

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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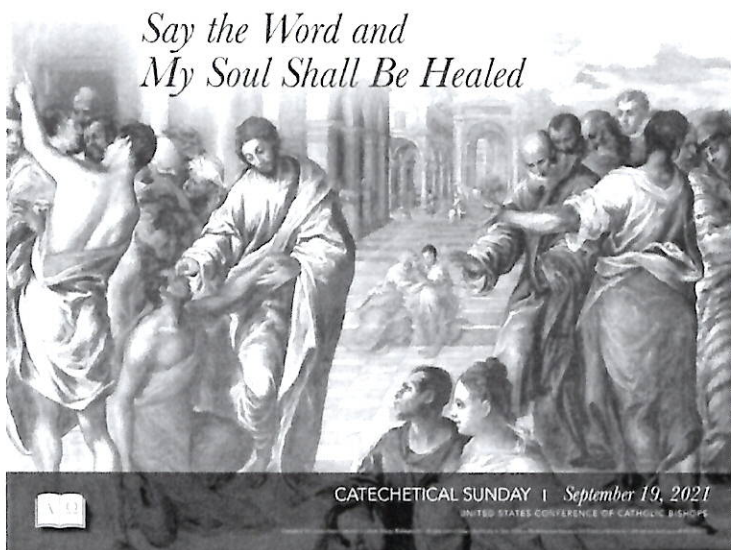
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## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 19, 2021

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## *Good News!*

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	09/18 4:00	P.M.	Deanna Lang	
	SJB	09/18 6:00	P.M.	+Bryan Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
Sunday	SJB	09/19 7:30	A.M.	+Mildred Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)	SJB=St. John's
	OLM	09/19 9:30	A.M.	Jim Whitaker	OLM=Our Lady of Mercy
	SJB	09/19 11:00	A.M.	+Rob Adams (Geraldine Poulzide)	
Monday	SJB	09/20 8:00	A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Tim Brooker Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	09/21 8:00	A.M.	+Bernard Brooker (Jeff Canterbury Family)	
	OLM	09/21 6:00	P.M.	In Honor of St. Jude	
Wednesday	SJB	09/22 8:20	A.M.	+Bob and +Edna Lang (CWC) School Mass	
	OLM	09/22 6:00	P.M.	Rose Mary Yost	
Thursday	SJB	09/23 8:00	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Leo and Joan Huck)	
	OLM	09/23 6:00	P.M.	For The People	
Friday	SJB	09/24 8:00	A.M.	+Dave Minder (Charlotte Lang Family)	
Saturday	OLM	09/25 4:00	P.M.	Martha J. Williams	
	SJB	09/25 6:00	P.M.	+Francis and +Mary Luella Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	
Sunday	SJB	09/26 7:30	A.M.	+Vincent Huck (Ferris and Susan Arnold)	
	OLM	09/26 9:30	A.M.	+Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker	
	SJB	09/26 11:00	A.M.	+Matthew Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	

IF ANYONE WANTS  
TO BE FIRST  
THEY MUST BE  
THE VERY LAST  
AND SHALL CALL HIMSELF  
THE SERVANT  
OF ALL

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCH. MINISTER
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Theresa Sauer
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Isaiah Tullius, Parker Kern	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Kern

### COLLECTION

Total Collection \$4,650  
Needed to meet parish needs \$3,814

### DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651  
2021 Collected \$48,205

### BINGO

Sept. 5 - Group 8 \$4,804

There are copies of the new bingo schedule and group list in the church vestibule. Please help yourself to a copy.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE	C.W.C. WORK GROUPS	SAINT OF THE WEEK
Sep. 19 Group 2 with Jesse Henke Sep. 26 Group 3 with Randy Schilling Oct. 3 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Oct. 10 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman  If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.	September Group A-Anna Schaad October Group B-Dorothy Schaad November Group C-Andrea Ralston December Group D-Elaine Wells	Don't allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unfailing justice of God triumph over it! -St.Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), Priest, Stigmatic, Feast Day September 23

### CHECK US OUT!

Web page: [www.stjohnchurchtown.com](http://www.stjohnchurchtown.com)  
Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Nm 11:25-29  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available in the vestibule



### **RENEW YOUR SPIRIT**

Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day has been cancelled for this year.

### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION INFORMATION**

Parish School of Religion will begin October 3. Classes will meet the first three Sundays of each month from 9-10:30 a.m. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or you may register online at: <https://forms.gle/997KYeS1pi67icY58>. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory or Andrea Ralston 740-350-4669. We are still in need of a teacher for 3-5th grade and a teacher for 6-8th grade.

### **AFTERNOON OF GAMES**

Games (card and board) will be held at the Sr. Center every Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning October 1. This will last until December 31 with more information to follow. All are welcome.

### **LIFE CHAIN**

The 22nd Annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please join thousands of pro-lifers across our nation for the sanctity of life and our opposition to abortion at one of the three locations in Washington County: Beverly-On SR 60 just south of the city limits; Marietta-Muskingum Drive in front of Greenleaf Landscapes on SR 60; In Belpre on Washington Blvd. in front of Fruth Pharmacy.

**JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES:** The Diocese of Steubenville will be offering Mass to recognize significant marriage anniversaries. This year's celebration is offered for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage in 2020 or 2021. Mass will be held at Noon on Sunday, November 21 at St. Mary Basilica. No Reception will be held this year. If you would like to register, please contact the Rectory no later than October 1 to complete a registration form.

### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches only, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on September 29, 2021. At this time we are only in need of fruit cups and packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins (to put in the Takeouts). If you would like to make a donation of these, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8am on September 29, 2021. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Earthquake Recover Collection for Haiti. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pray for those who have lost so much and for those workers on the ground whose work will help so much.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Kendrick and Gabrielle (Tornes) Schwendeman who were married this weekend. May the Lord deepen their love for each other and bless them as they begin their life together.

### **FUNERAL MASS**

A funeral Mass will be held at St. John's for Donna Jean Lang Sturm on September 25, 11:00 a.m. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

### **K OF C FAMILY PICNIC**

The K of C Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 26, noon until 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be games, prizes and more. For additional information, please contact Ian Alexander 740-525-4898.

### ***Dear Padre,***

***In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?***

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that...by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614). *Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR*



## Pray for our Priests

September 18

Fr. Tim Huffman  
+ Fr. Ron Griffith

September 19

Fr. Tom Chillog  
+ Msgr Jim Marshall

September 20

Fr. Matthew Gossett  
+ Fr. Bob Mascolino

September 21

Fr. Martin Holler  
+ Msgr. CT Molloy

September 22

Fr. Thomas Nau  
+ Bishop Ottenweller

September 23

Fr. Fred Kihm  
+ Fr. John Price

September 24

Fr. Charles Moran  
+ Jerome Rojewski

September 25

Fr. Wayne Morris  
+ Vince Schiele

September 26

Fr. Paul Hrezo  
+ Stephen Yantko

September 27

Fr. Dan Heusel  
+ Fr. George Adams

September 28

Fr. Bob Borer  
+ Fr. Tullio Blasi

September 29

Fr. Tom Marut  
+ Msgr. Bob Brown

September 30

Fr. Nick Ginnetti  
+ Fr. Cornelius  
Gallagher

October 1

Fr. Thomas Nelson  
+ Fr. Jack Holmes

October 2

Fr. Anthony Batt  
+ Fr. Bill Konus

October 3

Bishop Monforton

# PASTOR'S PAGE

## Vocation... everyone has one. What's yours? Priesthood—Religious—Marriage—Sacred Single Life.

If there is a most basic vocation question, perhaps the one we hear Jesus ask in the Gospel is it. "Who do you say that I am?" Every time I hear this passage (or the similar passages found in the other synoptic gospels) I pondered what my answer to Jesus would be. I might respond that Jesus is a good teacher, leading me in the way that helps me learn about the God who has a plan for my life. At other times, my answer might reflect my belief that Jesus is the Savior, whose death brought life to me and gave me cause to live my life in a way that seeks eternal life with our Father. Another way I might reply is the response given by Peter, "You are the Christ", the Messiah, the one sent by God so that we might share in divine life through the love Jesus taught us to live. I can say all of these things about Jesus but believing them and living them each day is the real answer God desires. In this regard, Jesus may also be turning his question around to us. As we try to follow the plan God has for our lives, we may want to ask, "Who do you say that I am?" In listening for God's response, we may be given new and unexpected graces that will help us become what God truly desires us to be.

### Diocese of Steubenville Vocation Links

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations)  
Diocesan Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>  
Fr. Joshua Erickson, Vocation Director

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** - Would you like to spiritually adopt a Seminarian? Spiritual adoption simply means that you pray daily for these young men who are discerning a call from God in their life. You are welcome to write to them and simply tell them you are praying for them! Prayer is truly the best support anyone can give. **Our Seminarians:** Studying at **Sacred Heart Major Seminary** (2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206) Joseph Hahn, and Peter Stetson; studying at the **Pontifical College Josephinum** (7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499) is John Paul Gan.

### Announcing the upcoming Marriage:

-Kendrick Schwendeman and Gabrielle Tornos to be married September 18<sup>th</sup>.

-Jarrod Eichhorn and Haley McCutcheon to be married September 25<sup>th</sup>

-Montana Brooker and Dani Drayer to be married October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Tanner Pottmeyer and Amie Romine to be married October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Please pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding day and that their marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come.*

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and relatives and friends of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

**Remember, you can't please everyone.** An old man, a boy, and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked. As they went along, they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding. The man and the boy thought maybe the critic's were right, so they changed positions. Later, they passed some people that remarked: "What a shame, he makes that little boy walk." They then decided they both would walk! Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey. Now they passed some people that shamed them by saying how awful to put such a load on a poor donkey. The boy and man said they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey. As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and the donkey fell into the river and drowned. *The moral of the story:* Remember, you can't please everyone—so stop trying! There's always going to be a certain percentage of people that are going to love you, while a certain percentage will hate you no matter what you do. Accept that and focus on yourself and the people that matter. Because at the end of the day....that's all you can do.

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