

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm (Closed for Lunch Noon-1pm); Tuesday 9am-3pm; Thursday 9am-3pm
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
www.stjohnmonroe.com

Mission Statement

“St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Community is a growing and welcoming parish family. We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by embracing the Word, sacraments and commitment to service.”

Rev. Fr. David Burgard, Pastor



Ascension of the Lord • May 16, 2021

A Note from Father David



As we approach the end of the Easter season, we reflect on Jesus' ascension this weekend. At some point after He rose from the dead, Jesus no longer physically appeared in His body to his apostles. We call this His "ascension into heaven". He would be with them in a new way, no longer limited by time and space. We believe that this

is the same for us as believers now. He hasn't really abandoned us. He promised that we would "receive power when the Holy Spirit comes" upon us. In our time, we implore the Holy Spirit to guide us to be faithful to our baptismal call to be joyful witnesses to what we have seen and heard. So many are in need of hope and the knowledge that they are loved. Are you willing to bring this good news to others? Where He is, we hope to follow someday. Come, Holy Spirit!

Next weekend, as we come together for the great feast of Pentecost, try to remember to wear something RED as an outward sign of our desire for unity in the Holy Spirit.

Deacon Zaid will be ordained a priest next Saturday at the cathedral in Detroit. Pray for him that he may be a faithful and courage priest all the days of his life. We also pray that more young men will be inspired to consider the call to the priesthood. God calls, but it is up to us to respond. See the information elsewhere about his masses of thanksgiving and reception next weekend, to which all are invited.

Catholic Services Appeal Sunday

This weekend, we officially kick off the 2021 CSA, which has the theme "Fuel the Mission; Whatever you do, do from the heart". If you have not already received information in the mail about the CSA, please take some information with you from church today. If you have already responded to the 2021 CSA, thank you. I ask you to take the time to review the many services and ministries that are supported by the annual CSA. I know that as a pastor I depend on so many of these resources. Our CSA target at St. John the Baptist for this year is \$52,975.00, and it is calculated primarily on the average parish Sunday and Christmas collection. You may also learn more about the CSA and give online by going to www.givecsa.org.

Let Us Pray

Consider joining us for our monthly holy hour of prayer before the Eucharist this Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 am. You don't have to stay for the entire hour; any time in prayer for before our Risen Lord is a privilege and joy. The prayer intention that we will be focusing in on is for guidance in forming Families of Parishes in the archdiocese, and for all evangelizing efforts that are happening in our parishes. This is especially critical as we strive to reach out to people who have become disconnected from the Church in this time of pandemic. We also pray for the sick, those affected by COVID 19, and all of our beloved deceased. I will lead and offer a brief Scripture and reflection at the beginning of the hour, concluding with Benediction.

During this month of May, I encourage the praying of the rosary, as individuals, as couples, or as families. In particular, if you are not familiar with them, check out and pray with the Mysteries of Light, introduced by Pope John Paul II. They are focused on the public ministry of Jesus.

**The Monroe Vicariate & St. Anthony Catholic Parish
presents... Abby Johnson
Monday, June 14th, 2021
St. Anthony Soccer Field – Next to Kenna Hall**

- Tickets \$5 (Suggested Donation) 12 & Under Free
- Doors & Concessions open at 5:30pm
- Music begins at 6:00pm
- Abby Johnson speaks 7:00-8:30pm
- Social Distancing & Masking Guidelines in effect
- Kids Play Area Available
- Bring a Lawn Chair or Blanket for Seating
- Tickets on sale Mother's Day through Day of Event

After Abby's presentation, there will be a bit of time for Mrs. Johnson to sign books purchased at the event.

Please bring your seating with you – Chairs and blankets for sitting on the field are welcome!

Come early to grab a quick bite to eat, listen to music, find good seating, and enjoy a bit of fun and fellowship at this huge, outdoor open-air venue!

Food and other Concessions will be available for purchase in Kenna Hall in a properly maintained and clean environment. Proper distancing, masking & unmasking guidelines and other precautions will be adhered to in order to provide safe dining areas both inside Kenna Hall and outside under the dining tent.

Sanitation stations will be located at entrances and other strategic areas throughout the venue to make sanitizer and masks available to any in need. Masks are required unless you are outside and properly distanced from others or if you fall into one of the categories of individuals who are exempt from this guideline/requirement.

**For additional ticket and event information, please contact:
St. Anthony Parish Office – (734) 854-1143 or
Evangelization Rep Joe Boggs at (734) 755-1872**

Why Attend a Family Gathering?
Families of Parishes evolved with the lay faithful in mind.



FAMILIES OF PARISHES

- Families of Parishes are for the benefit of lay faithful.
 - We are the Body of Christ.
 - We are meant to worship as community.
 - We need the Sacraments to sanctify and build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God. CCC 1122
 - If there are not enough priests to minister to each individual parish, the grace of the sacraments will not be available to us.
 - We need to come together as one Body.
 - Come and meet the other parishes in your family, learn about their unique characteristics. Participate in discussions with other members of your family.
- Hear stories from lay persons in dioceses that have already participated in such a transition.
 - We learn through the experiences of others.
- Begin the chapter of journeying in faith with many other Catholics in your community.
 - You may see them every day but have never met.
- This is what being a joyful missionary disciple is about.
 - Be a witness to your faith.

**Sign up for the next Family Gathering via Zoom by visiting
<https://www.familiesofparishes.org/gatherings/>
and registering at the bottom of the page.**

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(RCIA) Rite of Initiation for Adults:
Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a member of our Catholic Community, is invited to contact the parish office at parishoffice@stjohnmonroe.com.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Call the parish office to make for baptism dates at least one month in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:
By arrangement with the pastor at least six months prior to planned date.

St. John Parish Council

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday	8:15am	St. Michael Church
Tuesday	8:15am	St. John Church
	6:00pm	St. Mary Church
Wednesday	8:15am	St. Mary Church
Thursday	8:15am	St. John Church
	12:15pm	St. Mary Church
Friday	8:15am	St. Michael Church
1st Saturday	8:30am	St. Mary Church

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30pm	St. Mary Church
	5:00pm	St. Michael Church
	5:30pm	St. John Church
	7:30am	St. Mary Church
Sunday	8:00am	St. Michael Church
	9:00am	St. John Church
	10:00am	St. Mary Church
	10:30am	St. Michael Church
	11:30am	St. John Church
Spanish	2:00pm	St. Mary Church



To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to our Stephen Leaders: Chris Antonelli at 734-735-3647 or by email at c.morr@charter.net.

Offertory Report

	April	YTD
Budget	\$34,350	\$306,600
Actual	\$33,066	\$280,749
Variance	(\$1,284)	(\$25,851)
ACH Offertory of \$3,780 included above		
Heritage	\$69	\$687
Cabrini	\$47	\$594

If you attend another church in the Monroe Vicariate, please use St. John's collection envelope. It will be forwarded to St. John's.

Live the Gospel!



The St. Mary Christian service commission is organizing a Habitat build open to members of the parishes in our family. The construction site is in Woodland Beach. The date for 2021 is Saturday, May 29th. The workday runs from 8am to 3:30pm. Lunch, hard hats, and safety glasses will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18, a waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian. If interested, please contact Fred Fedorowicz at 734-755-4705.



Saturday, May 15

D 5:30pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Irene Giarmo

Sunday, May 16

D 9:00am † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski
 † Carol Huntley by Halstead Family
 D 11:30am † Jammie Lynn Walters by Family

Tuesday, May 18

D 8:15am People of St. John's Parish

Thursday, May 20

D 8:15am † Jammie Lynn Walters by Family

Saturday, May 22

G 5:30pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Irene Giarmo
 † Marion Kloster (1st anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 23

A 9:00am † Mary Lou Ewert by Ron Ewert
 † Diane Mack by Family
 † Janice "Flugie" Sordini by Daniel Sordini
 Z 11:30am **Mass of Thanksgiving**
 † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski

D - Fr. David Burgard ~ Z - Fr. Zaid Chabaan ~ G - Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi ~ A - Fr. Alan Zobler

Lectors

For the Weekend of May 22/23

5:30 pm
Rebecca Brooks

9:00 am
Gloria Rafko

11:30 am
Frank Arnold

Monroe Knights of Columbus Council #1266



As our countries Covid Pandemic continues the Knights of have stepped forward with the new "Leave No Neighbor Behind" project.

We believe our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering where there's a need, there's a Knight! The Knights nationally have accepted this

pandemic as an opportunity to deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: Charity, Unity and Fraternity."

The Knights will serve and sacrifice for those in need. Many, including in our own councils and parishes, are isolated and alone in quarantine. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help. As we look forward in this year, the Knights of Columbus will be on the forefront of helping their communities recover from this pandemic.

The "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program has been temporarily added as our ninth community category option in our Faith in Action model. Knights throughout our country have committed to engage in 5 service activities, including support to our Brother Knights, our Parishes, our Communities, our Food Banks, and donate to blood drives.



The Knights Of Columbus is the worlds largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization. Charity is our foremost Principle. To learn more about us,



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day, May 16

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 17

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19

Acts 25:13b-38; Ps 68: 29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week ©LPI

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



St. John's Prayers

St. John's Prayer List exists for the purpose of remembering in our prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially:

- Jim Adams, Kathleen Krevsky, Anita Askam, Tom Lindsey, Thomas Barron, Jason Linkes, Pamela Barron, Lisa Lliteras, Angelo Benvenuto, Beth Lovell, Ben Budzios, Jerry Messerschmidt, Belly Budzios, Herbert Meyer, Jack Burns, Cathy Miller, Fr. David Carrucci, Sierra Miller, Kim Castelesse, Frank Nagy, Denise Darin-Clark, William O'Connell, Tom Clark, Pal Orr, Dan DePuydt, Dave Padol, Darlene Dickman, Zandra Perry, Evanka Dimitroff, Zayden Perry, Barb DuVall, Robert Rogers, Nancy Earls, Lillian Sasfy, Annie Germani, Mary Slavik, David Graves, Fr. Jim Smalarz, Emily Haynes, Daniel Sordini, Kate Herr-Malelich, Maxwell Stoltz, Zenda Howell, Kay Thoma, Evelyn Ibershoff, Steve Toth, Sis Jocoangeli, Jim Weeks

We are hopeful that many on the list have received help and healing through the prayers that have been lifted up by our parishioners. If you are still in need of prayers and would like to remain on, or be added to our prayer list, contact the parish office. Names on the list will remain for a duration of six weeks. We can only publish the names of people who have consented to be added to the list. Please check with the individual before contacting us to protect their privacy.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty and eternal God, Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

- Brandon Anderson, Vandenberg AFB, CA, SPC Derek Barron, Army/ Fort Benning, GA, Cpl Michael J. Carrabino, Jr., USMC/USA, 2d Lt Alexander L. Compean, USAF/USA, Cpt Andrew J. Compean, USA/Colorado, BU3 Nate Cook, Virginia Beach, VA, CMCR Kyle Cook, Port Hueneme, CA, Cpt Jonathan A. Dieckman, Deployed, Chief MSgt Mark Fisher, USA, SrA Stacy Krzyston, USAF/USA, SSgt Andrea L. Lake, USAF/USA, PFC Darrion LaRoy, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, LCpl Mitchell Layhew, USMC/Yuma, AZ, MSgt Christopher Lindsey, USAF/USA, PFC Anthony Marquette, USCG/USA, AB Dakota Mills, USAF/USA, Sgt Tyler Morrison, USA, EM1 Tad Murphy, USCG/Coos Bay, OR, A1C Dalton J. Neff, USAF, SSgt Natalie A. Neff, USAF/USA, SSgt Eric D. Paul, USAF, BMC E-7 Chad Pietszak, USCG/Guam, PFC Donald Puruleski, USA/South Korea, AB Jeffrey Stead, USAF/USA, MSgt Nicole Stibbe, USAF/San Antonio, TX, Pvt Dawson Wohlgamuth, Fort Benning, GA

RAFFLE WINNER May 10 Melanie Crutchfield

We are looking for the help of our parishioners to assist with live streaming with our new camera system once we go live in March. This would require a minimal training session and then you will be part of a team that will be on a rotating schedule. You would need to be present for the scheduled live stream mass and show up before mass at least 15 minutes early to get the software and camera ready. Please contact Deacon Mike for more questions and to sign up, dcnmike@stmarymonroe.org.

Electronic Offertory is Available

Forget your envelope on the counter? • Forget to stop at the ATM? Ran out of checks before Mass?



Make weekly contributions worry free with electronic funds transfer for offertory. Contributions are deducted from either a checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. Special collection envelopes can still be used in the basket on Sundays.

Please consider this easy option for making your offertory contribution to St. John Church. If interested, please fill out the form below with a voided check included. Place it in an envelope and put in the offertory basket, bring it to the parish office or put in the mail.

I authorize St. John the Baptist to initiate electronic debit entries to my:

Checking Account Savings Account in the amount of \$_____ to be withdrawn each month,

beginning in the month of _____ Financial Institution: _____

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of US law. This authority will remain in effect until I have canceled in writing.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools

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Now Enrolling for the 2021-2022 School Year!

Visit www.mcesmonroe.com to request more information or call 734-241-3923 and speak with Julie White, our Enrollment Manager!

Currently Seeking (21-22 Year):

- Assistant Principal for Academic & Student Affairs
 - Middle School PE Teacher
 - Substitute Teachers
- Visit www.mcesmonroe.com for more info & to apply!

We have windows!

Our St. Michael Campus renovation project is quickly nearing completion! If you drive by on Front St., you will notice two new windows on either side of the Cross. These were installed recently and allow a lot of light into our new classroom!



Thank you for supporting the MCES Auction!

We are grateful for the support of our parishes during our largest fundraiser of the year! Thank you for selling \$1 Raffle Tickets, Bidding on Items, making donations and spreading the word. We are happy to report that we have met our 2020-2021 Fundraising Goal of \$150,000 between the Auction, Fall Raffle, Golf Outing, Giving Tuesday & Miscellaneous Fundraising throughout the year! Thank you for your support.

2021 MCES Auction:

A Showcase of Monroe Financial Report

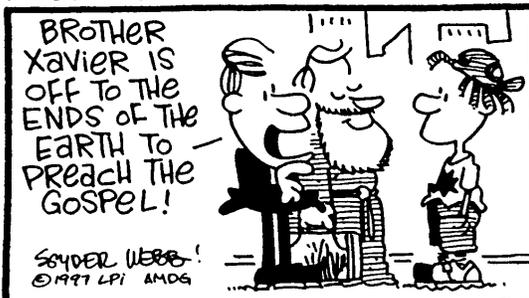
Auction Dollar Raffle	\$16,439
Advertisements	\$1,595
Cash Sponsors & Donations	\$20,752
Prepaid Auction Jeans Days	\$6,149
Auction Family Giving	\$11,560
Online Auction Proceeds	\$43,099
Expenses	(\$11,483)
Net Profit	\$88,108

Teacher Bonus Fund	\$18,460
Friends of MCES Scholarships	\$8,650

Grand Total: \$115,218

Thank you!

ASCENSION



Lay Leanings... By Deacon Mike Stewart

At first, I thought perhaps I had a flat tire, but I've never known a flat tire to vibrate your teeth. The driver of the car in front was looking at me in his rearview mirror, as if I were the perpetrator. The woman in the car to our right must have presumed I was too old to create noise like that. I was left to presume that the young guy behind us was responsible for the teeth-chattering noise coming from his obviously robust car sound system.

It's likely we've all had that experience, but this one was, bar none, the most unsettling I've ever encountered. The young guy didn't appear hostile; it was just crystal clear that in his obliviousness, he believed he was all alone on that busy, rush hour city street.

In the story of Creation, God quickly observed that it was not good for his new creation to be alone, even in a place of absolute perfection. And so the die was cast, and we've shared the world with others ever since. God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. There are roughly 7.6 billion people on earth, and I get that some days it feels as though we're all in the same place at the same time. Unless we deliberately choose to live off the grid, you and I will share this planet with countless others, which means we share a responsibility to live in harmony with those whom God places in the same space at the same time.

I checked my box of files today, and confirmed that the earth is not deeded in my name solely. So, what does that mean? It means that I have a responsibility to show patience, kindness, and respect to those around me, even if they don't share it in return. It means that I am called to follow the model of Jesus to love all those God brings into my life in any way, even if I don't always love what they are doing, or perhaps even what they represent. It means that sometimes, I'm called to just grit my teeth and ride it out, even if my teeth are rattling.

The heart knows its own bitterness, and its joy no stranger shares.

Proverbs 14:10

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FOOD PANTRY

We need our Parish Faith Community to help us. We will be collecting the following items in the coming months. We also gladly accept monetary donations made out to: St. John Food Pantry.

May: Mac and Cheese
June: Can pasta, Ravioli,
Spaghetti-O's, etc.
July: Cereal

We accept non-perishable food at any time. Please be sure items are not out of date. There are baskets for drop-off in the church vestibule or bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks you.

For further information about Christian Service or Food Pantry, contact Lillian Williamson at lillianwilliamson@att.net or 734-770-7046

BELOVED,
 IF GOD
 SO LOVED
 US, WE
 ALSO MUST
 LOVE ONE
 ANOTHER.

-1 John 4:11

Saint John the Baptist Monthly Memorial

Ackerman & Ruman Families
 Bacarella & Venier Families
 Beck & Wehner Families
 Robert & Joan Brennan
 Fred R. Brossia Family
 Patricia Blakey Burroughs
 Christy Bates Carducci
 Christy & Mary Carducci Family
 Joseph J. Carrabino
 Teresa (Carrabino) Hansen
 Dominic Cicero, Jr.
 Chester & Mildred Clark
 Ann Clark
 Theodore Colucci Family
 Saverio & Mary Costello Family
 Mary Jane Darrow
 Rev. Albert Robert "Bob" DeSloover
 Robert A. Dobberstein
 Pat & Vera Drummonds Family
 Robert J. Duffey Family

Kenneth & Wilma Dusseau Family
 DuVall, Morrin & Cousino Families
 Tom Gerweck
 Rosemarie Hess-Schindler
 Anna Hess
 Lowell B. & Helen R. Hudson
 Hudson & Gessner Families
 Lauer & Bicking Families
 Gus & Helen Janssens Family
 Jonathon M. Keck
 Thomas K. & Marie C. Keegan
 Julian & David LaRoy
 Jennifer (Martin) Layhew
 Jerry E. Loughridge
 Diane Mack
 Dorian Mantei
 William McIntyre
 Barbara Metz
 Armand & Lena Michelin Family

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Miller & Family
 Connie S. Niemi
 Vincent J. Palazzolo
 Pancone & Donofrio Family
 Sebastian & Vincenzina Patania
 Pollzzie & Bacarella Family
 Edward J. Roecker
 John A. Scheich
 Joseph Scheich
 Janice Sordini
 Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Steffes & Family
 Strauss & Grodi Families
 Gregory Neil Thoma
 Jeffery William Thoma
 Joseph & Evelyn Thoma
 Ron Thomas
 William & Madeline Trawinski
 Harold & Arlene Weaver
 Gerald Windels