

St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, March 5, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Francesco D'Alimonte by Maria & Peter DiPasquale
† Lynda Barban—the Alpha Team
Living members of the LaPorte Family by Deb & Ron Tofflemire
1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center
7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus —Fr. Ware Room
7pm Youth Group Meeting Ecole Ste Jean Baptiste Gym

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

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Jose Gonvalves by his wife Denise
† Emily Bernauer by Bopchee & Pipi
† Ray Bezaire by Helen Bezaire
Living Pat Mayville by Anita & Cindy
6:30pm Confirmation Meeting—Assembly Room

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† John D'Amore by Mary Lou & Val DiPierdomenico
† Amedina Simone by the Diceco Family
† Matteo Cristofaro (London) by Michelina Cristofaro & Family
9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room
1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room
6:30pm Faith Buddies—Assembly Room
7pm Finance Meeting—Fr. Ware Room
7pm Baptismal Preparation—Fr. Martin Room
7pm Unveil—K of C Hall Amherstburg
7pm Choir Practice—Church
1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Francesco D'Alimonte
† Rosalina DiBartolomeo by the Menna Family
† Beatrice Gibb by Yolanda & George Deneau
† Lynda Barban by Carl & Jocelyn Amlin and Jean & Larry Allen
6pm Wedding Rehearsal

7pm Mass

† Angiolina Palumbo by Maria & Mario Rosati
Living Fr Stephen Marsh
Special Intentions by Joyce Jubenville
7:30 Bible Study "The Gospel of Mark" Fr. Ware Room

Friday, March 9, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Amedina Simone
† Alex Wade by the COR Family
Living Members of the Tofflemire Family by Deb & Ron Tofflemire
9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration chapel
3pm Divine Mercy Hour
7pm TGIF—Fr. Martin Room
7pm Stations of the Cross presented by the Knights of Columbus
4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry Sponsoring St John's Youth Ministry

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Dino DiBiase by Anna Vilelia
† Ray Bezaire by Helen Bezaire & Family
† Luigi Cristofaro (14 yr. Ann.) by Michelina Cristofaro & Family
10am—2:30pm 1st Comm. Lesson Fr. Martin/Assembly room
1pm Wedding Sara Hamlin and Giuseppe Chiarappa
4-4:45pm—Reconciliation
5pm—Mass

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children's Liturgy

7pm COR Meeting—Fr. Martin Room

March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Readings for March 11, 2018

First Reading : 2Chronicles 36. 14-17a, 19-23++

The wrath and steadfast kindness of the Lord are shown by the exile and restoration of the people.

Psalm : 137

Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

Second Reading : Ephesians 2.4-10

Even when you were dead in your trespasses, by God's grace you have been saved.

Gospel : John 3.14-21

God sent his holy-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Financial Report February 25, 2018

Regular Offertory

Envelopes \$ 5,725.21
Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) \$1,625.00

Assessment Total 2018

Payment -5,487.58
Assessment balance \$60,363.38

Loan for New Roof

\$50,000.00
Payment made for Jan/Feb 10,000.00
Loan balance \$40,000.00

Gift Card Report

Profit last week \$ 217.50
Total Profits for 2018 \$1,992.50
Profits from 2006-2017 \$276,575.96

Ongoing Profit to Date \$278,568.46

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

"The power that will reunite the Church and win the world is Eucharistic adoration"

Ecumenical Jihad, Peter Kreeft, Ignatius Press, S.F. 1996, p. 164

Parish Giving



A Special Lenten Fast

- Give up harsh words: use generous ones.
- Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
- Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
- Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
- Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
- Give up complaining: value what you have.
- Give up stress: take up prayer.
- Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
- Give up sorrow and bitterness: Fill your heart with joy.
- Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
- Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.
- Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

This Sunday March 4 is Father Donato's farewell event at the K of C Hall between 1 to 4pm. All are invited to drop by to say your goodbyes. Father Donato is returning permanently to DR Congo, Africa to oversee the Hope of St. Joseph Shelter that he started for young women who are victims of sexual violence and exploitation. Father will also be involved with his Xaverian Missionary Religious Order as a priest in a parish.

"Unveil with Fr. Steve Marsh continues every Wednesday at 7pm at the KC Hall. We invite you to join us if you have never been out before. It is a great time for teaching, fellowship and an opportunity to ask questions in an open and friendly environment.

This week, March 7, Fr Steve will be discussing "The 4 Last Things: death, judgement, heaven and hell." All are welcome!"



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Porn often takes a heavy toll on real-life relationships. Counselor's offices and divorce courts are filling up with couples who have found that porn is killing love in their romantic relationships.



Studies show that viewing porn makes consumers more critical of their partner and less satisfied with their romantic relationship and sex life. Not only does porn impact romantic relationships, but porn influences the ways individuals view themselves, as well their friends, family members, and others around them. Porn also changes the ways that individuals view the hobbies and passions they used to love.

Consuming pornography makes many individuals less satisfied with their own partners' physical appearance, sexual performance, sexual curiosity, and affection. Over time, many porn users grow more callous toward females in general, less likely to value monogamy and marriage, and more likely to develop distorted perceptions of sexuality. Porn consumers tend to be significantly less intimate with their partners, less committed in their relationships, less satisfied with their romantic and sex lives, and more likely to cheat on their partners.

When partners find out that their other half has been consuming porn, it is very common for them to feel a whole range of negative emotions including rejection, humiliation, abandonment, isolation, loneliness, jealousy, anger, and shame. Even if they don't believe that porn is the same as cheating, they often feel a deep sense of loss, betrayal, and mistrust. The secrecy, shame, isolation, and lies that are often introduced into a relationship by compulsive porn consumption can develop into all kinds of problems.

Individuals who learn of their partner's porn habit often internalize their shame and confusion, asking themselves why they aren't 'enough.' They may feel undesirable, unattractive, and worthless. Many partners of porn consumers even start showing physical symptoms of anxiety and/or depression. And, because of the shame they feel, and their worry about being blamed for their partner's problem, some spouses isolate themselves, away from their normal sources of social support, just when they need that support the most.

But even if your partner has no problem with porn, it can still damage your relationship. Studies have clearly shown that porn erodes a person's ability to love and feel loved with a real partner. When men are exposed to porn, they rate themselves as less in love with their actual partners, and less satisfied with their relationships and sex lives. They become more critical and dissatisfied with their partner's appearance, sexual performance, sexual curiosity, and displays of affection. Ironically, porn is directly related to problems with attraction, arousal, and sexual performance, as well as lower sex drive, erectile dysfunction, and difficulty reaching orgasm.

The key to a strong, long-lasting relationship is the couple's ability to build emotional intimacy. Emotional intimacy, not sexual intimacy, is what makes a relationship most meaningful. Emotional intimacy makes a person feel valued, cherished, loved, cared for, listened to and appreciated. There is no intimacy with porn.

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