

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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AUGUST 11, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.
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Housekeeper.....Chasity McConaughy
Parish Council.....John Alvarez
Finance Council.....Bill Garvey

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish office for arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 - 8:25 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

Pastor's Perusings - Food for the Journey

Our first reading (1 Kings 19) features the great prophet Elijah, who called the Israelites back to the right worship of God. They had sinned against God by worshipping Baal, under the influence of the evil rulers King Ahab and Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 16). Elijah won a dramatic and decisive spiritual victory on Mt. Carmel. He had challenged over 400 prophets of Baal to demonstrate the power of their god. When nothing happened, even after much taunting by the prophet, Elijah invoked the Lord God with great effect and all the people declared that the Lord alone was God in Israel (1 Kgs 18:39). After this, the rains at last returned to the land of Israel after a prolonged drought intended to move king and people to repentance. Queen Jezebel responded by threatening to kill Elijah, and so he fled for fear of his life. Today's reading describes this fearful escape. It says that Elijah "prayed for death" saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life." In his despair, Elijah falls asleep under a broom tree.

In response, God sends an angel, who touches Elijah and orders him to arise and eat. The angel provides Elijah food and drink. He consumes this but then lays down again. The angel returns and again orders Elijah to "get up and eat." The angel reveals that he is preparing Elijah for a journey, for which he needs strength. After this, Elijah walks "to the mountain of God, Horeb." Horeb is another name for Mount Sinai, where God made a covenant with the Israelites. To reach Mount Horeb/Sinai, Elijah walks "forty days and forty nights." In Exodus 24:18, Moses spent "forty days and forty nights" on Mount Sinai receiving the law of God. When the prophet Elijah journeys to Mount Horeb, he is obeying the command of God's angel. In this way, God is renewing his covenant with the Israelites, with Elijah representing God's people. Elijah's prophetic message should prompt the Israelites to repent from their sins and return to God's will for their lives.

In the Gospel this week, we continue our journey through the Bread of Life discourse. The lack of understanding and faith on the part of those who reject our Lord plays a pivotal role in what our Lord has to say. This lack of understanding is used by Jesus to bring the Israelites, and us, to a deeper understanding of what our Lord is trying to teach us. When our Lord continues to insist that He is the Bread of Life and that He has come down from heaven, "the Jews murmured about Jesus" in disbelief. They know Jesus' family, that he is the son of Joseph. They consider this to be proof that he did not come down from heaven. But Jesus knows that they are murmuring, and rebukes them. This murmuring is the same reaction the Israelites had toward Moses before they received manna in the desert, when they and their stomachs were grumbling against God. However, we are called not to grumble against God, but to receive His Word with faith and trust so that we can have eternal life.

Our Lord continues to teach His people by telling them it is the initiative of the Father that draws people to our Lord who promises them resurrection on the last day. Therefore, if we believe in Christ, our faith is a gift from God, not the result of our own action. Every act of prayer, every time we repent of our sins, every moment of growth in virtue in our lives is our response to God's invitation for us to live as He created us to live.

Jesus employs the double Amen to indicate that an important emphasis is about to be made. The emphasis is: "Whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life." While the manna provided nourishment for physical well-being, it had no power to prevent death. Those who eat the real bread that comes down from heaven will not die. Again, Jesus emphasized his identity as that living bread. Now he pushes even further. Jesus declares that this bread is his "flesh for the life of the world." This Bread of Life, Jesus' very own Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, the same body of Christ which was crucified for our sins and rose from the dead to conquer sin and death once and for all, is the same Body of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist.

We have a gift far greater than Elijah received. It is not an angel of the Lord that is telling us to take and eat. It is Jesus Christ who gives us the nourishment we need to complete the work with which we have been entrusted. And we are not given just a hearth cake and water, we are given the very Body and Blood of the Lord to help us complete the journey of the Lord. When we worthily receive the nourishment He gives us, the Eucharist, we can live well and die well, trusting that the Lord is living in us and working through us.

-Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mario Anthony
Ficca+

Sun 8:00 am Kristian White+

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am Phyllis Russell+

Tue 8:30 am Frank & Mary
Margarett Cipoletti &
Marian Voelker++

Wed 5:30 pm Martha Lallone+

Thur 12:00 pm Martha Lallone+

Thur 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Fri 5:30 pm Thomas
Kanzelberger+

Sat 4:00 pm Don Mitchell+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia
Staffileno & their
deceased
descendants+

Readings

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/ PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/ PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28

Thursday: Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/ PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ LK 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Prv 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58



AUGUST 17, 4:00 PM

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris
Ser Avery & Liam
Lec Wendi Mitchell

AUGUST 18, 8:00 AM

Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear
Ser Theresa Kowcheck
Lec Fred Casale

AUGUST 18, 10:30 AM

Gre Susie Mullenbach
Ser Will & Stothard
Lec Monica Biery

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 983.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, August 11th is Building & Maintenance. This Wednesday and Thursday, August 14th and 15th, will be for the Assumption of Mary.

The **FOOD PANTRY** will be open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents. A valid ID & proof of address required. If you would like to donate any non perishable items please leave them in the red bin located in the vestibule.

For just \$5 you can purchase a ticket for a chance to win the **OHIO LOTTERY EVENING PICK 3**. Winners receive anywhere from \$50 to \$1000. A portion of the proceeds not paid out goes to the Food Pantry and assisting them with all they do for our community! For more information or to purchase a ticket please call the office.

ALTAR & SOCIETY will continue to meet on Monday mornings to say the Rosary before Mass. All are invited to come and join in this beautiful devotion before the daily Mass every Monday.



We will be starting Catechesis classes in September. If you need to sign your child up please call Monica Biery (304)650-5622

As you all know we have been working on a **CENTENNIAL DIRECTORY** to be handed out at the Mass and dinner in December. In previous years all of our volunteers were pictured by group. We have scheduled picture days for Altar & Rosary Society, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Funeral Luncheon Teams, Men's Group and all Mass volunteers. These dates and times can be found inside the bulletin. If you are involved in any of these teams and cannot make the date but would like to still be listed as "not pictured" please call the office and let us know.

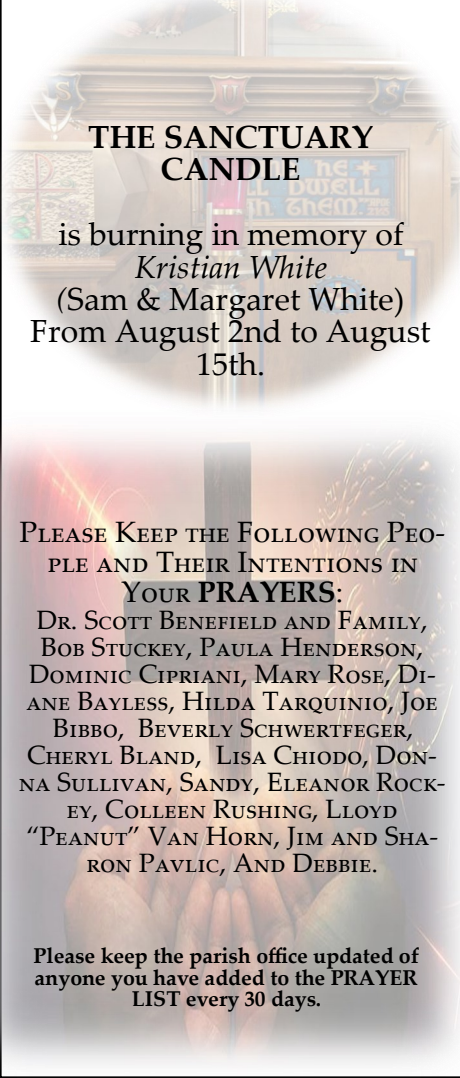
AUGUST 4, 2024 Collection

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	140	\$ 4339
Votive Candles		\$ 33
Building & Maintenance		\$ 150
Elevator		\$ 200
Catholic Comm. Campaign		\$ 100
Assumption		\$ 30
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



BIRTHDAY Blessings

- Sat:** Val Giglio
- Sun:** Max Ferry
- Mon:** Margaret White
- Tue:** Pete Barsi, Josie Newton, Natalie Staffileno
- Wed:** Angela Cipriani
- Thur:**
- Fri:** Ted Bolen, Katie Castellucci, Mark Sperlazza
- Sat:** Joanne Dremak
- Sun:**


THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Kristian White
(Sam & Margaret White)
From August 2nd to August 15th.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, BOB STUCKEY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, LLOYD "PEANUT" VAN HORN, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, AND DEBBIE.

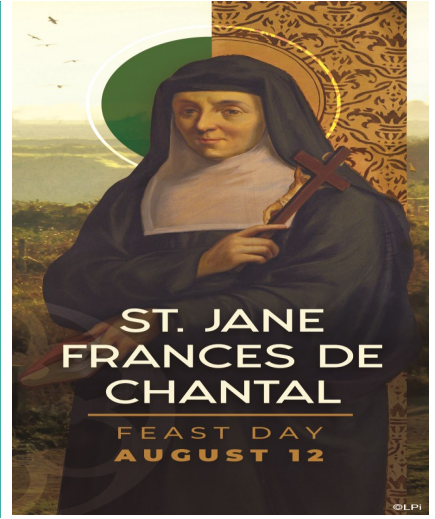
Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

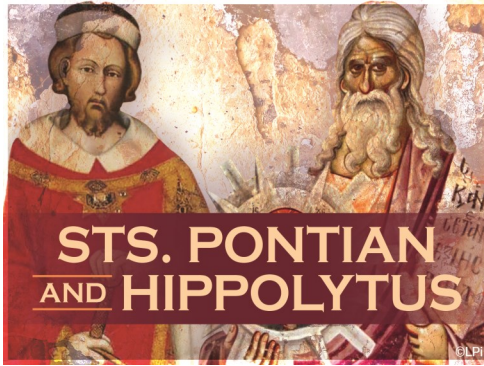
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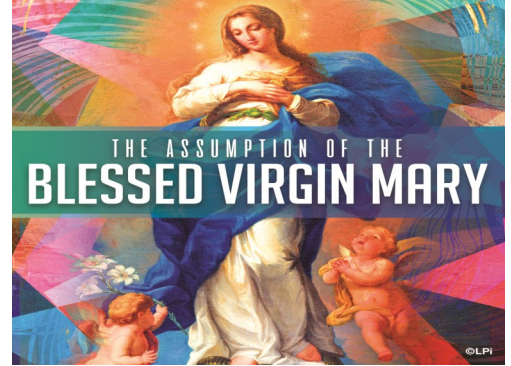
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AUGUST 12

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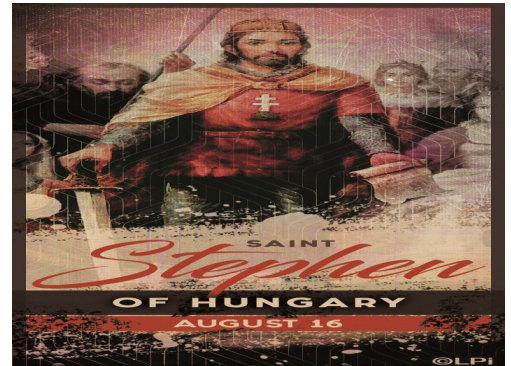
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SAINT MAXIMILLIAN MARY KOLBE

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SAINT *Stephen* OF HUNGARY

AUGUST 16

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CAN'T GO ON MUCH LONGER... NEED SUSTENANCE...



HERE'S A HEALTH FOOD STORE. LET'S GET A FRESH HEALTHY SALAD!



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BROWNIES... NEED FUDGE BROWNIES...

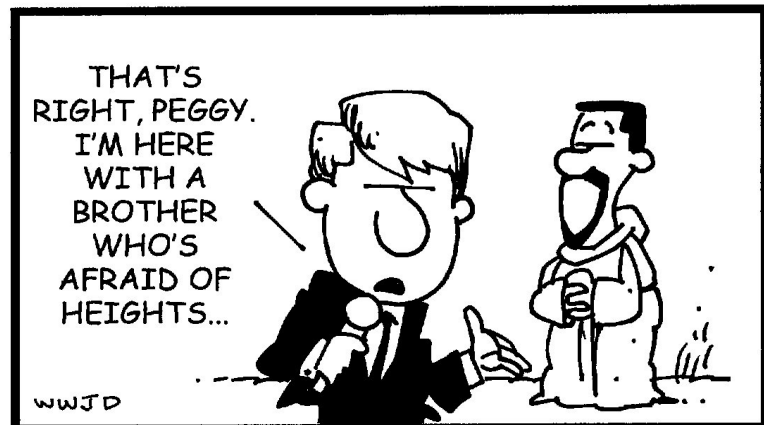


To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880 or 888-434-6237: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for more information.

August 2024 Parish Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Due to Mass at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the Assumption of Mary Thursday, August 15th we will not be having 8:30 a.m. Mass.				1	2	3
4	5	6 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m. Coffee Klatch	14 Assumption of BVM Vigil 5:30 p.m.	15 Assumption of BVM 12 p.m. And 6 p.m.	16	17
18	19	20 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	28 Men's Group & Picture 7 p.m.	29	30	31 Community Yard Sale 9 a.m.

ASSUMPTION



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday, September 4th: Altar & Rosary Meeting & group pictures
- Monday, September 9th: Finance Council Meeting & group pictures
- Thursday, September 12th: Pastoral Council Meeting & group picture
- *UPDATED Sunday, September 15th: Mass Volunteer group picture**
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/ Holiday Gathering

A FAMILY PE RSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

“Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.

ATTENTION:

Finance Council/ Pastoral Council/ Altar & Rosary Society/ Men's Group/ All Mass Volunteers:

Over the next several weeks we will be scheduling times to take group pictures for our Centennial Parish Directory. For the groups who have scheduled meetings we will take the group photo then, these meetings are scheduled for:

Men's Group 8/28/24

Altar & Rosary Society 9/04/24

Finance Council 9/09/24

Pastoral Council 9/12/24

Updated:

We would like to invite all of our Mass volunteers, Greeters, Lectors, Servers, Ushers and Funeral Luncheon teams to picture day on Sunday, September 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for each groups picture followed by light refreshments as a Thank You for your continued help.

If you cannot make any of these schedules times and would like to be listed as unpictured please call the office and let us know.



St. John the Evangelist Parish would like to invite everyone to prepare for Consecration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at our parish in Wellsburg. Anyone who is interested in staying for Consecration to follow will be welcome. We will have light refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. For more information please call our office at (304) 737-0429 or go to MINational@MissionImmaculata.com

ATTENTION:

The DWC has implemented a yearly continuing education module in addition to monthly bulletins. If you volunteer with St. John the Evangelist Parish in any capacity please log on to your VIRTUS account. We have hung the bulletins on the bulletin board in the vestibule in the front of church. If you have any questions or problems logging into your account please call the office.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard and Aim Executive Director Rebekah Cohen Morris would like to invite you to a retreat focused on renewing, rebuilding, and redeeming hearts broken by abortion.

- Start date: Friday, September 20, 2024
- End date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
- Call 770-715-7200 to RSVP or for more info
- Supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where men and women can express, release, and reconcile post-abortion emotions.

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St. John the Evangelist Parish and the Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting a COMMUNITY YARD SALE in the parish hall on Saturday, August 31st from 9a.m. to 3p.m. A community yard sale striving to promote fun and fellowship for all.

Rules:

1. A \$10 fee for an 8ft. table is required.
2. We also ask a 10% donation to the church at the conclusion of the sale.
3. Each participant is responsible to manage their tables/ items.
4. At the end of the yard sale any remaining items must removed by the participants.

We will have sandwiches, snacks, desserts, and drinks for sale throughout the day. Friday set up available.

Any St. John parishioner wishing to participate please respond by 08/12/2024. After 08/12/2024 we will be opening entry up to the community.

Please complete and Return with the \$10 table fee.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I have read the rules above and agree to them. I release St. John Church from any responsibility of loss or injury during the yard sale hours.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

