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Catholic Community
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Welcome to St. John Vianney Parish

We are a vibrant Catholic Community on a Christ-centered journey. Led by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the Eucharist, we proclaim and live the Gospel message of love of God and love of neighbor.

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the summer season and that you will continue to do so for the next month and a half. I am sure that it has been a very different spring and summer for you with the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of my spring weddings have been postponed until the fall of this year or spring of next year. I know it was a difficult time for the engaged couples as they struggled to decide how or when to celebrate one of the most significant days of their lives. Some couples went ahead with their plans and made the best of a tough situation.

Our summer was definitely different for us at the parish with no four-day festival in July. It was the first time in our 30+ year history of festivals that we had to cancel one. We made the best of the situation and, with the permission of the Lake County Health Department, we had a fairly simple "Summer Car Raffle Picnic" on Sunday, July 12, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Those who came had a great time and I am so very grateful to the many parishioners who supported the Car Raffle this year. Your very generous support of the raffle and the picnic helped us to make up for some of the anticipated loss due to the cancellation of the festival.

Most spring and summer activities at the parish were cancelled due to the corona virus. Now that it is August, things have begun to gradually open up at the parish and soon at the parish school, All Saints. Our new principal at All Saints, Katy Rankin, and I have been meeting with a group of parents and school staff members since early July to prepare for the return of our students.

Every school was to have a task force "to transition forward and to develop a re-opening strategy and implementation in response to COVID-19."

I think we are in good shape and we will be ready to welcome our students to our school on September 3. The same goes for the PSR program at Lake Catholic High School. Laura McBride, our Faith Formation Director, has been working with her staff to welcome PSR students for religion classes which are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 13.

The Pastoral Staff has been meeting throughout the summer to discuss ways of getting the parish "back to normal" as soon as possible and as soon as it is safe to do so. Some parish activities resumed in July and public celebration of Masses began in June. We hope that in the fall we will be able to resume our regular schedule of weekday and weekend Masses and times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I thank you for your patience and support as we navigated these uncharted waters since early March. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information, and please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic.



Fr. Thomas Johns



—Fr. Johns

Celebrating the Sacraments at SJV

Changes abound in light of COVID-19

BAPTISMS are celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 1:15 pm by appointment. First time parents are asked to complete a baptism preparation class prior to the baptism. That class is currently available online and can be accessed by contacting Fr. Marty Dober in the parish office.

CONFESSIONS are on Saturdays from 2:45–3:45 pm. In August, Wednesday night confessions will resume at 7 pm. In order to practice social distancing, they are taking place in the Chapel and the John Paul II Room.

Children entering second grade in August who have completed first grade faith formation will be invited to prepare to receive the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for the first time this fall. Invitation letters will be sent in early August and the parent meetings will take place on September 3. We look forward to beginning the journey to First Reconciliation and First Communion with you!



FIRST COMMUNION 2020 has been tentatively rescheduled for September 26 and 27. We will have one large group celebration at 10:00 am on September 26. Families will also be able to choose any Mass that weekend other than the 7:30 am Mass to celebrate in a smaller group. We plan to be very flexible with scheduling to fit the needs

of families involved. If you feel strongly about your child celebrating sooner, please contact Laura at 440.255.0600 or email laura@sjvmentor.org to request a Mass during the summer.

Our 2020 **CONFIRMATION** class will tentatively be confirmed on Sunday, October 25 at the 12:15 pm Mass by Bishop Marty Amos. Rehearsal will be on October 18 at 5 pm.

2021 **CONFIRMATION** preparation with our upcoming ninth graders begins with Parent/Candidate Orientation on Sunday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. Enrollment conferences are taking place this summer and we are excited to get started.

We welcomed our newly initiated members from **RCIA** into our community on July 25, 2020 in a joyful and much anticipated celebration. The RCIA process for the coming year begins on August 19. If anyone is interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Peter Morris at 440-255-0600 or frmorris@sjvmentor.org.

WEDDINGS can be scheduled at least six months in advance by calling the parish office to speak to a priest. Priests will be able to explain any restrictions or guidelines that are required at that time. Another new option is celebrating a wedding during a Sunday Mass.

FUNERALS are generally arranged by a funeral director as part of the overall planning to honor loved ones. If you would like to schedule a memorial Mass, arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

Note: Weddings and funerals are being celebrated following the new Mass restrictions, including social distancing and wearing masks. Live streaming may also be available.

—Laura McBride



Our PSR students love celebrating the annual PSR teaching Mass!

PSR Changes for 2020–21

The St. John Vianney Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides Catholic faith formation for children in grades 1–8 who are not attending a Catholic school. Registration is currently open for PSR, which typically meets on Sunday mornings at Lake Catholic. We plan to begin in some way on September 13. We may be meeting in classrooms, or we may be working with distance learning, or perhaps a combination of these! But PSR will definitely look a bit different this year with health restrictions and guidelines in place and our commitment to keep everyone safe.

Both the regular PSR program and the PSR Home Study will be using a new book this year, *Alive in Christ* by Our Sunday Visitor. This series is more up to date and has many online resources available for families and teachers.

We ask that families complete the registration as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the beginning of the year. The PSR registration form is available online at sjvmentor.org and can be mailed to the parish office or emailed to connie@sjvmentor.org. Please remember that children who plan to receive First Communion are asked to participate in first and second grade PSR, and seventh and eighth grade PSR is expected prior to Confirmation in ninth grade.

Thanks for your Support During Difficult Times!

The fiscal year ended on June 30 for the parish and for the school. You will see in the coming months when we print the annual financial report in the bulletin that, like so many of you, we experienced a loss of revenue and had some extra expenses as we dealt with the pandemic. Even though we had weeks when you could not attend Mass in person, so many of you used online giving or dropped off your offertory envelopes at the parish to maintain your support. Many of you gave additional donations to the parish to help us through this crisis. Our poor and needy fund helped many, many others who were not able to meet basic needs of food or shelter as more people lost their employment. Based on current information, it appears that we ended the fiscal year short of budget, but due to your extraordinary generosity, did better than many parishes while still being able to extend help to others. As we moved into the new fiscal year, we were not able to have the traditional summer festival in July, our most significant fundraiser, but your support of the Car Raffle, which we did have, was amazing and has helped us. Ticket sales exceeded our expectations. As we continue our prayers and support of the parishioners and others in our community, please continue to support our parish in the coming months.

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July 12 was a great day at the parish! We celebrated First Communion and had a nice picnic which ended with the drawing of the winners of our summer raffle. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated and thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets this year. **The winners were Donna Callaghan, Gene Kopan and Jean Dodd.** God bless them and all of you!



Fr. Johns and Joe Dowd announce the winners of the grand prize, and volunteers sell instant bingo and 50-50 raffle tickets at our Summer Car Raffle Picnic. A great time was had by all!



Are You Keeping in Touch with SJV in 2020?

When I was assigned as associate at St. John Vianney in June '93, I met with Pastor Robert Kline who built the parish with the help of our dedicated Founders. Fr. Kline welcomed me with open arms and the two of us worked like Father and Son. And boy did I learn. Fr. Kline and I had many discussions about how we could best foster the development of what was, and is today a growing community. We both agreed that if we were to be successful, we would need to communicate with parishioners and solicit their support.

To that end, I established a communications committee that developed a logotype, revised our weekly bulletin which at that time could not be on line because then print still ruled the communications world. Remember the *Cleveland Press* and *The Plain Dealer*? Oh, how the world has changed. The parish got on board with the Internet. I even bought my second iPad! Now we share most things electronically.

Today we have the St. John Vianney Pastor's Page where you can stream our daily Masses.

Flocknotes (Vianney Voice) will send you emails and

updates; we soon will be streaming our Masses with our newly purchased BOXCAST, a breakthrough in technology that will connect with our sound system and will allow better sound and closer visuals at Mass. It will be installed soon. We have many plans for its use. Our staff and committees use ZOOM to conduct meetings; we sometimes reference YouTube, and other apps of interest. We've grown! We hope you've kept up with us.

The best way you can stay in touch with your parish is to log on to sjvmentor.org. You'll find ways to connect. You'll even find the Diocesan Mass link. And you'll find a place to connect to the Pastor's page on Facebook.



zoom

BOXCAST
a smarter way to stream

Fr. Tom

All Saints kicks off year with changes

Dear St. John Vianney Family and Friends,

It is with great pride and excitement that I introduce myself to you as the new Principal of All Saints School of St. John Vianney. I am blessed to have the opportunity to lead a school that is inspiring students to live, love and learn in Christ.



Katy Rankin

I have dedicated myself to the field of education for over sixteen years. In that time, I have worked with a variety of students, staff and families from various backgrounds. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Middle Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Ursuline College. I taught at St. Mary of the Assumption school for eleven years, and I served as the Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas School for the past five years.

My love for Catholic education started from a very young age. From the moment I stepped into Ms. Conway's kindergarten class at St. Felicitas School, both my mother and I knew I would become a teacher. My mother always tells the story of how I would line up all of my stuffed animals and dolls in front of the chalkboard in my bedroom. I would teach my "class" their daily lessons and would even sometimes have to discipline them if they became a disruption! The St. Felicitas School community truly left a permanent mark on who I am today.

My experience in Catholic education does not just come of that as a student, a teacher and a principal. I am also a Catholic school parent. My husband and I have three incredible children. All three of our children attended and graduated from St. Mary of the Assumption School. Our daughter, Haley, is finishing up her first year of graduate school at Syracuse University. Our daughter, Amelia, recently graduated from Lake Catholic High School and will be moving on to The Ohio State University, and our son, Jalen, will be entering his senior year at Lake Catholic High School in the fall.

Our entire family is thrilled to join St. John Vianney parish! I know that being part of this community will be fulfilling, and over time I hope to meet each and every one of you. My door will always be open.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Katy Rankin

The first day of school will be **Thursday, September 3**. We will inform you of further modifications to the school calendar in coming weeks. We know that all of these adjustments will come with many questions and concerns. The Task Force will continue to meet throughout the summer to create an environment that is safe and secure, while also warm and welcoming. A safe return will require that we work together as partners. Together we can ensure that our students get the education they deserve in the safest, most supportive environment possible. God bless you and all you love!

We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Mary Rainey, Sister Veronica, and Mrs. Terri Armelli who are retiring. May God bless them and their families with good health and many happy years! Enjoy this new journey in your life!



A special good-bye to our eighth graders.

Congratulations

Class of 2020! It is

time for you to take the next big step in your life. Even though you may be away from us, we will always be rooting for you, missing you and praying for you and your family. We can't wait to see what the next step holds for you.



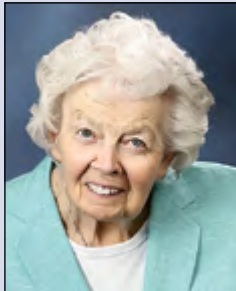
YOU ARE ALWAYS LOVED
AND
NEVER FORGOTTEN.
**MAY YOUR SOUL
REST IN PEACE!**



**Bernadette
Maschak**
1960–2020

Bernie taught at All Saints School
for 33 years

**Sr. Anne
McGreevy,
OSB**
1932–2020



Sr. Anne was Principal at All Saints School
when it opened in 1977 and served us
for 10 years. She would have celebrated
70 years of monastic life in August of 2020.



On Sunday, July 5, parishioners and alumni of All Saints School gathered for an outdoor Mass to recognize and bid farewell to Sr. Veronica and Terri Armelli, two dedicated educators who contributed mightily by word and example to the development of our children. They will be missed but not forgotten. A highlight of the ceremony is when the alumni from classes between 1999 and 2011 came together to perform liturgical movements.

