



SAINT MARY AND SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCHES

February 25, 2024 • Second Sunday of Lent

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 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

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 Soul of Carrie Billiter by Her Parents

Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Marilyn Prunier
by Michelle & Jay Zeiter

Mass at St. John XXIII

Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Longo
by Jennifer Hess

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Danny Baker
by Carolyn Baker

Mass at St. John XXIII

Wednesday, February 28

12:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Maria Zarbaugh
by Amy Porter

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Thursday, February 29

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Paul Manns
by Tim & Lisa Rathburn

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom
by Chuck & Lina Eckel

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Saturday, March 2

4:00 p.m. Intention of the Patton & Poston Families
by Rich & Carol Patton

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom
by Carol Groom

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. Repose of the Soul of Amy Allen
by Sharon Hoskins

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 is underway.

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 XXII 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.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED for business during the construction, the staff will be working limited hours at St. Mary. Call 614-920-1563 or email office@sjxxiiiparish.org.

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 and fourth Sundays of the month.

Welcome to the family: Leo Giovanni Puccetti

COLLECT

[Nourish Us]

O God, who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory. 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 25, 2024	MASS & EVENT TIMES
Sunday, February 25, 2024 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</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. – NOURISH Pathways Session 1 4:00 p.m. – Chili Cook off at SJXXIII
Monday, February 26, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice at SJXXIII
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	5:30 p.m. – Confessions 6:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	9:45 a.m. – Jesus and the Eucharist Series at St. Mary 12:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 5:30 p.m. – Family Rosary at SJXXIII 6:00 p.m. – Family Holy Hour & Confessions at SJXXIII 7:00 p.m. – Jesus and the Eucharist Series at SJXXIII
Thursday, February 29, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 11:00 a.m. – Women’s Ministry- WWP at St. Mary, Groveport 6:00 p.m. – NOURISH Pathways Session 1
Friday, March 1, 2024	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Adoration at St. Mary 6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross at St. Mary Simple Supper to follow Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 2, 2024	3:00 p.m. – Confessions at St. Mary, Groveport 4:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport
Sunday, March 3, 2024 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</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. – ZEAL Pathways Session 3 3:00 p.m. – Men of the Word Bible Study at SJXXIII

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WEEKLY HOLY HOUR – FAMILY HOLY HOUR

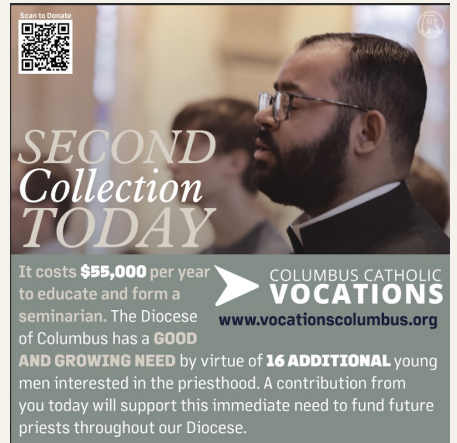
This week, the fourth Wednesday of the month, February 28th, Holy Hour with Confessions at 6:00 p.m. is especially for families! Of course, Families are welcome at every Holy Hour but, sometimes it can be hard or feel intimidating to bring little ones who excel more at making a joyful noise than practicing silence. Because we recognize the importance of praying as a family and teaching children by example how to Adore Christ’s Presence in the Eucharist, we invite you to come and pray with us!

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.

“The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man.”
– St. Maria Goretti

WEDNESDAY’S FAMILY ROSARY

Next Family Rosary will be next **Wednesday, February 28th**. 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.




SECOND Collection TODAY

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

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC VOCATIONS
www.vocationscolumbus.org

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – 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 an additional collection **TODAY, FEBRUARY 25**, throughout the Diocese through the end of February dedicated to supporting these seminarians in their discernment process. We will have a basket in the Narthex for your generous donations. You can give this weekend or donate 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.



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 11:00 a.m. during construction over at St. Mary. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE – SIGN UP NOW

American Red Cross Parish Blood Drive on Saturday, March 9th. Help Save Lives – Your Blood Donation Matters. The need for blood is constant and more urgent now than ever. Donating blood can help ensure blood is on the shelves before it is needed. Our next Blood Drive (managed by our Knights of Columbus Council #16561) is Saturday March 9th, 7:30-11:30 a.m. at SJXXIII. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and search for *St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester* or call Troy Kahrig at 614-506-6842.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will alternate holding the Stations of the Cross between both locations every Friday during Lent.

- **Stations of the Cross** will be held at St. Mary, Groveport on March 1st and 15th.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held at St. John XXIII on Fridays, March 8th and March 23rd. The time for both locations will be at **6:00 p.m.**
- A Simple Supper will follow the Stations of the Cross.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Dave Craycraft for the death of his wife, Chris. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Craycraft, for Dave and for their family and friends in their time of sorrow. We offer our sincerest sympathy to the Tina Travis family. Tina died on Monday, February 19th in hospice care in Minster, Ohio. Tina was the mother of our former director of faith formation, Marcella. Please pray for the repose of Tina and for her husband, Thomas and their nine children and grandchildren in their time of sorrow. *May the souls of Chris Craycraft and Tina Travis and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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 p.m. in the St. Mary church basement and upcoming meeting dates are on Tuesday evenings on 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!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

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

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 next Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in a classroom in the lower level of the SJXXIII. Each session will be one 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.



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ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF – TODAY AT 4:00 PM

The Knights of Columbus Council 16561 is sponsoring the Annual Chili Cook-off at SJXXIII. This year, the event will take place on **Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.** in the lower-level social hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!** *Recognition for: Best overall chili, Most original chili, Hottest chili, “under 18 yrs. 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 Dioceses 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 seven-week study, beginning

February 21 and concluding April 3, 2024. Sessions will be offered at two times/locations:

Wednesday mornings from 9:45-11:45 a.m. at **St. Mary, Groveport** (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.

40-DAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Please join us again this year in participating in the 40-Days of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration. We have committed to 36 hours this year. Sign up on FlockNote at <https://stjohnxxiiiparish3.flocknote.com/signup/153867> or on one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We need every hour filled with at least two people. St. Mary and St. John XXIII is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 starting at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, March 10 at 9:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII.

SANDWICH SATURDAY – MARCH 16, 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, **March 16, 2024**, to do as Christ asks us to do, take care of our brothers and sisters.



RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we

have the power to make the world a better place for all. During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope. Rice Bowls are located in the church Narthex near the TV display.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Please stop by the Parish Office before or after Mass on Sunday to register. We encourage all who attend Masses to formally register with St. John XXIII Parish to become a member. If you have any questions, please feel free to come into the Parish Office and speak with Heather.



THE
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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.



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](https://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.

Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist and how the earliest Christians understood it as the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, these daily Lenten reflection videos will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up to receive these daily during Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lenet>.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-in Weekend for March 7-10, 2024. The Weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-in Weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program.

The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org or contact your parish priest.

ST. PATRICK/PRIORY OPEN POSITIONS

Parish Administrative and Communications Secretary

St. Patrick Parish, Columbus

St. Patrick Parish is seeking a full-time Parish Administrative and Communications Secretary, who will support the mission of the Dominican friars in their ministry at this vibrant and active parish in downtown Columbus. The candidate must also be able to fully support and foster our parish mission: **Come to the Supper of the Lamb; Bring Christ to a hungry world.**

For complete job description, and to apply, go to the Diocese of Columbus website at columbuscatholic.org/jobs/609.

Financial Secretary/Shrine Manager


St. Patrick Priory, Columbus

The Financial Secretary and Shrine Manager coordinates and facilitates the financial transactions and records of the **Dominican friars at St. Patrick Priory** in downtown Columbus – which will occupy the majority of the weekly hours – and also manages the affairs of the Saint Margaret of Castello Guild and Shrine and (for a limited time) the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, which are also based at St. Patrick Priory. The hours per week are variable, but currently average about 10 hours a week. A certain amount of work can be done remotely, but the position does require coming into the office on a regular basis for at least some hours.

For complete job description, and to apply, go to the Diocese of Columbus website at columbuscatholic.org/jobs/626.


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.



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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES of Columbus

- 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



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 you are not purchasing from Amazon, the following 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

Melchizedek Priestly Vocation Discernment Group

There are now seven Melchizedek Project – Priestly Vocation Discernment Groups meeting in our diocese. In our area are: **St. Pius X Catholic Church in Reynoldsburg** and **St. Bernedette 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, St. Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. 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 at St. Bernadette Church. This one is for both high school and college-aged 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 at St. Bernadette, 1343 Wheeling Road, Lancaster. Please call 740-654-1893 or email fathertomson@me.com to RSVP or for more information.



Be There When God Moves

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our parish at this pivotal moment!

Whether you join us for the full experience or one day, you'll enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way, and be invited to share those graces with our community when you return home.

More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.



Scan the code to learn more about the event and explore the full schedule for each day. Contact our parish office for more information about registering with your fellow parishioners.

eucharisticcongress.org


NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress
JULY 17-21, 2024 | INDIANAPOLIS, IN



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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.



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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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MONTHLY EXPENSE/OFFERTORY REPORT:

Monthly Expenses for January for St. Mary	\$ 12,831.97
Monthly Expenses for January for SJXXIII	\$ 38,922.33
Monthly Offertory in January for St. Mary	\$ 17,629.00
Monthly Offertory in January for SJXXIII	\$ 36,845.01

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total for Month of January at St. Mary	1,111
Total for the Month of January at St. John XXIII	1,644



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 Kickoff 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.

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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 9th. 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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


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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 office@sjxxiiiparish.org. 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.

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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:

					
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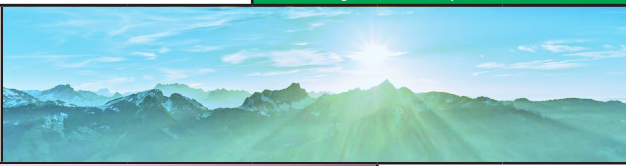
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