

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

This Wednesday, we celebrate the birth one of the central figures of the Gospels - one who I believe is often overlooked because of his brief appearance:

St. John the Baptist.

From FranciscanMedia.org:

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John....” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
June 14, 2026*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$4,962.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$1.00
Candles	\$174.00
SVdP	\$270.00
Improvement Fund	\$917.00
Loose	\$130.65
(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$1,087.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$91.00
SVdP	\$10.00
Improvement Fund	\$305.00
Loose	\$134.00

made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	June 20	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Geno M. Morelli (Family) Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	(BLS)	Bob Phillipson (Marsha + Family)
Sun	June 21	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(BLS)	Tony D'Aurora (D'Aurora Family)
9:30am	(OLL)	Jim Frey (Wife, Kathy)
11:00am	(BLS)	Living & deceased members of Our Wintersville Parishes
Mon.	June 22	St. Thomas More
8:00am	(BLS)	Guy Almonte (Wife, Yolanda + family)
Tues.	June 23	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Linda Kissinger (Tom + Sharon Maedka)
Wed.	June 24	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Roger Wells (Janet + Leroy Sharpe)
5:30pm	(BLS)	ADORATION & ROSARY
Thurs	June 25	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Phil + Terry Pergl (Kissinger Family)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Shirley Huscroft (Joan McGlone)
Fri.	June 26	Weekday
8:00am	(BLS)	Msgr. Gerald Calovini (Rita Controguerra)
Sat.	June 27	St. Cyril of Alexandria
8:00am	(BLS)	Patrick "Pat" Porter (Diane Miller) Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm	(BLS)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville Parishes
Sun.	June 28	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(BLS)	Bonnie Kaine (Husband, Bob)
9:30am	(OLL)	Betty Whiteside (John + Susan Fischer)
11:00am	(BLS)	Rosemary O'Brien (Mascolino Family)

Prayer to St. Joseph for Fathers

Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary,
you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.
You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work
of your hands. Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly
come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.
They look to you because they know you will understand
and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness.

But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of
deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with
God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender
Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone.
Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him
faithfully, as you have done.

Amen.

— St. John XXIII



St. John Paul II:

“In revealing and in reliving on earth the very
fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the
harmonious and united development of all the
members of the family.”



Liturgical Ministries

June 27th & June 28th

Saturday 6/27th 4:30pm

Lector: Joe Zoric

EMOCH: Ben Osso

Altar servers Mitchell

Sunday 6/28th 8:00am

Lector: Michael Krog

EMOHC: Bill DiMichele

Altar servers: Velez

(OLL) 9:30am

Lector: Lori Mayher

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Steve Kuruc

EMOHC: Jodi Taylor

Altar servers: Krivoniak/Tsohantaritis

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

HOSPITAL: as of Thursday, June 18th

Robert Laukert

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GOLF LEAGUE: (Began on Monday, May 11th) Will meet each Monday until Oct. 12th. at 5:30pm, at the Steubenville Country Club All men of our parishes are encouraged and invited to participate!

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISHES DIRECTORY:

All you need to do is send your email address to Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com with your family name, then download the Instant Church Directory app and edit your info. **FYI:** Please contact the parish office to register as a member of the parish!!!!

Save the Date! Wintersville Parish Picnic August 16th beginning at 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

Crusader Triple Threat Basket Ball Camp will be held at the CCHS gym!

K-2 grade June 22--June 24 4:30pm-6:30pm \$35

3-5 grade June 22--June 24 7:00pm-9:00pm \$35

6-8 grade July 6--July 9 5:00pm-7:00pm \$45

Contact Coach Don Ogden

ONLINE GIVING: Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website (wintersvilleparishes.org) and go to "Giving."

Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of Lourdes



Steubenville Catholic Schools is hiring for the 2026-2027 School Year!

BJKM School Nurse; Pre-K Teacher's Aide; First Grade Teacher; & CCHS Intervention Specialist
Applications are being accepted on catholicjobs.com and indeed.com

Wintersville Parishes Vacation Bible School registration is now open! The theme is Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments

Dates: Monday **June 29th** - Friday **July 3rd**

Time: **9am - 12pm**

Location: **Blessed Sacrament's Sargus Hall**

Ages: **4-11**

Cost: **free will offering**

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2s47czku> Sign up by 6/23

Email WintersvilleParishesVBS@gmail.com to volunteer.

Come join the fun!

VBS GIVING TREE There is a giving tree located at the main entrance of Blessed Sacrament with tags of items needed for this year's VBS. If you can take a tag, please return it with the item to the tree or parish office by 6/21 next week. Thanks for your support!

Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Announcement: Sr. Jean Marie Ledsome & Sr. Therese Marie Iglesias celebrated **their 25th Jubilee of 1st vows on June 20, 2026.**

Sr. Jean Marie was born and raised in Rodchester, NY. She is the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Ledsome and has one older brother.

Sr. Therese Marie was born and raised in Jacksonville FL with her three older brothers and an identical twin sister. Their parents, William and Blanche, still reside in Jacksonville. Both sisters entered the community in August of 1998 and made 1st vows on May 5, 2001. If you are interested in learning more about the Franciscan Sisters, visit their website at www.torsisters.org