ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
A parish of the RomanCatholic
Dioceseof Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor
Cell number 740-391-1093
Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired
Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

Matrimony: Engaged couples, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding, for Pre-marriage interview. Pre-marriage formation (Pre-Cana) is required to prepare for this serious, lifelong commitment.
Baptism: call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism 740-896-3566.
The Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.
Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.
Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.
Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday from 5:00-5:45 p.m., Sunday 6:45am to 7:15am and 10:00am to 10:45am. Individual appointment by calling parish office.
Bulletin Information: Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than Wednesday at 6 p.m.

32nd AND 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 7-8
NOVEMBER 14-15



Good News!

We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the "end of time"—that moment we await in which all of God's dreams for us will be realized. The "kingdom of God come." Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus' time, marriage was the most decisive event of one's life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party—and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake!

In the parable in today's gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family's home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately.

The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to "keep it burning bright" until that time in which we "come out to greet him." At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright—the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yourself.

PLEASE NOTE....THIS IS A TWO WEEK BULLETIN

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	11/07	4:00	p.m.	+Dale and +Marian Stalter (Virgil and Martha Huck)
	SJB	**11/07**	**6:00**	**p.m.**	**Living and Deceased of Vince and Shelly Stollar Family (Family)**
Sunday	**SJB**	**11/08**	**7:30**	**a.m.**	**+Rita Shrider (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)**
	OLM	11/08	9:30	a.m.	+Darren Cheeseman (Edwin and Grace Long)
	SJB	**11/08**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**Deceased of Alvin and Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes and Family)**
Monday	**SJB**	**11/09**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**No Mass Today**
Tuesday	**SJB**	**11/10**	**8:30**	**a.m.**	**All Veterans Living and Deceased** **School Mass**
	OLM	11/10	5:00	p.m	+Ken and Patricia Stehly (Mike and Dennise Stehly)
Wednesday	**SJB**	**11/11**	**8:30**	**a.m.**	**+Leo and Lucy Huck, +Leo and Joan Huck (Wed. Anniv.) (Family)**
Thursday	**SJB**	**11/12**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**No Mass Today**
	OLM	11/12	5:00	p.m.	+Howard Huck (Nora Huffman)
Friday	**SJB**	**11/13**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**+Bernard Thieman (Mary Lou Thieman)**
Saturday	OLM	11/14	4:00	p.m.	+Tess Huck (Steve and Barb Littler)
	SJB	**11/14**	**6:00**	**p.m.**	**+Edith Brooker (Birthday 11/15) (Family)**
Sunday	**SJB**	**11/15**	**7:30**	**a.m.**	**+Harold and +Hilda Gebhart (Anniversary) (Family)**
	OLM	11/15	9:30	a.m.	+Joseph and Ida Huck Family (The Family)
	SJB	**11/15**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**+Virginia Arnold (Anniv. 11/16) (Family)**
Monday	**SJB**	**11/16**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer**
Tuesday	**SJB**	**11/17**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**No Mass Today**
	OLM	11/17	5:00	p.m	+Elaine Fisher (Dan and Elanda Fliehman)
Wednesday	**SJB**	**11/18**	**8:30**	**a.m.**	**+Jay Pottmeyer (Jerry and Virginia Dyar)** **School Mass**
Thursday	**SJB**	**11/19**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**No Mass Today**
	OLM	11/19	5:00	p.m.	+Mildred Schwendeman (Tony and Kristin Offenberger)
Friday	**SJB**	**11/20**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**+Alvin Arnold (Terry and Patti Miller)**
Saturday	OLM	11/21	4:00	p.m.	+Marie Scypher (Tom Schilling)
	SJB	**11/21**	**6:00**	**p.m.**	**+Ed and +Donna Klinger (Steve Klinger Family)**
Sunday	**SJB**	**11/22**	**7:30**	**a.m.**	**+Bill Wesel (Bill and Alberta Wesel)**
	OLM	11/22	9:30	a.m.	+Jack Smiley (David and Joanne Yeomans)
	SJB	**11/22**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**+Dave Bowen (Ted and Trina Miller)**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Chase Arteaga, Alaina Wells	Eugene Huck	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	JD Alexander	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Sophee Lang	Ashleigh Pennock	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION

Total Collection (last weekend) $3,655
Need to meet parish needs $4,750

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DPSC

2026 Collected to date $60,685
2026 DPSC Goal $36,584

THANK YOU!



Please pray for all of the men and women who are currently serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN

The Church will be open after mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week until 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6-8	Girls SEARCH Weekend
Nov 9	CWC Meeting
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov 20-22	Boys SEARCH Weekend

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul will be set up on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul is taking requests for help this Christmas. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Alberta Wesel at 740-525-4429.

CWC MONTHLY MEETING

The CWC will hold a short meeting and "Paint & Sip" on November 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Wine, paint supplies and snacks will be provided, so please RSVP by November 7 to Karen Pottmeyer 740-525-3623. If you don't like wine, you can BYOB. Must be 21 to drink wine.

KOFC 4617 MEMORIAL MASS

Knights of Columbus 4617 Memorial Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the KofC hall in Churchtown.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MARILYN KERN

You are invited to an 80th Birthday Party in honor of Marilyn Kern on November 22, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall. No gifts please, but cards would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend.



SOCKTOBER THANK YOU!

Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting St. John Central School's sixth-grade Socktober service project! Your generosity helped us surpass our goal of 2,000 pairs of socks with a total of 2,200 donated. These socks will be distributed to people in need throughout Washington and Morgan counties. Your kindness reflects Christ's love and reminds our students of the blessings that come from serving others. May God bless you for helping us bring warmth, comfort, and hope to our neighbors!

SNOW REMOVAL BID

We are currently taking bids for snow removal for the area around the Rectory, Sr. Center, Convent and the parking lot across from the Church. Please send your bid to Fr. David as soon as possible.

K OF C KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

We would like to invite students to take part in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for all boys and girls grades Kindergarten through 8th. The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and jurisdictional competitions to the international level. Our council will award the winner of each age group $25! To obtain an entry form please go to https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf) and there is a Poster Judging Fact Sheet (1 pdf). Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. We need to have the poster completed and handed in by Wednesday, November 25th, 2026. We will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 7th at 7:00pm. Posters will be displayed at the KofC Hall in Churchtown throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or at churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 21-22

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Virginia Dyar	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Keegan Pottmeyer, Connor McCartney	Hugh Arnold	Volunteer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee Lang, Weston Burt	Jerry Smith	Amanda Walters

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 28-29

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn and Alyssa Dyar	Rachel Klinger	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Lola Eichmiller, Chase Arteaga	Robin Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Jade Lang	Janelle Sprague	Lori Hart

Pastor's Message

New Parishioners
Welcome!
You can register by calling our Parish Office.

Prayer Network: Call Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 Elaine Wells 740-896-3112 to place a prayer request on the prayer line or to join in the prayers for those in need.

Becoming Catholic (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office.

Care for the Sick or Homebound:
Call the Parish Office or Marilyn Kern to set up Communion visits or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Pastoral Musicians
Valerie Strahler, Crystal Lang

PSR Coordinator
Amanda Warner

Pastoral Council
Chairperson Maria Huffman

Parish Finance Council
Chairperson Russ Lang, Casey Lang, Rachel Schott, Jeff Canterbury, Pam Brooker

Cemetery Association
Andy Miller, Kevin Brooker, Dean Hart, Howard Brooker

Senior Citizens of Churchtown
President Marilyn Kern

Club of Catholic Women
President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School
(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Becky Hilverding
Principal

Knights of Columbus
Council 4617
Grand Knight Tanner Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation
Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890

Pray for the priests of our diocese: Nov. 7 Fr. Robert Borer; Nov. 8 Bishop Edward Lohse,Nov. 9 Fr. Dan Heusal, Nov. 10 Fr. John Mucha, Nov. 11 Fr. Thomas Hamm, Nov. 12 Msgr. Michael Campbell, Nov. 13 Fr. Timothy, Huffman, Nov. 14 Fr. Thomas Nelson, Nov. 15 Fr. Kevin Barnett, Nov. 16 Fr. Jeremiah Hahn, Nov. 17 Msgr. Thomas Petronek, Nov.18 Fr. Thomas Chillog, Nov.19 Msr. George Coyne, Nov. 20 Fr. Fred Kihm.

Pray for our Seminarians: Those studying at St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road., Latrobe, Pa. 15650. Third Theology- Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkoich and First Theology – Aaron Pabin. Studying at The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499. Second Theology – John Paul Gan; Fourth College- Riley Morris; Third College – Maxmillian Kolbe Gan; Second College – William Gugala. Director of Vocations – Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti. 740-432-7509 or nginnetti@diocsteub.org.

Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly meeting – general recovery meetings are held on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Mary Margret Catholic Parish Hall I Parkersburg, WV. For more information contact John B. at (881)229-7220. or CatholicinRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com

Forgiveness and Hope after Abortion. Did fear and shame lead you or someone you know to have an abortion? Or you felt there was no other choice? Are you seeking comfort from welcoming and non-judgmental people to help you through your sadness and guilt? You are invited to make a confidential call to Project Rachel Ministry where you can connect with others who understand and can help. You're not alone anymore. Peace starts at Project Rachel Ministry. Call 740-275-7038 or visit www.diosteub.org/project-rachel.

Papal Prayer Intention for November: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide." The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration. Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336).

Eyeglasses Donation: The Lions Club is accepting donations of eyeglasses. The Lions "Recycle for Sight" program collects, refurbishes, and distributes donated eyeglasses to provide free vision correction for adults and children in need worldwide. The clubs who participate do so proudly and attentively manage collection boxes to ensure every pair makes a difference. A collection box has been placed at the entrance of our Church.

