

SAINT MARY AND SAINT JOHN XXIII **CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

PARISH STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary Groveport

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Closed Wednesday: 10:30 am-12:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am-10:30 am 1st Saturday of the month: 3:00-5:00 pm

St. John XXIII CW

Monday: Closed Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm Closed on Wednesdays 10:15 am-2:00 pm Friday: 11:00 am-4:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 am-12:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Mary Groveport
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Mary Groveport
9:45	am, 11:15 am	SJXXIII CW
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Monday	8:30 am	SJXXIII CW
Tuesday	6:00 pm	SJXXIII CW
Wednesday	12:00 pm	St. Mary Groveport
Thursday	8:30 am	SJXXIII CW
Friday	8:30 am	St. Mary Groveport

Holy Days of Obligation will be listed in the bulletin, as they occur.

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

5684 Groveport Road, Groveport, Ohio 43125 | groveportstmary.org 614-497-1324

SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH 5170 Winchester Southern Road NW Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110 | sjxxiiiparish.org 614-920-1563

ST. JOHN XXIII, CANAL WINCHESTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the People of St. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

9:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Gene & Judy Noble Family by Sharon Davis Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Jeffrey Lang by Bernie & Sharon Lang Mass at St. John XXIII

Monday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom by Kristy & Steve Wagner

Mass at St. John XXIII

Tuesday, December 12 6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Claire Arnett by Friends of Cathy Coburn *Mass at St. John XXIII*

Wednesday, December 1312:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Rosella Herb by the Herb Family *Mass at St. Mary, Groveport*

 Thursday, December 14

 8:30 a.m.
 Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom by Vince & Ashley Eckel

Mass at St. John XXIII

Friday, December 158:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Fred Herb by the Herb FamilyMass at St. Mary, Groveport

Saturday, December 16 4:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Roger Stimpfle by Daniel & Sandra Hynes

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Sunday, December 17 - Gaudete Sunday
8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Madelyn Newlon by John M. Newlon

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

9:45 a.m. For the Intentions of the People of St. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of William Francis Berens by Angie Berens

Mass at St. John XXIII



ONLINE GIVING AT ST. JOHN XXIII

You may go to our website to set up online giving, use the QR code to go to our website giving page. If you would prefer to set up electronic fund transfer (EFT) by credit card or checking

account, stop in the parish office for a form. Your contribution supports the work and operations of St. John XXIII Parish, our music, hospitality, and education programs. Please be generous in your support of these important endeavors.

PARISH INFORMATION

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St. John XXIII

Monday – Closed

Wednesday – *Restricted Hours* Open 9:00-10:15 a.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m. Closed from 10:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday – 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

St. John XXIII – Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. or by appointment.

St. Mary, Groveport - Saturday, 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS Contact Fr. O'Connor

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY Please call Father at 740-400-9170.

SUNDAY MISSALS ARE HERE!

The new Liturgical Church Year, Year B started on December 3rd. If you ordered a St. Joseph Missal, and have not picked it up, they are in the church office. If you did not order one but want one, we have a few extras – available on a first-come, first-served basis.

BAPTISMS

Baptismal Preparation is needed if you are expecting or have had your first child. Also, if you need to schedule your child's Baptism, please call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563 or email the Parish Office at <u>office@sjxxiiiparish.org</u> for details. Baptisms can be scheduled following the 11:15 a.m. Mass for the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - EVERY MONDAY

Every Monday, we will have the opportunity to gather and recite the Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Mass.



TOWN HALL Q & A

The Transition Team (TT) appreciates you taking the time to share your thoughts on the feedback form found in the bulletin. The TT encourages everyone to utilize the opportunity to give feedback. Please place your

completed form in the collection basket or take it to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, December 10th.** Thank you for your participation in this process.

St. Mary, Groveport

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – Closed

Wednesday – 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00-11:00 a.m.

First Saturday of the Month – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

COLLECT

[Heavenly Wisdom]

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet Your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

WEEK of December 10, 2023	NOTE NEW MASS TIMES
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 9:45 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:15 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 12:30 p.m. – WONDER Pathways Welcome Session at SJXXIII
Monday, December 11, 2023	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 9:00 a.m. – Miraculous Medal Novena 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	10:00 a.m. – Craft Club Meeting at St. Mary, Groveport 6:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	12:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour and Confessions at SJXXIII
Thursday, December 14, 2023	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:00 a.m. – Women's Ministry at SJXXIII 6:00 p.m. – WONDER Pathways Welcome Session at SJXXIII 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice for Lessons & Carols
Friday, December 15, 2023	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministry Monthly Meeting at SJXXIII
Saturday, December 16, 2023	8:00 a.m. – Sandwich Saturday at SJXXIII 3:00 p.m. – Confessions at St. Mary, Groveport 4:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary Groveport
Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Gaudete Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 9:45 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:15 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII, Bishop Fernandes presiding 12:30 p.m. – Reception to Celebrate Mortgage Payoff 4:00 p.m. – Lessons & Carols at SJXXIII with reception to follow

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

All women of St. Mary, Groveport and St. John XXIII are welcome to join our Women's Ministry group! The next meeting will be **Friday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. John XXIII lower level. "From Scripture to the Catechism to quotes from Saints and a few real-life examples, this little compilation of encouragement is meant for you!" Blessed is She. *The next meeting will be on Friday, December 15th.* You may come to one or all, it is not required you attend each month; we welcome all women in different seasons of life.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: The weekly Women's Ministry group will continue to meet on Thursdays at St. John XXIII at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of St. John XXIII Parish. Please contact Karen Self at <u>karenself@aol.com</u> or 614-209-6299 if you would like more information. You may also come to a meeting any Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to find out if this is a study for you.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (O.C.I.A.)

O.C.I.A. is an educational and spiritual program developed to engage and instruct non-Catholics who may want to join the Catholic Church AND Catholics who are interested in learning more about or returning to the Catholic faith. O.C.I.A. acts as the compass for individuals who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more, call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for one hour at St. John XXIII. Fr. O'Connor is available for Confessions during this hour. Please know that you may come for the full hour or a brief period of time to pray before our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together. Please come when you can and leave when you must. It is so wonderful to sit and pray, talking and listening to Jesus.

Again, you can come for a few minutes or stay for the full hour. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together.

"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man."

– St. Maria Goretti

THANK YOU FROM PDHC

Our *Bottles for Life* collection brought in \$644.38 as of November 1, 2023. This amount will increase due to more bottles that have come in since this time. We will update the total once it has been calculated. THANK YOU!! Your donations helped provide parenting education series and baby boutique shopping visits for eight mothers throughout their pregnancy!

YOU'RE INVITED

MORTGAGE PAYOFF CELEBRATION

Join us for Mass with Bishop Fernandes commemorating our final mortgage payment. Join us also for a reception immediately following mass.

DECEMBER 17, 2023, 11:15 AM

JOIN US FOR MASS WITH BISHOP FERNANDES, DECEMBER 17

Join us in celebrating our mortgage payoff! Bishop Earl Fernandes will celebrate the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 17th in recognition of this great accomplishment. There will be a reception following Mass in the lower-level social hall. Come and mingle, celebrate and have lunch with us! If you would like to help with this reception, please see Heather in the Parish Office.



EVERYONE HAS A DIVINE VOCATION

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is handpicked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~ Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

CRAFT CLUB MEETING

All women of St. Mary and St. John are welcome! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Please bring a packed lunch and join us!

COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This weekend, December 9-10, is the annual collection that benefits approximately 24,000 elderly Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests across the United States. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), the collection provides qualified religious institutes with financial aid to address retirement necessities. Traditionally, Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests have dedicated their lives to Church ministries such as parishes, schools and healthcare institutions, usually with little to no compensation. Consequently, a significant number currently have insufficient retirement funds, combined with escalating healthcare costs. Numerous religious communities in the United States are experiencing challenges with providing for their elderly members and are confronting a sizable disparity between available funds and the costs of care. Our Retired Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests, thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN XXIII, CANAL WINCHESTER

END-OF-YEAR GIVING – Give Smarter: Support St. John XXIII and Lower Your Taxes

You can use funds in your retirement account to support St. John XXIII. An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors who are 70 1/2 years or older to transfer up to \$100,000.00 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation, which manages the fund. Regardless of your age, you can support St. John XXIII while still qualifying for a tax deduction. Contributions to the **St. John XXIII Parish Endowment Fund** can also be made in the form of cash, appreciated stocks, and other assets. For more information on how you can make a real-world impact on the future of St. John XXIII and the Catholic faith, please contact Jim Hahn at jhahn@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893, ext. 112.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HELPING YOU FIND PEACE AFTER YOUR DIVORCE... The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster is providing a ministry that will bring hope and healing to men and women who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The 12-week *Surviving Divorce* program by Ascension Press is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. The program will be facilitated by Rebecca Hubert and Kristin Garrabrant. The cost of the program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the *Surviving Divorce* Personal Guide. For an optimal program experience, there will be a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 participants. The program will take place every Thursday, January 4-March 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Spirit Center. For inquiries and to register, email Kristin Garrabrant at kcgarrabrant@gmail.com. The registration deadline is December 28, 2023.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTLY VOCATION DEISCERNMENT GROUPS

There are now seven Melchizedek Project – Priestly Vocation Discernment Groups meeting in our diocese. There are two in our area: St. Pius X Catholic Church in Reynoldsburg and St. Bernadette in Lancaster.

St. Pius X Catholic Church

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg

East Columbus Deanery

Third Thursday of Each Month; October-May; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Led by Fr. Patrick Watikha and Fr. Milton Kiocha, this one is primarily for high schoolers. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Dinner and discussion beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Blessed Mother Room of the Msgr. Funk Parish Family Center.

Please email Michelle Carey at MCarey@spxreynoldsburg.com for more information.

St. Bernadette Church

1343 Wheeling Road, Lancaster

Fairfield-Hocking Deanery – Vicariate 3 Muskingum/Perry Deanery

First Thursday of Each Month; September-April

Led by Fr. Ty Tomson, this one is for both high school and college-age men. The group meets the first Thursday of each month, following the St. Bernadette 6:00 p.m. Mass. The gathering includes supper and discussion until 8:30 p.m. Come to the church for Mass, then to the Mary Good Center office building behind the church. Please call 740-654-1893 or email <u>fathertomson@me.com</u> to RSVP or for more information.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Scandal, division, disease and doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of

them, all at once. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that He is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew and unify the Church and the world. We NEED Jesus. *The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith – the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival seeks to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.* **Visit <u>eucharisticrevival.org</u>**.



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other.

Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11, 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOB OPENING AT JOSEPHINUM

Literature Professor Opening at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary is seeking to hire a fulltime Assistant Professor of Literature in the College of Liberal Arts (rank negotiable), beginning in fall 2024. An ideal candidate will possess a completed doctorate (PhD) in literature or an associated area and exhibit a strong commitment to Catholic higher education and to the mission of the Josephinum to form men for the ordained priesthood. Read more about the position and its necessary qualifications at <u>www.pcj.edu/jobopportunity</u>.

FROM BOTTOMS UP

Did You Know? - Modern-day Manger

As we inch our way toward the celebration of the most significant birth in history, we need to remember the "Bethlehems" right here in our back yard. There are women who are caring for their babies in a way not dissimilar to Mary twenty-one

RETURNING

PILGRIMAGE

LOVE FOR LOVE

Please consider joining

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

for a pilgrimage to

France in honor of the

350th Anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred

Heart to St. Margaret

Mary. Dates: May 31-June

9. This trip will include

traveling to Lisieux, Paris,

Paray-Le-Monial, Nevers,

Ars, Annecy, Lyons and

https://www.ctscentral.

<u>net/trips/france/</u>

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Normandy.

centuries ago. Often times, through no fault of their own, these mothers are thrown into a life of poverty that inflicts the child with a life that is rough and hard to endure. 2024 is just around the corner. Have a blessed Christmas and stay tuned for the improvements and increased aid that Bottoms Up will offer those who most need us! For more information and ways you can help, visit www.bottomsup.life.







anniversary of the revelations of the Sacrad Heart of Josus at Paray-le-Monial, a Jubilee Year has been declared, beginning on 27 December 2023 and continuing through 27 June 2025, the Solemnity of the Sacrad Heart. Piease consider joining the Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Fernandes on this extraordinary pligrimage to France.

ESL TUTORS NEEDED

Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor! Volunteer tutors are greatly needed for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact Annette Cohn at 614-444-7330, ext. 2 or <u>Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org</u> for more information on this rewarding opportunity. Visit <u>https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/</u>. Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Hello! My name is Sarah Wagner, and I am a SJXXIII parishioner and a first-year teacher at All Saints Academy. In the spring, we are starting a band program! If you have any unused instruments that are sitting around collecting dust, we would love to put these instruments to use by giving the gift of music to one of our students. Instruments will then be kept in school inventory for years to come. When collected, instruments will be tested and sent for repairs, if needed. If you have any instruments to contribute, please contact Ms. Sarah Wagner at 614-721-5741 or email at <u>swagner@ cdeducation.org</u> to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MONTHLY EXPENSE/OFFERTORY REPO	RT
Monthly Expenses for November for St. Mary	\$ 17,655.00
Monthly Expenses for November for SJXXIII	\$ 28,596.49
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Monthly Offertory in November for SJXXIII	\$ 34,420.03
BUILDING MORTGAGE SJXXIII	
Mortgage Balance	\$ 7,968.12
Monthly Expense for November	\$ 13,353.59
Monthly Receipts in November	\$ 6,365.74
MASS ATTENDANCE	
Total for Month of November at St. Mary	1,140
Total for the Month of November at St. John XXIII	1,609

ODU RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION TO STRENGTHEN CAMPUS MINISTRIES PROGRAMMING

Ohio Dominican University has received a \$6,800.00 grant award from The Catholic Foundation to support and strengthen programming provided by the university's Office of Campus Ministries. The funding received will be applied to the 2024-25 academic year to develop incremental, campus-wide programming that seeks to educate, inspire, deepen, celebrate and fulfill the religious imagination, personal growth and spiritual needs of ODU's diverse campus community. More information about the grant is available at <u>ohiodominican.edu</u>.

JOIN OUR FLOCK



What is FlockNote?

A communication tool that we hope will provide our parish a wonderful way to help you grow your faith and be aware of the different events and opportunities we provide here at St. John XXIII Catholic Church in addition

to the weekly bulletin. Our monthly newsletter will have faith formation content emailed to you via our FlockNote Newsletter, to help you and your family grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. There are several groups you can join as well to receive information about specific groups straight to your email or text! Please join us! If you would like additional information, please email <u>office@sjxxiiiparish.org</u>. If you need assistance with signing up for FlockNote, please see Heather, she is happy to help get you signed up to receive our notes.

MOBILE APPS FOR CATHOLICS

You may have heard there are numerous Catholic apps you can upload on your smartphone or mobile device. A couple we like to use are IBreviary and Laudate. They each have the Missal for all Masses so you always have it handy and can follow along. There are countless prayers, readings, rites, and other Catholic resources. These are available for both Apple and Android users. Here are QR codes for you to scan – choose either the Apple App or the Android App:



for Apple

Laudate for Android iBreviary for Android iBreviary for Apple

