

# TIDINGS

The Newsletter of  
St. John Vianney  
Catholic Community  
Mentor, OH

Lent 2024



# EUCCHARIST

OUR HEALING AND HOPE

## 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,

It seems like we just completed the Christmas Season, and here we are ready to enter the Season of Lent. Easter will be early this year when we celebrate on March 31. As a result, Lent will be early as well with Ash Wednesday celebrated on February 14, St. Valentine's Day. Bishop Malesic stated in the recent Diocesan Memorandum that "even though February 14 is celebrated by many couples as Valentine's Day, parishioners should be reminded of the norms governing fasting and abstinence from meat since no dispensation will be given for this day which marks the solemn beginning of Lent." So, if you wish to celebrate Valentine's Day with a nice steak dinner, consider going out on Tuesday, February 13, and celebrate Mardi Gras as well! Be sure to also save the Fridays of Lent to attend the Fish Fry at the Fr. Kline Social Center.

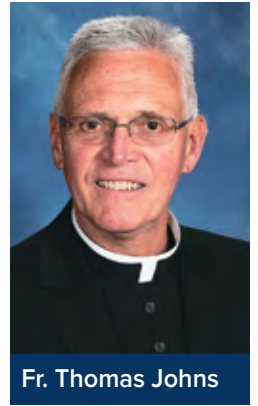
Masses are celebrated in the church on Ash Wednesday at 8:00am, 12Noon, 5:30 and 7:00pm. Ashes are distributed at each Mass after the homily. The children at All Saints Elementary School have a school Mass celebrated at 9:30am in their chapel.

Lent is a season for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have many opportunities at the parish for prayer during Lent. The best prayer we have is the celebration of Mass and extra Masses are celebrated at the parish during this season. A Friday 7:00pm Mass is followed by Stations of the Cross. Fasting has always been encouraged as a good Lenten practice. Giving up certain activities we do or certain items we eat or drink could be considered. Time saved from engaging in certain activities could be used for prayer or spiritual reading, and funds saved by abstaining from food or drink could be used for almsgiving—caring for the poor or those in need. The parish St. Vincent de Paul Society offers many chances to do so throughout the season of Lent, especially as we come closer to the feast of Easter when we prepare holiday food baskets for families in need.

Lent is a time of prayerful preparation for those engaged in the RCIA process. Candidates and catechumens have been in a formation process since September and will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30. Please keep them in your prayers. Check elsewhere in this edition of Tidings for more information regarding what will take place at the parish for the season of Lent. God bless you and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Lenten devotions and spiritual formation opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Tom Johns*



Fr. Thomas Johns

### All You Can Eat Lent Fish Fry

Dinners include 2 Choices of Soup, Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked and Fried Fish, Pierogies, Mac & Cheese, Rolls, Dessert, and Chicken Tenders for Children

Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22 ♦ Fr. Kline Social Center, 5–7:30pm

We accept cash, checks, and credit cards

Adults & Seniors—\$20 Children, 5–12 yrs.—\$10 Children 4 & under—FREE

Take-Out Orders Available—\$20

(All-You-Can-Eat NOT available with Take-Out Orders)



# SJV 50+ Club continues to grow, have fun!

Any member of St. John Vianney Parish who is 50 years of age or older is welcome to join this club. Members can come together for a bus trip with JKL Tours every month or can gather closer to home at the Fr. Kline Social Center for a movie, a dinner and dance, a night of games, or simply some relaxing time together with old friends and some new ones. The Club has been in existence for over five years (with a break during the COVID era) and now has over 650 members.

Many of the members came together at the Fr. Kline Social Center on Thursday, January 11, for some refreshments, socializing and a presentation by John Latkovich of JKL Tours regarding bus tours for 2024. By the time you read this edition of *TIDINGS* in your home, the group will be ready to participate in "Historic Cleveland Part 3" on February 13. The tour includes information on the rich heritage of immigrants who built Cleveland for over 200 years from a small settlement into a world-class city. We'll travel the Brewery Trail, the original stockyard site, Gordon Square Arts District, JACK Casino for a buffet lunch, the Observation Deck of the Terminal Tower, and the revised Rialto Vaudeville Theatre. The two previous tours of "Historic Cleveland" were great!

Other trips this year will include: "Annie" at Playhouse Square, TARA Mansion tour and lunch, Cleveland's NEW Cruise Ship—



"the Lady Caroline," "Music Man" at Rabbit Run Theatre and dinner at Grand Rivers Cellars, the Everly Brothers Experience, Magnificent Michigan/Soaring Eagle Casino and the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Fall for Columbus, the Rhoda Wise Home in Canton, and a Very Merry Pops with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra.

Watch the bulletin for registration information for each trip and other activities at the Fr. Kline Social Center. Char Valencic and Joyce Ristau of our parish work with John Latkovich to organize the tours and there is a committee of members who prepare the monthly events at the Fr. Kline Social Center.



**ECLIPSE PARTY**  
April 8, 2024  
12 n - 4 pm

**12:00 Mass in the church**  
**Free picnic lunch by our parish**  
**priests and friends**  
**Crafts, Science Displays, Dancing,**  
**and Outdoor Activities**  
**Watch the bulletin for more**  
**information and to register**

**FUN FOR THE FAMILY!**

## Be an Angel!

Our pastor, Fr. Johns, owes roughly \$1,000 each year in Ohio income taxes, but he tried a **NEW Approach** in 2023. Instead of having Ohio receive the entire \$1,000, he decided to pay only \$250 to Ohio and donate the remaining \$750 to the Angel Scholarship Fund to support Catholic schools. Below is a chart which illustrates what happened. . .




|                      | Old Way<br><b>WITHOUT</b><br>Angel Scholarship | NEW Approach<br><b>WITH</b><br>Angel Scholarship |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Scholarship Donation | \$0  | \$750<br>Donation                                |
| Ohio Income Tax      | \$1,000  | \$250<br>reduces tax liability                   |
| TOTAL Amount Spent   | \$1,000  | \$1,000  |


In both cases, Fr. Johns spent exactly the same amount, but with the **NEW Approach** \$750 went to support Catholic schools. **Are you willing to make the same choice?** Please check out the back page to learn more!

*St. John Vianney*  
**Lenten XLT**

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."  
- St. John Paul II -



**Monday, March 18**  
**7 pm in the Church**



**Our presider will be transitional Deacon Michael Garvin, soon to be ordained in May!**



With Lent beginning, our RCIA program is getting serious! This year, we have nearly 20 people traveling on this journey of faith together with the goal of full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30. This photo is from the Rite of Acceptance in November, but we have added a couple of people since then! Please continue to pray for everyone growing in relationship with Christ. May we be inspired by their courage to say yes to the Lord and welcome them into our Catholic family at St. John Vianney.

If you are looking to become Catholic or were baptized but did not receive your other sacraments, contact Lydia Donatelli at [LDonatelli@sjvmentor.org](mailto:LDonatelli@sjvmentor.org) to discuss what next year could look like. If you know anyone on the fence, send them Lydia's way and she can talk with them, too!

# Opportunities Abound During Lent at SJV

## Ash Wednesday—February 14

Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 12noon, 5:30 and 7pm. Ashes are distributed at each Mass after the homily.



## Weekday Masses during Lent

Masses will be celebrated at 8am (Church) and 11am (Chapel) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for all the weeks of Lent.

Mass will also be celebrated at 8am (Church) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on the six Fridays of Lent. This Mass is followed by the Stations of the Cross.

## Stations of the Cross

are prayed on the Fridays of Lent in church after the 7pm Mass. Stations are also prayed on Good Friday evening at 7pm.

## Lenten XLT

On March 18, we will welcome Deacon Michael Garvin! God willing, he will be ordained a priest in May. Deacon Garvin is a strong man of God and will bring us a beautiful insight on our Catholic faith. Please come adore the Lord as we near Easter and hear from the Diocese of Cleveland's next young priest!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

is celebrated at the parish on Wednesday evenings from 7–7:30pm and on Saturday afternoons from 2:45–3:45pm.

**Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession**—St. John Vianney will have our priests in the church to hear confessions on Wednesday, February 28 from 5–8pm. This is a special evening when Catholics who have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation are encouraged to celebrate the sacrament in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

**Mentor Lenten Communal Penance Service**—On March 20, at 7pm, priests

from our parish and neighboring parishes will be at St. Bede the Venerable Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our parishioners and the parishioners of other Mentor parishes.

**Additional Opportunities for Confession**—The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at our parish during Holy Week on Monday, March 25, 7–8pm and on Wednesday, March 27, 7–8pm. There are no scheduled confessions during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23, from 1–3pm in the Social Center

## Holy Week Services

- **Palm Sunday:** 4:00pm Vigil Mass on March 23 (Live-streamed). Masses on March 24: 7:30, 9, and 10:30am and 12:15pm. Palms will be distributed at all liturgies.
- **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated on Thursday, March 28, at 7pm (no 8am Mass). This Mass is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel until 10:00pm.
- **The Celebration of our Lord's Passion** will take place at 3pm in the afternoon on Good Friday, March 29, in the church. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7pm in the church.
- **The Blessing of Easter Baskets** will take place at 1pm on Holy Saturday, March 30, in the church.
- **Holy Saturday, March 30, Easter Vigil Mass**, we will gather at 8:30pm in the church. There is no 8am and no 4pm Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday nor are there confessions from 2:45–3:45pm.
- **Easter Masses** are celebrated in the church at 7, 9, and 10:30am and 12:15pm. We will also have a 10am Mass at Lake Catholic.

# *St. John Vianney* **Lenten Series**

"It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass." - St. Padre Pio

**Fr. Kelly**  
**Mon, 2/26**

**Fr. Clark**  
**Mon, 3/4**

**Fr. Johns**  
**Mon, 3/11**

**7 PM: Talk**  
**8 PM: Discussion\***

\*optional

**Grow in appreciation of the Eucharist & how our priests pray during Mass**

Are you ready to go...  
**INTO THE BREACH?**  
**Men's Ministry Lenten Series**  
**6 Evenings: 2/20 - 3/26 6:30-8:30**  
**SJVMentor.org/Men**  
**or 440-255-0600**



# PSR AND SACRAMENTAL GOINGS ON

Our Parish School of the Religion has been very busy! During the months of November and December our students collected items for our food drive! This collection benefited the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Students were rewarded with an ice cream treat for their overwhelming generosity. Our PSR students have

been regularly celebrating Mass together once a month at Lake Catholic. In December, we attended Mass at St. John Vianney and Fr. Johns did a blessing for each child's baby Jesus. It was such a special Mass for us all!

We are eagerly preparing for our second-grade students to receive their First Eucharist this Spring! Our students will take part in Jesus Day on April 21 when they will gather together as

a group and prepare for this special sacrament.

Our Confirmation Candidates have also been actively preparing monthly for their upcoming celebration. They have participated in many service projects and have committed to attending Mass regularly with their families. The candidates will also participate in an all-day retreat on April 13 and be confirmed in June. It has been so wonderful to watch this group grow in their faith as they prepare for their Confirmation!

*Mandy Hart*



## Here are some important dates

|                    |                      |                |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, March 24   | Last PSR class       | 8:40am–10am    |
| Saturday, April 13 | Confirmation Retreat | 10am–6pm       |
| Sunday, April 21   | Jesus Day            | 12:15am–2:30pm |
| April 27           | First Communion      |                |
| June 3 & 4         | Confirmation         | 6:30pm         |

## SJV YOUNG ADULTS UPCOMING EVENTS




22
FEB

**6:45 PM**

**Receive and Remain @ CPL**

7
MAR

**7:30 PM**

**Bible Study**

21
MAR

**7:30 PM**

**Bowling**

TBD
APR

**TBD**

**Lake County Captains Game in a Suite!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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# A Week of Celebration at All Saints School

Catholic Schools Week at All Saints School, spanning from January 29 to February 1, was a vibrant celebration of faith, education, and community.

The week kicked off with an All School Mass and an Open House, inviting prospective families to witness the greatness of All Saints School.



stars of All Saints School—the students. Fun activities filled the day, including an engaging visit from the Realm of the Reptile. Students enjoyed a dress-down day, a delightful lunch, and various entertaining activities. The day aimed to make students feel appreciated, allowing them to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and the lasting impact of faith, knowledge, and service on their lives.

## Wednesday: Day of Service

Wednesday saw the entire school coming together to celebrate the community with a day of service. Emphasizing the importance of service to others, students engaged in local and global service activities, embodying the values and faith gained through Catholic education. It was a day dedicated to making the world a better place and instilling a sense of responsibility and compassion in the students.

## Thursday: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

Thursday shifted the focus to the dedicated educators and staff at All Saints School. Teachers, administrators, and support staff were honored as the backbone of the school. A special day was dedicated to acknowledging

their crucial role in shaping the academic and moral development of the students. The day concluded with a fantastic lunch, allowing the teachers and staff to come together and enjoy well-deserved recognition.

## Friday: Celebrating the School Community

The week-long celebration culminated on Friday with a grand celebration of the entire school community. The highlight was the annual 8th-grade basketball game, where students, staff, and families joined forces to cheer and celebrate the incredible spirit of All Saints School. The sense of unity and camaraderie that filled the air was a testament to the strong community bond fostered by Catholic education.

All Saints School's Catholic Schools Week was a resounding success, filled with meaningful activities that celebrated faith, family, students, service, and the dedicated school community. It reinforced the values of Catholic education and highlighted the collective effort that makes All Saints School an exceptional place for learning and growth. As the week concluded with cheers and celebrations, it left a lasting impression of the spirit and unity that defines All Saints School.

## Monday: Parent Appreciation Day

Monday was dedicated to celebrating the parents, guardians, and family members whose unwavering support forms the backbone of Catholic education. Parent Appreciation Day acknowledged the vital role these individuals play, not only through volunteering at the school but also by instilling values and expectations for academic excellence at home. The day was a heartfelt tribute to the families who contribute to the success of All Saints School.

## Tuesday: Student Appreciation Day

Tuesday was all about celebrating the

# Believe it, EdChoice gives you a choice!

Once we became parents, we knew a Catholic education was a must for our children. When our oldest was ready for preschool we began our search and quickly fell in love with All Saints. We made a commitment that our children would attend a Catholic school through 8th grade. Seeing our children flourish and thrive at All Saints we knew that continuing to a Catholic high school was what was best for them. It has been a sacrifice for us all these years, but was always a priority. We have been blessed with scholarships through our wonderful endowment funds and with God always being the ultimate provider.

Last summer, we were informed of the "possibility" that Governor DeWine, who strongly supports Catholic education, was planning to sign a bill that would give every family a choice on where to send their children to school, no matter what their income level is. I felt it was too good to be true and repeated

"I'll believe it when I see it!" numerous times. However, he indeed signed the bill and our tuition is now covered for the remainder of the year!



We have 3 children at All Saints. Benjamin (8th grade), Alexander (5th grade), and Evelyn (3rd grade). The EdChoice scholarship has

significantly covered our children's tuition. More so, our oldest will be off to high school next year, and the EdChoice scholarship has been a great blessing to us. We have spent the last few years concerned over high school tuition but always trusted that God would provide. Benjamin plans to attend St. Ignatius High School next year.

Fr. Johns estimated that 80–90% of our students at All Saints receive near full tuition assistance. Many of our families at St. John Vianney may have been dissuaded by the tuition cost at All Saints, but now the cost is nominal for most families. The state has a very generous sliding scale that determines the scholarship amount.

So, while some things seem too good to be true, for once, this is in fact true. EdChoice gives YOU the choice and makes Catholic education affordable to all!

—Maureen Modic

## Confessions by Fr. Johns about the Angel Scholarship

Taxes are confusing for most of us, and Fr. Johns himself had a lot of questions about how to deal with the Angel Scholarship program. Do you have the same questions he had?

**1 Why should I donate if I already usually receive an Ohio tax refund in April?**

Because donating to the Angel Scholarship will generate an even bigger refund for you!

**2 Is the Angel Scholarship program “At No Cost” to me?**

Yes, yes, yes! Please review the article on page 3.

**3 Is there something special about \$750?**

Yes, that is the maximum tax credit a single taxpayer can receive for making an Angel contribution. The maximum for married couples is \$1,500.

**4 How Can I Donate to the Angel Scholarship Fund?**

Complete the 2023 Contribution Form BEFORE April 15, 2024. The form can be found online or by scanning this QR code.



**5 What should I do if this stuff still confuses me?**

If you want to create a BIG gift to help support Catholic schools, then please

- Give your tax preparer the flyer that is printed in the SJV bulletin from time-to-time.
- Visit this parish Angel link... [sjvmentor.org/angel](http://sjvmentor.org/angel)
- Send an email to [angel@sjvmentor.org](mailto:angel@sjvmentor.org)
- Phone the SJV office at 440.255.0600 and someone will personally call you back.



**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Turning taxes into tuition*



**23 SATURDAY MARCH**

**HAPPY EASTER**

**EGG HUNT PARTY**

Games, prizes, candy, treats and ice cream!  
Easter Egg hunts by age level.

**SJV Social Center ♦ Children ages 0–10 yrs. ♦ 1–3pm**

Details to follow in Sunday bulletin & on parish website, [sjvmentor.org](http://sjvmentor.org).