

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME--AUGUST 2ND, 2020

St. John the Baptist

“GILDEHAUS” CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

All Masses are currently being live-streamed

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Weekday: Monday, Wed.- Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

Adoration

Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

First Saturday Devotions

Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

Confession

Sat. 5:00-5:45pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am

7:00-7:30 am Monday thru Thursday, Tuesday 6-6:30pm
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages

Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline

Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by **Noon on Wednesday.**



Transfiguration of Our Lord—August 6



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

Parish Meetings

SUN: 8/2

MON: Knights of Columbus, 7pm

TUES:

WED:

RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? There is a formation process right here at St. John the Baptist that starts on Wednesday, September 16.

If you know of someone who would like to know more, please have them call the rectory, Father Tim Foy 636-583-2488 or email him at fathertimfoy@gmail.com.

St John's Parish website is now up and running although still a work in progress. We also have new web addresses:

sjg-parish.org

sjg-psr.org



Sunday bulletins are accessible through both sites.



Adoration Societies

Centered on the Eucharist, this holy hour is filled with prayer and adoration.

Men are praying for "Spiritual Protection" of our parish on **August 16** at 7pm in church.

Women are praying for "Spiritual Nourishment" of our parish on **August 9** at 7pm in church.

"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

SAINT JOHN'S REGISTRATION FORM

If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Linen | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Sodality | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician & Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Youth Aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Religious Ed. (PSR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team or Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Rosary Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

Upcoming Parish Events

Aug 3-7 Father Foy on vacation

Aug 9 **Women's** Adoration Society 7pm

Aug 10 Preschool Playdate 9-11am

Aug 16 **Men's** Adoration Society 7pm

Aug 17 Pre-K -8th Open House 5-6:30pm

Aug 19 First Day of School

Sep 16 RCIA Begins

Oct 5-9 Marian Pilgrimage on the Katy Trail with Fr. Foy

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,



DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE
WICKEDNESS AND SNARES
OF THE DEVIL.
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM,
WE HUMBLY PRAY,
AND DO THOU,
O PRINCE OF THE
HEAVENLY HOSTS,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
THRUST INTO HELL SATAN,
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL ABOUT THE WORLD
SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

AMEN.

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Envelopes \$4,310.00

Loose \$314.00

Helping Hands \$30.00

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Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20



Aug. 3—Aug. 9

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Fr. Gone
Tue. 7:00 p.m. Fr. Gone—Communion Service
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Fr. Gone
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Fr. Gone
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Fr. Gone
Sat. 8:00 a.m. Hilda Helfrich
Sat. 6:00 p.m. Bernice Straatmann
Sun. 7:00 a.m. Dennis Williams
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Bob Ehlenbeck
Sun. 10:30 a.m. For the People

SUMMER FLOWER WATERING

As in past summers, we are looking for parishioners to volunteer through the months of August-October to water flowers around church, the rectory and behind church by school. The sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule with more information. Please help keep our church grounds looking beautiful! We have made it easy. It will take a little of your time, but at your convenience. THANK YOU to all who have signed up in the past. Please call Pat Gephardt for more info 636-239-7518.



Ready to sign up? Just go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4878. It's quick & easy! Or, go thru myParish App and click on "Giving".



Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

Confession is readily available for anyone wishing to receive this Sacrament!

Sat. 5:00-5:45pm,
Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am
Monday thru Thursday 7:00-7:30 am
Tuesday 6:00-6:30pm

Or call Fr. Foy to set up an appointment
636-583-2488

Parish School of Religion (PSR):

PSR is in need of teachers for Kindergarten, 4th & 5th grades and substitutes. If you are interested, please contact Adam Weber at awpsrstjohn@aol.com or call/text 314-330-0599. **PSR is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 beginning August 26th.** The only requirement is you have to completed "Protecting God's Children" offered free by the Archdiocese.

PSR registration has begun. You may find the forms online at: sjgpsr.org. Or, you can even register online. Payments may be made by check mailed to the rectory at: 5567 Gildehaus Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 or paid online via clicking the "Online Giving" link at sjgpsr.org or through the "Online Giving" app by Our Sunday Visitor available for both Apple and Android.

Sacramental preparation is a 2 year process at St. John's. So, for 2nd grade sacraments, you must attend 1st grade, too. For Confirmation in 8th grade, you must attend 7th grade. If you missed last year or just became a St. John's parishioner, contact Adam Weber at awpsrstjohn@aol.com or 314-330-0599.



Pray For...

SICK IN THE PARISH: Bernice Straatmann, Debbie O'Malley, Andy Tobben, Bob Hayden Sr., Betty Brautigam, Willie Kessler, Rosie Spaunhorst, Allen Gephardt, Vernon Brinker, Rich Skiljan. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN: Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

PRAYER CHAIN: Don't forget to get help from our Prayer Chain. It's been around for a while now, so it's easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don't forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppel at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope August is starting off well for you. We are approaching a couple of great feast days. The first is the Transfiguration when Christ takes Peter, James, and John up to the top of Mount Tabor and “he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him (Mt 17:2-3).” Jesus had just been asking his disciples who others thought that he was in the previous chapter. Some thought he was Moses while others thought that he was Elijah. Now these ancient heroes were on either side of Jesus. He is clearly someone different and not only different, but he is the only one described as shining like the sun. Peter, James, and John have a kind of mountain-top experience basking in Christ’s glory, and then they are filled with fear. The voice of God the Father booms that Jesus is his beloved Son. This was all to strengthen their faith in preparation for the Passion of Jesus, so they might be able to remember the glory of the Son of God. We too will participate in this glory if we embrace our crosses and follow after him.

August 15th is our next feast day and in some sense is even bigger: the Assumption of Mary! We recognize how after death (most likely she did die), Mary was taken by angels both body and soul to heaven. Mary is understood to be the New Eve who now returns to the New Adam (Jesus) in heaven. Mary is perfect, but at the same time only a human being – and so we now have a greater hope that heaven is for us too. While you will not be able to find any direct passage describing the Assumption in Sacred Scripture, one of the passages used on the feast is from Revelations 12. “And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” This passage comes immediately after the Ark of the Covenant appears in heaven in the last verse of Revelation Chapter 11. Mary, having held Christ in her womb and then in her heart, has been a vessel that carried not only the tablets of the Law, but the treasure of God in the flesh. She is rightly called the New Ark of the Covenant. Mary, Ark of the Covenant, pray for us.

I will hopefully make it to Estes Park, Colorado this Sunday afternoon through Friday. Please continue to pray with me for a successful transition for our diocese into the hands of our incoming Archbishop-Elect Rozanski. We of course pray for the end to the coronavirus and that peace may fill the hearts of so many who are angry and/or disenfranchised. May God bless you and be your Strength,

Father Foy

From a Spiritual Canticle by Saint John of the Cross, priest

The soul united to God and transformed in him draws from within God a divine breath, much like the most high God himself. And God, abiding in the soul, breathes forth the life of the soul as its exemplar. This I take to be what Paul meant when he said: *Because you are children of God, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, “Abba, Father;”* this is what takes place in those who have achieved perfection.

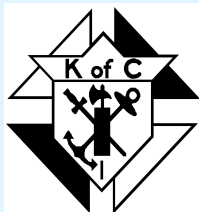
One should not wonder that the soul is capable of so sublime an activity. For if God so favors her that she is made God-like by union with the most Holy Trinity, I ask you then, why it should seem so incredible that the soul, at one with the Trinity and in the greatest possible likeness to it, should share the understanding, knowledge and love which God achieves in himself.

How this is possible no other power or wisdom can express, save by explaining how the Son of God obtained this sublime state for us and won for us the power to be the children of God, as he asked of the Father: *Father, I desire that where I am those you have given me may also be with me, that they may see the glory you have given me,* that is, that they may share with certainty the very task I perform.

And then he said: *Not for them alone do I ask but also for those who will come to believe in me through their teaching, that all may be one as you, Father, are one in me and I in you, that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that you have sent me. And the glory you have given me I have given them that they may be one as we are. I in them, you in me, that they may be made perfect, and the world will know that you sent me and as you have loved me, so I have loved them.*

The Father thus gives them the same love he shares with the Son, though not by nature as with the Son, but through unity and transformation of love. One should not think that the Son is asking the Father to make the saints one with him in essence and nature as the Son is with the Father, but rather that they be united with him in love, just as the Father and Son are one in the essential unity of love. Accordingly, souls possess the same goods by participation that the Son possesses by nature. As a result, they are truly divine by participation, equals and companions of God.

Thus Peter said: *May grace and peace be perfected in you in the knowledge of God and Christ Jesus our Lord. For all things of his divine power, which are given to us for our life and goodness, are given through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and power, by which he has given us great and precious promises, that by these we may be made partakers of the divine nature.* So the soul, in this union which God has ordained, joins in the work of the Trinity, not yet fully as in the life to come, but nonetheless even now in a real and perceptible way. O my soul, created to enjoy such exquisite gifts, what are you doing, where is your life going? How wretched is the blindness of Adam’s children, if indeed we are blind to such a brilliant light and deaf to so insistent a voice.



Monday, Aug 3, 7 pm Monthly business meeting outside on the east side of church. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, we will hold in the parish hall or music room.

Mark your calendar for the tractor cruise. Sunday, September 13th. For more information, please contact Ed Jasper at 636-390-3315

For all **first degree members**, it's now easier than ever to get your second and third degree and can be done from the comfort of your own home. For the time being, this is being held online at select times and takes approximately 45 minutes. Please contact Jon Derner at the number below if you are interested.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.



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More Info Call: 314-649-7317

Important: If your address or phone number(s) have recently changed please let us know at the rectory 636-583-2488 so we can update your information.

****Also, if you would like to join our parish we would love to have you!** Just fill out the registration form included in this bulletin and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory, give it to Fr. Foy. Or, Give us a call, 636-583-2488. Thank you!



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The **Box Tops for Education** program is changing the way our school can earn cash. Going forward, instead of clipping from the packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The new **"Box Tops for Education" app** allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly adds to our school's earnings online. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Thank you for helping our school!!

New Mass Offering Policy which also includes all of the State of Missouri dioceses: In accordance with canon 952.1 has been determined that the offering to be given for the celebration and application of Mass in the Province of Missouri shall be \$10. We, with the universal law of the Church, earnestly recommend "to priests that they celebrate Mass for the intentions of the Christian faithful, especially the needy, even if they have not received an offering". (Canon 945.2) In other words, this is simply a new suggested donation amount in order to have a Mass read for loved ones. There is no required amount necessary.

This went into effect on July 1, 2019.

Flowers in Memoriam

You can donate fresh flowers for the altar any Sunday for **\$50**. They can be for a special occasion, in memory of someone, or anonymous. Just drop a note in the collection basket with your requested date along with the donation.



The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system by **December 31, 2020**. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register. Contact your parish Child Safety Coordinator (Joan Knight 636-583-2392) with any questions or for further assistance.

SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. THE WEB ADDRESS IS:

WWW.SJGSCHOOL.ORG

Or

SJG-PSR.ORG (for PSR students)