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Mon-Thurs8:30am-5:30pm
Friday..... 8:30am-Noon
Saturday...3:30pm-6:00pm (Church Office)
Sunday7:30am-1pm (Church Office)

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.

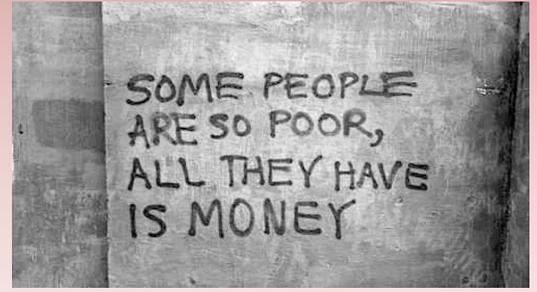
Much of our giving is electronic and monthly reporting is more reflective of our current giving practices.

Aug. 5: Team 4: Agnes B., Arlene H., Dave T.

FATHER DON'S REFLECTION

LK 12:13-21

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."



A few months ago, I finally wrote my will. If I knew what it would cost, I might not have been so quick to do it. However, the Archdiocese was pressuring me to get one finished, sent, signed, and sealed. Maybe they thought I would leave my vast fortune to them! I ended up leaving all that I owned to my family...which sounds wonderful, until they get all of the useless stuff I have collected throughout my life. Books from school, late-night purchases of stuff that at the time seemed necessary, and more. The best idea for my family is for them to get a dumpster dropped off at the condo and pitch 95% into it.

The parable that Jesus tells reminds me of just how much those possessions can get in the way. Possessions do not make us the people we are. If they do, then we might find ourselves like the man in the story. He was so confident that he was set for life and then God tells him his life is over that night. So, all the stuff he had piled up meant nothing to him in the end.

There is nothing wrong with having things that make life easier or enjoyable. People work very hard to have the things they have and they have a right to enjoy them. We must think though, at what cost? Were the "things" we owned more important than relationships with others? What good does it do to have all the toys but no time to really enjoy them? Do those things blind us to what is necessary in the world we live in?

We must answer the question of what matters to God. How do we begin to answer that question? If we haven't had a right relationship with God, it will be a tough question to answer. If someone asked you, "Who are you?" you might start describing where you live, the job you have, where you went to college, and all things around you. However, at this point, you haven't told anyone who you really are. Who are you as a person? What difference does having a relationship with God mean to you in your daily life? Are you someone who chooses a round of Sunday golf instead of going to church? Is it important to find a place to worship while on vacation or is it ok to take a vacation from God? Many summer weekends, I can see the answer to that question.

When all of this stuff keeps us from spending time with God, there is a problem. We all would love to have enough money to live comfortably. But this world is only temporary; it is not our final destination. God has other plans for us, and they don't include the possessions we have here on earth. When we realize how much God loves us and wants nothing but the best for us, then our wealth can be without measure.

Let us not put stock into the earthly possessions we have. Let us put our stock in the possessions that God has given us. Take the gifts that God has placed before you and make them come alive. We are all part of the Body of Christ; that is gift enough. Have a great week!

Readings for This Week: Aug. 5 - 9

Next Weekend: Aug. 10 / 11

Monday	Nm 11: 4b-15; Ps 81; Mt 14: 13-21
Tuesday	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-24; Ps 97; Lk 9: 28b-36
Wednesday	Nm 13: 1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106; Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday	Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95; Mt 16: 13-23
Friday	Dt 4: 32-40; Ps 77; Mt 16: 24-28

First Reading: WIS 18:6-9

"For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution."

Second Reading: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

Gospel: LK 12:32-48

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks..."

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

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. 10 / 11

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m..... Fr. Phil Seher

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.....Fr. Bill Farris

9:30 a.m.....Fr. Jim Meade

11:30 a.m.....Fr. Jim Meade

Please note that this schedule
is subject to change.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

- Javier Vargas Angeles & Ingri Rivera Sanchez and their daughter, Guadalupe

St. Gabriel Consolidated School



Saint Gabriel
Consolidated School

Are you considering a private Catholic school education for your children in grades K through 8? St. Gabriel Consolidated School may be right for your family! We still have spots in most grades for the 2019-20 school year.

As a consolidated grade school, St. Gabriel serves St. John the Evangelist, St. Max and St. Gabriel. Your children will experience daily prayer and lessons in faith formation in addition to an excellent academic curriculum. St. Gabe is a National Blue Ribbon School that is dedicated to nurturing the faith, academic and service lives of our students with an emphasis on enriching the whole child. We partner with parents and parishes to create a Catholic environment which empowers each individual to become a valuable member of the church, school and community. Interested? Call us today at 513-771-5520 or email a.gutman@stgabeshool.org.

The Catholic Families with Special Needs

Archdiocese of Cincinnati would like to introduce you to our work to create an environment where all of God's children can come and worship without stigma or stress! Please look for more information in the next Catholic Telegraph or you can access www.catholiccincinnati.org/sensory-friendly-resources/ on the web or check us out on Facebook @SpecialNeedsAoC to see what we are doing.

If you would like to learn more about how to include your family, Please email Denny Eagan - deagan@cinci.rr.com

Getting Married?

Marriage preparation is an important process and should be started as soon as possible upon engagement. Even if you elect to be married elsewhere, we are happy to provide the marriage preparation needed. If you have a prior marriage and are in need of annulment, please feel free to call. For more information, contact Fr. Don West at 777-6433 or dwest@stjohnwc.org, Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch at 777-6433, ext. 121, or ccipollamcculloch@stjohnwc.org, or Deacon Fred Merritt at 777-7737 fmerritt@stjohnwc.org.

Want more?
Visit our website at www.stjohnwc.org,
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“St. John the Evangelist West Chester” &
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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. 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

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!

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Basket Bonanza

It's 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.

Major Awards Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50!

Grand Prize: \$10,000 Cash

2nd Prize: \$2,000 Cash

3rd Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Join in on the fun!

Saturday, Aug. 3: 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4: 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

MUSIC AT THE FESTIVAL:

- 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 until the start of the festival on Sunday. For more information, contact Sarah at sarahcook@for-esthills.edu

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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.

THANK YOU

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Are you or someone you know going through a difficult time and feel like you could use an extra reminder of God's always enduring presence? Please contact the parish office or e-mail jseibenick@stjohnwc.org to request or receive a shawl. All are welcome.

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!



Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program (LPMP)

ARE YOU FEELING CALLED TO SERVE?

It may be time to take the next step and gain both theological knowledge and ministerial practice in preparation to serve as a leader in the parish or a pastoral care setting. Some of our students are working to enrich their personal knowledge of the faith and want to gain experience in ministry. The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers both theology and ministry training and experience.

Non-Degreed Certificate program in Pastoral Ministry is offered at our satellite location, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Monfort Heights on Saturdays. Certificate at the Masters level classes take place at The Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, on weeknights and Saturdays. Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry classes take place at The Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, on weeknights and Saturdays.

Call now and learn how you can start classes this fall! For information or appointment, contact: Dr. Susan McGurgan, Director or Mrs. Barbara Yoder, Assoc. Director Lay Pastoral Ministry Program, 513.231-1200, smcgurgan@atheaneum.edu or byoder@atheaneum.edu

Visit our website: atheaneum.edu to explore online.

“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.

Betsy Butsch

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

Larry and Betsy Butsch have been members of St. John since 1999 and have two adult children, Philip and Lauren. They are also new grandparents to Elise, Lauren's (& husband Sam's) daughter. Betsy is a very active member of the parish and has been for years. Recently it's her decoration efforts that have been so appreciated. Betsy 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: Betsy 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, Betsy consistently works many shifts of the festival and the fish fries...she sure is a force around here!

Thank you, Betsy, 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.

August

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, AUG. 5

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

8:30am..... Mass **in memory of Hilda Meyer**.....CHA

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

8:30am..... Mass **in memory of Don Fey**.....CHA
 6:30pm..... Prayer Shawl Ministry.....CR

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

8:30am..... Mass **in honor of Darlene A. Mikula**.....CHA
 7:00pm..... Companions on the Journey.....HR
 7:00pm..... St. Vincent de Paul.....CR

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

4:00pm..... Reconciliation.....RR
 5:00pm..... Mass **in memory of Janet Wilhelm**.....CHU

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

8:00am..... Mass **in memory of Leslie Weigel**.....CHU
 9:30am..... Mass **in memory of Caroline Bannan**.....CHU
 11:30am..... Mass **for the Parish**.....CHU
 3:00pm..... Chosen.....CTR

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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

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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)

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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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