

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT--MARCH 22, 2020

St. John the Baptist

“GILDEHAUS” CHURCH

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FACEBOOK:

Church: St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Church

School: St. John the Baptist School-Gildehaus

On-Line Only Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday-Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Watch Mass on the School Facebook page:

St. John the Baptist School-Gildehaus

Adoration

Exposition of the Eucharist Tuesdays beginning at 7am

Adoration of Christ in the Tabernacle all daylight hours

Confessions

7:00-7:30 a.m. Sunday thru Friday, Saturday 5 p.m. 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.



The Annunciation, March 25



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

Parish Meetings

MON: All meetings Cancelled

TUES: Postponed***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.

WED: Postponed***PSR 6:30-7:45pm

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) mandates made by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, St. John's School and PSR will be closed through Friday, April 3. Classes will resume on Monday, April 6. As we are all aware this is an ever-changing situation and these dates may change.

There are to be NO public Masses through April 6, 2020. Also, there are NO meetings, book studies, or Stations of the Cross. There will be Adoration on Tuesdays and **Church will be open everyday during daylight hours for private individual prayer.**

Lenten Reflection:

A Perception to Live By



Sunday, March 22 (part 2)

6pm-7:30, held in St. John's Church.

What is your perception of God? How well do you know Him? Come along on this reflective journey to learn more about all that He has bestowed on us and what it means to be a child of God and to receive His love.

CANCELLED

Deacon Randy Maune—Presenter

Polka Dance at St. John's Gildehaus, Friday, March 20 at 7pm in the Parish Center. Come out and join the fun at the First Annual(?) St. Patrick's Polka Dance. Bring your own lederhosen! Drinks for sale. Entrance is free.



POSTPONED

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"/> Altar Linen | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <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 Ed. (PSR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team or Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Rosary Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

Upcoming Parish Events

- Mar. 20 Postponed***Polka Dance 7pm, Parish Center
- Mar. 22 Cancelled***Lenten Presentation 6pm-7:30pm
- Mar. 25 Postponed***PSR 6:30-7:45pm
- Mar. 25 Postponed***Faith Discussion Group 6:30-7:30
- Mar. 26 Postponed***Lenten Book Club 7-8:30pm Music Rm.
- Mar. 27 Cancelled***Stations of the Cross 2:30pm & 7pm
- Mar. 21-April 5 Deacon Diaper Drive
- Mar. 25 Cancelled***Meatball Fest 6:30pm after 5:30pm Mass
- Mar. 29 Cancelled***K of C 5th Sunday Breakfast 7:30-11am
- April 3 Cancelled***K of C Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:30pm

SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. THE WEB ADDRESS IS:

WWW.SJGSCHOOL.ORG

Find us on Facebook

St. John the Baptist School-Gildehaus



Fr. Foy will be celebrating Mass Monday, Wednesday-Sunday at 8am, Tuesday 7pm. Join him and the rest of the on-line viewers on "St. John the Baptist School-Gildehaus" Facebook page.

Also, prayerfully consider signing up for On-Line giving. It's easy to set up an account. You can go through the [myParish](#) app or through the parish website www.stjohns-gildehaus.org or the PSR website sjgpsr.org.

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St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Church



Church Finances Stewardship of Treasure

March 15, 2020

Envelopes \$5112.00

Loose \$465.00

Helping Hands \$129.00

On-Line Giving \$ 830.00



Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-5

Deacon Diaper Drive!!! During the weekends of **March 21-22 through Palm Sunday, April 5th**, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be *collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults* as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 277 thousand diapers and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of toddler size 3, 4, 5 or adult diapers on your shopping list and set them in the back of St John's Church or Rectory porch or send with any school family. All diapers collected will be donated to families in our parish community. For more information, speak to our permanent deacons, Randy Maune or Randy Smith or give the office a call. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible. Thank you!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

POSTPONED

CANCELLED



March 23-March 29 **(Modified)**

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Willie Mantels
Tue. 7:00 p.m. Al & Connie Brandel
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Philomena Buhr
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Shirley Sieve
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Rudy, Rosemary, Paul & Neil Straatmann
Sat. 8:00 a.m. Agnes Spaunhorst
Sun. 8:00 a.m. For the People

Due to the current situation there will only be one on-line Mass per day, therefore the Intention schedule has been modified. Masses may be rescheduled on a different day than originally planned.

Seven Churches—Seven Altars Tour

Join us as we travel to seven churches in Franklin County to pray in His Presence after our Holy Thursday liturgy on April 9, 2020. We plan on visiting St. Gertrude Church in Krakow, MO, St. Ann's Church, Clover Bottom, MO, Immaculate Conception Church, Union, MO, St. Francis Borgia Church, the Chapel at Mercy Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration Chapel all in Washington, MO. We will meet in the parking lot in front of the rectory to carpool. To sign up, please call Rita Voss at 636-219-8385.

Pending...



SICK IN THE PARISH: Norma Straatmann, Andy Tobben, Diana Brinker, Bob Hayden Sr., Betty Brautigam, Willie Kessler, Rosie & Otto Spaunhorst, Allen Gephardt, Vernon Brinker, Rich Skiljan, Nancy Maniaci. 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.

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.

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 Schwoepppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are getting along alright during this very unique time. I'm starting to call it Super-Lent 5000. It has some of the characteristics of Lent – the impulse to use less, the quieter sense of things that can set in when we don't travel as much, and the sober reflection about our own mortality. The difference is that this is not just a period of Lent for Catholics, or even for Protestants, but for everybody in the world! We are all being given a period of time and a considerable inspiration to pause and assess what we truly value. Everybody seems to see the whole thing as something new. "I've never seen anything like this before, etc." is how people put it. The measures and the intensity of these measures with which we have begun to react is the closest I can imagine to being in some kind of wartime situation. The good news is that our enemy can be greatly halted in its advance and under most circumstances our duty is to separate ourselves as best as possible until the threat blows over. Nonetheless this is a time of sacrifice, but then we come back to the season of Lent and perhaps this will be the most meaningful Easter we have yet known.

While things are pretty much postponed or in some cases cancelled, there are a few things going on. Public Masses are suspended, but we are trying (and hoping to improve) on our livestreaming of Mass at St. John's through the St. John the Baptist School – Gildehaus Facebook page. Please continue to check this out, even as we have had our share of technical difficulties. I plan to offer the weekday Masses all at 8am with the exception of Tuesday which for right now will continue at 7 pm. Saturday and Sunday will both be only at 8 am as well. The Mass intentions that have already been set up for Sundays will be transferred, so that the 8 am Mass will be for the intention of the whole parish. The way the video post of the Mass works on Facebook does enable you to watch it later if you do not catch it live.

Confessions are still being heard at 7 am every day of the week and also at 5 pm on Saturdays. The preference during this time of precaution is for the penitent to kneel behind the screen. If that is not possible, let me know and we will find a suitable place in the church proper for a face – to – face confession where better spacing is possible. This is per the guidelines from Archbishop Carlson, but do not think he is acting independently. The suspension of public Masses, for example, is now spanning across 147 of the 177 dioceses in our country. Please make use of this sacrament, particularly in the season of Lent and when our church needs healing and unity that go deeper than the physical level. Just think back a couple of weeks and remember how we still had such division. Sin is the deepest wound.

While we are away from the physical structure of Church, we still rely on contributions to pay our staff in the rectory and school. Obviously everyone is hurting at the moment and your economic challenge may be significant. If you can however help, please consider using online giving. You can access it off of the stjohns-gildehaus.org or from the myParish app.

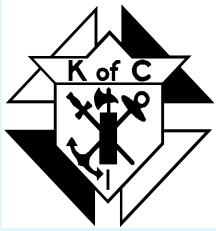
This week we do have a wonderfully important feast: the Solemnity of the Annunciation. March 25 we celebrate the Archangel Gabriel announcing to the Virgin Mary that she will conceive and bring forth Jesus, the Son of God. Please especially consider praying the Joyful mysteries and/or watching Mass if possible. This is one of those great joyful moments each Lent when we get to look up from our penance and enter into the exuberance of the light coming into the world.

Here are some other quick links that might be fruitful during any downtime you may have:

Youtube – search C.S. Lewis doodle – all kinds of great illustrated explanations of his works
Youtube – search Palestrina/Tallis/Allegri's Miserere – and listen to amazing choral prayer
Youtube – search Archbishop Fulton Sheen for his classic TV appearances so full of insight
Gutenberg.org – search Chesterton and read online one of his greatest works: "Orthodoxy"
Gutenberg.org – search Benson and read "Lord of the World"
Search for "Imitation of Christ"
Traditional Book List Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love – Edward Sri
The Fire Within – Thomas Dubay
Prayer Primer – Thomas Dubay
Interior Freedom – Jacques Philippe
Introduction to the Devout Life – St. Francis De Sales
The Imitation of Christ – Thomas À Kempis
Jesus As Friend – Salvatore Canals
Making Sense Out of Suffering – Peter Kreeft
Love is Stronger than Death – Peter Kreeft
The Four Loves – C.S. Lewis
The Great Divorce – C.S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis
The Philosophy of Jesus – Peter Kreeft
New Proofs for the Existence of God – Robert Spitzer
In the Beginning – Pope Benedict XVI
The Last Superstition – Edward Feser
Theology for Beginners – Frank Sheed

God bless you as you work to feed your faith during this time of anxiety. Let us keep all of our brothers and sisters in prayer, and may God continue to bless us and be our Strength,

Father Foy



Cancelled*****Monday April 6, 7 pm Monthly business meeting in Music Room – refreshments following meeting.

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- Cancelled*****Sunday - March 29th - K of C 5th Sunday Breakfast 7:30 to 11:00 AM
- Cancelled*****Next Fish Fry - **April 3**, 4:30 to 7:30. *Please if you are able to help out with this event, we will need all the help we can get.* You can contact me below if you need more details.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.

POSTPONED*****Do you want to learn more about our faith and tradition and be able answer questions thrown at you by non-Catholics? Join the small faith discussion group on Wednesday evenings, led by Jerry Holway, during Lent from 6:30-7:30pm in the Music Room (starting March 4) to discuss FAQ about our Catholic faith including traditions, the dogma and the just plain weird stuff that helps make Catholicism special. It will be an evening for the whole family. Kim Jacquin will be taking any kids from pre-K to infancy and doing faith-based activities in the 6th grade room. School age kids are encouraged to join the PSR class of their current level in school, or they are welcome to join Kim in the 6th grade room as well. If you have any questions contact Kim Jacquin at 636-584-5201 or Adam Weber 314-330-0599.



St John's School Lunch Menu

Grades 4-8 option of salad bar

No School



The **Dinner Auction Committee** would like to thank the parishioners and community for their generous donations and participation to the 2020 Dinner Auction. With your amazing support we are estimating a profit of \$97,024 from this event. Thank you!!!!

The **Box Tops for Education** program is changing the way our school can earn cash. Going forward, instead of clipping from the packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The new **"Box Tops for Education" app** allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly adds to our school's earnings online. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Thank you for helping our school!!

School Board Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for two School Board members for the 2020-2021 school year. Terms run for three years and begin in August. Thank you to Melissa Dowil and Jill Schmelz for their time and dedication to our school and whose terms are up in May, 2020. Returning members are Father Foy, Ms. Diane Smith, John Clarkson, Jason Weggemann, Sarah Collins, and Craig Shofner.

Every active member of the parish 18 years or older may nominate two individuals each. Nomination forms can be returned to the school office or placed in the collection basket in church. Please return all nominations by Friday, March 27, 2020. Thank you.

Signature

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