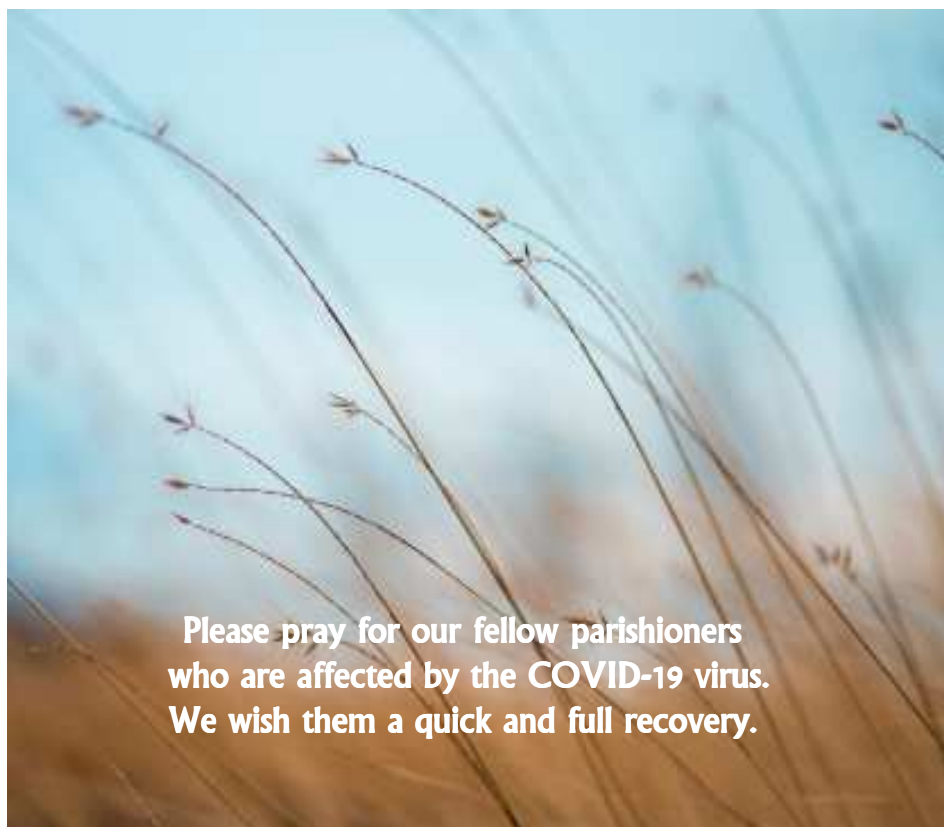


# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2020



## *With Our Deepest Sympathy*

Our condolences to friend and parishioner, Barbara Turley for the loss of her husband, Daythel Allen Turley, who died Aug. 21. He was 80.

He worked at Matlack, Inc., of Kentucky for 25 years.

Mr. Turley served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

We appreciate his service to our country.

Mr. Turley was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post No. 111 and served as Post Commander. He also belonged to the Disabled American Veterans and the M.O.C. Topeka No. 3.

Services were Aug. 30.

## Weekly Collection

	Sept. 6, 2020	Sept. 13 2020	Sept. 20, 2020
Envelopes:	\$ 4,211	\$ 2,404	\$ 2,782
Maintenance:	\$ 805	\$ 175	\$ 875
All Saints	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50
Candles	\$ 92	\$ 0	\$ 0
The Leaven	\$ 395	\$ 130	\$ 88

## Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Source:mycatholic.life*

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## Update on Mass Schedule

9 a.m. Sunday Mass  
8 a.m. Thursday Mass

Call the rectory if you would like an appointment for confession.



Our parish volunteers continue to prepare sack lunches on the second Monday of the month. The next one is Oct. 12.

For some, this lunch may be the only meal they eat each day. Bring donations to the parish house, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

God bless you and thank you for your thoughtfulness to others.

Just a friendly reminder...

*The Leaven* is the official Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. It is published weekly from September to May - and delivered to your mailbox.

St. John's parishioners will automatically receive the publication at the address given at the time of church registration.

If you are not receiving *The Leaven*, please contact Phyllis Hampton at the rectory.

A donation of \$21 per year is requested. Please use your church envelope marked *The Leaven* from your September packet.

You may also keep up with Archdiocese news by reading the paper online at [theleaven.org](http://theleaven.org).

## St. Vincent de Paul, Patron Saint of Charitable Societies

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the spiritual needs of the peasantry of France.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow missionaries to work among poor tenant farmers and country people.

After working in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, Vincent returned to lead the Congregation of the Mission or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, devoted themselves entirely to people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. With the help



of the Daughters of Charity, he organized the wealthy of Paris to collect funds for missionary projects and founded hospitals.

Although he had an "irascible" temperament, he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help the impoverished who lived in Paris slums.

Today, the organization has nearly a million members in 140 countries. The group operates thrift shops in which proceeds benefit the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) dedicated his life to serve the poor. He is celebrated on Sept. 27.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and Wikipedia.

### Pen-Pals

Looking for parishioners  
to exchange letters  
with students from Resurrection  
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### First Reading (EZ 18:25-28)

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

### Responsorial Psalm (PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.)

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

### Second Reading (PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5)

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

or

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### Alleluia (JN 10:27)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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### Gospel (MT 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."



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Anonymous

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