Saint John Parish

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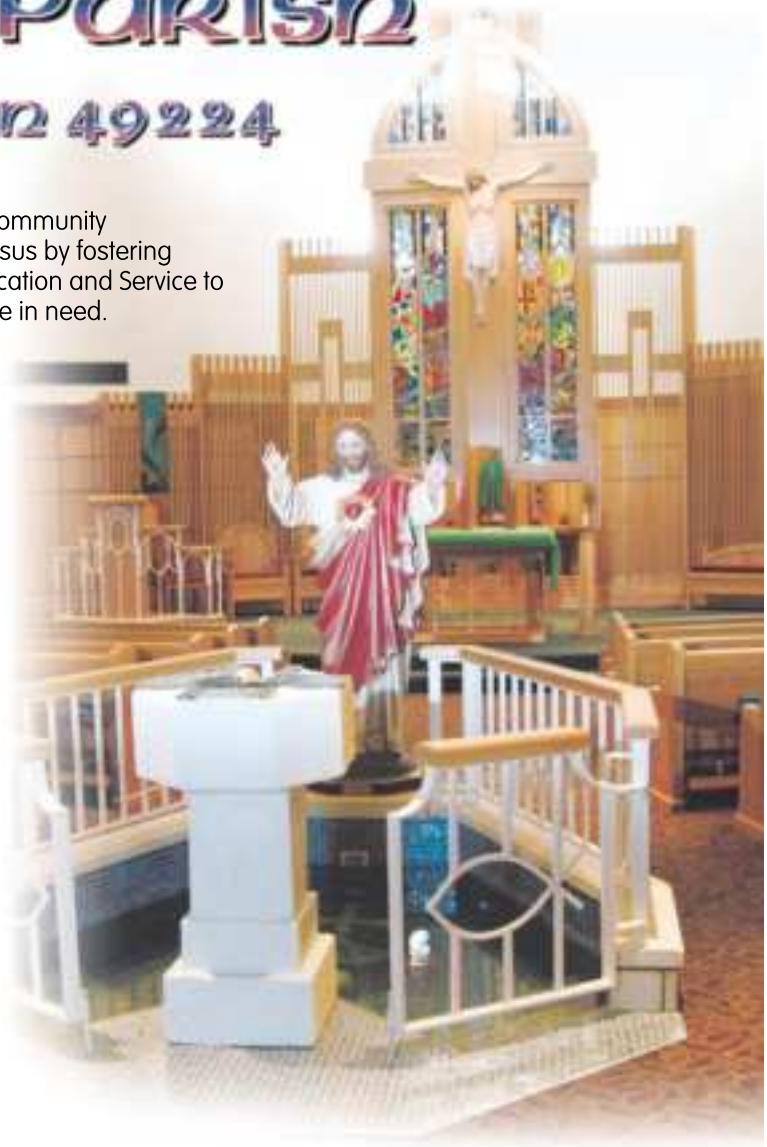


OUR MISSION
Led by the Spirit, Saint John Parish Community
is dedicated to being a living witness to Jesus by fostering
Spiritual growth through Worship, Catholic Education and Service to
God and His people, especially those in need.

PASTORAL STAFF:
Fr. Carl Peltz - Pastor
Linda Markovich - DRE
Parish Secretary/Director of Finance and Development - Mary Topa

RECTORY: 879 Finley Drive
PHONE: 629-8678

CHURCH AND FAMILY CENTER: 1020 Irwin Avenue

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone	517-629-4532
Fax	517-629-5462
Parish Web Site	www.stjohn-church.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday of week prior by 5:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at the Parish Office, if you are 18 years or older.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekdays and Holy Days: Consult Bulletin

Vigil - Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

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

BAPTISMS OR RCIA: Contact the office.

WEDDINGS:
Contact the office six months before desired date.
If there is a previous marriage, one year

CARE OF THE SICK: Contact the office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. at K.C. Hall

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: 3rd Monday of the month from April to October

PRAYER NETWORK: call Marge Murray at 629-9271 or the Parish Office

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, September 21st
8:00 AM...Mass..Victor Buinowski *by Theresa Harris*
9:15 AM...Religious Education
10:30 AM....Helen Blackburn *by Irene Sibal*

Monday, September 22nd
No Mass

Tuesday, September 23rd
No Mass

Wednesday, September 24th
Noon Mass.....Anna Weiskittel
by Chris & Mary Tanner

Thursday, September 25th
9 AM..Mass....People of St John Parish

Friday, September 26th
9 AM..Mass...Lucy Rustenholtz
by Bernard & Katie Konkle

Saturday, September 27th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Norma Hoaglin *by Roy*

Sunday, September 28th
8:00 AM...Mass..Victor Buinowski
by Vincent & Mary Topa
10:30 AM....Mary Marzic
by Rosemary & Bruce Austin

KDSA Update..... As of August 31, 2008
KDSA Amount.....$34,316.00

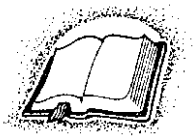
Amount Pledged.....$24,942.00
Amount Paid..... $20,677.00

Please use the green envelope in your packet for payments to KDSA. Thanks!

The sponsor of the week Young's Pharmacy

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish:
Marge Bommarito, June Carver, Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson**,** Edna Sheldon, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Jerry Sacharski, Zenon Ortiz, Gerald Lammers, Nick Fuentes, Richard Eis**,** Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell**,** Arminda Lerma, Marilyn Kniburys

Liturgy Team Four



Saturday, September 27th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Al Lake
Lector: Vicky Snyder
EM: Gerald & Loretta Lammers, Jackie Olma
Altar Servers: Isabel & Rebekah Snyder
Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr. & Steve Zenoniani

Sunday, September 28th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Kevin Markovich
Lector: Sue Harden
EM: Shirley Wood, Ophelia Garza, Kay Eagen
Altar Servers: Alex Harden, Keith Clemons
Ushers: Ken Waito & Volunteer

Sunday, September 28th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Nancy Polnasek
Lector: Jill Mestdagh
EM: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello, Kathy Matson
Altar Servers: Tom Hickey, Mike McAuliffe
Ushers: Cris Solis, Pilar Rivera, III

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
September 13 & 14

Weekly amount budgeted weekly	$4,615.38
Adult & Loose	$4,411.85
Children	$11.00
Parish Development	$115.00

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OFFICE HOURS

Due to the present economic condition of our country and local area and with so much uncertainty about food, gas and utility prices, I have decided to close the parish office to normal business on **Thursdays** effective **October 2nd**.

I am taking this action in order to save money. I choose Thursday because very little happens at the parish office on that day.

Mass will continue to be celebrated, and any necessary maintenance will continue to be done. Funerals may also be celebrated on that day. However, no one will be in the office to answer phones and I will be the only one having appointments on that day. The rest of pastoral staff will be off that day. I will also be available in the rectory to receive pastoral and emergency phone calls.

Lastly I appreciate the financial support being given by our parishioners. I believe you are great in this regard! I am also taking this action to show my sensitivity to the economic conditions and as a way of not placing an undue burden upon you at this time.

Please be advised other pastors in large parishes have taken or plan to take similar action.

Fr. Peltz

Noah's Appeal - Building Our Schools, Our Faith, Our Future

The success of the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Noah's Appeal will significantly impact all diocesan schools. Every gift makes a difference.

This month Bishop Murray is hosting receptions throughout the diocese to provide more information about the strategic plan for the diocesan schools. Receptions are scheduled for 7 pm on the following dates and locations: September 24, St. Augustine Crowley Center, Kalamazoo; and September 25, St. Joseph Middle School, Battle Creek.

Help Wanted--

Ken blight needs help at Corn Maize–face painters & people doing a walk through checking on people. Please call Ken Blight @ 629 5714

Praying for our Troops

Please call Mary at the parish Office to have the names of military personnel serving in the Middle East placed in the bulletin. Let us all pray for their protection and their safe return home: **Rick Spells, II; William Haun; Jacob Konkol; Nick Nystom; Quintin Phillips and Kyle Hageman.**

Prayer: Lord God, Almighty Father, in your divine providence you seek to protect your people. We pray for our brothers and sisters serving in the Middle East, especially those whose families or friends have asked us to remember in prayer. Protect them with your guidance. Give them the intuitions and skills to know when they are in harms way. Send your holy angels to watch over them. Bring them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones. We ask this through your Son Jesus, our Lord who is the savior of the world. Amen.

Family Day

A day to eat dinner with your children is a national effort to promote parental engagement as a simple, effective way to reduce substance abuse by children and teens and raise healthier children. Family Day emphasizes the importance of regular family activities in parent-child communications and encourages Americans to make family dinners a regular feature of their lives. Since 1996 research by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. In 2001, CASA launched Family Day as an annual event, which takes place on the fourth Monday of each September – the 24th in 2007.

Altar Rosary Society

They are selling raffle tickets - Gas Card Raffle. The cost is $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. The prizes are as follows: 1st - $300 Speedway Gas Card; 2nd - $100.00 Shell Gas Card; 3rd - $100.00 Citgo Gas Card. Stop by the Scrip table to purchase your winning ticket! Also, check the Scrip cards we have on hand.

Spaghetti Diner

The Altar Rosary Society & Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, October 3rd from 5 - 7 pm. The cost is $8.00; children (2-10).$4.00. These tickets will also be available at the Scrip table, so stop on your way out!