

April 8 2018
2nd Sunday of Easter

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

Readings for April 15, 2018

First Reading : Acts 3.13-15, 17-19

You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

Psalm : 4.1

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

Second Reading : 1 John 2.1-5

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel : Luke 24.35-48

Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.

Financial Report April 1, 2018

Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$ 8,369.15
Pre Authorized Payment (PAP)	\$ 1,587.50
Holy Thursday	\$ 3,121.50
Good Friday	\$ 3,398.65
Easter Sunday	\$ 8,654.00
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

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that he comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight," St. Therese of Lisieux

Fifth Annual Parish Picnic—Sunday, June 10, 2018

11:30am to 3:30pm at Toddy Joes Park @ pavilion

Come for fellowship & fun!

Food, games & entertainment

For more info or to volunteer contact Debby Pajot at debajot@gmail.com or 519 736 6868



St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, April 9, 2018 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Matteo Cristofaro (London) by Mary & Eric Conte

† Joe & Gianna Stemmler by Maria DiGioia

Living Saad Hermaz

Living Roseanne Berthiaume by Mom

7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus—Fr. Ware Room

7pm Grade 7 & 8 Youth Group Fr. Martin Room

7pm Grade 5 & 6 Youth Group—Ecole St Jean Baptiste

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

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Elcina Conte by the Kids

† Robert Fryer by Diane & Paul Pouget

† Gino D'Alimonte by Lola Zaccagnini & Family

Living Janice Ferguson by SJB St Vincent de Paul members

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Gathering—Fr. Ware Room

7pm Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - St. Stanislaus

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Don Sprague by the Sprague Family

† Lisa Sinasac by Mom, Dad and Sisters

† Fred Drouillard by Hope of St Joseph Corporation members

Living Dianne Fox by Roseanne & Garnet Berthiaume

9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room

1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room

6:30pm Faith Buddies—Assembly Room

7pm Baptismal Preparation—Fr. Martin Room

7pm Choir Practice—Church

1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

Thursday, April 12, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† John D'Amore by Lea Seguin

† Beatrice Parent by Madge & Wayne Moore

† Patricia Bastien by Cecile and Don Bastien

7pm Mass

† Angelina Palumbo by the D'Alimonte Family

† Alex Wade by the Dunn Family

Living Alice Wade & Family

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

Friday, April 13, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Giuseppe Dinunzio by Margaret Farias

† Assunta Zaccagnini

† Alex Wade by the Richmond Nursing Home Rosary Group

Living Rose and Harry Beneteau by St John's Cursillo family

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

3pm Divine Mercy Hour

6pm 1st Communion Church Tour

7pm ENCOR—The HOUSE

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

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Barb Deneau by Lou-anne & Dave Greenham

† Carmine & Angela D'Alimonte by Rita & Mario Parete & Family

† Gino D'Alimonte by Rita & Mario Parete & Family

† Matteo Cristofaro (London) by Maria DiGioia

4-4:45pm—Reconciliation

5pm—Mass

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children's Liturgy



The Feast of Divine Mercy is to be celebrated the Sunday after Easter. This year at St. John the Baptist Church we will celebrate at 3pm on Sunday, April 8 in the Church proper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place.

Officially recognized by Saint John Paul II on the day he canonized St. Faustina, on April 30, 2000, it has become an important part of Catholic tradition.

In her diary, St. Faustina explains the image of Christ: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.

These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

The words "Jesus I trust in You", are written at the bottom of the icon. One preparation for this Feast to pray a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for nine days beginning on Good Friday. The chaplet is traditionally prayed at 3pm because that is the hour Jesus died.

Info: www.divinemercymontreal.org

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 available through—Nancy Fox 519 796 7795,
Dianne Fox 519 736 3970,
St John the Baptist Church Office or
St. Alphonsus Church 519 256 1849



Research supports the theory that porn affects the brain in ways that are very similar to harmful substances, like tobacco. Studies have shown that porn stimulates the same areas of the brain as addictive drugs, making the brain release the same chemicals. And just like drugs, porn triggers pathways in the brain that cause craving, leading users back for more, and more extreme 'hits' to get high.



Excessive consumption of internet porn bears all of the signs, and dangers, of a true addiction. Because the world of pornography is artificial and cannot satisfy the need for emotional intimacy, this basic need remains unmet, creating an appetite for more and more. Porn addicts chase something that they see as pleasurable on a screen full of lies. Eventually, it controls their lives.

This is what the experts say you must do, if you really are determined to make the changes necessary, to take control of your life again. Start by admitting to yourself and one other person that you have a problem. Then, take responsibility for getting help. You'll need to let go of the shame associated with pornography addiction. You must seek the help you need. You must be able to be accountable to others as you walk with the help of the Lord in recovery. You must be willing to do whatever it takes to restore your true self and repair any damages done. This is very hard to do without help.

To take responsibility for your addiction, the consequences of it, and for your recovery, you must be honest with yourself, others, and God. Acknowledge your weakness. Observe your emotions and behavior, and identify your triggers for acting out. Identify the danger zones where you are more likely to be tempted and develop the strategies needed to avoid them.

Purify your life by getting rid of all porn and anything that might tempt you to act out. Then, work on convincing yourself how destructive porn is; it hurts everyone involved, consumers and producers. Change how you think and feel about porn, by frequently reminding yourself that porn is all about using and exploiting others for pleasure and money, and with every viewing you are victimizing a child of God. Then, find ways to replace this bad behavior with good ones.

To be successful in recovery you will need to surround yourself with others who understand your struggle. Recovery groups work because they understand how it is, and support each other in resisting that ever present temptation. Counseling is also important because it will help you identify and resolve the root cause of the addiction, The goal of counseling is to identify and heal the wounds that led you to use pornography to self medicate in the first place. Pray for your saving Lord to give you the strength and help you need to restore peace in your life.
~ Rose



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ULTREYA

An April Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County will be held at Good Shepherd Parish, 462 Advance Blvd., Tecumseh On Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:30pm. If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come and share in a Faith-filled evening. All Cursillistas are WELCOME!