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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION
5PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
THURS. 7AM MASS
FRI. 7AM MASS

(CONFESSIONS ARE
AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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Lady of the
Assumption*
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Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

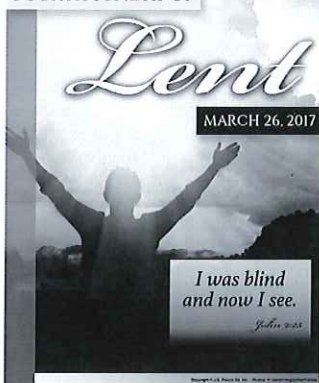
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TUESDAY: 6:15PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF



CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him.

In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: First Saturday

SANCTUARY LIGHT

MARCH 25TH - MARCH 31ST

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Fr. Joe Carlo and Fr. Jerry Siebold**.
 The Sanctuary Light in the Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Carrie Fall**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Maude Williams**.



Our Communities of Faith extend our

sympathy and prayerful support for the family of **Larry Anthony Honore**, brother of OLA parishioner Donald Honore. May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this Family and may he and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness and peace.

NEW CHURCH PERSONALIZED BRICKS

URGENT

There will be 500 8" x 8" personalized brick pavers laid in the front of the new church.

We can only accept 150 more orders.

This will be the **FINAL** opportunity to memorialize your loved ones with a brick at the new church. NO personalized bricks will be laid in the future.

FINAL NOTICE

Bricks are \$250.00 each and can be paid by check, cash or debit/credit card. Contact the Parish Office to order your personalized brick.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Beware of the Dark Side

Remember the *Star Wars* movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In the Gospel, Jesus told the Pharisees that they were the sinners, because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

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The Men's Club of St. John is hosting its annual

Barbeque Chicken Dinner Sale.

Dinners are \$8.00 each

Palm Sunday

April 9th

Pick up 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Tickets available from a member of the Men's Club, following all Masses, and in the Parish Office.

Palm Sunday

The Ladies' Altar Society is hosting its annual

BAKE SALE

April 9th

Following all Masses in Classroom #1

The Sisters (Daughters of Mary) will have a special item for sale this year too.



The Choir is looking for a well versed

TRUMPET PLAYER and FLUTEST.

If you can help, please contact the

Parish Office.

New members are always welcome.



Homemade

Communion Veils

By Patsy Bueche

Contact: 654-9553



LENTEN CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES:

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:30pm

SJB: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:00pm before Mass

SJB: Fridays at 7:30am following Mass and 6:00pm

FRIDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

SJB: Fridays beginning at 5:45pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed at 6:00pm with Stations of the Cross, a Meditation, and ending with a Lenten Meal provided by the different organizations of our parish.

PARISH MISSION (April 2nd-4th)

"Answering the Door: Letting Jesus into your life this Lent"

Speakers: Katie Prejean and Tommy McGrady

Sunday, April 2nd: 5:00—7:00 pm (Speakers, parish meal & wine tasting)

Monday, April 3rd: 6:00—8:00 pm (Mass, speakers, confession & refreshments)

Tuesday, April 4th: 6:00—8:00 pm (Mass, speakers, confession & refreshments)

Three evenings of amazing speakers, music, sacraments, fellowship and refreshments.

CRS Rice Bowl

This week, CRS introduces us to Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse.

How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent?

Visit: crsricebowl.org for more information

**DURING LENT, LET US
FIND CONCRETE WAYS
TO OVERCOME OUR
INDIFFERENCE.**

- POPE FRANCIS

SJB Religious Education

Life Teen (High school CCD) March 26th 5:00-7:PM

K-5th Sunday, April 2nd 9:15 – 10:45 AM

EDGE (middle school CCD) Sunday, April 2nd 5:pm-7:PM

Confirmation Session 6 – March 29th 5:30-7PM

First Holy Communion Retreat **Saturday, April 1st 9 -12**

****Important: Parent meeting 9-9:15 AM** Please come to the Church after signing in your child for a short meeting on First Communion. Also, Please complete the work pages in the yellow folder and continue reviewing the Catechism book and prayers.



First Holy Communion

April 2nd : Parish Lenten Mission begins with special guest speakers Katie Prejean and Tommy McGrady. 5-7pm. Speakers at 5 and dinner and wine tasting at 6pm. Please plan to join us.
See bulletin for details.

Parent life: www.sjb-ola.org click each week on Religious Ed: Parent Life to know what we are doing and an opportunity to keep the conversation going on the topics covered in Life Teen and EDGE. If your child has missed CCD classes please contact us for make up work.



A Steubenville Youth Conference is an event that addresses the needs of today's Catholic youth.

We have an exciting line up of speakers, musicians, and entertainers.

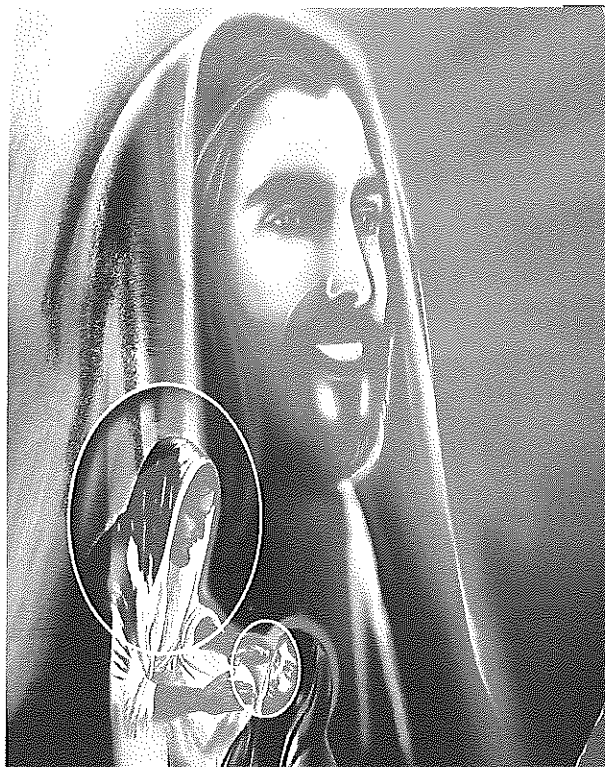
Some highlights of the weekend are:

Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, men's and women's sessions, small group discussion time and meeting new friends.

Join us June 16-18 for a life changing weekend!

Contact Katie for more information.

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I am the LIGHT of the world

March 26, 2017 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's statement of faith in Jesus comes from a depressing source. "The man blind from birth," who professes faith in Jesus as savior, doesn't even have a name in the account. His neighbors who have known him all his life refer to him casually as "the one who used to sit and beg." Jesus' own disciples immediately form a bad opinion of the man, assuming that his blindness results from sin. His community might have celebrated and rejoiced in his cure, but instead the Pharisees seize the opportunity to ridicule him. This nameless, penniless, friendless outcast becomes our model today. He alone worships Jesus. We should want to be like him. But do we?

Last week's Gospel recounted another bold profession of faith in Jesus, that of the woman at the well. A Samaritan, she too is despicable in the eyes of the Israelites. Yet she inspires the conversion of her entire village. We are astonished, almost scandalized, that Jesus allows people we might call losers to profess faith in him as the Messiah. Is it really such an honor to be counted as Christians alongside these misfits?

SEEING AS GOD SEES

Today's readings encourage us to set aside our own assumptions and ask God to help us see as God sees. While our sights are set on happiness and success, God's vision of these blessings often differs greatly from ours. Though we are instinctively uncomfortable with the "losers" in our midst, God chooses them as our guides. In God's eyes, blindness becomes strength, misfits become champions, and dying with Christ becomes the path to everlasting life. We profess faith in Jesus not because doing so will enhance our prestige or increase our wealth, but simply because following Christ pleases God. God's vision for the Kingdom challenges us to seek humility. With God's help, we can resist the temptation to seek preferential treatment and live as children of light, servants to God's people.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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Please donate your **Sago Palms** for
Palm Sunday (April 9th).



You can drop them off at the Parish Office.



St. Vincent de Paul

Fill a Prescription for the Needy

What can you do to help the many people in
desperate need of prescription medication?

You can participate by removing the label
from an empty prescription bottle from home and
bringing it to church with a gift inside. This bottle can
be placed in the Fill a Prescription for the Needy
container found in the entrance of both churches. The
container will be here through Palm Sunday. Empty
bottles are available next to the small container.

Pray for our Military and their families

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC	Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Chandler Derouen, Army	Patrick Deslatte, USN
Jacqueline Deslatte, USN	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN	Thomas Foster, USN
Christian Fuller, USAF	Brad Gautreaux, USMC
J. Michael Head, USMC	Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army
Sabrina Jones, LaNG	Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN	Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG	Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG	Brian Plauche, USAF
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG	Mike Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army	Nicholas Richards, USN
Michael Roberts, USCG	James Rouchon, USMC
Jarrold Mason Sealey, USAF	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Christopher Williston, USAF

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/19/2017

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (157 Families)	\$	6,521.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	1,088.30
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (32)	\$	2,175.00
Building Maintenance (5)	\$	100.00
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (4)	\$	80.00
Youth Ministry (5)	\$	85.00
Easter Flowers (10)	\$	337.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp	\$	4,021.00
Legacy of Faith / Brick Paver	\$	750.00
Legacy of Faith / ONLINE (33)	\$	1,819.38
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,433,485.21

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (39 Families)	\$	1,781.20
Unidentified Contributions	\$	200.00
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (5)	\$	1,205.00
Easter Flowers	\$	50.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	50.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 26th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
- 11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 12 Noon: Baptisms
- 5:00 pm: Lifeteen

Monday, March 27th

- 6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm: Boy and Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 28th

- 5:00 pm: Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm: Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, March 29th

- 7:00 am: Mass
- 5:30 pm: Sr. High Youth Night
- 5:30 pm: Confirmation Session VI

Thursday, March 30th

- 7:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
- 6:00 pm: Catholicism Series by Handmaids of the Lord

Friday, March 31st

- 7:00 am: Mass / Stations / Coffee & Biscuits
- 5:45 pm: Divine Mercy
- 6:00 pm: Stations / Talk / Lenten Meal
- 7:30 pm: N. A. Meeting

Saturday, April 1st

- 9:00 am: First Eucharist Retreat
- 4:00 pm: Confessions
- 5:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, April 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
- 9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 5:00 pm: Lenten Mission begins



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, March 26th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, March 28th

- 6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 pm: Mass
- 7:00 pm: Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 29th

- 5:30 pm: Confirmation Session VI at SJB
- 5:30 pm: Sr. High Youth Night at SJB

Saturday, April 1

- 9:00 am: First Eucharist Retreat

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am: Rosary
- 9:00 am: Mass
- 10:00 am: First Sunday Social
- 10:00 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class #15





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