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#### SUNDAY LITURGY

*Saturday Evening*

5:00 pm

*Sundays*

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



*Daily Mass*

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

#### CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.



#### Sunday, August 25, - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21/ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/ Luke 13:22-30

8:00 am: Bob King (Wife, Betty, Children, & Grandchildren)

11:00 am: Michael O'Shea (Great Granddaughter, Dianne O'Shea)

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

#### Monday, August 26, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/ Matthew 23:13-22

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Frank Knapp, Anniversary (Gene & Irene Ritter)

#### Tuesday, August 27, - Saint Monica

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/ Matthew 23:23-26

7:00 am: E. Jane Hirschberger (Doreen & Eric Cooper)

12:05 pm: Ronald Vogel (Larry Wehner)

#### Wednesday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/ Matthew 23:27-32

7:00 am: Reginald J. Yeager (Friends & Family)

12:05 pm: Charlene Tarnowsky (John & Cha Cha Bair)

#### Thursday, August 29, - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Matthew 6:17-29

7:00 am: Living & Deceased Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Slovak Ladies

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Krall Family (Family)

#### Friday, August 30, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/ Matthew 25:1-13

7:00 am: Clara Mulkey (Dan & Vanessa Hummel)

12:05 pm: Larry Gianotti (Charles & Margaret Webb)

#### Saturday, August 31, Weekday; BVM

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/ Matthew 25:14-30

8:00 am: Sophie Roman (Andy & Mary Helen Percinsky)

5:00 pm: Debbie & Harry Robertson (Pat Pawlewski)

#### Sunday, September 1, - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29/ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Luke 14:1, 7-14

8:00 am: Steven J. Molnar (Wife & Children)

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the Television Ministry

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

**From Our Pastor...**

**It Is Time to Arise Together in Christ!** We are delighted to offer, once again, a beautiful small group faith-sharing experience, called ARISE. Season Three is called "*In the Footsteps of Christ.*" Sign-up weekends at St. John Gualbert Cathedral will be September 14 and 15 and September 21 and 22, at all Masses. Our small faith-sharing groups will meet for six weeks, beginning on Monday, September 30, and will end on Friday, November 8. In our small faith-sharing groups, we deepen our faith by developing a closer relationship with Christ and each other. We read and reflect on Scripture, talk freely and openly about God, share stories of our lives, and reach out in loving service to others. It is truly an uplifting experience! We would love to share this time with YOU. Feel free to bring a friend! Choose a day and time that will work best for you:

Mon	Joan Gianotti	Activity Center	6:00-7:30	Tue	Lonnie Rietscha	Activity Center	6:00-7:30
Wed	Pat Loughlin	Activity Center	1:30-3:00	Wed	Marcy Olek	175 Spring Street	6:00-7:30
Thu	Fr. Jim Crookston	Rectory	1:00-2:30	Fri	Charlotte Amenti	Activity Center	3:30-5:00

**Important Parent-Student Meeting** Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 am in the St John Gualbert Activity Center, Father Jim will gather with families who have children in grades K through 11 for 2019-2020. Whether the children attend a public school, Divine Mercy, or Bishop McCort, at least one parent from each family should accompany the students for the meeting. Father will also invite all present to consider in which weekend Mass ministry parents and children will participate.

Parents of religious education students will select the settings for weekly religious education and sacramental preparation. We are continuing the same arrangement with other local parishes that worked well last year. Parents of Catholic school students who have yet to complete the annual memorandum of understanding for Divine Mercy or the entrance memorandum for McCort should bring this document with them.

Within twenty minutes, this first portion of the meeting will conclude, and families with younger children may leave. In the second portion of the meeting, Father Jim will review the full schedule of Confirmation sessions, retreats, and activities for Confirmation candidates, grades 9-11. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Fr. Jim (934-9605) to schedule a meeting at the rectory.

**Are you interested in Becoming Catholic?** Early September marks the first part of the process of becoming Catholic. A first meeting will occur Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM in the St John Activity Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Streets.

We will begin the period known as Inquiry. This beginning period of the Christian Initiation process helps people feel at ease with the Holy Spirit's attracting them to our faith community. During this time of searching into God's prompting, asking questions, and the inquirers' touching the inner movement of faith, seekers hear and reflect upon the stories of our Catholic community. The inquiry team members also share the faith they have found in Christ, the scriptures, Catholic belief, parish ministry, and their life experiences. We welcome interested, 'looking-into-becoming-Catholic' adults, youth, and children to these sessions. We will have a separate group for adults and a separate group for children and youth. Participants in the younger group are children within families considering becoming Catholic and baptized Catholic children who are past second grade and have yet to celebrate First Penance and First Communion.

Those wanting to hear more about Catholicism and those wanting to help welcome them – persons interested in being members of the Christian Initiation Team – may talk to Father Jim or the Christian Initiation team members: Sister Honora, Rose Eckenrod, Lonnie Rietscha, Valerie Wilson, Dave Wilson, Christine Brothers, Marge Bevans, Elizabeth Gramlich, or Patricia Loughlin.

**Catholic Ministries Drive 2019 – Our Friendly Phone Captains Calling:** Over the next two weeks our friendly phone captains will be placing one call or leaving a voice message to remind you to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Drive. A second mailing from the diocese – scheduled for August 27 – also will provide additional information about ministries that your gift will significantly help.

Locally, we stand at seventy-seven percent of our assigned target. We are working to surpass this target so that we retain the full \$10,000 matching funds opportunity grant given by an anonymous donor.

Response envelopes are at the entranceways of the Cathedral. You also may use your own envelope, mark it Catholic Ministries Drive. Checks can be made payable to CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and response.

## FROM OUR PARISH

### Religious Education News:

Resurrection Religious Education Registration forms can be found on the Resurrection parish website or the back of the Resurrection Church. Forms can be mailed or dropped at the Parish Center, 408 8th Ave.

**A Blue Mass:** honoring first responders for their service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8th at St John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families.

The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders.

Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact (814) 659-6240 or [evyanz@hotmail.com](mailto:evyanz@hotmail.com)

**17th Annual All-Classes Grade School Reunion** - St. John Gualbert, St. Joseph, Central Catholic - Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at Anthony's Restaurant! Dinner and Music, Cost: \$25 per person. Social begins at 5:00pm with Dinner beginning at 5:30pm. For more information contact Darlene 814-255-2066 or Romayne 814-288-4437. Fun time for all!

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**St. John's Church of Summerhill Annual Picnic** is TODAY Sunday, August 25th at the **New Germany Grove**. Chicken and Ham Dinner with Homemade Soup from 11:30am - 3:30pm. Entertainment: 12pm-3pm Music by "Johnstown Button Box", 3pm-4pm Dance by "Le Dance Academie", 4pm-7pm "That Oldies Band" (Music of the 50's & 60's), Games for Young and Old - Dancing, Bingo, Food, Music, Theme Baskets. All are welcome!!

**Padre Pio Fest:** All are invited to Saint John the Baptist Parish in New Baltimore on Sunday, September 8 for an exciting program of prayer, music, games and food. An outdoor Mass is at noon. During the afternoon there will be music and games.

At 5:00 p.m. there will be a healing prayer service in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio, including a glove he wore and blood from his stigmata will be available for veneration. The Fest is sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars.

Padre Pio who died in 1968 had on his body the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio is well known as an intercessor. God has granted many healings and miracles through Padre Pio's prayers.

**Meadows Casino Bus Trip** - Tuesday, September 3, 2019  
**The Church of the Transfiguration** is sponsoring a bus trip to Rocky Gap Casino on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:00AM and leave Rocky Gap Casino at 6:00PM for the return trip. The cost of the trip will be \$31.00 and includes \$20.00 in free slot play. For more information and to make a reservation, please call: Sharon Santichen @ 536-1732 or Andy Solomon @ 322-3287 or 619-9543.

**Trip to sight and Sound Theatre** to see "The Miracle of Christmas" – Tuesday, November 19, 2019.  
 Cost: \$127.00/person includes ticket to show, bus transportation and dinner. For more information or to make a reservation please call Fran King at 536-3667.

**Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church.**

**Father Aron Maghsoudi of Queen of Angels Parish in Central City** will be **hosting a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play** and a tour of the ever enchanting countryside of Central/Eastern Europe, open to anyone who loves beautiful churches, epic meals, unforgettable scenery, and fascinating history. The trip, scheduled from September 16 through 24, 2020, includes the Oberammergau Passion Play, and visits to Munich, the Bavarian Sea, Cesky Krumlov, Prague, Kutna Hora, Olomuc, the Wieliczka Salt Mines, Krakow, a tour of the incredible scenic landscapes of Central and Eastern Europe and an optional excursion to a village in Slovakia. Additionally, the trip includes commentary and restaurants handpicked by Fr. Aron based on his many European adventures. If you've ever hoped to see Europe for the first time, to discover the treasures of Eastern Europe, or enjoy some of Europe's off the beaten path surprises, this trip will not disappoint! The trip includes daily Mass and airfare with the total cost of \$3,399. For more information or for a brochure, please contact Fr. Aron by phone at (814) 754-5224, or by email [amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org](mailto:amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org).

*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received." (1 Chronicles 29:14)*

**COLLECTION: 08/18/2019**

Collection – cash	\$1,441.14
Collection – envelopes	\$2,934.50
Second Collection	\$297.53
Mission Co-Op	\$12.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Assumption - envelopes	\$974.15
Assumption - cash	\$814.63
Food collection	\$20.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
Retired Priest's Medical	\$5.00
St. Croix	\$5.00
Catholic Register	\$10.00

**Total \$6,578.95**  
**Thank you for your Stewardship**

**Families and the Gospel Lk 13:22-30**

The gospel today is clear: Just going to church on Sunday is not enough! It is not enough that we know God- rather God must recognize us as His followers; recognize us by how we have lived our lives, 24-7. Would you say that yours is a Christian family?

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**Stewardship Reflections** - There is a difference between hearing God's word and actually practicing it. In beckoning us to enter the kingdom "by the narrow door," Jesus directs us to live as wise stewards and disciples and travel lightly, unburdened by possessions. We are to narrow our focus so only the heart of Christ fills our vision.

As a family consider making a basic and practical stewardship action plan for the next week. For example: help an elderly neighbor take out their trash or help with their yardwork; call or send a card to a homebound person, or someone who lives alone; invite, a busy working single parent family, or someone who is living alone, to join your family at a meal. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
 CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Aug 31 – Sept 2**

**Saturday, Aug 31, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Elizabeth Rhoades. Pat Loughlin  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Russ Gramlich, Elizabeth Gramlich  
 Elizabeth King, Betty King,  
 Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, Sept 1, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Sam Grasso, Carmen Grasso,  
 Don Yokitis, Rich Ott, Irene Ott  
**Server:** Lorenzo Favor, Request a volunteer  
**Audio Operator:** Peter T. Yanko

**Sunday, Sept 1, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Rachel Hall, Beth Stem  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Geoffrey Stumpo, Jodie Hall,  
 Russ Smith, Justin Zierer,  
 Esperanza Bair  
**Server:** Levi Giffin, Zachary King  
**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Sunday, Sept 1, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Heather Jezeskie, Lou Aust  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Roth, Louise Aust,  
 James Sandoval, Vi Najjar,  
 Charlotte Amenti,  
**Server:** Namita Gallo, Ron Jezeskie  
**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke

**Monday, Sept 2, 9:00 AM Labor Day**

**Reader:** David Wilson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Valerie Wilson, Carmen Grasso  
**Server:** Vi Najjar, Request one server  
**Audio Operator:** Request an audio operator

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