

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

Please pray for the soul of Greg Krzyston.  
May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

## Family Movie Night Next Sunday

A Faith formation Family Movie Night is planned for September 11 at St John the Baptist at 7:15 pm! Kick off the school year with our faith community with an outdoor movie and snacks. Also, there will be an opportunity to register for faith formation, if you have not already done so.

## Is God Calling?

St John the Baptist needs a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this year. Is this how God is calling you to share your time and talent? Contact Donna Cox 607.829.6305 or Katherine Giel-skie 607.437.7474 for more info.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in  
His earthly life shared our toil  
and hallowed our labor: be present with  
Your people where they work; make those who  
carry on the industries and commerce  
of His land responsive to Your will;  
and give to us all a pride in what we do,  
and a just return for our labor  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Faith Formation**

**September 11:** Family Movie Night at  
St. John the Baptist, 7:15 pm.

**September 18:** Faith Formation begins~  
St. Peter at 8:30 am and St. John at 10 am.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in the Gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

## Alpha Course Thursday

The Alpha Course begins Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Red Brick Church, 58 East Street, Walton at 11 am (w/lunch) & 6 pm (w/ dinner).

## Bible Journey Begins Next Sunday

Beginning at St. Peter's Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (4 pm in October) the Bible Journey will meet every other week for 26 weeks for about two hours (classes alternating between St. John's and St. Peter's). It is a good opportunity to car-pool and enjoy fellow parishioners on the journey. Call 865.7394, 746.2503, or email: stjohnstpeter@gmail.com.

*"The best Bible for the journey is the one with which you are most comfortable. Please bring it with you. Preferred versions include: a) The New American Bible, b) The Revised Standard Version, or c) "Today's English Version"--The Good News Bible. I have twelve free copies of 'Today's English Version"--The Good News Bible. It is highly readable, illustrated, and I will bring them to the first class; first come, first serve."-Deacon Freeman*  
[Reading on back cover.]

## Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or other special anniversary? Join couples and our Bishop for Liturgy 2 pm October 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany (reception follows). Call St. Peter (746.2503) or St. John (865.7394) to register.

God of all wisdom,

The tides of this world carry  
Your children on many waves,  
truly, sometimes, waves of hope  
but also waves of migration, waves  
of war, waves of political upheaval,  
waves of natural disaster,  
currents that sometimes wash them  
beyond our reach.

Lord, as we call to mind these  
youngest ones, tossed on the seas of  
fate, we ask that You endow us all as  
educators.

Bless our schools, be they in buildings,  
in tents, or on a blanket under a tree,  
that we may bless our children.

Bless our neighbor's children.

Bless all the children of this world  
with the tools of knowledge, the paths  
to wisdom, and the keys to freedom.

And when waves carry them beyond  
our horizons, they are not beyond the  
reach of learning.

They are not beyond the reach of  
understanding.

And someday, they will help us conquer  
those same tides: together building  
peace, together building just societies,  
with a place for all. Amen

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Are you an employer? Are your personnel policies family friendly? Are you an employee? Are there any changes you can make in your work schedule that would make your parenting easier? Evaluate your Life/Work Balance ([susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#WorkLifeBalance](http://susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#WorkLifeBalance)). Not employed and happy. Be grateful.

## Blessed Sacrament Centennial

Blessed Sacrament School in Albany will celebrate their centennial September 17 & 18 with Saturday Mass at 6 pm and Bishop Scharfenberger celebrating Mass noon on Sunday with receptions following both.

Visit: [bss100.org](http://bss100.org) or call 518.482.3375.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

If you want to build a tower or plant a garden you need to plan ahead. So too, if you want to build a strong marriage, plan ahead. Plan a date for next weekend. Sign up now for a marriage enrichment event ([susanvogt.net/Marriage.htm#MarriageLinks](http://susanvogt.net/Marriage.htm#MarriageLinks)) sometime this year. Don't procrastinate.

## ***Peace & Justice:* Wage Theft**

In the past two weeks alone, workers recovered, or are in the process of recovering, stolen wages on a Nebraska farm, in a Hollywood animation studio, at a Papa John's franchise, at a popular burger chain founded by an actor, at a Hilton Hotel, and that's just the tip of the iceberg! The publication, The Week, wrote about wage theft last week, calling it "one of the biggest crime waves in America".

Not every wage theft case gets reported and only a tiny slice of workers who are victims of wage theft ever recover their stolen pay. Estimates of the scale of wage theft show that workers lose at least **\$50 billion** per year from unscrupulous employers.

One simple way to ensure that working people aren't victims is to create a uniform system of documentation for payrolls nationwide. The Paystub Disclosure Act would do just that, mandating that every employer provide paystubs to their employees. Stop wage theft by asking your Representative & Senators to support the Pay Stub Disclosure Act. Offer your support at: [IWJ.org](http://IWJ.org).