crisis. We ask that these miracles will bring more souls to you. St. Quirinus, patron saint of those affected by bubonic plague, pray for us.

Day 4: St. Luke

Gracious father, we come before you today asking that you would place a hedge of protection over the doctors and other healthcare providers who are caring for those afflicted with coronavirus. We ask that they would be kept safe so that they may continue to provide the care the patients need to survive. St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, pray for us.

Day 5: St. Albert

Gracious father, we thank you for the ability you have given scientists to create with you. We ask that you would inspire scientists around the world with the needed solutions to the present crisis. St. Albert, patron saint of natural scientists, pray for us.

Day 6: St. Joseph

Gracious father, we come before you today asking that we would see your church is re-open soon. We ask that Catholic churches would return to celebrating the mass, so that all Catholics may again participate in the source in the summit of their faith. St. Joseph, patron saint of the universal church, pray for us.

Day 7: St. Matthew

Gracious father, we come before you today asking that you would preserve the global economy. We ask that a global recession would be avoided in individual economics would recover quickly from the present crisis. St. Matthew, patron saint of finances, pray for us.

Day 8: St. Raphael

Gracious father, we come before you today asking that you would provide miraculous healing for those who have coronavirus. We ask that carriers and those are symptoms would be miraculously healed. St. Raphael, patron saint of healing, pray for us.

Day 9: Mary Mother of God

Gracious father, we come before you today asking for a rapid end it to the coronavirus pandemic. We ask that the present crisis would end and the solution would reflect your majesty. Mary, patron saint of all humanity, pray for us.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

MARY MONTOUR • MONTOUR@STJOHNWC.ORG • 513-777-6433, EXT. 118

All Children's Faith Formation and Junior High PSR events and meetings have been cancelled through the end of March. Please stay healthy and lift your prayers to those who may be ill.

First Eucharist

Children and families are working together on chapter seven, We Live, reflecting on the strength provided by the Eucharist to help us live as disciples of Christ and to share in the mission of the Church. Through our Baptism, we are all called to discipleship and empowered through the Eucharist to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. The parish community of St. John, through enormous generosity, strives to live as disciples of Jesus; how can we find ways to reach out to others in new and unique ways? Families are reminded to continue working on banners; you can turn those in whenever you are finished, to the Parish or Church Office.

To our parish community: We ask for your continued prayers for our First Eucharist children and their families. Please take a prayer card from the basket in the Gathering Space to pray in a special way for our First Eucharist candidates!

See page 8 for the activity of the week!

Want something fun to do while you're off from school? Check out these links for games and activities for kids and families during your extended spring break!

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/family-faith-and-fun>

<https://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/home.asp>

<https://catholicmom.com/>



SAVE THE DATE

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26 | 9-NOON

All Youth Ministry events and meetings have been cancelled through the end of March. Please stay healthy and lift your prayers to those who may be ill.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

JN 9:1-41

What is the man's response to Jesus when he sees him face-to-face for the first time and realizes that he is the one who healed him?

In verse 39, what does Jesus say about the reason that he came into the world?

How important is our response of worship when we realize that Jesus is the light that opens the eyes of the blind?

Action: I will take a stand for Jesus this week and share my testimony with at least one person who needs to know that Jesus can change lives. I will allow my story to be used by God to impact lives and build his kingdom. Pray for each other as you commit to stand for Jesus this week.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
ONLY 35 SPOTS AVAILABLE
REGISTER TODAY!



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A **SUMMER ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE?** DO YOU WANT TO **MENTOR YOUNG STUDENTS?** ARE YOU LOOKING TO **MAKE A DIFFERENCE?** JOIN US FOR A MISSION TRIP YOU WON'T FORGET.



SCAN THIS CODE ON YOUR
SMARTPHONE CAMERA FOR MORE
INFORMATION & TO REGISTER.



**YOUTH
MINISTRY**

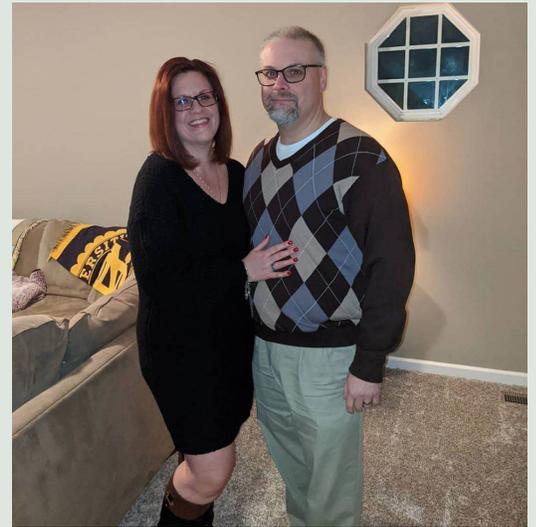
We focus this section of the bulletin on those who are important parts of our community: those who volunteer their time and talents to making our St. John community the collective Body of Christ.

Patrick Leeper: Taking Leaps and Bounds for St. John Church

If you've interacted with Council #13608 of the Knights of Columbus, odds are you've had the pleasure of meeting Patrick Leeper. Patrick is the Grand Knight for the St. John chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Each year, you can find him helping with set up for Breakfast in Bethlehem, as well as following up with the changeover for the KoC Christmas dinner. Patrick has also helped run the Poker booth at the parish festival for the past few years.

Patrick and his wife, Tammy, joined St. John in 2002. They have two daughters, Sydney and Madelyn. On top of all the work he does for St. John, Patrick is a nurse education specialist for Tri Health.

We are very thankful for all Patrick does for the St. John community!



Based on John 9:1-41...

Connect the dots in order to see who the Blind Man saw when he wiped the clay from his eyes! Then color in the image.



Congratulations to

Therese & Augustin Makabu
and Barbara & John Hunkler

who are celebrating
50 years of marriage this year and

Jerry Ziegler and Darlene

who are celebrating
60 years of marriage this year

but were unable to attend our
anniversary Mass.

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know.
One thing I do know, that though

I was blind, now I see."

John 9:25

Stay Connected with St. John

Do you want to deepen your connection with your parish? Want to stay updated with what's happening on campus and get more involved? Be sure to connect with St. John with the following communications:

Follow us on **Facebook** at 'St. John the Evangelist, West Chester.'

Make sure that your e-mail is updated with your parish record and you opt-in to our **Weekly E-Memos!** You will receive reminders for any upcoming events, announcements and updates for parish groups and activities.

Always be sure to pick up a **Bulletin** before or after mass to stay up-to-date with our parish. The Bulletin will contain regular communication for groups of our parish, Gospel reflections and upcoming readings, and more information on resources and outreach available at St. John.

Check out the St. John **Website** (www.stjohnwc.org) for nearly anything you may need! Read about our parish staff or organizations, listen to weekend homilies, find local resources, read more about events on campus or our parish history, and much more.

Parish Festival Committee Open Positions

This year's parish festival will be on August 7-8-9. But, before that weekend happens, our Festival Committee spends time on so many activities. We decide on the layout, games, food and beverages. We configure electrical lines, order prizes; determine how many booths and tents and grills we need. We advertise, set up a volunteer website, go shopping for baskets and find sponsors and donors. The list is pretty endless. Luckily we also have a team of about 20-25 people who make this all happen as seamlessly as possible. I am honored and privileged to work side by side with this group of people.

As many of you know, when you give of your time and talent, the rewards that you receive are greater than the time and energy that you give. And, as exhausted as we are on Sunday night at 9pm on the first full weekend in August, we get up and do it again each year. Why? Because we love it and also because we know how much it means to our parish. A full 10% of our parish income comes from these three days each August. Last year, we earned \$160,000 in net income from our festival. That is an amazing feat accomplished by an even more amazing team of people.

If you are interested in serving on our festival committee, we have several positions open this year: Prizes Co-Chair, Basket Co-Chair, Grounds Co-Chair, Entertainment Co-Chair. We also have several booth captain positions open. Please consider helping! We need you. Contact jseibenick@stjohnwc.org to volunteer.

The Church building will be open
from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-
Thursday and 7:30am-noon on
Fridays for individual prayer.
Physical copies of the bulletin
will be available in the Gathering
Space during these times.

PARISH OUTREACH, RESOURCES & ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Ministries

Baptism

Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch 513-777-6433, ext. 121

Communion to the Sick/Shut-Ins

Julie Chapman 513-807-8004

Companions on the Journey

Grief support for those who have lost a loved one; meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month in the Hospitality Room at 7 p.m.

Ron Meyer 513-376-1277

Confirmation Preparation

Annie Mesewicz 513-777-6433, ext. 114

Funeral Preparation

Scott Steinke 513-777-6433, ext. 115

Hospital Notifications

If you know that you are going to the hospital and would like to be remembered at Mass or have a pastoral staff member visit, please call the parish office at 777-6433. We are no longer notified by hospitals or chaplains about parishioners who are ill.

Liturgical Ministry

Opportunities available as Altar Attendants, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans.

Scott Steinke 513-777-6433, ext. 115

Meal Ministry

Joan Seibenick 513-777-6433, ext. 124

Music

Opportunities available in the Adult Choir, High School Choir, Youth Choir, or as Singers & Instrumentalists.

Lynn Meisberger 513-777-6433, ext. 128

Prayer Network

If you or someone you know is struggling w/ a difficulty or crisis, contact the Prayer Network. They will ask members of the Network to pray.

..... prayernetwork@stjohnwc.org

Margaret Kellogg 513-777-4253

Mary Moore 513-492-9015

RCIA Fullness of Joy / Ministry to Returning Catholics

Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch 513-777-6433, ext. 121

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office 513-777-6433

Small Church Communities (Journey of Faith)

Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch 513-777-6433, ext. 121

St. Vincent de Paul

Guy Lavergne 513-777-6433, ext. 120

Stephen Ministry

Scott Steinke 513-777-6433, ext. 115

Wedding Preparation

Fr. Don West 513-777-6433, ext. 133

Formation & Education

Early Childhood Program (during 9:30am Mass)

Katie Behrle kbehrle@stjohnwc.org

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Scott Steinke 513-777-6433, ext. 115

PSR (grades 1-8), 1st Eucharist, 1st Reconciliation

Mary Montour mmontour@stjohnwc.org

St. Gabriel Consolidated School ... stgabeschool.org

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St. Gabriel Consolidated School in collaboration with our three parishes, St. Gabriel, St. John - West Chester and St. Maximilian Kolbe, in partnership with the families of our diverse student body believe Christ is the center of all that we do.

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Parish Organizations

Boy Scouts Troop #940

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Finance Committee

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Patrick Leeper 513-604-4449

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Tony Klimek 513-787-0038

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Scott Steinke 513-777-6433