

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
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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



The Most Holy Trinity • May 30, 2021

A Note from Father David



The Easter season concluded last Sunday, but we have another Sunday solemnity—the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of the three persons of the trinity shares in the fullness of God’s essence and being. This is truly a mystery that cannot be explained rationally or scientifically, and certainly not with physical evidence. It is a wonder to behold and worship a

God who is able to be with us and relate to us in an infinite number of ways. Our God, who created the universe and all that is in it, created us in his own image, with the ability to know and choose to love Him. We have been made for eternal life with God. When we sinned, God took on our human flesh in Jesus to relate to our weak and imperfect condition and “win us back” to His love. Jesus’ saving actions are at the heart of our worship and prayer. Now, we have the Holy Spirit poured out on us to guide us through this life with the gifts necessary to live faithfully to our God given vocation as joyful missionary disciples.

As we return to ordinary time, may we have the desire to grow in the love of the Trinity in all the ordinary events and aspects of daily life, that with the power of God, are able to truly be “extraordinary”.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped to celebrate Fr. Zaid’s ordination last weekend. The parish staff and many parishioners worked very hard to make for a memorable celebration. I pray that some of the men of our community may be open to the possibility of the vocation to the priesthood. I am very happy to talk to anyone about the priesthood, and share my own experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Fr. Giancarlo if you are interested. We need faithful priests in our Church to continue to shepherd God’s people and proclaim the Good News!



Father Zaid will occasionally be here to help with masses and confessions until he begins his new assignment at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on July 1st.

Covid Update

On May 19, we received the latest guidelines from the archdiocese. Effective immediately, those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear face coverings or distance themselves at all masses. When people come to church, no questions will be asked. We will respect all, no matter whether they have face coverings or not. We do ask that all who are distributing Communion, including the clergy, still wear their face coverings when they are exercising their ministry. We will continue to provide hand sanitizer and extra clean masks in church.

You will notice that with the exception of a special section, we have opened up the pews for seating. Please see an usher or greeter when you enter church if you are interested in a distanced seat in church.

Calling All Graduates

Please contact the parish office with the names of our 2021 parish high school and college graduates, so that we can publish their names and acknowledge them. All graduates are invited to come to the 11:30 am mass on Sunday, June 13, so that we can pray with and for them. No caps and gowns are necessary, and you may sit anywhere. I will offer a special blessing and affirmation at the end of mass.

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A Note From Father David Continued

Memorial Day Weekend

As a nation, we pause at the traditional beginning of the summer season to remember and pray for all who have given their lives in defense of our nation and the ideals and freedom that are dear to us as Americans. We pray and work for peace and unity, and an end to war, violence and conflict. We also ask the Holy Spirit to instill in us a respect for the dignity of all people, even those who are very different from us and disagree with us. All humans are children of God, and we need each other. It all begins at home, with those in our own families and communities. We all have a role to play in building God’s Kingdom here and now. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

I will preside at the annual Memorial Day mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, the first in two years. Join us outside the back chapel for the military service at 9:30 am, followed by mass in the chapel at 10:00 am.

Families of Parishes

Our second zoom gathering is this Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm and open to all parishioners, even if you didn’t participate in the first one. Come meet the priests and other caring parishioner of our family of five parishes. Our facilitator is Mrs. Sue Lang from the F of P team. It is also an opportunity to learn more about families of parishes. To join us, go to www.familiesofparishes.org and click on “families of parishes gatherings”. Enter your parish and e-mail and you will be sent a link. Hope to see you there!

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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.

In observance of the
Memorial Day
Holiday
St. John’s Parish Office
will be CLOSED
Monday, May 31

CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES
MEMORIAL DAY MASS
WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

St. Joseph Cemetery
9:30 a.m. Ceremonies Begin
10 a.m. Mass
Fr. David Burgard, Presider

Complimentary Flowers & Flags
For more information: 734-241-1411

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



Saturday, May 29

G 5:30pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski

Sunday, May 30

G 9:00am People of St. John the Baptist
 G 11:30am † Ann Clark
 † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski
 † Marie Cousineau Keegan (18th anniversary) by Family

Tuesday, June 1

D 8:15am † Carol Huntley by Halstead Family

Thursday, June 3

G 8:15am † Mary Lou Ewert by Ron Ewert

Saturday, June 5

G 5:30pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski

Sunday, June 6

9:00am † Viola Baumeister by Beth Pattie
 † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lewandowski
 † Julius & Muriel LaRoy by LaRoy Family
 † Stephen Sasfy by Lillian Sasfy
 † Janice "Flugie" Sordini by Daniel Sordini

11:30am People of St. John the Baptist
 D - Fr. David Burgard ~ Z - Fr. Zaid Chabaan ~ G - Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi ~ A - Fr. Alan Zobler

Offertory Report

	April	YTD
Budget	\$34,350	\$306,600
Actual	<u>\$33,066</u>	<u>\$280,749</u>
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.

Eleanor Frances Mruzek

April 19, 1933
 May 19, 2021, 2021

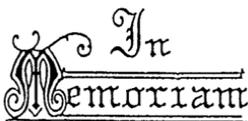


Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Mruzek who entered into eternal life. Please keep her family in your prayers.

May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Raymond Joseph Reau

December 9, 1935
 May 21, 2021



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Reau who entered into eternal life. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Lectors

5:30 pm
 Dave Gelwicks

9:00 am
 John Morris

11:30 am
 Lori Kelly

For the Weekend of June 5/6

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Most Holy Trinity, May 30
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-9, 18-22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 31
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, June 1
St. Justin, Martyr
Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 2
Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 4
Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1-2, 6-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6-8; Mk 12:38-44

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Congratulations, Graduates!

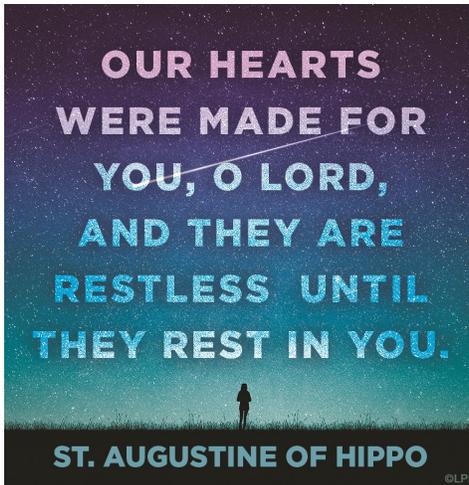


We would like to acknowledge our parish high school and college 2021 graduates. Please let us know by calling or emailing the parish office so that we can include them in a June issue of the bulletin. We ask for the graduate's name, school from which they are graduating, and college degree if applicable. We know that it has been challenging for our graduates and their families this year, with the adjustments and sacrifices that they have had to make.

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:

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



May 24

RAFFLE WINNER

Bryon Maloche

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.

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.

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

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: _____

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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!

Excellence in Education

Each year, the Archdiocese of Detroit recognizes teachers from all schools for their hard work & dedication to their schools. Each campus has a teacher nominated for the contributions to our school. This year, we have three very special Catholic school educators who answered a call to support our school in a greater way: as assistant principals of their campuses. These responsibilities were in addition to their regular responsibilities. We are grateful for their dedication to this worthwhile vocation.

Congratulations to the 2021 Recipients of the Excellence in Education Award!



Melody Setzler, St. Michael Campus
Kindergarten Teacher & Assistant Principal



Karol Applin, St. John Campus
Interventionist & Assistant Principal



Amber Scudder, St. Mary Campus
ELA Teacher & Assistant Principal



MCES 2nd Grade Teacher Terri Knapp featured on NCEA Podcast



Terri Knapp, a veteran 2nd grade teacher at MCES, was invited to participate in the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) weekly podcast during Teacher Appreciation Week. MCES is a member of NCEA, a national organization that promotes and supports Catholic Education.

Mrs. Knapp joined two other Catholic educators- one from California & one from Massachusetts and the interim CEO of NCEA, Kathy Mears, to discuss their call to education and the joys, struggles and learnings from their time in Catholic education and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can access this podcast by visiting: <http://nceapodcast.cast.rocks/>



Lay Leanings... By Deacon Mike Stewart

The intersection is large – two left turn lanes, a right turn lane, and a through lane. Multiple traffic signals control it all. I was sitting in a line of cars waiting to turn left through this menagerie of moving metal all coming together at the same time, and I marveled at how those lights kept it all orderly. All of these people, each different in their own ways, and yet they complied with these signals to bring perfect order to what would otherwise be chaos.

Wouldn't it be great if the world were like that? It occurred to me that in that intersection, it didn't matter if you were a Democrat or Republican, Conservative or Liberal, gay or straight, rich or poor. It mattered only that each complied with the signal they were given. Imagine if people of all different persuasions came together in what would otherwise be chaos, but instead complied with a signal which allowed them to yield to one another, each taking a turn while the other waited patiently. Wouldn't the world be a much different place if only we had such a signal ... something or someone to guide and direct us?

Well, the world HAS that Someone, and yet, rather than strictly direct us what to do, he's given us freedom to choose more freely for ourselves what will bring us more abundant life, both here on this earth, but more importantly, in the life to come. That demands that we be kind and respectful to one another, allowing each their turn, and caring for the needs of one another. If only we listened to that Someone, the world would be a much different place ... beginning with me.

For you were called for freedom, [brothers]. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love.

Galatians 5:13

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There will be a blessing of cars
after all Masses next weekend.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of parish lay members - called Stephen Ministers- to provide high quality, one to one, Christ centered care to people in our parish and community experiencing life difficulties.

A Stephen Minister is...

- ✘ A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- ✘ A parish member with gifts for caregiving
- ✘ A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages
- ✘ A Stephen Minister is someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver

If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, know someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, or want more information about the ministry, contact Crystal Heft at 734-244-5882.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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
Marion Hatcher
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
Sordini Family
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