

# Saint John's "GILDEHAUS" CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am

**Weekday:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday 8:00 am & Tuesday 7:00 pm

## Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

## Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

## Adoration

Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

## Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

## First Saturday Devotions

Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

## Confessions

Saturday 5:00-5:45 pm

7:00-7:30 am Monday thru Thursday or by appointment.

## Baptisms

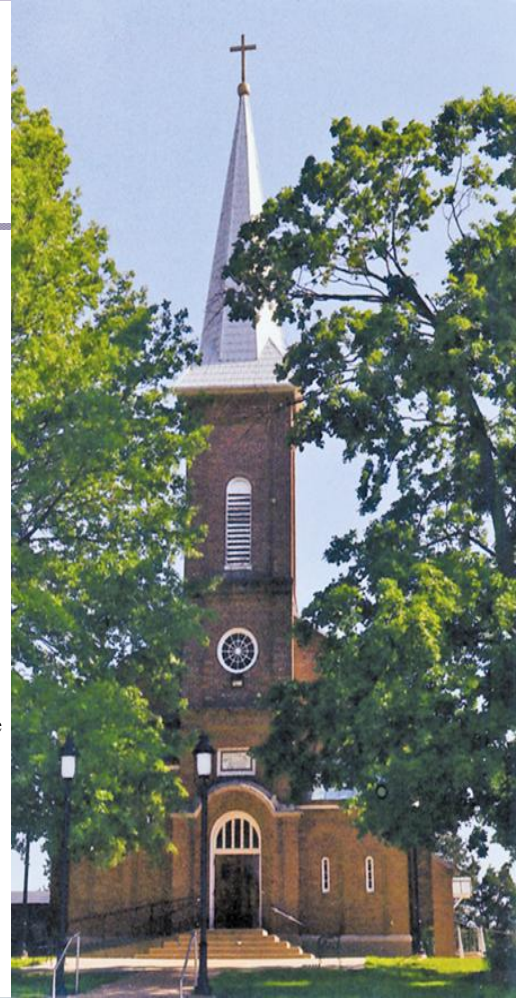
Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

## Marriages

Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

## Bulletin Deadline

Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by **Noon** on **Wednesday**.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

# Parish Meetings

**MON:** 5/13 Men's Sodality Mtg., Parish Center, 8pm

**TUES:** Quilting all day by the ladies of the parish. Lunch will be available in the cafeteria. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and enjoy the day with them.

## MORNING OF REFLECTION

There will be a "Morning of Reflection" on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Florence Tenholder Retreat House, located at 4680 St. Ann's Rd, Washington MO 63090 in Clover Bottom. Please plan to arrive before 8:30am where there will be coffee served and time to get acquainted, greet friends and the presenter Fr. Mathew of St. Ann and St. Gertrude Parishes. Fr. Mathew will present on being sealed with the Holy Spirit, how God transforms us into his Holy Temple.

There will be two presentations with time in between to enjoy the grounds and pray or talk with friends. The morning will close with Holy Mass and a shared pot luck lunch. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Fr. Mathew's newest book "Return to the Altar." Please invited anyone interested in growing in their faith to join us. Reservations can be made by calling Florence at 636-328-1601.

A stipend of \$20 to Fr. Mathew and Florence is requested by those who are able. This helps with the time and effort it takes to prepare for these retreats. Thank you and hope to see you there.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! May your celebration of Easter continue throughout this most joyful season. To help maintain your focus on Jesus, tune in to Covenant Network Catholic radio where we pray daily the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Regina Coeli and The Divine Mercy Chaplet. You will find live call-in shows, Q & A programs about Catholic teaching as well as faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the saints and Church history. Tune in to AM 1460 on your radio, or listen on our free Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website: [ourcatholicradio.org](http://ourcatholicradio.org).

## SAINT JOHN'S REGISTRATION FORM

If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister               | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Sodality                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician & Choir                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Youth Aide                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Religious Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team or Sponsor       |

# Upcoming Parish Events

May 11-12 Annual Catholic Appeal-Last weekend

May 12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

May 17 Last All-School Mass 8am

May 20 Kindergarten Graduation

May 21 8th Gr. Graduation

May 22 Last Day of School!! 11:30 Dismissal

May 28-31 Fr Foy away on retreat

June 21-22 St. John's German Games and Polka Dance!

## Liturgical Ministers

### Weekend of May 18th & 19th

#### Lectors:

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Jerry Leiweke

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Gail Bader

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Jerry Holway

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sara Maune

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Rich Davis, Marie Thomas, Jon Derner

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mike & Kathy Heitkamp

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mickey Howell, Mary Holway, Becky Riegel  
Laverne Schwoeppe—choir

Sun 10:30 a.m. Frank Marrocco, Randy & Sara Maune

#### Ushers:

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Tom Frick, Mike Whitworth

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Wayne Sahn, Dave Patke

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Roland Schwoeppe, Mickey Howell

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Vernon Brinker, David Brueggemann

#### Servers:

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Eaton Agee, CaroleAnne & Margaret Ortman

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Ken Jasper, Joe Tobben, Tim Straatmann

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Owen & Will Straatmann, Jacob Schwoeppe

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Brady & Wyatt Morgan, Tristan Bockhorst

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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO **BERNIE & HIS BAND OF MERRY MEN** WHO DID A FANTASTIC JOB AT THE CINCO DE MAYO THEMED MOTHER-DAUGHTER BREAKFAST. A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR THE GUYS WHO WORE THE FESTIVE MEXICAN ATTIRE AND TO **GREG AND DEAN** FOR TAKING PICTURES AND PLAYING MUSIC FOR THE FESTIVE EVENT. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THE LADIES AND THE LITTLE GIRLS REALLY ENJOYED THE PIÑATA.

~~~Thanks from the Ladies Sodality

### Readings for the week of May 12, 2019

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14



### May 13-May 19

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Rev. Donald Koch

Tue. 7:00 p.m. John & Karen Taylor

Wed. 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Slenker

Thur. 8:00 a.m. Marie O'Malley

Fri. 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Busch

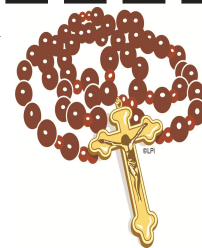
Sat. 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Alan E. Kleekamp

Sun. 8:30 a.m. William Rogers

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Bob Ehlenbeck

All are welcome to join the **Legion of Mary** on **Saturday, May 18** as we travel to St Louis. We will be praying the Rosary near the Planned Parenthood clinic for an end to abortion. We leave approximately 8:00 am and return around 11:00 am. If you would like to join us, just meet us outside of church!



"The most important person on earth is....a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God, the Creator, than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"

József Cardinal Mindszenty



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish** Golf Tournament, Sat. May 18, 2019 @ Warrenton golf Course, 1:00pm Shot Gun start. \$80 per person, 3-person scramble, for reservations Call Dennis Patke @ 636-433-5320

**SFB Grade School** Parish Breakfast, Sunday May 19, 7:30-11am, Adults \$6, 6 & under are free, family of 4 or more \$18. Proceeds benefit SFB 2020 Class Pro-Life Trip.

**K of C, St. Clair**, 3rd Sunday Breakfast, May 19, 7-11am, Adults \$9, 5-12 \$4. Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fried potatoes, sausage, ham, bacon, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, coffee

**SFB Parish**, Fifth Friday Chicken & Fish Dinner, May 31 4-7pm, Adults \$11, 6-11 \$5, Fried chicken, Catfish & Cod, Mashed potatoes, Stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, german potato salad, slaw, green beans, dessert & drinks



## Pray For...

**SICK IN THE PARISH:** Betty Brautigam, Willie Kessler, Otto Spaunhorst, Jim Moranville, Allen Gephardt, Richard Skiljan, Greg Rosebrock, Vernon Brinker, Nancy Maniaci, and Alec Ingram. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

**PRAYER CHAIN**—Don't forget to get help from our Prayer Chain—It's been around for a while now, so it's easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don't forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get all on the Prayer Chain to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

**HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN**—Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Mother's Day!! I hope everyone has an opportunity to give thanks to their mothers both living and those who have preceded us in love. The month of May is always dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary and so this past Thursday the school hosted a wonderful May Crowning and rosary at the statue of Our Lady that stands between the church and school. Weston Keiser and Aine Callahan did the honors of placing the crown. Regarding the special relationship between Jesus and Mary, the Venerable Fulton Sheen once wrote: "In seeing what the difference is, a good starting point is the simple fact that this Son existed before his mother. So that he is the only Son who was in a position to choose who his mother should be; he could choose therefore what every son would choose if he could, the mother who would suit him best. Further, it goes with the very heart of sonship that a son wants to give his mother gifts; and Christ, being God, could give her all that she would want. To his giving power there was no limit. And what above all she wanted was union with God, the most complete union possible to a human being of her will and God's will, grace therefore in her soul."

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! What a joyous understanding we have of Jesus when we call Him our shepherd. We can think of Psalm 23 and how "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" and "though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil." He has already walked through this valley and come out to find us and lead us to safety. Thanks be to God.

Looking back at last week, I want to thank again all of those involved with the Mother-Daughter Breakfast. It was a joyful and delicious event! The sombreros really set the tone for the special Cinco de Mayo theme. Thank you, thank you.

Things are winding up for some and at the same time winding towards summer when things simply take a different pace. One of the events on the school calendar was the big Regional Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes with Archbishop Carlson this past Tuesday for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. He was in high spirits as students were gathered from all across the deanery. In his homily, he recalled his own memories of youth when he did not yet have a deep prayer life. Seeing his mother praying the rosary in her room left a deep impression that has stuck with him. Later, the archbishop charged our students to be missionary disciples led by the Spirit which is so often found in prayer.

Soon enough we have some graduations. Kindergarten graduation is set for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The 7 pm Mass that evening will be a graduation Mass for these students and their families and all who want to come out in special support of them.

We just had PSR's last hurrah for the year with a wonderful BBQ organized by the industrious Adam Weber. Thank you, Adam, for all of your work coordinating PSR for another year! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have taught PSR this year – we look forward to your assistance if at all possible for the next round.

Unless we have some additional snow days this year we should wrap up the semester on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all who continue to help our students squeeze the last bit of knowledge out of those books and into the minds of our students. Their future employers thank you too!

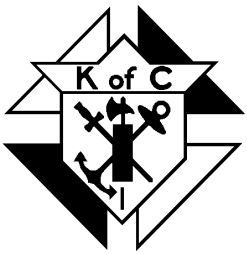
I will be going on retreat during the last week of May. This year I will head up to the Peoria diocese and pretend I am a monk for a few days with the Congregation of St. John. Please pray for me. We will not have Masses scheduled at St. John's from May 28<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any and all Mass intentions that are not able to be transferred, I will bring with me to offer while on retreat. Please pray for me as I pray for you.

Peace in the Risen Christ,

Father Foy

### **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Christ "Going before" as Leading the Sheep to Life**

The prophecy of doom is followed by the promise of salvation: "After I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee" (Mk 14:28). "Go before" is a typical expression to apply to a shepherd. Jesus, having passed through death, will live again. As the risen Lord, he is now in the fullest sense the shepherd who leads, through death, to the path of life. The Good Shepherd does both: he offers up his life, and he goes before. Indeed, the offering up of his life is the going before. It is through these actions that he leads us. It is through these actions that he opens the door onto the vast panorama of reality. Having experienced dispersal, the sheep can now be definitively reassembled. So right at the beginning of the night spend on the Mount of Olives, we find the dark saying about striking down and scattering, but also the promise that through these events, Jesus will reveal himself as the true shepherd who gathers together the scattered ones and leads them to God, to life (Holy Week, 150-151).



Next Monthly business meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019, 8pm in Music Room – refreshments following meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or would like more information, please contact Jon Derner at (314) 808-2400.

The last **Annual Catholic Appeal** weekend will be held May 11-12. The ACA assists people in need all over the diocese along with programs in which we benefit.

#### Did you know?

- St. John's has won \$10,000 over the past several years through a drawing
- St. John's received a \$45,000 grant for tuck pointing and step repair
- Also for Tuition subsidy, students attending REAP retreat, Men attending the Catholic Men's conference, Parish council training and Marriage Prep classes
- The funds go ONLY toward direct assistance to parishes/agencies all over the diocese

#### We get Credit!

- ◆ For your signature by taking a moment to sign your form--even if it is not possible for you to pledge at this time.
- ◆ For new donors
- ◆ For showing the ACA Video
- ◆ For volunteers attending the ACA launch session

These are a few of the ways parishes are given tickets in a drawing to win \$5000 at the ACA dinner as you see from above. No amount is too small.

Please pray about how God might use you in the campaign....

Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Randy or Denise Smith @ 636-257-8222, Allen & Pat Gephardt 636-239-7518

*Lord God, we thank You for the untold blessings You have bestowed upon us. We offer these blessings back to You. We lay before You the labors and fruits of the Annual Catholic Appeal. We pray that our sole desire be to serve Your holy will. United as Catholics, let us be reminded of our baptismal call to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ, in His service to others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Louis, pray for us!*

#### Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip Box Top coupons. Each coupon is worth 10 cents for our school! Box tops can be found on hundreds of quality products. Visit [btf.com](http://btf.com) for a complete list of participating brands and to learn more about how you can help our school. Thank you to everyone for participating and supporting our school! *There is an envelope in the back of church marked for Box Tops!*

#### Amendments to Proposed Cemetery Rules: Please Advise

Due to the rising maintenance costs and additional mowing there will be some restrictions as to what can be placed in the cemetery. The restrictions are as follows:

1. Ornamental trees, shrubs, or live plants are not allowed.
2. Glass, ceramic decorations are not allowed.
3. Styrofoam mounted flowers must be placed in a vase attached to the monument.
4. Funeral flowers will be removed after 7 days or when they become unsightly.
5. Spring Clean-Up dates will occur within the month of March. Fall Clean-Up dates will occur within the time period of mid-September to Mid-October. These dates will be posted in the parish bulletin. All grave decorations will be removed during these dates.

Signs in the cemetery will be posted soon.

~Don Brinker

**Vase or flower arrangement holders for monuments can be purchased at Washington Monument, St. Clair Monument, or any Monument company.**

Please continue to drop off **cans** to Door #5. Mrs. Dowil will take them in to be recycled and the money will be used for the kitchen such as new cleaning supplies (scrub brushes, sponges, etc.) and smaller baking essentials. The money is also going to be used to purchase local produce that is to be used on the salad bar and menu.

#### St. Johns School Lunch Menu May 13-17 Grades 4-8 option of salad bar

Monday: Dog Town Pizza, glazed carrots, pineapple, pudding, milk

Tuesday: Chicken tenders, cheesy potatoes, cucumbers, peaches, milk

Wednesday: Orange chicken, green beans, pears, cookie, milk

Thursday: Twisted Bosco stick, baked beans, fresh veggies & dip, apple, milk

Friday: Fish fillet, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, banana, milk

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