

St. John The Evangelist Church
9 August 2020 19th Ordinary Sunday

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4pm or by call 223 2176 for Fr. Ron **Eucharistic Adoration** Sunday 9 August, 1-2pm

Sherri Stoesser retires this month. With so many years of love for the Lord and St John parish families, we are grateful. May the Lord of life bless and guide you.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am
Monday- 5:30pm Tuesday - 5:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00am & 10:00am
Thursday - 7:00am Friday - 7:00am

Sat 8/8 +Fran Keller By family
Sun 8/9 + David Hand By Family & For parishioners
Mon 8/10 + William Schumacher By Carol Kelly
Tue 8/11 + Fran Keller By Family
Wed 8/12 + Daniel Ramsey By Ramsey Family
Thu 8/13 + Daniel Ramsey By Katie Parsons
Fri 8/14 Reparation for clergy abuse

Sat 15 August, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass 7:00am and 10:00am



Praying for school preparation

1. God, heal us in this pandemic (Psalm 90:12-17) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Relent, O Lord. How long? Have pity on your servants. Fill us at daybreak with your love, that all our days we may sing for joy. Make us glad as many days as you humbled us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. Show your deeds to your servants, your glory to their children. May the favor the the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands.

Merciful Father, throughout the ages you have blessed your people and preserved them in times of difficulty. We thank you for your great love. We plead before you now to protect us from illness, from sin, from fear and despair. Nurture us with your love and care. Guide us to respond to the challenges we face with your mercy and wisdom. May we, the church, experience anew your Spirit of love and find hope and joy in our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we make this prayer. Amen. St Joseph, our guide and protector, pray for us. Holy Mary, our mother and our hope, pray for us. (Bishop elect Michel Mulloy)

2. God, protect these children (Matthew 18:1-5) The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

Father of all, we pray for these children. As you granted them life in this world, and have given them abilities to learn and grow, so place within them your love for truth, and surround them with families, friends, and teachers who will guide them in the ways of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

3. God, fill these parents with your love (1 Peter 4:2-5) Tend the flock of God in your midst, not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to

Parish Faith Formation Hello Parents of 2nd graders: We are developing a workable Faith Formation program for this fall and need your input. On Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00pm in the church, come and join Fr. Ron and myself. We would like to hear your ideas. We can make this work for everyone. Contact me at (605) 280-9428 or josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com

Parents of those who have been preparing for confirmation: let's meet Wednesday 9 September, 7pm in the church, to continue the good work begun. How do we do this well? Other parents, call if you have questions or suggestions.. Josie

you but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings. We thank and praise you. Thank you for the gift of our children. Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore. Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start. May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen. (Loyola Press)

4. God, inspire these teachers (1 John 4:4-19 *passim*) "You belong to God, children, and you have conquered [false prophets], because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They belong to the world ... and the world listens to them. We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us ... this is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit... In this is love brought to perfection among us, that we have confidence ... There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives our fear ... We love because he first loved us."

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience, and to endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Amen. (Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)

5. God, give wisdom to support staff, administration, school boards, policy makers (Romans 12:9-21 *passim*) Let love be sincere, hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer...Do not repay anyone evil for evil, be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all...Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

Loving and Gracious God, You are indeed the Giver of all good gifts and we thank You today for all Your blessings, for the successful outcomes of our school events and for all our staff members, both the teaching and support members. We ask that You bless them abundantly and we continue to seek your wisdom, guidance, courage and strength. Be with us in our deliberations and help us to be wise in the decisions we make for the good of all those who have placed their trust and confidence in our leadership. Give us insight to lead with integrity that our decisions may reflect what is right and good. Keep us from short-sightedness and pettiness. Help us to make decisions that are for the good of all and guard us from blind self interest. Dear Lord, grant us the humility to always seek Your Will in all that we do and say. All Glory be to You, loving God, now and always through Christ and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. (catholicdoors.com)