



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Your Local Chapter of the Body of Christ since 1858!
A Pastoral Region in the Dayton Deanery with St. Christopher, Vandalia

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses:

Eve: 7:00 p.m.

Day: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

[except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1]

Misa en Español:

El Primer Sábado de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

[Confession]

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Except during Lent, 12:00 noon the 2nd Sunday of the month and during the three weekend Masses the 3rd Sunday of the month when available. Baptism Program for parents required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For parishioners suffering from a serious illness, preparing for serious surgery or suffering from age. Please call the Pastor.

MARRIAGES: Preparations must begin at least six months before the wedding. Please call the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We extend you a hearty welcome! Please call the Parish Office to register.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address or phone number or if you are moving from the parish.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon on Monday.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 24-30

MONDAY, 24 8:30 a.m. Ada Klosterman (Family)

TUESDAY, 25 8:30 a.m. Bernie Pleiss (Jane Drake)

WEDNESDAY, 26 7:00 p.m. Dutch VonderHaar
(Lucinda Vonderhaar)

THURSDAY, 27 8:30 a.m. Wally Walendzak (Linda Fishback)

FRIDAY, 28 8:30 a.m. **Communion Service**

SATURDAY, 29 5:00 p.m. Jim Haley (Lucinda VonderHaar)

SUNDAY, 30 8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. Ed Martino (Jim and Sherry Myers)

Just a note to let you know when you request a Mass Intention the schedule may change according to Father's commitments.

USHERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** Megan Miller, Tom Miller, Gene Trimbach, Kathy Trimbach
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** George Doviak, Andy Droesch, Russ Haley, Alan Leingang
 - **10:30 a.m.** Julie Lawson, Scott Lawson, Bill Lewis, Darlene Lewis

SERVERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** Josie and Monet DesAutels, Nathan Gagnon
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** Barb and Bruce Batty
 - **10:30 a.m.** Aaron Davis, Anna and Ray Kueterman

LECTORS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** TBA
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** TBA
 - **10:30 a.m.** TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** 7 volunteers needed
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed
 - **10:30 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading..... 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading..... Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel..... John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Adult	\$ 7,790.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$ 597.00
Total	\$ 8,387.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$ 93.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$ 50,402.95

ST. CHRISTOPHER

435 E. National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. –

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day vigil: 7:00 p.m. – Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 (Collection envelopes will be forwarded to the proper Parish.)

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country at this time and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.



ST. VINCENT HOTEL – Parishioners are reminded the hotel is in constant need of casseroles to serve the homeless guests. Completed casseroles can be placed in the Parish freezer and will be periodically delivered to the hotel by Parish volunteers. For further information, contact Mike Begley at 667-2882 or the Parish Office at 667-3419. **The next opportunity to serve the evening meal to the guests at St. Vincent Hotel will be Sunday, April 27th. Please meet in the North parking lot of the church for a 5:45 p.m. departure if you would like to volunteer.**



St. John's MOM's Group – The St. John's Mom's Group would like to invite all mothers of young children to attend our meetings and/or events. The group meets in Room 107 with the exception of the summer months. Babysitting is provided in Room 108.

- Thursday, March 27th, 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters
- Thursday, April 10th, 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters
- Saturday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m. – Craft Night
- Thursday, April 17th, 9:30 a.m. – Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- Thursday, April 24th, 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Attendance at a baptismal preparation session is required to have your child baptized. Sessions are in Room 101 at 1:30 p.m. on the following dates; April 6, June 1, August 3, and October 5. Contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or by calling 667-3419, ext. 203 to RSVP for a session or if you have questions.

St. Christopher's Lenten Dinners: Fridays during Lent. All you can eat for \$8.00 with reservation, \$11.00 without. Children 6-12 are \$2.00 and under 6 eat free with paying adult. Carry-Out available. Fish and sides on most Fridays. To make a reservation, contact Betty at 264-9691, between 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. or stchrisfshfry@hotmail.com. Reservation deadline is 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. For more details check the website at stchristopheronline.com or call 898-3542, ext. 101.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – St. John's will participate in another 40 Days for Life campaign. This mission began in 2007 and St. John's has participated since 2008. Since that time there have been 600,000 participants in 21 countries. This is a peaceful and prayerful vigil to end abortion. Our presence outside the abortion clinic in Kettering, is a very powerful statement to those who pass or enter this facility and all we are asked to do is pray. Won't you please consider giving an hour of your time on Saturday, March 29th? Please contact Judie McKittrick (339-9355 or mmckittrick@who.rr.com) to sign up or for more information.

FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE FOR 2014-2015

– The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Social Action Office is hosting a 14-15 hour/week, paid internship to support its activities for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. Catholic Church's social justice, anti-poverty campaign in America. The intern helps to administer grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities. He or she also works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educate about the Catholic social tradition, and build bridges between poor and non-poor communities. Young Catholics, ages 18 to 30, are welcome to apply. The internship will run from September 2014 to May 2015. To receive an application or learn more, please contact us at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. Applications are due March 24.



St. John the Baptist Parish Library is now **Open. Check it out!** It is located across the hallway from the Banquet Hall. The books have been cataloged, reorganized, and are color coded by topic. Shelves are marked with the topic of the books on the shelf. There is a catalog binder in each shelving unit marked A B C D E. Check-out and return policies can be found inside the catalog binder. You may want to look under the topic Seasonal for books pertaining to Lent.

St. John's Knights of Columbus Council 5129 Weekly Raffle winners for February 2014 – Congratulations to Ben Stucke, Kevin McClurg, John Skolnicki and Jeff Makley!

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your Gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. Please visit www.usccb.org.

2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) – We thank everyone from **St. John** who has participated in the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our pledges support six critically important ministries benefiting thousands of people right here in our Archdiocese so please be as generous as you can. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

St. Vincent Homeless Casseroles... Your next opportunity to help make casseroles for St. Vincent's homeless shelter will be **Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.** Please join others in preparing casseroles for the homeless in the church kitchen. With the continued generous donation of ingredients and cash for this service project, we are able to make casseroles to serve one lunch a month to the residents at St. Vincent's shelter. (Cash and/or check donations are to be put in a separate envelope marked "Casseroles" and dropped in the Mass collection basket to be credited to this ministry.) Need more information on this ministry, please call Kathy McGrath at 667-4932.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: the Philippines – This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

Be Reconciled with Christ and One Another: Like the woman at the well, Jesus desires to give us living water to drink. During this Lenten season, join with others to drink deeply of the love and mercy of God. Be reconciled with Christ and one another through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on **April 1, 2014.**

Easter Basket Project: Stephen Ministry is again making Easter Baskets for the homebound and nursing home Catholics in St. John's area. We are going to try something different. A Monetary donation is all we are asking for this year. This new idea will save you a shopping trip. Envelopes, marked Easter Basket Donation, are in an Easter Basket in the narthex. You can put the envelopes back in the basket with information filled out, drop it in the Sunday collection, or bring your donation to the parish office. You can also do the same using your own envelope marked Easter Basket donation. We are assembling the baskets on **Tuesday, April 15th** in the parish Banquet Hall at 7:00 p.m. If you have time, please come. We would appreciate your help. Thanks in advance for your donations.

Tree Planting in Memory of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND, Saturday, **April 12th**, Carriage Hill Metropark, 7800 E. Shull Road, Huber Heights, 8:30-11:30 a.m., beginning with prayer service. RSVP by **March 31** for service groups and by **April 9** for families to Metroparks' Yvonne Dunphe (Yvonne.Dunphe@metroparks.org, 277-4147). **Identify you are with the Dorothy Stang group.** Sponsors: Weavers of Justice, Dayton Catholic Social Action Office, Creation Connection, and Marianist Environmental Education Center.

"Ah Jesus, fountain of life, make me drink a cup of the living water from you so that, having tasted you, I thirst for eternity for nothing other than you."
St. Gertrude the Great

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. In today's gospel, Jesus spends time in Samaria at Jacob's well talking to the Samaritan woman and telling her of the living water he has to offer. As she grows in her knowledge of Jesus through her conversation with him, she is transformed into a believer and follower of Christ. Not only does she believe, but through her efforts many of her fellow Samaritans begin to believe. "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." How can I increase my time in prayer and conversation with Jesus this Lent? O Ever-flowing Love, as you pour your goodness into the vessel of my being, I pray that I will allow it to spill over into the lives of others (Excerpts from "*Living Faith*" March 2014).

FESTIVAL FUN TIME IS HERE – The weather is starting to warm and the Parish Fun Festival is starting to heat up. If you are a current booth chairperson or would like to chair or co-chair a booth, or you just have ideas for the Festival, we invite you to our first meeting on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend but have input, please contact Jennifer Weir (jweir1@woh.rr.com) or Theresa Ewing (theresae@woh.rr.com). We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.



BOOKS, VCRs, AND CASSETTE TAPES SALE



WHEN: MARCH 29-30, 2014, AFTER ALL MASSES

WHERE: IN THE GATHERING SPACE

WHY: TO RAISE MONEY SO NEW BOOKS AND DVDs CAN BE PURCHASED FOR THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Select a book, VCR or cassette tape and leave a donation!

VIRTUS SESSION: Do you work with children? Do you teach PSR, VBS, chaperone for youth events, or anything else that brings you into contact with children? If you answered yes to any of these, you need to attend a Virtus Protecting God's Children session before June 30th, so that you can continue to do these things. Even if you have done the old Child Protection Decree Workshop, you will need to complete and stay current with Virtus before June 30th. To find and register for a Virtus session, you should go to www.virtusonline.org at this website and click on the word "Registration" on the left-hand sidebar; you will be guided to create a user name and password. You will also be able to search for and register for a session. Sessions are listed for the whole Archdiocese so you can look for a time and location that best suits your calendar. Preregistration is required for attendance at any session in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Sessions are free of charge. You will also be given a chance to do your background check through Selection.com; talk with your Ministry leader about reimbursement for this. **ST. JOHN WILL HAVE A VIRTUS SESSION HERE ON APRIL 23, 2014, AT 6:00 p.m., IN ROOM 107.** If you plan on attending, go to the Virtus website to register. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or call 667-3419 ext. 203.

