

**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023**

St. John the Evangelist Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. August 5 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. August 6- 8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Susan Podoletz
Sun. August 6- 10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Iris Tatar

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. August 5- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. August 6 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. August 6- 10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. August 5- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. August 6 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci, Daniel Tucovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. August 6- 10:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Marilyn Bevan, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. August 5 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. August 6- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz
Sun. August 6- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. August 5- 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
Sun. August 6- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. August 6- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. August 5- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sat. August 6 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED
Sun. August 6 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

40 WEEKS WITH ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Monday, July 31st, we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He was born in 1491 in the ancestral castle of the Loyola family in the Basque province of Spain, the youngest of 13 children of a noble and wealthy parentage. After a life of chivalry and military prowess, He found himself hospitalized with a serious wound to his leg. During that time of recovery, he began reading the lives of the saints, and was moved to a conversion of life. He gave up his life of royalty and would commit himself to the following of Christ. He would go on to found the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), now the largest religious community in the world. He is noted for his spiritual writings, especially his Spiritual Exercises. Our 40 weeks is grounded upon his spiritual insights. We can perhaps best understand the depth of his spirituality by reflecting upon his prayer:

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing I am doing Your Will. Amen.

OTHER SAINTS OF THE WEEK: In addition to celebrating the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this week we will be celebrating the memory of St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696 - 1787), an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732. We also remember this week St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. Known as the Cure of Ars, it is said that as he was journeying to his assignment in Ars, he asked for directions from a young boy, and is noted as saying, "show me the way to Ars and I will show you a way to heaven."

PARISH PICNIC: The Annual St. John's Parish Picnic is this Sunday, July 30th after the 10am Mass in the school gym. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship with your parish community. We will have a basket raffle and games and crafts for the kids. Appetizers will be served beginning at 11:15am and lunch will begin at 12:00pm. Hope you will join us as we welcome Fr. Justin Treon and say farewell to Fr. Brian Norris!

DIVORCED BUT NOT ALONE: Please join us for a social on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall in Port Matilda if you are in the process of a divorce, recently divorced or divorced for years. We invite those interested or curious to come and meet others who understand. You are not alone.

The gospel offers hope for life — whether things are going well, or everything is falling apart. In each circumstance, the Church is called to love, care for, and support each other. As the body of the church, we are hoping to build a community of support. We are opening this invitation up to all Good Shepherd parishioners, everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, as well as to our local community. The future direction of this group will be decided by those who come. Asking for help is one of the bravest things you can do. We hope to see you! Please contact Marcella Fickes mfickes@dioceseaj.org or Paula Campbell paulamcampbell@comcast.net for more information.

MISSION APPEAL: On August 5 & 6, 2023, Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T. (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Binoj Mathew serves as the Novice Master for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, USA. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of the Christians in this secluded part of the country belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the county children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha Elementary School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a Monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Schedule for the Week of July 30

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Melvin & Pauline Weyandt* requested by Linda Weyandt

10:00 AM - Mass for *Deceased members of the Podoletz family* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

Monday, July 31— St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 AM - Mass for *Carol Bismark* requested by Dee Schmerbeck

Tuesday, August 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 AM—Mass for *Michael DeStefano* requested by Ron & Sue Nori

Wednesday, August 2 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Leroy Musselman* requested by Anna Musselman

Thursday, August 3 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Friday, August 4 - St. John Vianney

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Baca* requested by family

Saturday, August 5- Vigil of The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, August 6— The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Swalga* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00 AM - Mass for *Daniel Kubitsky* requested by Donna Messner

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Center at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend bulletin.

COFFEE TALK: What is the Independent Catholic Foundation? Join us after morning mass on Thursday, August 10 in the Parish Center for coffee and pastries. Chris Ringkamp will discuss the mission of the Independent Catholic Foundation and how St. John's benefits from its Catholic-invested endowments.

YARD SALE: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1755, is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, August 5th beginning at 7am until 1pm at 1200 N. Juniata Street and Cedar Blvd. (Across from Legion Park) There will be a large variety of good items-Always a nice selection! All are welcome!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: 17th Sunday A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" worth it even if it seems "hidden." We must intentionally search for it even in the noise of the world. We need wisdom to recognize it. The Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose.

(www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

July 15/16

Envelopes	\$ 3,459.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,018.00
Parish Development	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,633.75
Total Offertory	\$ 6,160.75

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$32,475

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$32,050

ST JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: A new season begins on Friday September 8th, continuing every other week through April. Last year we had 35 bowlers: parishioners, friends and family members. Please consider joining us! We have bowlers of all abilities that come together for an evening of fun and fellowship. Singles and couples are both welcome, we'll place you on a four-person team. New and returning bowlers are asked to put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. The sign-up deadline is August 6th. For more information, call Gary Johnson at 814-931-7832.

REACHING OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS: Dorothy Yingling is a temporary resident at the Allegheny Lutheran Home, 911 Hickory Street Room 223B Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. She would like to hear from her fellow parishioners. Her cell phone is 814-330-0763. You may call her, send cards and she would also welcome visitors.

CATHOLIC REVIVAL: A FIRE rally, a summer Catholic revival is being held at St Michael's church in Hollidaysburg on August 1, 8, and 15th. The speakers are Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1st), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8th), and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15th including Mass) No registration or fee. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter
Idy Caporuscio • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee DeStefano • Nancy Fogel • Don Free
Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck
Carol Rodgers • Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte
Mary Truesdale • Dorothy Yingling**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Mark Paule Sr., brother of Pauline Wiley
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

OUR NEXT SESSION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT: *Have you, your family or friends experienced a significant loss through death? Dealing with your loss, whether recent or in the past may still be difficult. The Parish Family at St. John and St. Rose would like to help.*

The Journey Through Loss Support Group will be holding weekly meetings beginning on Wednesday August 23rd. We meet in the St. Johns Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 PM. *This six week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss, and offer positive ideas for coping. If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the Journey Through Loss Support Group, contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076, This is a Catholic/Christian faith based program. All denominations are welcome!*

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are currently looking for several more volunteers to fill orders at the scrip table during Mass. If you look at our Ministry Schedule, you will see many positions that are open. Scrip volunteers are scheduled through our Ministry Scheduler Pro just like the other ministries. You can specify the mass times and weekends you are willing to serve in this capacity. With enough volunteers signed up, no one should have to serve every weekend. Please call the office at 814-942-5503 if you are willing to volunteer.

SCRIP TIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases with the mobile app RaiseRight. Anytime you want, anywhere you go. Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>
Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bishop Guilfoyle will be holding a Vacation Bible School this August for any interested area children in grades K through 4. The VBS will take place daily from 9 a.m. to noon each morning, Monday-Friday, August 7th-11th. The program is designed and run by our BG students, with Mr. Bob Sutton (BG campus minister) supervising. The cost is \$15 per student for the whole week. To register, please contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org by Wednesday, August 2nd!

HAITI NEWS: St. John's parishioners have been admirably generous in financially supporting our twin parish, Sts. Peter and Paul. Since the end of 2019, the protesting and gang action have caused a crisis in every category needed for a functioning country. Our Friends in Marmont are suffering the consequences of the turmoil and danger. Even basic food (rice and beans) are limited. Father Bernard is promoting more gardening by the people. Please look at the display in the Gathering Space. Three photos show us their Feast Day Celebration: the liturgy and the luncheon. Food you have helped provide. Also there is a photo of Father Bernard beginning to harvest from the garden behind the rectory. The student sponsorship for the next school year will begin in late August. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DRIVE: Catholic Charities has reached out requesting some help to replenish hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They are currently out of shampoo and men's deodorant and are very low on women's deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper. Cleaning supplies are always in need. If you are able to donate, please place the items in the box in the Gathering Space marked Catholic Charities Drive. Thanks for your support!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Celebrating Mass for a definite intention is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The intention may be for the repose of a deceased person's soul, or for the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of a person or persons who are living, especially on the occasion of a wedding anniversary or birthday, or for someone's personal/private/health intention. Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated for someone's intention can be more beneficial and comforting than any other expression of sympathy, concern, and love. Mass cards are available so that you can notify the person or family of your request. Though not obligatory, the usual offering within the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is \$10.00. If you have any questions, or to submit an intention, please call the office (814-942-5503).

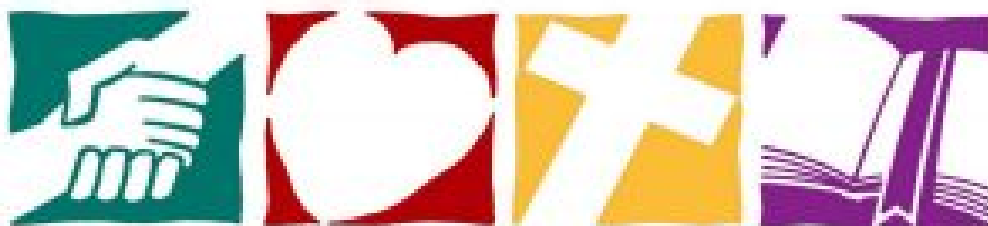
We're Looking for Catechists and Helpers for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation Year!

CLASSES BEGIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND RUN THROUGH MID-MAY

What's Involved in Being a Catechist?

As a catechist, you'll plan and teach small classes throughout the year. You will be provided with numerous resources to help you plan for your lessons such as textbooks, supplemental materials, and online resources. Our classes are typically scheduled every other week on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:45am. For the safety and protection of our parish children, all of our catechists, substitutes and volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Children and Youth Protection Policy.

We know you may have questions or concerns about this volunteer position so please contact Diane Ryan in the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 or stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to be a catechist, substitute or helper for our upcoming Faith Formation Year.



Faith Formation

Are you ready to fulfill your Confirmation vow to live a life for Christ by passing on the Faith? Are you looking for ways to give your time and talent to the Church? Is the Holy Spirit guiding you and telling you to get involved but you aren't sure how? Becoming a Catechist for Faith Formation might be the answer for you! Below are some common questions and concerns that people have about teaching Faith Formation.

I'm not a teacher, how would I teach a class?

Very few of our catechists are teachers by profession. What's important is your love for Jesus and your faith and wanting to share this with our children in the parish. We also provide resources to help you plan!

What if I don't know that much about religion?

None of us know everything about religion! We are all constantly learning about our faith, even as adults. And if you don't know the answer to a question, let the children know that you aren't sure, but maybe you and the students can learn the answer together!

What do I have to do to become a teacher?

You need to be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the Church and you have to complete the Diocesan Youth Protection Clearances and paperwork. Then you only have to renew these every 5 years!

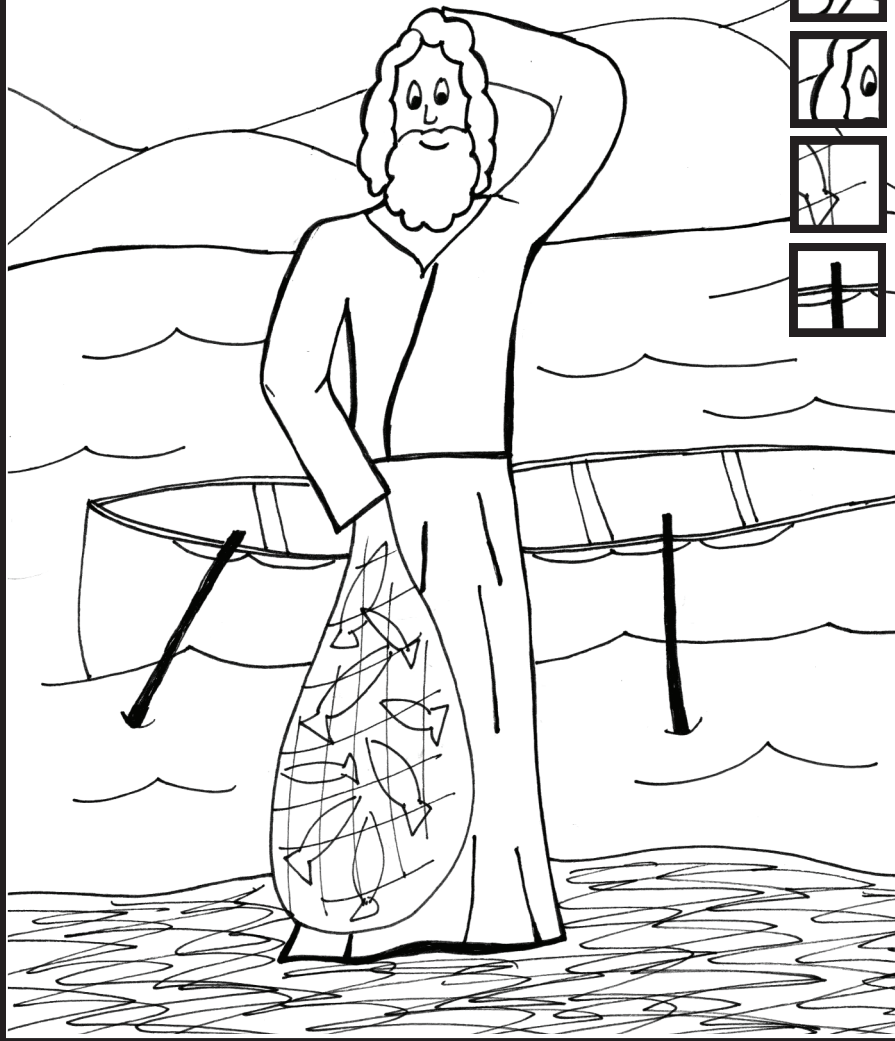
I don't really have time to teach Faith Formation.

Faith Formation classes are usually every other Sunday, so only about twice a month for an hour and a half each time. So it's only about 3 hours a month with a little additional time to plan for the upcoming lesson outside of class.

Are you interested in becoming a catechist or would like more information? Please contact Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503.

Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men," Saint James said, "Yes!" He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Year A: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

July 30, 2023
Ordinary Time
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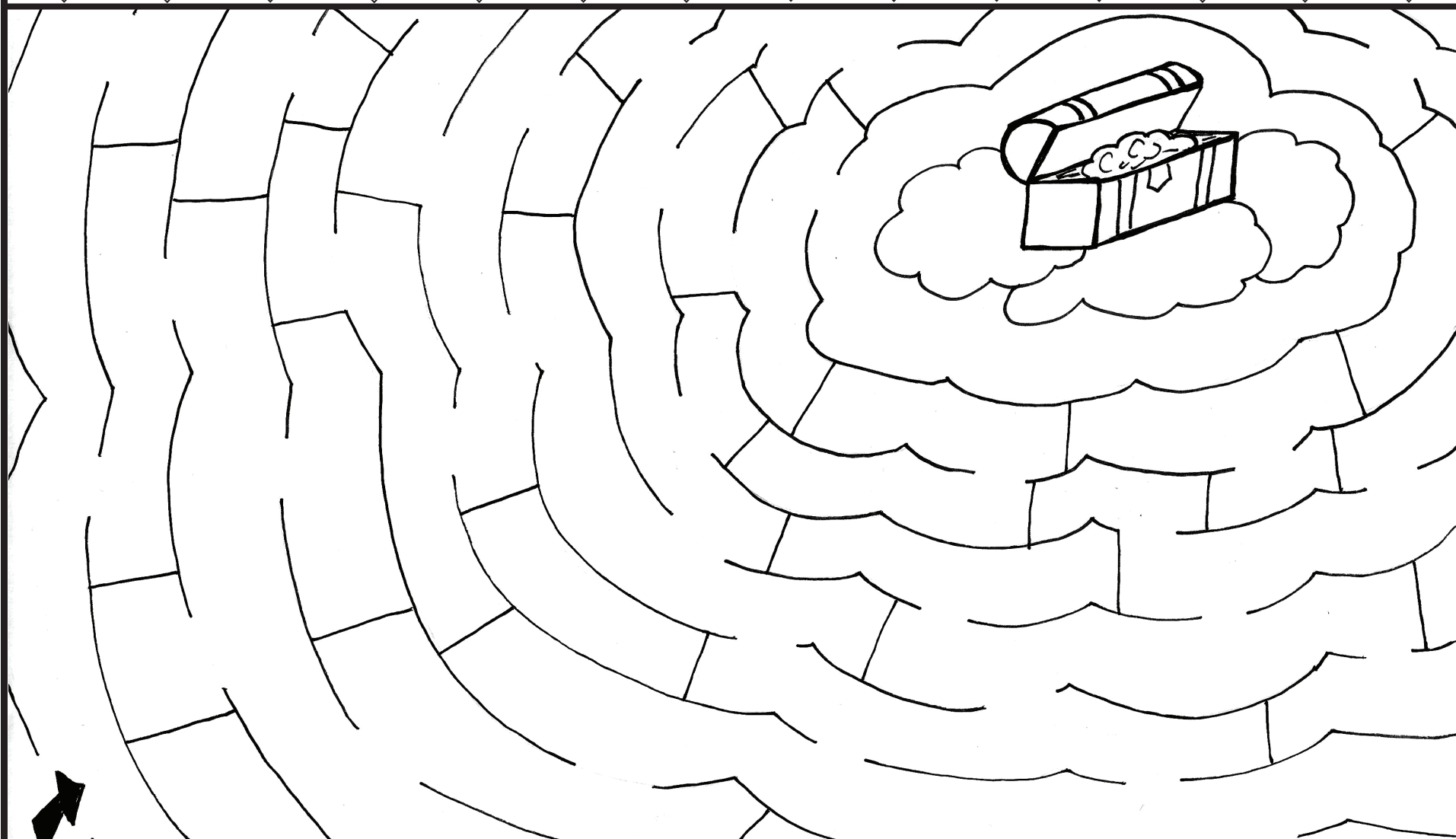
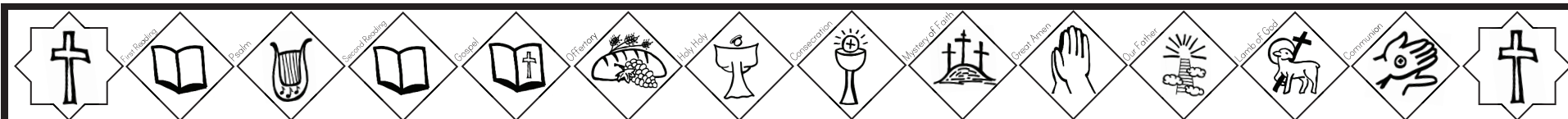
Lord,
I love your
commands.

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Look at the artwork in
your church. Are there
any pictures of heaven?



In the Gospel today, Jesus is talking about Heaven.
Heaven is more awesome than finding a buried treasure.