

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

JULY 21, 2019

"MARTHA, MARTHA, YOU ARE ANXIOUS
AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS.
THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING.
MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART
AND IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM HER."

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Saturday...3:30pm-6:00pm (Church Office)
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See page 10 for a list of e-mail addresses.

Beginning with the 2019-20 fiscal year, we will be reporting giving numbers on a monthly basis instead of a weekly basis.

Much of our giving is electronic and monthly reporting is more reflective of our current giving practices.

FATHER DON'S REFLECTION

LK 10:38-42

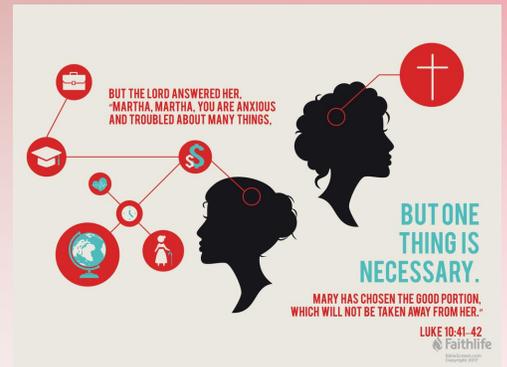
"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'"

If you were having the Lord and Savior over for dinner, wouldn't you be worried what you were going to serve him? Personally, I would make sure to serve him the absolute best TV dinner (Just kidding). Martha wanted to be the best hostess and prepare something special for her guest. But as she was working, she noticed her sister sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. One might draw the conclusion that Martha became jealous of her sister. Since she "knew" that what she was doing was the right thing, Martha hoped that Jesus would take her side when she complained.

You can almost see the warm smile that Jesus might have had on his face when Martha spoke to her. He tried to calm her down and ease her frustration in the heat of the moment. However, she did not like his answer. He told Martha that Mary had chosen the better part of hospitality and it was not going to be taken away from her. Martha would have to come terms with being and anxious and worried. It seems a bit harsh, but I am sure there is more to the story.

Early on in my ministry, I was at St. Henry in Dayton. One Sunday night we were having Confirmation for our parish and the Archbishop was coming. He had accepted the invitation to come for dinner beforehand. To avoid having to entertain him, I volunteered to grill out and fix the meal. Trust me; I was not upset at the choice I made. The person who was anxious and worried was the pastor. The archbishop happened to complain from the beginning of the day up until dinner time. It was not a fun evening, but we all made it through. The important thing was that we did our best to be ministers of hospitality, whether it was accepted or not.

Jesus spoke to Martha in such a way, I believe, to draw focus on his mission. His eyes were fixed on Jerusalem. He was moving closer to the time of his death and resurrection. There was nothing that would get in the way of that mission. While Martha was taking the time to prepare a meal for Jesus, Jesus was preparing Mary for the good news. It wasn't that Martha was out of the loop, but Mary knew that the words of the Master were important. That doesn't mean Martha was wrong in what she was doing, but Mary chose the moment to be at the feet of the Master. Each of us must find what is important when it comes to be a minister of the Kingdom. How do we see ourselves as part of the Body of Christ? If we choose something we feel called to do, we must not be jealous of others and their choices. Each of us have a part to play in the building up of the Body of Christ. For some, it may seem tedious and uneventful, but if it is for the good of the kingdom, then it must be completed. Complaining and trying to bring make someone feel bad about their work is not the Christian way to go. We are all ministers of hospitality. We are all called to sit with the Master and listen to his words. We must allow him into our hearts. Sit at his feet and allow him to bring you the path to salvation. Once you have that path in your heart welcome others to join the same path. Have a great week!



Readings for This Week: July 22 - 26

Monday	2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Tuesday	Ex 14: 21--15:1; Ex 15; Mt 12: 46-50
Wednesday	Ex 16: 1-5; Ps 78; Mt 13: 1-9
Thursday	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20: 20-28
Friday	Ex 20: 1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13: 17-23

Daily readings can be accessed online from our parish Web site, www.stjohnwc.org. You can also access them from our parish app!

Next Weekend: July 27 / 28

First Reading: GN 18:20-32

"But he still persisted: 'Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?' He replied, 'For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.'"

Second Reading: COL 2:12-14

"You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."

Gospel: LK 11:1-13

"He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come...'"

WELCOME

PARISH THEME

“We are the Body
of Christ”



WE WANT YOU TO KNOW

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.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE:

July 27 / 28

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.....Fr. Bill Farris

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.

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Welcome, New Parishioners!

• Manuel & Elia Lopez

St. John Festival - Volunteers Needed!



Have you ever considered volunteering your time for something fun? Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We need several booth captains for our 2019 Family Festival on August 2-3-4. Chairing a booth is easy. For more

information, contact Joan Seibenick at jseibenick@stjohnwc.org.

Working at the festival is really a fun thing to do. It's a great way to meet other parishioners and community members. And, you are helping with our one annual fundraiser, where we earn nearly 10% of our income in one weekend!

Please consider signing up to volunteer for at least one shift over the weekend. Here is the link to volunteer: https://stjohntheevangelist-church.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?start_over&id=9287. You can also get to this volunteer site via our parish website at www.stjohnwc.org. Thank you for helping! Contact Joan Seibenick at 513-777-6433 (ext 124) or jseibenick@stjohnwc.org for more information or to volunteer.

We can't wait to celebrate with you on August 2, 3, and 4. Mark your calendars! For more festival content, please see page 6!

School Supply Collection for Campton Mission

Please drop off school supply donations in the Gathering Space after all masses the weekend of July 27 & 28. Your generosity will ensure that children less fortunate than our own will have the supplies needed to start the new school year. Given below are suggested items:

Colored pencils (12 ct. or 24 ct.), Notebook Binders (2 “and 3 “), Pocket Tab Dividers (8), Erasers (Large Pink), Glue (Elmer's or school – 4 oz.), Glue Sticks (Regular and Jumbo size), Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, Crayola Markers (Regular or Washable – Classic colors only), Rulers (showing inches and metric measurements), Pencils (#2 – Not Eagle brand), Spiral Notebooks (1 and 3 Subject Wide or College – Ruled), Pens (Black, Blue, and Red), Fiskars Scissors (Pointed), Notebook Paper, Scotch Tape, Book Bags

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Mary Montour - mmontour@stjohnwc.org - 777-6433, ext. 118

Children's FAITH Formation



Early Childhood

Registration is open for children, aged 3 through Kindergarten. If you are able to register your children before July 29, the fees are discounted. Classes will be held on Sundays, during the 9:30 Mass. For more information about the Early Childhood Program, visit our website, <http://www.stjohnwc.org/early-childhood.html>. Questions? Please contact Katie Behrle, kbehrle@stjohnwc.org.

PSR

Registration is open for next year. There are three options for PSR for elementary students: Sundays, 10:45 – 12:00, Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45, and Home Study, which includes five monthly group gatherings in Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, and March. Junior High classes will be held on Sunday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00, or Home Study, including a commitment to attend the five monthly Sunday gatherings with other home study families. Catechists are needed for all grade levels to share faith and community spirit; guides and materials provided and your children attend PSR classes at no cost. If you are able to register before July 29, fees are discounted. Please see <http://www.stjohnwc.org/st-john-parish-school-of-religion-grades-1-8.html> for more information. Questions? Contact Mary Montour, mmontour@stjohnwc.org.

VBS

Save the dates for VBS 2020, “Rocky Railway Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!” June 22 -26!!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Youth Ministry events for July have been canceled.

See you later in August for the start of the Youth Ministry school year (Sunday evenings at 6:30 in the Youth Room, beginning on August 18) !

Confirmation registration is now open! Registration for the December 22, 2019 Confirmation will end on September 13. Visit our website at <http://www.stjohnwc.org/confirmation.html> to register!

Check out our Instagram!
[@stjohnwcyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnwcyouth)



2019 Festival Sponsors THANK YOU!

If you are interested in being a sponsor at our festival, please e-mail Angela at apugliano@stjohnwc.org or call the Parish Office at **513-777-6433**.

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Basket Bonanza

Feel free to buy your basket tickets early online by clicking the Donate/Payment button on the front page of our website!



Major Awards Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50! The next early bird drawings with a prize of \$250 will be held on Monday, July 22. Tickets for purchase have been mailed to parishioners. Feel free to stop by the parish office to buy your tickets or purchase them online! Go to our festival page under "events" on our website to see the prizes.

Bid 'N Buy

If you're looking for more involvement in the festival, consider becoming my right hand person by Co-chairing. Better yet, shadow to become the chairperson for 2020.

We can use your old items at the Festival's Bid 'N Buy booth. Most gently used/new indoor and outdoor household items are accepted including baskets (mid to large), furniture, holiday, child, home decorations, kitchen, furniture, and bikes. Large items such as vehicles, boats, campers, and timeshare stays significantly add to the success and bid-off excitement. Donations are tax deductible.

Drop-offs will be held in the Pavilion July 21st and 28th. All Sunday drop offs are from noon to 3 pm.

Sorry we can't accept the following items: clothing, bowling balls, exercise equipment, computers, car seats, drop side cribs, mattresses, organs, and non-HD flat screen TV's.

Contact Julie Brankamp for details at 513-777-4576 or stjohnwcfestival@yahoo.com

Bid 'N Buy Sponsors

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Festival Dessert Booth

The festival is coming up and the dessert booth would love any special treats you would like to bake (or buy!) ! You can drop off baked goods to the Parish Center (room 1) anytime after 9 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of the festival weekend (Aug. 2,3, 4). Thanks in advance for all that you do!

Shop at Kroger and Help St. John!

Did you know you can help St. John by shopping at Kroger? Visit our website to enroll your Kroger Plus Card and select "St. John the Evangelist West Chester." Our number is LD375. Then just shop as you normally do. Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!



Share-A-Lunch

Thank you to all contributors of SAL in June! SAL will meet again at 9 AM on Sunday, July 28th in the undercroft of Favret Hall. Please come join us! We will be preparing about 300 peanut butter sandwiches and packing lunches. (Lunches are distributed at Reach Out Lakota and St. Francis- Cincinnati.)

In addition to the peanut butter, bread, fruit (raw or cups), and juice boxes needed for the lunches, we welcome other non-perishable donations, too. The pantries are in particular need of healthy cereal, canned meat/tuna, canned fruit, flour, sugar, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce (cans), shampoo, baby wipes, deodorant, and female sanitary items. (Since we do not have a refrigerator, please refrain from donating natural peanut butter or highly perishable fruit.) Donations can be dropped off during our meeting time or in advance at the parish office.

Thanks again for your support! Please contact Diane Claytor at 374-3349 with questions.

THANK YOU

This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Liturgical Ministers' Training

Are you interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister for St. John Church? Liturgical Ministry includes these following volunteer positions for Mass:

- Altar Attendant (anyone 5th grade through adult)
- Sacristan (anyone 7th grade through adult)
- Extraordinary Minister (anyone 7th grade through adult)
- Hospitality Minister (anyone 4th grade through adult - families are welcome)

We will be holding training sessions for these 4 positions listed above on the following dates and times. There are training sessions available for each position on 2 evenings, but you only need to attend one date and time:

Tuesday, July 23

- Sacristan training --- 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Altar Attendant training --- 6:00pm to 6:45pm
- Extraordinary Minister training --- 6:45pm to 7:30pm
- Hospitality Minister training --- 7:30pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday, July 24

- Sacristan training --- 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Altar Attendant training --- 6:00pm to 6:45pm
- Extraordinary Minister training --- 6:45pm to 7:30pm
- Hospitality Minister training --- 7:30pm to 8:00pm

I ask that you PLEASE REGISTER online at our church website for a date and training time for one of the sessions available to you. If you are unable to register online, and you would like to sign up, you can contact Scott Steinke at (513) 777-6433 ext. 115 or by email at ssteinke@stjohnwc.org. Thank you and we look forward to having you become a member of our Liturgical Ministry!

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Shop on Amazon? Support St. John at the same time!



To register, simply go to the front page of our website and scroll down under "Parish news" to find the link. Thank you for supporting your parish!

Returning Catholics

Have you, or someone you know, drifted away from his/her Catholic faith? If you would like to return to the Catholic Church, we have a ministry to help welcome you back. If interested, please contact Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch at ccipollamcculloch@stjohnwc.org.

“We Are the Body of Christ”

As our theme changes this year, we are focusing 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. As before, please contact Angela at apugliano@stjohnwc.org if you have a ministry or person in mind that exemplifies this sense of community.

John Roth - Busy Volunteer and Family Man

We are so thankful for the efforts of volunteers like John Roth!

John and his wife, Jackie joined St. John in 2013. John has been serving on our Pastoral Council for over 3 years and has chosen his focus to be the youth of the parish. He and his committee helped to start our Father-Daughter and Mother-Son dances, which were both great successes. John is also a lector and recently became part of the Knights of Columbus.

Jackie does inside sales at Hobsons (higher-ed software), and John recently left clinical research to spend time with his kids over the summer. John and Jackie have three children: Russell who is 6, Corrina who is 4 and Jack, who is 2. John and Jackie always work the parish festival but two years ago, they decided to have a child instead! Jack was born during the 2017 parish festival weekend! John and his family can also be spotted working behind the welcome table every quarter, handing out ice cream or cookies.



John shows his children that they are called by name by including them in parish life at St. John. They are truly children of the parish. Everyone knows them. Russell even asked for his own nametag so that when he delivers the welcome bread to new parishioners, people will know his name. We are so fortunate to have families like the Roths in our parish. It shows us that the future is bright for our faith community.

Companions on the Journey

Companions on the Journey Grief Support Group will not meet on July 25. The next regular meeting will be on August 8 from 7-9 in the Hospitality Room of the church. That will be the end of our summer schedule. In September, we will go back to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month starting with Sept 12 and 26. Several people with recent losses have joined the group and are finding it helpful with all of the issues that arise with the loss of a loved one. Call Ron Meyer 376-1277 or Kathy McConnell 560-6151 for details.

Online Contributions - An Easy Way to Give!

Tired of filling out weekly envelopes? It is easy to set up your contributions electronically by using the “Donate” area on our website. Setting up regular payments (weekly, monthly, quarterly, or any timing that suits your needs) is as simple as spending 3 minutes online. You can have your contributions deducted from your bank account (EFT) or a credit card. If you are also interested in donating stock, please contact Marianne Ball in the Parish Office at 777-6433 or mball@stjohnwc.org. Have questions about giving? Contact Joan Seibenick at jseibenick@stjohnwc.org.

July

Chapel.....CHA	Hospitality Room.....HR
Church.....CHU	Pavilion.....PAV
Conference Room.....CR	Youth Room.....YR
Center.....CTR	Staff Conf. Room.....SCR
Gathering Space.....GS	Spirit House.....SPH
Favret Hall.....FH	Plaza.....PLZ
Reconciliation Room.....RR	
South Wing of FH.....SW	

MONDAY, JULY 22

8:30am..... Communion Service.....CHA
 9:30am..... Bible Study.....HR
 2:00pm..... Major Award Early Bird Drawing.....CHA

TUESDAY, JULY 23

8:30am..... Mass **in memory of Janet Wilhelm**.....CHA
 5:00pm..... Liturgical Ministry Training.....CHU

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

8:30am..... Mass **in memory of Patricia Jefferies**.....CHA
 5:00pm..... Liturgical Ministry Training.....CHU

THURSDAY, JULY 25

8:30am..... Mass **in honor of Jenny Atherine**.....CHA
 7:00pm..... St. Vincent de Paul.....CR

FRIDAY, JULY 26

8:30am..... Communion Service.....CHA

In the Gathering Space:

- **Festival Volunteer Sign Ups**
- **Basket and Raffle Ticket Sales**
- **School Supply Collection**

SATURDAY, JULY 27

4:00pm..... Reconciliation.....RR
 5:00pm..... Mass **in memory of Melanie Hackett**.....CHU

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00am..... Mass **for the Parish**.....CHU
 9:00am..... Share a Lunch.....PAV
 9:30am..... Mass **in memory of Don Fey**.....CHU
 11:30am..... Mass **in memory of Bernie Wendling**.....CHU
 12:00pm..... Bid 'N Buy Drop Off.....CTR
 1:00pm..... Baptism.....CHU
 3:15pm..... K of C Chosen.....CTR

All bulletin submissions must be received at least twelve (12) days in advance of the date the article is to be included.

On the first weekend of each month the K of C leads the rosary before all Masses. The rosary will start 20 minutes before Mass except for the 11:30 a.m. Mass. At the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the rosary will begin at 11 a.m. Come and join us as we lead the rosary. We have much to be thankful for and you can also include any special intentions.

RCIA / Ministry to Returning Catholics

Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch 777-6433, ext. 121

Stephen Ministry/CRHP

Scott Steinke 777-6433, ext. 115

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.....376-1277

Small Church Communities (Journey of Faith)

Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch 777-6433, ext. 121

Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing)

Contact the office 777-6433

Communion to the Sick/Shut-Ins

Julie Chapman.....513-807-8004

St. Vincent de Paul

Guy Lavergne..... 777-6433 ext. 120

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.

Email.....prayernetwork@stjohnwc.org

Margaret Kellogg 777-4253

Mary Moore492-9015

Cry Room

Cry Room is available to parents during all Masses.

Scott Steinke 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

Formation & Education

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