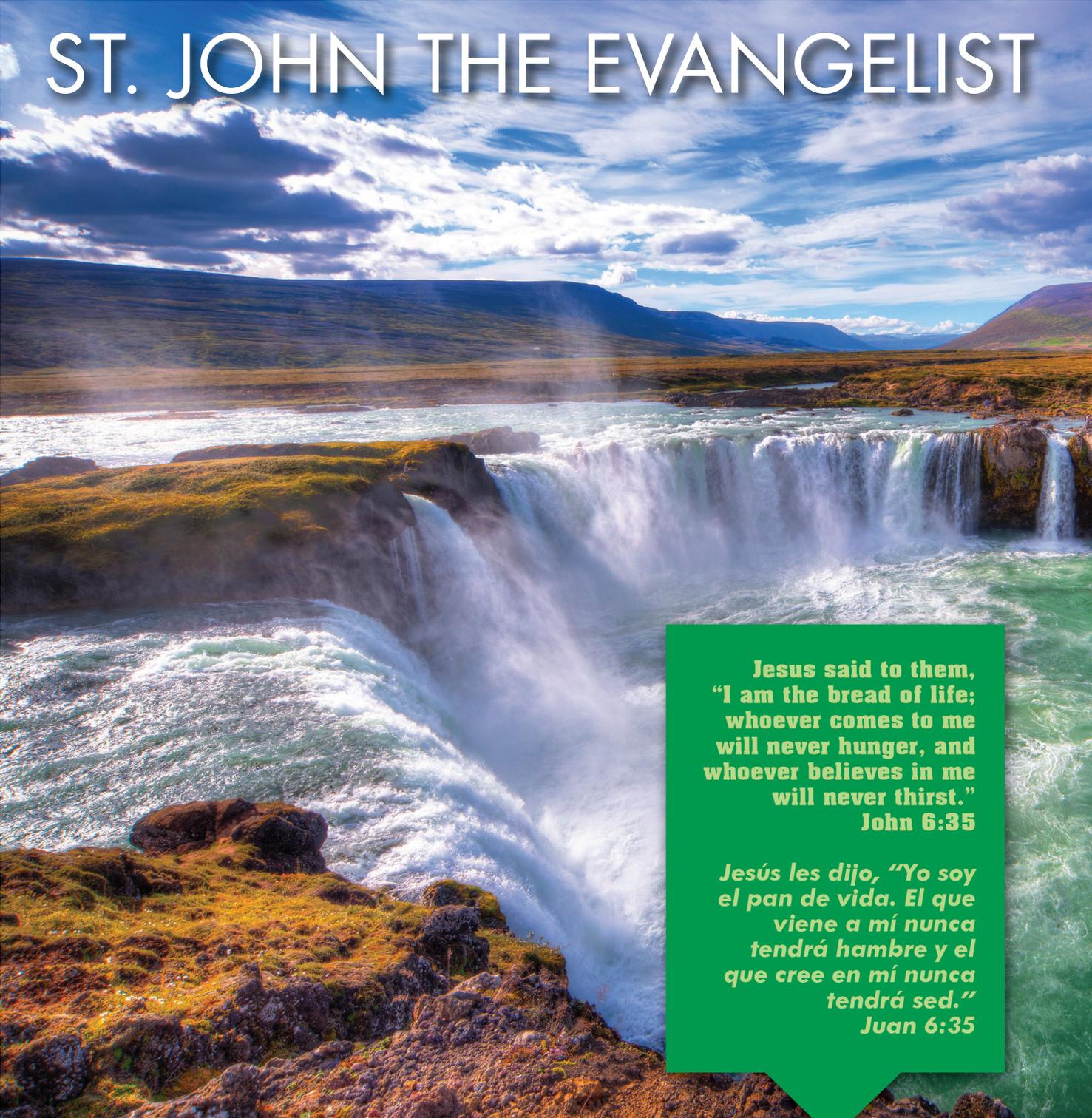


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



**Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
will never hunger, and
whoever believes in me
will never thirst.”
John 6:35**

*Jesús les dijo, “Yo soy
el pan de vida. El que
viene a mí nunca
tendrá hambre y el
que cree en mí nunca
tendrá sed.”
Juan 6:35*

August 5, 2018

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**ORDINARY
TIME**

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Office Hours

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.

July 22, 2018

Week 4 of Fiscal Year

Sunday Offerings..... \$15,499.65
2nd Collection: Our Lady Guadalupe in NM . \$5,702.03
Online Donations..... \$11,370.00
Total..... \$32,571.68

Total Weekly Amount:

Actual: \$26,870.00
Budget: \$26,442.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Amount:

Actual: \$100,972.00
Budget: \$105,768.00
Over/(Under): \$(4,796.00)

Thank you for your contributions!

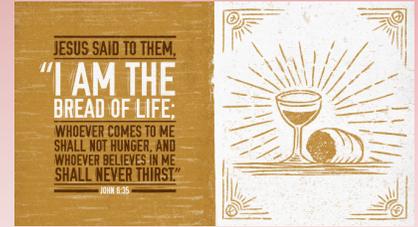
Collection Team for 8/6/2018

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

FATHER DON'S REFLECTION

JN 6:24-35

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God has set his seal."



Who wouldn't want to follow Jesus when there is free food involved? This is the second week where bread is the focus of the gospel. Jesus was in the midst of a teachable moment. This moment was special to Jesus and it would bring the people a major choice to make. Jesus wanted the people to know that he was the bread that came down from heaven. Jesus made it clear that the manna that came from heaven was not done by Moses, but by God the Father. He was the one who nurtured and cared for the Israelites in the desert. Now, Jesus had come down from heaven with a new and lasting bread. It was a bread that would bring eternal salvation. Jesus was the "true" bread sent by the Father. As Jesus stated later: "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Jesus told them further: "I am the bread of life." The phrase "I am" is a link to the name that the Father said to Moses from the burning bush.

The people still didn't understand the full message about who He was. They still thought that it was all about the earthly bread. It's similar to the woman at the well who wanted the life-giving water Jesus offered her. Of course, she thought it was water that would help her to never come to the well and drink from there again. Both situations needed a deeper understanding to fully grasp what Jesus was trying to teach them.

Now we might look at them and think: "how could they not see?" It is a question we must ask ourselves. Do we see the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist that we receive? As we drink from the cup, do we "know" that it's Jesus' blood? Do we realize that we have the bread of life and the drink that will never make us thirst again? If we say yes, how do we prepare for receiving it? Is it one of the highlights of the week? As we humbly approach the distributor, are we ready to say, "Amen. I believe!"?

The Eucharist is at the center of liturgical life. But if we don't see that, then when we come to Eucharist, we are less than thrilled to be there. We may even be looking for a reason not to go. Even if we go, we might find things to distract us from what is taking place. Maybe we are like the people in the gospel, needing just one more "sign". If we can't see the most amazing miracle, the Eucharist, then there won't be any sign that will win us over. Jesus is the bread that has come down from heaven. Those who believe and receive will have life to the fullest. It is bread that will sustain us for the journey to the kingdom of heaven. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jesus is our source of life; trust that always! Have a great week.

Readings for This Week: Aug. 6 - 10

Monday	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; Mk 9: 2-10
Tuesday	Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102; 2 Pt 1: 16-19 ; Mt 14: 22-36
Wednesday	Jer 31: 1-7; Jer 31; Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday	Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 51; Mt 16: 13-23
Friday	2 Cor 9: 6-10; Ps 112; Jn 12: 24-26

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

Readings for Next Weekend: Aug. 11 / 12

First Reading: 1 KGS 19:4-8

"[Elijah] got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb."

Second Reading: EPH 4:30—5:2

"And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Gospel: JN 6:41-51

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life."

WELCOME

PARISH THEME

“I Have Called You
By Name; You Are Mine”



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. 11 / 12

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.

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Welcome, New Parishioners!

•Augustine & Odochi Nwoko

•Zachary & Stephanie Schaefer and their daughter Avery

•Brendon & Elizabeth Breitenstein and their son Otto

•Vincent Schneider

•John & Janice Hredzak

•Beth & Nathan Rudolph and their children Lillian & Madigan

BB Riverboat Lunch Cruise for Senior Ministry

Join the Spirited Seniors as we go on a two-hour cruise down the Ohio River on Wednesday, Oct. 3. We will be taking a bus from St. John if you want to ride down with us, or you can meet us down at the dock. We board at 11:00 a.m. and the cruise runs from noon until 2:00 p.m. During that time, we will enjoy entertainment as well as a luncheon buffet. If you would like to drive yourself, the cost for the lunch cruise is: \$24 per Children (4-12) \$37 per adult (13-59) \$34 per senior (60+) The cost for riding the bus with us is an additional \$15. If interested please call Deacon Fred Merritt, (513) 777-6433, or Betty Grothjan, (513) 777-6627 and climb aboard!

Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Sept. 22, 2018



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The annual St. John K of C Memorial Golf Outing will be at The City of Mason Golf Center and following for the Ribeye steak dinner at St. John Center, Sep-

tember 22nd, 2018! Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., Shotgun start at 1:30 PM. Costs are: Golf \$85/player ; Dinner only \$25/person. Sponsorship's are available! Download the form at www.sjkofc13608.com for further details.

Shop at Kroger and Help St. John!

Did you know you can help St. John by shopping at Kroger? Just click here to enroll your Kroger Plus Card and select “St. John the Evangelist West Chester.” Our number is 84190. 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!



Download our parish app today!

Stay connected with St. John.

Set up prayer reminders.

Listen to homilies.

Scan the code or search your app store for **myparish**.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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

PSR UPDATE!

A recent survey of the parish showed a strong preference for adding PSR classes on Sunday morning. Registrations to date have been primarily for Sunday mornings (10:45 – 12:00) and Wednesday evenings (6:30 – 7:45). We are unable to facilitate three sessions of PSR classes, so we have determined that Tuesday evening classes will be discontinued. Note to those families who are involved in Children's Choir: choir practice will be moved to Wednesday evenings this year.

PSR News

If you have children in grades 1 – 8 who are not attending Catholic schools, please check out the Faith Formation options for your family (from the parish website, link to Faith Formation). In addition to ongoing religious education, our young parishioners participate in service projects, activities that reinforce lessons, and share time with friends too. Classes will run from Sept. 9, 2018 through April 10, 2019. Planning for the upcoming year has already begun; please register as soon as you can! Catechists, Substitutes & Co-Catechists, and Office Assistants are needed for each session of PSR. Children of weekly volunteers attend PSR at no cost. If you would like to know more about these commitments please call Mary Montour, 513-777-6433, or e-mail at mmontour@stjohnwc.org. Thank you!

Early Childhood PSR

Calling all children age 3 – Kindergarten! Registration has begun for faith-filled fun and learning with caring adults on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sept. – April. For more information visit our website. Catechists, Substitutes & Co-Catechists, and Office Assistants are needed for the success of Early Childhood PSR. Children of weekly volunteers attend PSR at no cost. Please contact Jodi Krusling at jk-rusling@stjohnwc.org for more information. Thank you!

Reconciliation

If you would like your child to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent this year, please mark your calendar for our opening Parent Meeting on Monday, Sept 24, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. More information coming soon.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Josh Plandowski - jplandowski@stjohnwc.org - 777-6433, ext. 114

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation

Confirmation registration is open! You can register online or you can use paper registration forms which can be found in the Parish and Church offices. Our Confirmation date is set for December 1st and our program begins on Saturday, September 15. Our confirmation program will need catechists, small group mentors, office assistants, and plenty of other help to go forward. Volunteering in this capacity enriches your teen's faith lives and yours too! We strongly encourage parents and empty nesters to consider this affirming ministry! For more information Confirmation please contact Josh Plandowski at jplandowski@stjohnwc.org or 777-6433 x.114

Confirmation Parent Meeting

The Confirmation Parent Meeting is next Sunday, August 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a mandatory meeting that parents of Confirmation Candidates need to attend. Teens do not have to attend this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Josh Plandowski at jplandowski@stjohnwc.org.

WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

St. John the Evangelist Church Festival

Aug. 4 & 5

The St. John festival will be held the first weekend of August. Please consider volunteering! In particular they could use help with clean-up Sunday night. Sign up here: http://stjohntheevangelistchurch.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?start_over&id=12931



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 at St. John

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will attend mass together at 7 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist church, and afterward go to Dingle House in West Chester for some food and fellowship.

Check out our Instagram!
@stjohnwcyouth



St. John Family Festival



Stop by his weekend for festival fun!

August 4: 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

August 5: 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.



Bid N' Buy

Our Bid N' Buy team thanks the following sponsors:

*West Chester Academy
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Arby's
COSI
Vonderhaar's
Great Parks of Hamilton County
Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern
Skyline Chili-Beckett Ridge
Clyborne Restaurant
The Webb
Back Porch Saloon
Stone Creek Restaurant*



*Anna's Petite Nail Salon
Rebel Salon and Spa
Village Spa
The Tile Shop
Twin Dragon Chinese Buffet and Grill*

Any items not sold during the festival will be available for sale during the day on Monday, August 6 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Pavilion. Any items left after Monday will be donated to charity on August 7. If you have any questions or items that you think might sell, please contact Judy at lenihanj5555@gmail.com or Ara at aya-lao4@aol.com

Basket Bonanza

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and money to help with our baskets! For a full list of basket names and their contents, please visit <http://www.stjohnwc.org/2018-basket-bonanza.html> !

Thank You to Our Festival Sponsors!

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Paul Fulmer
Back Porch Saloon
Mike Byrne
Remodeling
Larry's Lock Safe &
Security Center
Bath Fitter

Super:

Montgomery Merit Dental
Jodie Jenkins, DDS
Hillandale Family of
Communities
Paul Grote, MD

Snapchat Raffle During Festival



During our festival, we will have a snapchat geofilter running from 6 p.m. until closing each night. If you screenshot a snapchat using this filter and send it to us, you will be entered into a drawing to win \$100!

All you need to do is:

- Download Snapchat if you don't already have it. Make sure it's the latest version!
- Hang out at our festival and take a screenshot of a snap of your favorite festival activity! It could be your family enjoying the pulled pork, your buddy winning big at Poker, or a selfie in front of the band stage! You choose!
- Send in the screenshot to apugliano@stjohnwc.org to enter to win! It's that easy.

The winner will be announced on Monday, August 6. Good luck! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office, e-mail Angela or send us a private message on Facebook. Thank you!

Share-A-Lunch

Sunday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. in the Pavilion

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 (apples, oranges, bananas, or cups), snacks, 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, canned vegetables, 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 779-6895 with questions.



Reach Out Lakota

On the first Sunday of the month, each St. John family is asked to bring an item of non-perishable food, or a toiletry, cleaning or paper product to the Gathering Space before Mass. Place items in the basket with the sign "Reach Out Lakota Supplies." These donations are given to Reach Out Lakota. Thank you for your support of this community organization.

Our Music Director, Lynn, Invites You!

Last week I was able to attend the annual convention of the National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) in Baltimore, Maryland. These conventions are always great gatherings for meeting up with old friends, hearing all the latest music, attending wonderful concerts and learning about music ministry and liturgy in the church. I came away with a huge stack of free music and a couple books on managing music ministry and building a music program. I have been a music director for 33 years now, but I am always looking for new ideas, especially in recruiting new music ministers! It seems like every resource I have found stresses that a personal invitation is the best recruiting tool. Since it is somewhat impossible to go around and invite each member of the church to join the music ministry, please consider this your personal invitation! With a parish this size, we should have a much larger choir. There are opportunities to sing at every Mass, just stop by and talk to me before or after Mass, or e-mail me at lmeisberger@stjohnwc.org. If you hear someone singing in the pews with a nice voice, be my ambassador, suggest that they join the music ministry! Singers and instrumentalists of all ages and abilities are welcome!



NAMI Family to Family Class

Aug. 30, 6 - 9 p.m.

NAMI Butler County is registering participants for a new, 12-week, Family to Family class beginning August 30, 2018. These classes are for family members and friends, aged 18 and older, of an individual who has a mental health disorder. There is no cost to participants. The classes begin on Thursday, August 30, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Classes are located at the NAMI offices within the Mental Health Board offices: 5963 Boymel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio.

Topics include:

- Basics of brain biology and mental health conditions
- Exploring the subjective experience of coping with a mental illness
- Getting through a crisis
- Coping skills/Self-care
- Communication skills
- Locating services and support
- Latest medications and therapies
- Helping your loved ones without enabling them

“I Have Called You By Name; You are Mine...”

Isaiah 43: 1

“I have
called
you by
name.”



*How have
you been called?*

-Isaiah 43:1

Our theme highlights that we have all been called by God and to emphasize places within our community where others can execute their time and talents. In this section, we highlight parishioners, groups and ministries within the St. John Parish who have been called by God to give, serve, and share their talents. Please contact Angela at apugliano@stjohnwc.org if you have a ministry in mind.



Healing Through the Sacraments: Communion for the Sick

By Carol Thomas

When we receive an opportunity to serve the Lord, it may feel as if it is beyond our ability. That was the case for me approximately sixteen years ago when our former pastor Fr. Jim Meade approached me about becoming the Chair for the Communion to the Sick Ministry. I wasn't sure I was qualified. In hindsight, Fr. Jim did me a big favor because the position forced me to step out of my comfort zone into active service that has lasted to this day. This step forward in faith, gave me a keen awareness of being “Christ to one another.”

The New Testament accounts healing as a ministry of the early church. Throughout his entire life, Jesus visibly used his healing power to bring wholeness, strength, peace and recovery to people in their illness, wounded relationships and hurt of body, mind and soul. Individuals confined to healthcare facilities, hospitals or “shut-in” conditions at home often sense a feeling of insecurity, isolation and loneliness. It becomes a harsh reality for those who at one time had the ability to attend Mass, enjoy camaraderie with other parishioners, suffer the loss of their independence. Visiting the sick enabled me to take the Body of Christ to the infirm, extend a compassionate hand of the healing Christ, plus offer the spiritual, emotional and physical support of the St. John community.

Looking back, God gave me more in return than I gave. Indeed, we give to God in thimblefuls and he returns to us in truckloads. Even in times of deepest doubt, God is present and whispers, “I'll go with you,” for God will not abandon his people. What are the unexpected places where God might be at work in your life today?

Catholic Charities Mental Health Services

We all have stress and challenges. We all can use a little help from time to time. Your mental health impacts your view of yourself and others, and it can be easy to lose our way. We are here to give you tools to assist you in finding ways to maintain a sense of well-being during those times of crisis. If you need the assistance of a mental health specialist to cope with life and various stressors, call Catholic Charities to schedule an appointment today. Catholic Charities has 9 different locations to serve you. Call the main intake line at 866-635-9716 to schedule your first appointment. Catholic Charities takes several insurance plans, medicaid and self pay clients.

Do you know someone who has drifted away from Catholicism?

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 Deacon Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121 or jbarney@stjohnwc.org.

RCIA / Ministry to Returning Catholics

Jerry Barney 777-6433, ext. 121

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Scott Steinke 777-6433, ext. 115

Young Adult Ministry

Josh Plandowski 777-6433, ext. 114

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)

Jerry Barney 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

Steve Gross 777-6433, ext.120

Divorced & Separated

Father Don West.....777-6433, ext. 133

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.

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