



SAINT MARY AND SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCHES

February 4, 2024 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday	4:00 pm	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
	9:45 am, 11:15 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>

Weekday Mass

Monday	8:30 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
Thursday	8:30 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Friday	8:30 am	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the People of
Ss. Mary, Groveport & John XXIII Parishes

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

9:45 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Ginny & Jim Billiter
by the Billiter Family

Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dr. Mike Forsythe
by Elizabeth Richter

Mass at St. John XXIII

Monday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of William Carlisle
by Linda Shrager

Mass at St. John XXIII

Tuesday, February 6

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom
by Donna Roehrenbeck

Mass at St. John XXIII

Wednesday, February 7

12:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Bill Paszke
by Diane Factor

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Thursday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Tom O'Connor
by Mary O'Connor & Margaret Shackelford

Mass at St. John XXIII

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Tommy Sloan
by Fran Sloan

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Saturday, February 10

4:00 p.m. For the Intention of Clara Zag by her family

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Sunday, February 11

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Bill Paszke
by Angie Carfagna

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

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

Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. For the Intention of Tom & Jane Botchie
by Barbara Doyle

Mass at St. John XXIII

PARISH INFORMATION

5170 Winchester Southern Road, NW,
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
Phone: 614-920-1563 • Fax: 614-920-1564
Email: office@sjxxiiiparish.org • Website: sjxxiiiparish.org

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.

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

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.

DOOR REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION

The construction to replace and repair the entrance doors to the building of St. John XXIII Parish will start on Monday, February 12. Masses for February 12, 15 and 16 will be held at St. Mary.

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday, construction will be suspended for this day. There will be Mass at St. John XXIII at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. as well as the Family Rosary at 5:30 p.m. and Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. It will be completely safe to use the entrance during the construction period. We are choosing to hold all **morning** daily Masses at St. Mary to reduce the traffic flow at St. John XXIII during the construction period. They will not be working into the evening, therefore we will still have any already scheduled evening events at St. John XXIII. We are working with Elford Construction, and the goal is to have the front completed before Holy week. Please pray we are able to accomplish this goal.

All Sunday Masses will be as scheduled during the duration of the construction. Again, the entrance will be secured and safe for us to enter and exit. There will not be construction on Sundays or in the evening; please attend your preferred Sunday Mass and evening parish activities as normal.

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 office@sjxxiiiparish.org for details. Baptisms can be scheduled following the 11:15 a.m. Mass for the second, third & fourth Sundays of the month.

COLLECT

[God's Protection]

Keep Your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by Your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 February 4, 2024	MASS & EVENT TIMES
Sunday, February 4, 2024 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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. – MEND Pathways Session 2 3:00 p.m. – Men of the Word Bible Study – at SJXXIII
Monday, February 5, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice at SJXXIII
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	10:00 a.m. Craft Club at St. Mary, Groveport 5:30 p.m. – Confessions 6:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	12:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions at SJXXIII
Thursday, February 8, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:00 a.m. - Women's Ministry – WWP, <i>Discovering Our Dignity</i> at St. John XXIII 6:00 p.m. – MEND Pathways Session 2
Friday, February 9, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary
Saturday, February 10, 2024	9:00 a.m. – First Reconciliation Retreat – at SJXXIII 3:00 p.m. – Confessions at St. Mary, Groveport 4:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport
Sunday, February 11, 2024 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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. – ROOT Pathways Session 3

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

SANDWICH SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Sandwich Saturday here at St. John XXIII has been going strong over 15 years. The sandwiches we make are delivered to St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus to feed the homeless. This wonderful ministry here at St. John XXIII has had so many of our volunteers return for the joy of helping others. All are welcome to come at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, **February 17, 2024**, to do as Christ asks us to do, take care of our brothers and sisters.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPE

THANK YOU! We may now be debt-free, but we have continuous maintenance upkeep of our aging campus. We have a new envelope in the monthly batch for those who receive our offertory envelopes. The envelope will take the place of the “Debt Reduction Fund” and go toward the maintenance fund of the campus of St. John XXIII. Thank you for all of you who have faithfully contributed to the debt reduction fund! We are finally debt-free!



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.

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 karenself@aol.com 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.

ANNUAL DONATION/ TAX STATEMENT INFO

Tax statements are available per request. Please email Teresa at tiannaggi@groveportstmary.org or tiannaggi@sjxxiiiparish.org to make your request. Please include in your email: your name, what parish you belong to, and how you would like to receive your statement – by email, mail or pick up at the Parish Office. Please consider having it emailed to help us reduce the use of paper and costs of postage.

WEDNESDAYS FAMILY ROSARY

Next Family Rosary will be this **Wednesday, February 14th**. We gather to say a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. every other week. Families and all parishioners are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 4 – CANCELED!

The first Sunday of the month is normally Hospitality Sunday! We had no volunteers to host this Sunday, therefore we had to cancel.

We need volunteers to sign up to host Donut Sundays. Please see Heather in the Parish Office for how this works. The church reimburses you for the cost of the donuts.

Even if you don't need a donut, you need a friend – or someone needs you. We enjoy seeing you there!

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival. –C. S. Lewis

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar Rosary Society invites all women of St. Mary and St. John XXIII to join us as we start a new year of faith and service. The ARS meets at 6:30 in the St. Mary church basement and upcoming meeting dates are on Tuesday evenings on February 20, March 19, and April 16 and a May brunch will be planned. Continued support for the church and the community and a project for homeless shelters will be discussed. All meetings begin with the Rosary or prayer service. New guests are welcome to come meet with us!

THE MEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

The Men of the Word Bible Study is open to **ALL** men of the parish. There is nothing attendees need to do in preparation for each session. We will provide Bibles already owned by the parish.

We will meet **every other Sunday; our next gathering is this Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in a classroom in the lower level of the SJXXIII. Each session will be 1 hour and led by one of our brothers. Our goal is to attempt to meet at least every other week.

Following each session, we will have light refreshments and an opportunity for fraternity.

CRAFT CLUB MEETING

All women of St. Mary and St. John XXIII 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!



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Recognition for:

Best overall chili

Most original chili

Hottest chili

“under 18 years old” award

A chili is more solid than a soup, so plan your dish accordingly. We will have a quick brief on the status of the Diocese's recruitment of seminarians and a freewill collection to Support Our Seminarians (S.O.S.). In addition to chili, the Knights will have ice cream bars available for a small donation with all money going to our local Seminarians, so please bring cash. Please bring your own drinks if you want something other than water/lemonade. Please contact Mike Redmon with any questions.



JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

During this time of Eucharistic Revival in our Nation, Jesus is inviting us to encounter Him in our life stories. Together, we'll explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and Resurrection of Jesus, and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments – especially the Eucharist. At the conclusion of this series, participants will be empowered to live out the Gospel in their own lives and share its message of hope with others.

This is a 7-week study, beginning February 21 and concluding April 3, 2024.

Sessions will be offered at two times/locations: Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Groveport Parish (before the Noon Mass)

Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Parish (following weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions)

Please consider asking a friend or family member to join you as we come together to learn more about Jesus and the Eucharist!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Maier at AMaier@sjxxiiiparish.org or (614) 920-1563.

PLATINUM CLUB FEBRUARY GATHERING – SWEETHEART DINNER

The Platinum Club will host their annual “Sweethearts Dinner,” on Saturday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at SJXXIII. Half-Baked Catering will prepare our dinner of Lasagna w/ meat sauce, Fettuccine Alfredo, Italian green beans, tossed salad, and rolls and butter. Drinks will be provided. The cost again will be \$10.00 per person. Please bring a dessert to share. Remember, all of you are our sweethearts, so please come. You must RSVP to Tracy Weiland at 614-517-6601. You may text or call! We will pay for our dinners at the door. See you there!!

MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS FOREVER

Your legacy reflects how you lived – with kindness, conviction, and faith. St. Mary and St. John XXIII Catholic Churches is your faith home where you have encountered Jesus Christ and strengthened your relationship with Him. We want this divine life to continue and grow deeper – for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and future generations of Catholics.

St. Mary and St. John XXIII Catholic Churches have endowment funds that The Catholic Foundation manages. An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide our parish with a perpetual source of income. There are numerous ways to support the St. John XXIII Endowment Fund and St. Mary Parish Endowment Fund and share your blessings with our parish for eternity. For more information on how you can make an eternal impact on St. Mary and St. John XXIII Catholic Churches, please contact Jim Hahn at 614-443-8893, ext. 112 or jhahn@catholic-foundation.org.



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (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.

FORMED

OUR GIFT TO YOU – FREE ACCESS TO FORMED.ORG

As has been tradition here at St. John XXIII Parish, we renewed our subscription to Formed.org for 2024. Please take advantage of the multitude of resources available to you through this site. There are videos for individuals, families, couples, sacraments, children, life as a Catholic, etc. We purchase this for YOU, our parish family, to be able to grow even more like Christ. Just go to the site Formed.org and select “Sign Up” on the top of the page. In the box, type in “St. John XXIII.” Make sure you choose the one with our parish address. This will give you free access.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MARDI GRAS at St. Bernadette School in Lancaster. February 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. All are invited to join family, friends, and staff of St. Bernadette School for our annual Mardi Gras Mixer full of live music by Forcynthia, a Live Auction, food and beverages! This is an adult-only event centered around fellowship and fundraising for our wonderful school! Live Auction items include Dinner at the Rectory by Fr. Tomson and a Comedy Night with Fr. Droll!! Also being auctioned off are OSU and ND football tickets, Blue Jacket tickets, Home Grown Meat, Soccer Instruction by Crew player Evan Bush, Pearl Aesthetics & Wellness packages, and much much more! Entry Tickets may be purchased for \$25.00 at the door. Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 toward a \$1,000.00 Grand Prize and may be purchased in the school office or from a St. Bernadette student. The online Silent Auction will be available from a link on the St. Bernadette School Facebook page & Website starting February 5!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

For the past five years, the Columbus Region of the Order of Malta has sponsored an Annual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on the second Sunday of February. On **Sunday, February 11, 2024**, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. The Order is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the **Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH** to join Bishop Earl Fernandes as he celebrates Mass and offers the Sacrament of Anointing. The Order is chartering an ADA certified bus to take those who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick, and a companion, to Carey. The Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. and the bus will leave from the back parking lot of St. Peter Church (6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus 43235) at 9:00 a.m. For more information and/or to **make a reservation**, please email Len Barbe at lwbarbe@aol.com.

WINTER 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Fisher Catholic High School – 9th-12th Grade. Sunday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m. 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster, Ohio 43130



A GOOD and GROWING NEED

It costs **\$55,000** per year to educate and form a seminarian.

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Columbus has a **GOOD AND GROWING NEED** by virtue of **16 ADDITIONAL** young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you today will support this immediate need to fund future priests throughout our Diocese.

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT FUND

The Diocese of Columbus has a GOOD AND GROWING NEED by virtue of 16 ADDITIONAL young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you will support this immediate need to fund future priests throughout our Diocese! There will be a second collection throughout the Diocese at the end of February dedicated to supporting these seminarians in their discernment process. You can give then or donate now to the Seminary Support Fund by visiting: <https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund/>! Or use the QR code on the graphic with Deacon Tyler Carter.



2024 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Ohio State Fairgrounds – Kasich Hall, Columbus, OH. Cost: \$50.00. **Speakers:** Heather Khym, Fr. John Burns, Claire Dwyer, Fr. Timothy Anastos, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. For more information and registration, please go to: <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com>.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 27th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on **February 24, 2024**. **THE EUCHARIST: GO DEEPER** is this year's complementary theme, as we dedicate this Conference to the Source and Summit of our Faith – The Eucharist. Fall in love with Jesus through the Eucharist, and experience a love and strength like no other, as you walk with confidence on the path to Sainthood. This year's speakers include Father Burke Masters, John Edwards and Chris Stefanick. Tickets are on sale at www.catholicmensministry.com. If you would like to carpool, as we have in the past, we will meet at the Church parking lot at 6:30 a.m., the morning of the conference and leave from there. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Mustard at 614-226-0525.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
2-4PM
OPEN HOUSE AT
FISHER CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

Learn more about our academic offerings, extracurricular activities, community involvement and faith-filled mission. You are welcome to dine at our 27th annual Spaghetti Dinner while here!

COME SEE WHY IT'S DIFFERENT HERE!

Questions? Call 740-654-1231 or email eeills@cadeducation.org

FISHER CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE/ SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come see why it's different here! Open house for Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster will be on Sunday, February 4th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. You are welcome to dine at the 27th Annual Spaghetti Dinner while on campus, too.

ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Charles will host its annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday, **February 4**, from 1:00-6:30 p.m., in the school's Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be prepared by the Susi Family and its staff from Berwick Manor. Entertainment will be provided by the SC Concert & Jazz Band, which will perform at 2:15 and 4:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. \$14.00 for Adults; \$10.00 for Senior Citizens; \$7.00 for Children 4-12 (3 and under are free). There is also a \$55.00 Family rate (dine-in, up to six immediate family members). Carry-out orders will be available.



PDHC IS HIRING A NURSE

Join the PDHC team! Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC) is hiring a part-time nurse for the Lancaster Center. Ultrasound training is provided. Job description can be viewed at supportlifepdhc.org on the Join Our Team page. Please email JennS@PDHC.org for more information.

PDHC NEEDS - URGENT

The Lancaster Center is experiencing some HIGH NEEDS, especially for baby equipment. If a member from your church would like to donate, please share the Amazon link below. You can also choose an option for these items to be shipped to the Center at no charge. Visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7BD917Z2JSG?ref=wl_share. If not purchasing from Amazon, the following are HIGH NEED items: infant body carriers, baby monitors, strollers, diaper bags, tummy time play mats, highchairs, baby swings, and baby bouncers (we also accept gently used of these items). As we begin to navigate our cultural challenges in this new year, hold close to His promises: *And the One who was sitting upon the throne, said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And he said to me, 'Write, for these words are entirely faithful and true.'* ~Revelation 21:5

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT 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 with 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 fathertomson@me.com 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 eucharisticrevival.org.

Spring CLEAN UP



It's getting close to Spring and that means time for the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus Spring Clean-Up! Families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes should gather them by March 1, 2024, when Cemetery field staff will begin clean up around graves and mausoleums. If you have questions, please contact our cemetery offices.

St. Joseph Cemetery
Lockbourne, Ohio
(614) 491-2751

Resurrection Cemetery
Lewis Center, Ohio
(614) 888-1805

Holy Cross Cemetery
Pataskala, Ohio
(740) 927-4442

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Columbus, Ohio
(614) 491-2751



J.O.I.N. COLLECTION - ASH WEDNESDAY

Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, JOIN, is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office, located at 578 E Main Street in downtown Columbus. Sharing God's love and word through the assistance provided to our brothers and sisters is our daily aspiration. Because of the generosity, throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We can also assist with more complicated issues such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificates and transportation. The Ash Wednesday collection of your church and others is instrumental in our mission to serve our neighbors with these various needs and more. All donations go directly to improve the quality of life for those we serve. It is a modest but significant way to begin Lent, for you and the community. On behalf of all of us here at JOIN, and from the neighbors we serve, thank you for all you do through your ministries that serve our brothers and sisters. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time at 614-241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org. God bless you with His grace and Peace!



WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO! That is what you will be saying after a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Marriage Encounter is

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 Kim & Don Downs at 614-893-1935. Early registration is highly recommended.

JOB OPENING AT JOSEPHINUM

Literature Professor Opening at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary is seeking to hire a full-time 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 www.pcj.edu/jobopportunity.



SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

NO PRIEST, NO EUCHARIST!

GOD IS STILL CALLING -

Are you looking to get more involved in promoting, encouraging, and praying for vocations? Serra Clubs, a lay apostolate, have been in our Columbus Diocese for 70 years. We seek members to stand alongside our priests and seminarians to support vocations for the Diocese of Columbus.

Serra Club of North Columbus meetings include the Rosary, lunch, and a speaker at 11:30 on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum. Downtown Serra Club meetings include lunch and a speaker at noon on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cavello Center at St. Charles Preparatory School.

Check out our website
SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG

for more information and scheduled events.



FROM BOTTOMS UP

Did You Know? – World's Largest Diaper Drive Kick-off Event. Each year, Bottoms Up Diaper Bank hosts the World's Largest Diaper Drive (WLDD). The goal for 2024 is to collect

1,000,000 diapers during the month of May! To learn more, come to our 2024 WLDD Kick-off Event in Lancaster at Connexion West on March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please reach out to Beth Snoke at beth@bottomsup.life or by phone at 614-554-5664 if you would like to attend.

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 Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>. Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MONTHLY EXPENSE/OFFERTORY REPORT:

Monthly Expenses for December for St. Mary	\$ 16,667.35
Monthly Expenses for December for SJXXIII	\$ 40,721.43
Monthly Offertory in December for St. Mary	\$ 18,076.40
Monthly Offertory in December for SJXXIII	\$ 52,416.30

BUILDING MORTGAGE SJXXIII:

Mortgage Balance December	\$ PAID
	IN FULL
Monthly Expense for December	\$ 5,192.55
Monthly Receipts in December	\$ 6,164.05

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total for Month of December at St. Mary	1,794
Total for the Month of December at St. John XXIII	2,749

*Returning Love for Love:
A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus*

MAY 31 – JUNE 9, 2024



To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 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 Sacred Heart. Please consider joining the Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Fernandes on this extraordinary pilgrimage to France during the Jubilee Year.

RETURNING LOVE FOR LOVE PILGRIMAGE

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 Normandy.

Visit <https://www.ctscentral.net/trips/france/celebrate-the-350th-anniversary-of-the-revelation-of-the-sacred-heart-in-france/>.

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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 swagner@cdeducation.org to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

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