

April 1 2018

Easter Sunday

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

- COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Readings for April 8, 2018

Divine Mercy

First Reading : Acts 4.32-35

They were of one heart and soul.

Psalm : 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading : 1 John 5.1-6

Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

Gospel : John 20.19-31

After eight days, Jesus came and stood among them.

Financial Report March 25, 2018

Regular Offertory	Envelopes	\$8,107.45
Pre Authorized Payment (PAP)		\$1,587.50

Assessment Total 2018		\$65,850.96
Payment		<u>-5,487.58</u>
Assessment balance		\$60,363.38

Loan for New Roof		\$50,000.00
Payment made for Jan/Feb		<u>10,000.00</u>
Loan balance		\$40,000.00

Gift Card Report		
Profit last week		\$ 312.50
Total Profits for 2018		\$3,075.00
Profits from 2006-2017		<u>\$276,575.96</u>

Ongoing Profit to Date		\$279,650.96
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Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.

"This God who, as the psalmist said, built His tabernacles in the sun, now established Himself in the very core of the flesh and the blood," Francois Mauriac

Fifth Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 10, 2018

11:30am to 3:30pm

Toddy Joes Park @ pavilion

Come for fellowship & fun!

Food, games & entertainment

Contact Debby Pajot at

debajot@gmail.com or

519 736 6868 for more info or

to volunteer.

Parish Giving



Save the Date!



St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, April 2, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Rosalina DiBartolomeo by the Menna Family

† Robert Fryer by Verna Warren

† Fred Drouillard by Mary & Marc Beneteau

Living friends of Deb & Ron Tofflemire

9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Emily Bernauer by Mom & Dad

† Amedina Simone by Concetta DiCarlo

† Laretta Zanella by the Merschback & D'Aloisio Families

Living Janice Ferguson by Mary & Marc Beneteau

7pm Social Justice Committee Meeting— Fr. Ware Room

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Dino DiBiase by Elda & Larry Latonna

† Joe Hered by Mary & Paul Whittal

† Joseph Reaume (1st Ann) by Carol Reaume

Living Jean Garinger by Marilyn Goggin

9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room

1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room

2pm Ecole St Jean Baptiste Mass

6:30pm Faith Buddies—Assembly Room

7pm Baptismal Preparation—Fr. Martin Room

7pm Choir Practice—Church

1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

Thursday, April 5, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Phil Amsby by Elaine Amsby

Living Joanne Higgins by Marilyn Goggin

Living Leonard Fox (85th Birthday) by the Fox Family

7pm Mass

† Lynda Barban by the Alpha Team

† Steve Vuk by Dolores & Mike Specht

† Pat Mayville by Marilyn Goggin

7:30 Bible Study "The Gospel of Mark" Fr. Ware Room

Friday, April 6, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Steve Vuk by Mr & Mrs Augustin Bach

Living Fr. Donato Lwiyo by Marilyn Goggin

Living members of the LaPorte Family by Deb & Ron Tofflemire

9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration Chapel

3pm Divine Mercy Hour—Church

6pm Youth Ministry Retreat Weekend—Holy Family Retreat House

4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Barb Mayville—Bob Mayville

† Alex Wade by the COR Family

† Assunta Zaccagnini by Clifford McGuire

† Patricia Bastien by Pat & Bill Carr

10am—2:30pm 1st Comm. Lessons—Fr. Martin/Assembly Room

4-4:45pm—Reconciliation

5pm—Mass

Sunday, April 8, 2018 — Divine Mercy

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children's Liturgy

11am St. Vincent de Paul Society General Meeting— Fr. Ware room

7pm COR Meeting Fr. Martin Room

JOB POSTING

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie McGuire is expecting a baby and will be taking her maternity leave effective Friday, August 3, 2018

In her absence we are actively seeking a replacement for her part time position as Youth Ministry Coordinator, consisting of 20 hours per week for one year.

For anyone interested in this position please submit your resume to our Hiring Committee, 225 Brock Street, Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2H3 OR email bjane@dol.ca and cc our Business Administrator Anita Walach at awalach@dol.ca . Please submit no later than 4pm April 6,

St. John the Baptist Church is offering **COR 56**. If you are in grade 11 and up into your twenties, then a COR Weekend is for you. COR is a three-day retreat with talks, sharing, games and great food. COR means Christ in others renewed and if you are looking to have a Joy filled time, then please sign up for COR 56. The weekend begins Friday, April 20 at 7pm and will end on Sunday, April 22 at 6pm. The cost for this weekend is \$50. Application forms are available at St. John the Baptist Church Office. We invite you to take some time out of your busy schedules for this wonderful experience centred around God, Family, and Friendship.

8th Annual UIC Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Columbus Community Hall

Doors open 5:30pm,

Dinner at 6:30pm

Half Chicken or Half Rib Dinner

Tickets \$20 Adult, \$10 Child (5-10yrs)

Tickets—Nancy Fox 519 796 7795

Dianne Fox 519 736 3970;

St John the Baptist Church Office

or St. Alphonsus Church 519 256 1849



Pork Tenderloin Dinner

Sunday, April 22 at 5pm

Columbus Community Hall at 5pm

\$15 adults, \$10 (12 and under)

Sponsored by

St. John the Baptist Conference,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to

benefit those whom we serve

Tickets available for sale at:

St John the Baptist Parish Office,

Columbus Community Hall;

SSVP Society Shop



Research tells us, that of all of the forms of online entertainment like gambling, gaming, surfing, and social networking, viewing pornography has the strongest tendency to be addictive. Porn is basically sexual junk food. When a person is looking at porn, their brain is fooled into pumping out dopamine just as if they were really seeing a potential mate. Filling your brain with feel-good chemicals might sound like a great idea at first, but just like with junk food, it's more dangerous than it first appears.



On line porn consumers may think they're just being entertained, but their brains are busy at work building stronger and stronger connections between their feelings of arousal and whatever is happening on their screen. Consumers of porn typically become accustomed to the porn that they have already seen, so they are constantly moving on to more extreme forms of pornography to be aroused, and that eventually affects their attitudes and beliefs toward sex, women, and relationships.

Excessive consumption of internet porn bears all of the signs, and dangers, of a true addiction. When porn enters the brain, it triggers the reward center to start pumping out dopamine, which sets off a cascade of chemicals that build new nerve pathways to mentally connect what someone is doing (consuming porn) to the pleasure he or she feels. Those strong new memories out compete other connections in the brain, making it easier and easier to return to porn. These chemicals also cause lasting changes in the brain that leave the user more vulnerable to addiction. For teens, this risk is especially high because a teen's reward center in the brain responds two to four times more powerfully than an adult's brain. Overloaded with these chemicals, the brain will try to defend itself by releasing another chemical to put the brakes on a runaway reward center. And, that slows the pleasure response. Once this breaking chemical is on board, porn that once excited a person stops having the same effect. Regular porn consumers will end up turning to porn more and more often, and/or seeking out more extreme versions just to feel alive again. And once porn dependency occurs, quitting causes withdrawal symptoms similar to drugs.

Recovering alcoholics and addicts will tell you how extremely hard it was to change their addictive behavior. Many will tell you, that it took changing their environment and their friends, before they experienced less desire for their addictive behavior. They will tell you, that they are still tempted to return, but they know that they must resist because just a taste will bring them back to the endless cravings for more. Many will say resisting one day at a time helps them, and others might say they rely more on the daily encouragement of others. Recovery groups are helpful because they understand how it is, and support each other in resisting that ever present temptation. Resisting may not be enough for persons addicted to pornography, they often need professional help to address the underlying cause of their compulsive behavior.

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Retrouvaille Weekend

The next Retrouvaille weekend, hosted by Greg and Anita Turner, will be held April 6 – 8 at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre. They continue to promote Retrouvaille and "spread the word" about the Marriage and Family saving program. Whatever the marital situation, there can always be hope and hurting couples are not alone. The website for Retrouvaille is <https://retrouvaille.org>.

