

WELCOME TO  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867  
*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

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## **Good News!**

The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted—a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, Could anyone help me?

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God."

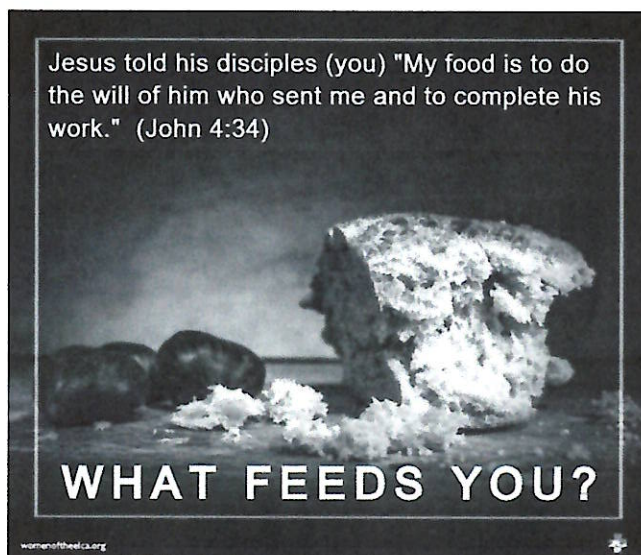
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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2023**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	03/11	4:00	P. M.	+Richard Stevens (Martha Stevens)	
	SJB	03/11	6:00	P.M.	+Bob and +Frances Farley (Bill and Alberta Wesel)	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	03/12	7:30	A.M.	+Kelton Fliehman (Ferris and Susan Arnold)	
	OLM	03/12	9:30	A.M.	+Kelton Fliehman (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	03/12	11:00	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Vincent Huck Family)	
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	03/13	8:00	A.M.	+Helen Miller (Mary Brooker Family)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	03/14			No Mass	
	OLM	03/14	5:00	P.M.	+Jerry Huck (Jerry Huck) Ecumentical Service	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	03/15	8:20	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Dave and Barb Huck)	School Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	03/16			No Mass	
	OLM	03/16	5:00	P.M.	+Ken Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)	Stations of the Cross to follow
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	03/17	6:00	P.M.	+Clarence Walter (Charlotte Lang Family)	Stations of the Cross to follow
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	03/18	4:00	P. M.	+Living and Deceased of Herbert Huck Families (Max and Tess Huck)	
	SJB	03/18	6:00	P.M.	+Lawrence and +Margaret Schaad (Larry and Janet Schaad)	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	03/19	7:30	A.M.	+James Arnold (Anniversary) (Family)	
	OLM	03/19	9:30	A.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	
	SJB	03/19	11:00	A.M.	+Mary Zwick (Regis Huck)	



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCH. MINISTER
<b>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</b>	Cody and Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Melinda Treadway
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</b>	Connor McCartney, Henry Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
<b>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</b>	Sydney and Isabella Lang	Brynnlee Pottmeyer	Tonia Skinner

<p><b><u>COLLECTION</u></b></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$3,110            Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750            Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p><b><u>DPSC</u></b></p> <p>2023 Collected \$14,820            2023 Goal \$25,341            Thank you!</p>	<p><b><u>BINGO</u></b></p> <p>February 26-Group 5 \$4,020            If you are unable to attend,            please find a replacement.</p>
<p><b><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Mar 12 Group 7 with B.J. Davis            Mar 19* Group 1 with Jeff Brooker            Mar 26* Group 8 with Russ Lang            Apr 2 Group 2 with Jessica Henke            Apr 9 No Bingo (Easter)</p>	<p><b><u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u></b></p> <p>March and April            Group E-Susan Arnold</p> <p>May and June            Group F-Tonia Skinner</p>	<p><b><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></b></p> <p>Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.</p>

<p><b><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></b></p> <p>1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14            John 9:1-41</p>	<p>Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday</p>
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### **NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Congratulations to our new members of Parish Council: Lauren Alexander, Zandra Francis, Maria Huffman (due to a tie in the voting, we will have three ladies joining council), Arnold Huck and Clay Miller. Thank you to all of our nominees.

### **D.P.S.C.**

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place this weekend. Our DPSC Goal this year is \$25,341 (down \$992 from last year's goal due to money donated to the school). Your gift to the DPSC helps to educate seminarians, care for retired priests, offer administrative support for Catholic schools, train catechists, fund youth ministry activities, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching (especially through the Steubenville Register), promote the sanctity of life, assist those most in need through Catholic Charities, and so much more. Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in by March 26.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held on March 22nd In the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

### **CWC MONTHLY MEETING**

The CWC Monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 13 in the Sr. Center. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with praying the Rosary with the meeting to follow. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** - Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be raising the price of votive candles in Churchtown to \$3 each due to a rise in our costs of candles.

### **BISHOP GRANTS DISPENSATION**

Recognizing that St Patrick's Day falls on Friday, March 17 this year, Bishop Jeffrey Monforton dispenses the faithful entrusted to his care and those Catholics who are within the territory of the diocese from the obligation to abstain from meat on this day.

### **K OF C SCHOLARSHIP**

Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 2023 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 19, 2023. Please apply at the link below: <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27> Information and a link to the application can also be found on our Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the application are available in the back of the churches. Any questions email [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com) or call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

The K of C Night at the Races will be held on May 6. There will only be 300 tickets sold and tickets go on sale to the public March 20. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. More information about the event will follow.

### **LENTEN FISH FRIES**

Our Lady of Mercy in Lowell will hold Lenten Fish Fries on the following dates: March 17, and March 31. Meals will be available from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 for Adults and children under 12 will be \$6. Drive thru pickup for all To-Go Meals will be \$12.00. No need to call ahead.

### **DCCW WOMENS' DAY**

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for all women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25. The theme for the day is "The Seven Sorrows of Mary". Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Kern (740) 749-3371 or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018.

Third Sunday of



# PASTOR'S PAGE

**Franciscan University of Steubenville** recently launched Faith and Reason, a new online platform. The site, available at FaithAndReason.com, makes engaging Catholic resources created by Franciscan University more easily accessible to a wider audience. "We are very excited to launch Franciscan University's Faith and Reason website and offer Catholic content that educates, evangelizes, and encourages people to dive deeper into their faith journey and grow in their love for Jesus Christ," said Kimberly Sponseller, executive director of Marketing and Communications at Franciscan University.

Faith and Reason includes:

- Full, recent episodes of Franciscan University's long-running EWTN show, *Franciscan University Presents*, covering a variety of theological and cultural topics. Hosted by Franciscan University President Father Dave Pivonka, TOR '89, with theology professors Dr. Regis Martin and Dr. Scott Hahn, the show features guests such as Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Noelle Mering, and Father Gerald Murray.
- *Franciscan Magazine* stories highlighting academics, student and alumni profiles, current and historical events, theology, and more.
- Podcasts from Franciscan University, including the *Legends From the Hill* alumni podcast and the *They That Hope* podcast hosted by Father Pivonka and catechetics professor Deacon Bob Rice.

It also features a brand-new podcast, *Franciscan University Presents*. The podcast brings episodes from the hit EWTN television show to an audio-only format for the first time, allowing listeners to enjoy *Presents* episodes about prayer, Church teachings, societal issues, and more while on the go. The *Franciscan University Presents* podcast is available to stream on Faith and Reason, as well as most major podcast apps.

Faith and Reason's resources will continue to expand in the future, said Sponseller.

"We will regularly add new videos, articles, and other faith-filled content featuring Franciscan University's top theologians, scholars, evangelists, guest speakers, and more for our Catholic audiences to enjoy and be edified," she said.

The site's name draws inspiration from St. John Paul II, who said, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."

To learn more, visit [faithandreason.com](http://faithandreason.com).

What is a parish council? Preside over by the pastor, the parish council made up of Christian Faithful who share in the pastoral care of the parish, possesses a consultative vote only, help in fostering pastoral activity.

What is finance council? Each parish is required to have a finance council by Church law (canon law), in this Christian Faithful are selected to aid the pastor in the administration of parish goods and operations.

**Basilica of the Assumption PRE-CANA** A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Basilica. If you are planning to be married within the next year you should register for this session by calling the Basilica office, 373-3643. **Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.**

**St. John the Baptist Cemetery Association** is seeking bids for the opening and closing of graves in our cemetery.

## **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT**

- 1) Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
- 2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full, meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4) **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.**
- 5) Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life for Catholics especially during Lent.

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## **Remember Our Seminarians**

Studying at

### **Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

### **the Pontifical College Josephinum**

(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

is John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @dsvocations

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>



# St. John Central School Designer Purse Bingo 2023

Saturday March 25, 2023  
K of C Hall  
Churchtown, Ohio

Doors open at 5pm

BINGO starts at 7pm

**COST: \$25 per ticket**  
Includes 20 games  
**Reserve a table of 8 for \$40**

Winner of each game will receive a new designer handbag!

Mystery Wallet & 50/50 Raffles, Silent Auction & Country Store Items

Concessions will be available!

Proceeds benefit St. John Central School  
(Cash, & Personal Checks will be Accepted)

To purchase tickets contact:

- Any St. John Central Family or the school at 740-896-2697

Tickets are limited!

To ensure your ticket, please purchase your tickets early!

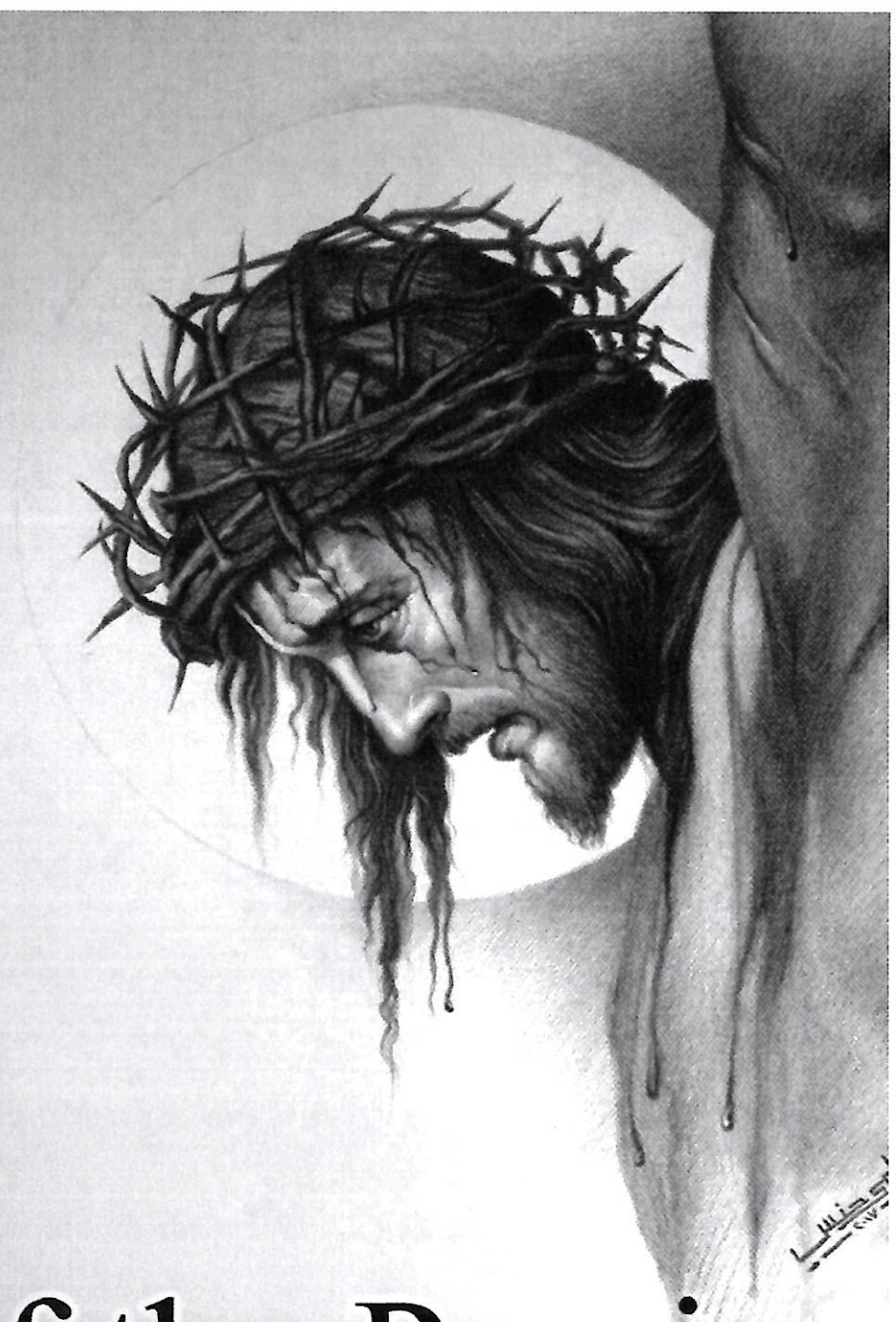
Must be 18 years or older to enter.

Vera Bradley

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No one has  
greater love  
than this,  
to lay down  
one's life for  
one's friends.

John 15:13



# People of the Passion

With over 25 annual performances.

Every year you will recognize yourself in a different character.

A unique and powerful experience with Christ Jesus.

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm

St. Bernard, 307 7<sup>th</sup> St., Beverly, OH

# What Does Jesus Want? John Sablan Knows

John is a child of God, a devoted husband and father, Catholic speaker, evangelist and podcaster.

Answering the call to evangelize, John's goal is to inspire others to come to a deeper love and knowledge of our Catholic faith in order to better serve God, the Church and the world with fervor and fire!

Together we will hear John spread the wonderful message of God's mercy and love and help others encounter a God who desires nothing less than an intimate relationship with each and every one of us.



**Sun:** Catholicism: What, Why and How  
**Mon:** Evangelization: Practical Steps  
**Tues:** Discipleship

## St. Bernard Lenten Mission

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
309 7<sup>th</sup> St., Beverly, Ohio  
[StBernardBeverly.org/Mission](http://StBernardBeverly.org/Mission)