

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

July 28, 2019

*And I tell you, ask and
you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door
will be opened to you.*

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Friday..... 8:30am-Noon
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.

July 29: Team 3: Dan B., Jeanne C., Carole E.

FATHER DON'S REFLECTION

LK 11:1-13

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

In today's gospel, Jesus is asked to teach his disciples how to pray. He teaches him the Our Father. It is a prayer that all of us know by heart. It is a prayer that gives us the attitude we need to pray. It is a prayer that challenges how we are to treat one another. It calls for a spirit of reverence to the Father and true sense of forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. The Our Father is a prayer that petitions the Father to take care of us. It is, in many ways, the perfect prayer.

Jesus taught his disciples just how powerful the gift of prayer is. Petitioning the Father can be a wonderful way to get what we need in life. The key word in the last sentence is "need." The Father knows us better than we know ourselves. Sometimes we can make it more about what we want rather than what we need. It is hard, at times, to separate the two.

Jesus' words seem to imply that we can simply present a list to the Father, sit back, and everything will come right back to us in a neat little package. Admittedly, it would be great to have such a pipeline to the Father. But I am not sure that is how God works. Sometimes the answers we get are not the answers we assumed we would get. We will always receive what is best for us. The door that opens for us might be a different door than we expected; it could be one that leads us to a new understanding of our relationship with God. Sometimes the answers to our prayers don't line up with what we "think" we need in our lives. God knows us and wants nothing but the best for each of us. So, sometimes, the answer might be "no" or perhaps, "not yet."

That is why the Our Father is such a wonderful prayer. I think it teaches us to be humble before the Lord. It teaches us to respect who the Father is. God is the source of all good; once we recognize that he is the one in charge, then we can become comfortable in our relationships with the Father. He teaches us how to be compassionate as he is compassionate to us. God will not lead us astray. The Father loves us and wants nothing to separate us from his loving care. While the Father may know what we need, we still must voice our prayer to him. There is something to be said for consistent prayer.

Never weary from talking with the Lord. Communication is essential with our relationship with God. Remember, conversation takes two. If one person is doing all the talking, it is rather tough to hear from the other person. Of course, in prayer there is always a need for thanksgiving for what we have. So, a prayer of thanksgiving is important. Jesus gave us the foundation for approaching the Father may we continue to grow in our relationship with him. Have a great week!



Readings for This Week: July 29 - Aug. 2

Monday Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; Jn 11: 19-27
Tuesday Ex 33: 7-11; 34b-9, 28; Ps 103; Mt 13: 36-43
Wednesday Ex 34: 29-35; Ps 99; Mt 13: 44-46
Thursday Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13: 47-53
Friday Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13: 54-58

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

Next Weekend: Aug. 3 / 4

First Reading: ECC 1:2; 2:21-23

"All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity."

Second Reading: COL 3:1-5, 9-11

"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

Gospel: LK 12:13-2

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

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:

Aug. 3 / 4

SATURDAY

4:00 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.

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Welcome, New Parishioners!

- Thomas & Elinor Madigan

St. John Festival - Next Weekend!



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.

Here are the booths that are open:

Sports Wheel and Sling Shot. 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 and 7!

School Supply Collection for Campton Mission

Please drop off school supply donations in the Gathering Space after all masses THIS WEEKEND, 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](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!
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Basket Bonanza

It's almost time for our famous Basket Bonanza! If you see Janet Raters at the festival, thank her and her volunteers for all their hours of hard work. If you want, you can 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! Tickets for purchase have been mailed to parishioners. Feel free to stop by the parish office to buy your tickets or purchase them online!
Grand Prize: \$10,000 Cash
2nd Prize: \$2,000 Cash
3rd Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Join in on the fun - next weekend!

Friday, Aug. 2: 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 3: 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Sunday, Aug. 4: 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

MUSIC AT THE FESTIVAL:

- Friday: Richard Lynch Band
- Saturday : DV8
- Sunday: Blue Stone Ivory

ENTERTAINMENT FROM:

Magician Tom Bemmes
Jugglers
Dance Teams
Gymnastics Teams
Balloon Artists
AND MORE!



Festival Dessert Booth

The dessert booth would love any special treats you would like to bake (or buy!) You can drop off baked goods to the Center in Room 1 anytime from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. until the start of the festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact Sarah at sarahcook@foresthills.edu

Bid 'N Buy

Thanks to everyone who has donated to help our Bid 'N Buy become such a great festival attraction!

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 on July 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

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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.

Amazon Smile

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.

Betsey Butsch

So many volunteers and members of our parish make up this incredible Body of Christ...and we are especially thankful that it includes Betsey Butsch!

Larry and Betsey Butsch have been members of St. John since 1999 and have two adult children, Philip and Lauren. Betsey is a very active member of the parish and has been for years. Recently it's her decoration efforts that have been so appreciated. Betsey is the genius behind the beautiful and clever decor filling Favret Hall and our Parish Center for both the Father/Daughter Dance in February as well as the Mother/Son dance in June. From concept to creation, the immersive and impressive decorations at both events made the experiences nothing short of magical. We are so grateful for the time she put into making these nights come to life!



Not only were her decorations a hit at the dances, but she has also given her time and talents to making Vacation Bible School come to life. Her service is unending: Betsey has also helped our with Breakfast in Bethlehem for years, volunteered with the Knights of Columbus, and has been active with PSR when her kids were younger. In addition, Betsey consistently works many shifts of the festival and the fish fries...she sure is a force around here!



Thank you, Betsey, for everything you do to make this community a true Body of Christ.

Companions on the Journey

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 29

8:30am..... Communion Service.....CHA
 9:30am..... Bible Study.....HR

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:30am..... Mass in memory of Rita Mae Fleissner...CHA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

8:30am..... Mass.....CHA

THURSDAY, AUG. 1

8:30am..... Mass in honor of Stephen Kroeger.....CHA

FRIDAY, AUG. 2

Festival 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Festival 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

7:00am..... Men's Group.....HR
 4:00pm..... Mass in memory of Jim Eiswerth.....CHU

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

Festival 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

8:00am..... Mass in memory of Dorothy Dellerman...CHU
 9:30am..... Mass for the Parish.....CHU
 11:30am..... Mass in memory of Mariann Becker.....CHU

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

Early Childhood Program (during 9:30 Mass)

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