

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Confession: Sunday 10:00-10:25 am

Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021

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Lectors

Alicia Pesena
Darren Sliva

Eucharistic Minister

Destiny Maxwell

Ministry for the

Sick and Homebound

Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and
Mrs. Carolyn Brown

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Bulletin

Celeste Sheehy

Live-Streaming and Music

Greg Guerra



Parish Council Members

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So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” John 6:34–35

They were hungry, and they wanted Jesus to perform a miracle like He had recently done. They wanted Him to multiply loaves and fishes for the crowds. Perhaps they were curious or perhaps they were hungry. But Jesus directs them to so much more.

This passage begins Jesus’ discourse on the Bread of Life, which will be read at Sunday Mass for the next few weeks. We will see in this discourse Jesus giving His followers so much more than mere bread and fish. We listen to Him speak of Himself as the true Bread from Heaven. Sadly, many reject this precious teaching and gift and go their own way.

But what about you? How often have you truly pondered these words of Jesus? “I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst!” Do you believe this?

Deep within every human heart is a hunger and thirst that longs to be satisfied. We all have this longing and desire. We try to fill it with so many things, but in the end only one thing satisfies. Jesus alone can satiate the deepest longings of our souls.

Again, do you believe this? And if you do believe it in your head, do you believe it with your actions? Do you turn to Him as the source of your daily fulfillment and satisfaction? When you go to Mass, do you long to receive Him and love Him and enter into Communion with Him? Perhaps, but perhaps not. Most likely we all need to redirect our desires toward our glorious Savior, especially as He comes to us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you believe in these words of Jesus. Do you regularly meet Him in the Eucharist? Do you allow His presence to consume you as you consume Him? If you cannot say “Yes” to this in a complete and definitive way, resolve today to renew your love for our Lord in this glorious Sacrament.

Lord, I do love You, and I desire You to come and consume me as I consume You in the Most Holy Eucharist. Help me to believe in You and Your presence in this Most Holy Sacrament. May Your divine presence meet my deepest need and fulfill my deepest longings in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

July 25, 2021

Regular Offering: **\$881.01**

Building Fund: **\$10**

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Mike Wardlaw

Linda Guerra

Brenda Breaux

George Salinas

Freeman Hayes

Hilde Ouellette

Christopher Mendoza

Delores Brown

Jessie Hithe

Annaliese Rodriguez

Diocesan News

August 20-22, 2021 -The retreat **Greater than a Mother's Love: The Maternal-Fraternal Tension of Francis' and Clare's Spirituality** will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. It will consider the family life of Francis and Clare and how their experience of their parents and siblings challenges the Franciscan family to live as brothers, sisters and mothers to each other while under the care of God the father. Franciscan Father Gilberto Cavazos-González will lead the retreat. He has a doctorate in spirituality from the Pontifical University in Rome and is a former pastor and youth evangelist in San Antonio. He taught over 15 years at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. The cost is \$265 for a private room, \$215 per person for a shared room, and \$125 for commuters, which includes meals.

August 27-29, 2021 - El Retiro de **La Sanación a Través del Corazón de Jesús** se llevará a cabo en Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center en Temple. Este retiro se enfoca en nuestra identidad como los amados de Dios y en las heridas que nos impiden vivir esa identidad. El Padre Charlie Garza, pastor de St. Albert the Great Parish en Austin, es el presentador. El costo es de \$240 por un cuarto para una sola persona, \$190 por persona en un cuarto compartido y \$100 para aquellos que no pasen la noche en el Centro de Retiros, el precio incluye las comidas y la ropa de cama para el fin de semana.

Announcements

The temporary protocols for the pandemic have been rescinded by the Bishop. **Father Cyril asks that we continue to wear masks during Mass.** We will continue to live-stream.

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

On the **first Saturday of every month**, we will have **Adoration** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **followed by Mass** at 4:00 pm.

We now have a webpage at www.stjohnswaco.org! More information will be added to the webpage in the coming weeks including the ability to make your offerings online. We encourage you to visit the webpage and notify Celeste Sheehy if you have any suggestions for information to be included.

Important reminder: For their safety, all children must be accompanied to the restroom by an adult.

THE QUESTION IS: WHO IS ST. JOSEPH? What do we know about him? Why should we not just know about him, but KNOW him? How can we love and trust someone if we do not know who he is? Was he married before becoming the foster father of Jesus? Did he have children? How can a man who never had a word written of what he said in the bible be so important? Find these answers and many more in the book ***Consecration to St. Joseph*** by author Donald H. Calloway, MIC. Read and fall in love with this mystery man in the life of the holy family. Would you like to read the book by yourself? Or in a supportive group? **Call Julie Hemstreet 254-633-5512 BETWEEN 9:00AM / 6:00 PM if interested in a group reading of this book.**

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at sheehysoccer@yahoo.com or text her at 254-709-5398. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.

Our Mission Statement: To be a faith community bringing the presence of Christ to all by celebrating God's word and the Sacraments.

Our Vision Statement: To build a strong and vibrant community through core values based on love, selflessness, and service.