

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus is really asking us what to place the most value on in our lives. We all could think of many things: our health and life, our loved ones, our country and the rights and privileges we enjoy and of course, our parish community. For Jesus, however, belonging to the Kingdom of God, should have the highest value in our lives. This is because in the Kingdom of God, we find our true identity and true worth as human beings – we are daughters and sons of the Father, brothers and sisters of Christ, sharers in His inheritance, an eternal kingdom of life and happiness. Notice how the Lord does not say individual salvation is the highest value – rather belonging to a kingdom, community ruled by a merciful and generous king. This is also a good reminder that we enjoy our salvation within the context of a community, in this case, the Church. It is, therefore, good and beneficial to belong and be in the Church. Let us pray that one day we will all be one.

Enjoy your Sunday and these wonderful days of summer!

Fr. Kitsmiller
Associate Administrator
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 7/30	9:30 a.m.	Connie Beum Thomas by Bill and Margie Butz
Sun., 8/6	9:30 a.m.	Delores Agriesti-DiSabato by Eric DiSabato

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:	
Blessed Sacrament:	Pasquale Leggieri by Margaret Contino
Marian Lights:	Connie Beum Thomas by Elizabeth Roehrer

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 7/30	4:30 p.m.	San Giovanni Dance Group Practice (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 7/31	6:00 p.m.	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group (Classroom)
Mon., 7/31	6:30 p.m.	Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival Meeting (Marrapese or Sala Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sun., 7/30 9:30 a.m.	Nicholas D'Alberto Antonio D'Alberto	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Karen Quick, Judy Pishitelli, and Margaret Panico-Harn
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun., 8/6 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino John Snoch	Andrea Myers, Ed Pagnanelli, Pete Tamburro, Leslie Pasian & Marge Contino

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound suffering.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.**

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the Men's Faith Sharing group. Leaders for July are:

July 30	Leslie Malek-Pasian
August 6	Adolpho "Gus" Gastaldo
August 13	Robert Contino, OFS
August 20	Vincent Davis
August 27	Carl Tisone

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

- July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
- July 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
- August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- August 2 – Weekday**
St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- August 3 – Weekday**
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- August 4 – Weekday**
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- August 5 – Saint John Vianney, Priest**
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
- August 6 – Weekday**
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

July 23, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used – 51

In Envelopes: \$2,640.00 Loose Money: \$138.00

Regular Collection:	\$ 2,778.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (296.40)
	\$ 2,481.60

Votive Lights	\$ 31.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
	\$ 86.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$2,778.00	\$(107.00)	-4%
FYTD:	\$11,540.00	\$9,629.00	\$(1,911.00)	-17%

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, July 31, 2017

Maruja Paule, Donna Veri, & Darlene Rauch

SJB Collection Counters
for Monday, August 7, 2017

Mary Spellacy, Maria Lucchin, & Tom Elliott



Office Hours:

The **Parish Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Are you an **unbaptized** adult who has discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call? Or perhaps you are a **Baptized** member of another faith, seeking to explore the truth of **Catholicism** and become one in full communion with the Catholic Church? Or have been Baptized into the Catholic Church as an Infant, but as an adult, you feel that you have not been **properly catechized?** Then you may want to consider exploring **RCIA** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about RCIA, please contact our parish office at (614) 294-5319.

Around Us

Latin American Collection: The collection for the Church in Latin America will take place the weekend of **August 5-6**. Contributions to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Use this link to access bulletin announcements, a social media tool kit, and other parish resource materials to help promote the collection: <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/collection/index.cfm>.

July Liturgical Overview: The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. This month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven. The Summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ. Each Sunday becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

~ catholicculture.org

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Introducing the Mother Teresa Award of Charity, Compassion, and Service!

To recognize those special women in our Diocese, who exemplify the life of Christ and the spirit of St. Teresa, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a reception for the inaugural class of award recipients on Sunday, **August 27**, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus. For nomination, table and ticket information, please visit columbuscatholic.org/mother-teresa-award or contact **Mickey McCormick** at 614-228-8601, 614-783-5555, or at mjmccormick@columbuscatholic.org.

Catholic Career Opportunity: Due to the tremendous growth of the **Knights of Columbus** insurance programs, a unique opportunity for a motivated, energetic and career minded **Catholic Gentleman** is available in the **Columbus** area. Benefit package includes: Medical, Dental, LTD, Pension and 401K plan. We are now conducting interviews for a **Full-Time Field Manager/Agent**. To see if you qualify for this rewarding career, or for more information, please contact Mr. James B. Valent, General Agent, at (740) 280-0280 or email james.valent@kofc.org or visit www.kofcvalentagency.org.

Summer Parish Festivals: There are many Parish Festivals happening in Central Ohio this summer. For the complete list of area Parish Festivals, dates and locations, please visit the new Columbus Diocesan website: columbuscatholic.org.

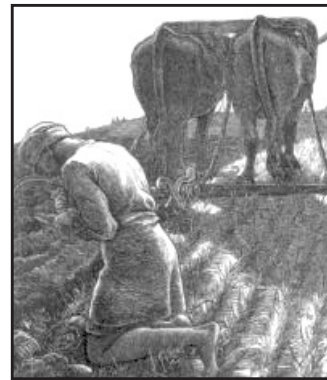
Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2017

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the following intention:

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love, be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

~ *Pope Francis*



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:24

Prayer

*Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak,
taste the living water
that I shall give.
Dip Your hands in the stream,
refresh body and soul,
drink from it,
depend on it,
for this water
will never run dry.
Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.*