August 19th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of the Pastor ....

In our lives, we find there are meals that are evocative of fond and pleasant memories of long ago. Whether it be Aunt Marge’s macaroni and cheese, our mother’s special meatloaf or our grandpa’s “secret” barbecue sauce, the flavor, and uniquely tasty foods make the past come alive all at once, and the people who made them become especially present once again. They bring comfort to us.

Today, and at every Eucharistic gathering, we celebrate and partake of the ultimate comfort food. As we share together the living bread come down from heaven in the person and mission of Jesus Christ, as we eat real food and drink real drink, our sacred traditions from the past wash over us. We are reminded of his teachings, his life, his miracles, his devotion to God the Father, his fidelity, his death and his resurrection. These sacred mysteries become present to us once again, connecting us to Christ whose body and blood gives us life. They offer us a foretaste of life eternal and bind us to one another. The sacramental eating and drinking in the reception of the Holy Eucharist becomes a participation in an acknowledgement and confession of the fact that the death of Jesus, remembered and celebrated at each Eucharist, is “for the life of the world.”

St. John the evangelist leaves no doubt when he says that Jesus offers himself as food and drink in order that He and the believers will forever thereafter abide together. “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.”

Jesus is the food that daily challenges each of us to become more and more like him who abides in us.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the parish. This option makes use of current technologies and security standards and allows you the option of setting up recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

Online Giving Benefits: The process is

- Secure and confidential: No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient: Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account.
- Simple: Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient: No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. “Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in the weekly offertory and in special collections.”

You may start giving online today! So please:

1) Visit our parish website at www.saintjohnnevangelist.org and click on the online giving link.
2) Create your own account.
3) Schedule your gift, at your convenience.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, you may contact the parish office. Michael Bennett, Christine Riley, and Juanita Aguilara of our Parish Finance Council among many others utilize the “Online Giving” Program and are available and happy to answer any questions regarding the program or assist you in the initial set-up.

The Silver Rose Program

The Knights of Columbus Council 615 will honor the Running of the Silver Rose in our Parish on Wednesday, August 22, with a mass at 6pm. Following the mass, the rosary will be prayed in the church. After the mass and rosary, The Knights of Columbus invite you to light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Religious Education 2018-2019

Registration will be held on August 25, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Parish Office, 98 Bosworth Street. Parents with children in public school, grades kindergarten to twelfth grade are encouraged to bring their child and sign them up for classes. To qualify for the Sacramental two-year program, (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) all forms must be turned in complete with their supporting documents by Sunday, September 29, 2018. For more information please call (416) 334-4646 ext 104, or email saintjohn.re@gmail.com.

Wisdom is something we sorely need in our world, and it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord is to gain wisdom as well as eternal life. We must abandon our foolish ways and believe.