



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

PSR News

March 1, 2020

St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Pope Francis' intentions for March are:

Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

RCIA

This year, we will have 7 Catechumens and 2 Candidates going to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral this Sunday, March 1. At the Rite of Election, the Archbishop will declare his approval of the Catechumens to become the Elect. This step in their call to conversion is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. This will begin their final preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation which they will receive at the Easter Vigil. *Aubrey Emery who is a 2nd Grade PSR student is a catechumen. Please pray for her this Lenten season along with the other catechumens and candidates.*

Also, if you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or would like to become Catholic, have them contact Karen Kane at 513-368-9086 x 215.

Lenten Activities

- **Desert to the Mountaintop: Stories of Faith to Inspire Our Lenten Journey**
Each Wednesday during lent there will be a soup supper followed by Stations of the Cross and Stories of Faith. Adults and Children are encouraged to attend. The flyer is attached.
- **PSR Stations of the Cross** devotion will be held on Sunday, March 1 at 9:55 am in the old church. Parents and older siblings are invited.
- **Encounter**—High School Teens are encouraged to attend Encounter. See the attached flyer for details
- **Awake**—Jr. High students (Grades 6-8) are encouraged to attend Awake. See the attached flyer for details.
- Confirmation Retreat on April 4

Toilet Paper DRIVE

The students of St. John the Baptist School and St. John the Baptist PSR are teaming up to help the local pantries with their toilet paper supplies. We hope you can help.

Why do we need to collect toilet paper, anyway? A lot of people assume that food stamps can be used for just about everything in the grocery store, but that's not so; they're strictly limited to food. So, a family who is just getting by with help from government programs, may have trouble coming up with the money to purchase things like toilet paper and soap.

Donations can be turned in:

February 26 through April 6

Toilet paper can be brought to the school, PSR or the parish office.

Help needed

Parents we are always in need of volunteers for our parish youth programs. Here is where we need your help.

- High School youth group—We need chaperones for outings, volunteers for Sunday nights and event coordinators.
- Jr. High Youth ministry program will begin next fall. We will meet monthly. We are looking for volunteers for these monthly meetings to be group leaders, help supervise the children, help with the pizza dinners, and chaperones for any offsite activities.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word—We need people to be in the rotation of leading CLOW at 8:30 mass. Right now it would be about a once a month commitment. We also are looking for teens in 7-12 to lector for CLOW.
- PSR—Its never to early to plan for next year. If you are interested in being a catechist or an aide, we can start training you now. Ideally, we would have 2 catechists in every classroom so they aren't teaching every week. There is no PSR tuition charged of volunteer catechists children .



For more information about any of the volunteer opportunities, contact Teresa Palmer at 513-378-9086 x 218 or by email at tpalmer@stjb.net *All volunteers will need to take the Child Protection class for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and have an online background check done.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- * March 1— PSR Stations of the Cross 9:55 old church
- * March 2 - Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Worksheet Due
- * March 3 - 1st Communion Parent / Child meeting 7pm old church
- * March 7 - Men's Christ Renews His Parish Retreat (All men are welcome)
- * March 8 - No Children's Liturgy of the Word at 830 am mass
- * March 8 - FACS Meeting at 9:55 Junior High Building
- * March 8— High School at Encounter
- * March 14—Jr. High at Awake
- * **March 22—NO PSR**
- * **March 25—NO PSR**
- * March 28—7th grade retreat

April

- * April 1 - Parish Penance Service—PSR grades 2-8 encouraged to attend
- * April 4 - Confirmation Retreat 9:30 am
- * April 5-11—Holy Week
- * **April 8 - No JR High PSR**
- * **April 12—NO PSR**
- * April 19— Last PSR class for grades K-6
- * April 22 - Last PSR class for grade 7
- * April 28— 1st Communion practice for Saturday mass
- * April 29—Last class for PSR 8
- * April 30—1st Communion Practice for Sunday mass

Save the Dates
June 8-11, 9am-noon



St. John the Baptist VBS
Ages PK-grade 4
More information to come

Attention Grades 6-8

MARCH
14

4:30-8:30PM
@ROGER BACON
4320 VINE STREET
CINCINNATI, OH

St. John the Baptist Parish youth in grades 6-8 are invited to attend Awake. **This is a free event.**

Contact Teresa Palmer at tpalmer@stjb.net or by phone at 513-367-9086 x 218 for additional details.

Registration needs to be in no later than March 8.

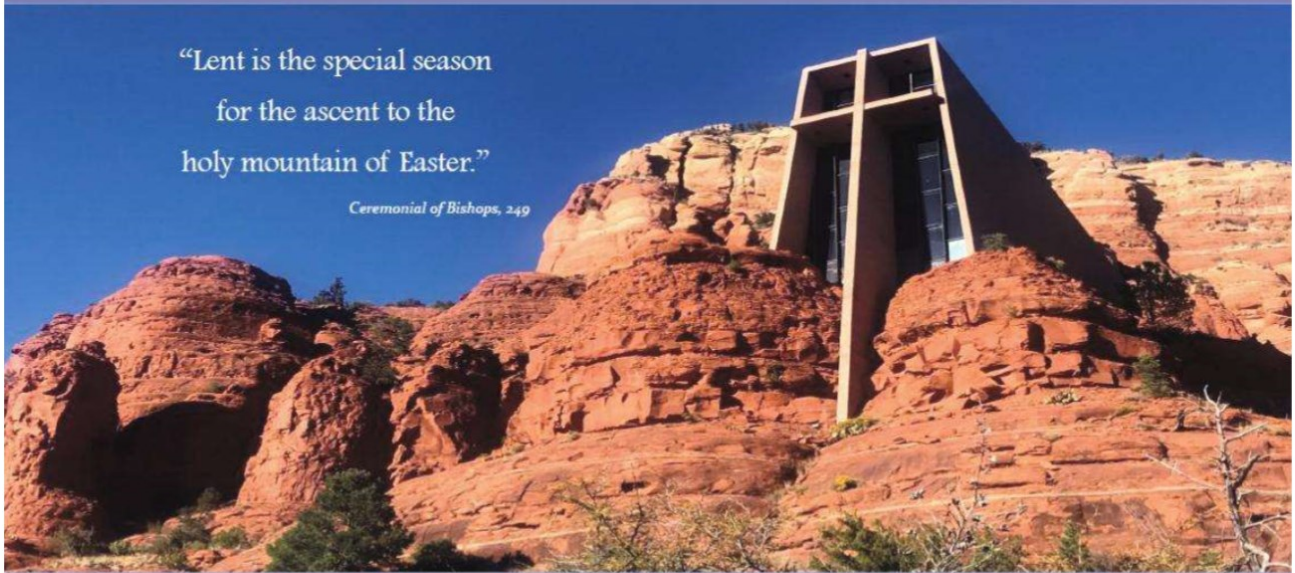


In partnership with NET Ministries, the Office for Youth Evangelization and Discipleship is happy to present Awake, a Jr. High youth rally. Awake seeks to accompany 6-8th graders through an event that will provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, and encounter. The event is open and accessible to any 6-8th grader and will feature a meal, entertainment, music, games, small group conversation, a keynote testimony, Eucharistic adoration, and the opportunity for the youth to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

From the DESERT to the MOUNTAINTOP: Stories of Faith to Inspire Our Lenten Journey

“Lent is the special season
for the ascent to the
holy mountain of Easter.”

Ceremonial of Bishops, 249



Join Us!
Wednesdays of Lent
Beginning March 4, 2020
at the new church!

Lenten Soup Supper
Stations of the Cross
Reflections by Everyday Witnesses
of Faith!

For planning purposes, please RSVP
at the Hospitality Desk, go online, or contact Karen Kane:
513-367-9086 (ext. 221), kkane@stjb.net.
Please leave a message indicating your family name,

SCHEDULE

5:45pm	Soup Supper
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Presentation: Stories of Faith
	Mar 4: Dominic Duren
	Mar 11: David and Kristy Kissell
	Mar 18: John and Kate Rewwer
	Mar 25: Tony Stieritz
	April 1: Communal Penance Service
7:45pm	Questions & Discussion
8:00pm	Closing Prayer

Make this a Lenten family night!
There will be a children's dismissal for their own evening of
learning and growing in faith! Preschool—3rd grade
Older children are encouraged to attend

St. John the Baptist Church, 10010 Carolina Trace Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Attention Grades 9-12

This event, seeks to gather groups of disciples from across the Archdiocese for an evening of worship, a powerful testimony, Eucharistic adoration, confession, and accompaniment.

St. John the Baptist Parish teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend Encounter.

This is a free event.

Contact Eric Barrow at @ 513-349-1629 or win8514019@gmail.com

Or

Teresa Palmer at tpalmer@stjb.net or by phone at 513-367-9086 x 218 for additional details.

Registration needs to be in no later than March 5.



SUNDAY MARCH 8

OUR LADY OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

CINCINNATI, OH

5:30-8:30PM

FREE DINNER &
SNACKS



High School Youth Group Happenings in March Sunday's 5:30pm-7pm

Come join us this month! In March we will:

- Sunday Youth night in the Jr. High Building March 1, 15, 22 and 29
- Encounter at Holy Spirit Center on March 8. *Permission slip required prior to event.*
- Explore Rev. Michael E Gaitley's "33 Days to Morning Glory"
- And much more

Contact Eric Barrow for details
@ 513-349-1629 or
win8514019@gmail.com