

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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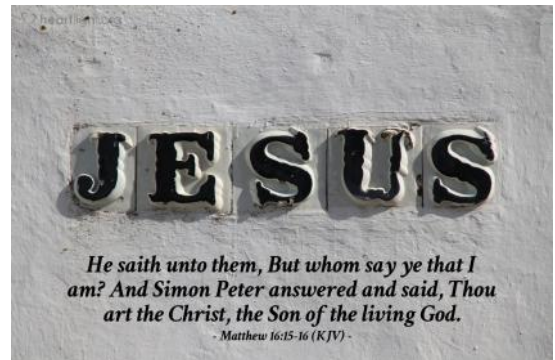


Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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

21ST AND 22ND SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2026
AND
AUGUST 29, 2026



Good News!

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: "Who do you say that I am?" Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response.

No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter's assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day.

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.

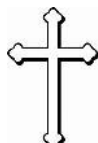
Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

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.

Please note....this is a two week bulletin!

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	08/22	4:00	p.m.	+Cheryl Brooker (08/21) (4 yr. Anniv.) (Brian Brooker)	
	SJB	08/22	6:00	p.m.	Virgil and +Martha Huck (Wedd. Anniv.) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	08/23	7:30	a.m.	+Ralph and +Pauline Zoller (Janet Schaad and Family)	
	OLM	08/23	9:30	a.m.	+Bernard Brooker (08/26) (6 yr. Anniv.) (Julia Brooker)	
	SJB	08/23	11:00	a.m.	+Ralph E. Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)	
Monday	SJB	08/24	8:00	a.m.	+Carl Lang Sr. (Monica Lang and Family)	
					+Donna Sturm (Mona Barrett and Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	08/25	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	08/25	5:00	p.m.	+Tess Huck (08/23) (3 yr. Anniv.) (Kay Offenberger)	
					Neilie Dailey and Pearl Huck (Max Huck)	
Wednesday	SJB	08/26	8:30	a.m.	+Hilda Gebhart (Birthday) (Family)	School Mass
					+Dave Bowen (Ferris and Susan Arnold)	
Thursday	SJB	08/27	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	08/27	5:00	p.m.	+Linda Huck (08/25) (7 yr. Anniv.)	
					+Elaine Fisher (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
Friday	SJB	08/28	8:00	a.m.	+Alvin Arnold (Harold Arnold and Family)	
					+Shirley Lang (CWC)	
Saturday	OLM	08/29	4:00	p.m.	+Deanna Lang (5yr. Anniv) (Katheryn Reed)	
	SJB	08/29	6:00	p.m.	+Walter and +Alma Heinz (Parish)	Happy Birthday Fr. Walter!!!
Sunday	SJB	08/30	7:30	a.m.	+Fred Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)	
	OLM	08/30	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of Raymond and Elizabeth Arnold Family (Family)	
	SJB	08/30	11:00	a.m.	+Ron Lang (Dave and Veronica Bosner)	
Monday	SJB	08/31	8:00	a.m.	+Mary E. Huck (Chris and Jenny Semon)	
					+Eldon Miller (Terry and Patti Miller)	
Tuesday	SJB	09/01	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	09/01	5:00	p.m.	TBD	
Wednesday	SJB	09/02	8:30	a.m.	+Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett and Family)	School Mass
					+Larry Schaad (Donna Tornes and Family)	
Thursday	SJB	09/03	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	09/03	5:00	p.m.	TBD	
Friday	SJB	09/04	8:00	a.m.	+Ellen Heiss (Chris Pottmeyer)	
					+David Denius (Siblings of +Vincent Huck)	
Saturday	OLM	09/05	4:00	p.m.	TBD	
	SJB	09/05	6:00	p.m.	+Ben and +Edith Brooker (Wedding Anniversary) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	09/06	7:30	a.m.	+Edward Brooker (Anniversary) (Family)	
	OLM	09/06	9:30	a.m.	TBD	
	SJB	09/06	11:00	a.m.	+Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett and Family)	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!						
COLLECTION						
Total Collection (last weekend) \$3,886						
Need to meet parish needs \$4,750						
DPSC						
2026 Collected to date \$52,605						
2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584						
						
Aug 22 Lang-Ferguson Wedding						
Sep 2 Daily Bread Kitchen						
Sep 3 Sr. Citizen Meeting						
Sep 7 Fr. Dave's Birthday						
Sep 30 Daily Bread Kitchen						
						
September 7, 2026						
						
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.						

CWC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The CWC will be starting up again in September. This meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 21 (instead of the second Monday) in the Sr. Center. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. The remaining meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

CWC MEMBERS

Now that the CWC work groups have come out, some of our younger parishioners may have noticed that their name is on the list. Once you turn 18 or join the church through marriage, you're automatically a member of the CWC. Welcome to the club!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

The new Liturgical Ministers Schedule for October, 2026 through January, 2027 is located in the church vestibule. Please stop by and pick one up.

ARNOLD FAMILY REUNION

The Raymond and Elizabeth Arnold Family reunion will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at the Our Lady of Mercy Social Hall in Lowell, Ohio. Lunch will be served at noon.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Lilah Mae Lang, daughter of Bruce and Jessica Lang. May God be with Lilah and her family now and always.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. John's group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out takeout lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, September 2nd and Wednesday, September 30th. At this time, we are in need of packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins and fruit cups (to put in the Takeouts). If you would like to make a donation of any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 30th. 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!

DUELING PIANOS

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Hall in Churchtown. \$2,000 in Prizes! Tickets: \$50/each! Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. for games and raffles. A New York Strip Steak or Grilled Chicken Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.. The Dueling Pianos Show will begin at 8:00 p.m. by Shake Rattle & Roll Pianos! Your ticket includes the dinner, show, beer/wine, and water/drinks! In addition to dinner and the show, there will be 50/50, raffles, and more games of chance. For tickets or information contact Jeff Brooker @ 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 29-30, 2026

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Tanner Crum, Abby Henke	Eugene Huck	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Eli and Lola Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hudson and Sydney Lang	Janelle Sprague	Amanda Walters

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2026

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Rachel Klinger	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	J.D. Alexander, Will Eichmiller	Zandra Francis	Volunteer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Weston Burt, Hadleigh Pennock	Reese Lang	Lori Hart

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Alaina Wells, Chase Arteaga	Kelly Miller	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	J.D. Alexander	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee Lang, Emi Lauchard	Angie Henniger	Roxanne Heiss



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

Prayer for the Sick.

Grant, O Lord of life, that we may savor every season of our lives as a gift fill with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, then place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive "passage" comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us "now and at the hour of our death." Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!

Did you know?

Only two people in the Gospels are praised by Jesus for having "great faith" – the Canaanite woman and the Roman centurion (in Matthew 8 and Luke 7). Neither was Jewish. Their trust in Jesus reminds us that faith is measured not by our background but by our confidence in God's mercy.

Catholic in Recovery (CiR) Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church parish hall in Parkersburg, WV. For more information please contact John B. at: Catholic-InRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.

Help us! As our parish continues to grow, we want to ensure we have your most current contact information on file. We try to keep up with updating addresses, telephone numbers, especially cellphone numbers, for our parishioners. It would be most helpful if you could contact the parish office and give us any updated information. As you know, we do not give this information to any telemarketers. We simply want to have current information. It's our way of knowing who is apart of the parish. Many people have moved or dropped their home phones and we have no way to keep in touch.

Take steps toward a better relationship! Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. Let your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 9th-11th, 2026. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phone and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center, London, Ohio. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at @@ME.org. Early registration is recommended.

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics to prioritize attending Sunday Mass, warning that active participation in the Eucharist cannot be replaced by virtual gatherings. "I urge everyone to seek the best possible conditions so that even those who are unable to take time off work on Sundays may take part in Holy Mass," Leo said. The pontiff said during his general audience at the Vatican on Aug. 12.

Father Tim Shannon has asked me to let you know that the date for his open heart surgery, for the repair/replacement of two heart valves, will take place on Monday, August 24, 2026, at the Cleveland Clinic. Father Tim asks that you please continue any and all prayers for the success of this surgery.

God is calling you or someone you know to join the Catholic church. OCIA is a process of prayer, study, and discussion concerning the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know would like more information regarding the OCIA process, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off/mail it to the Parish Offices.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

_____ I am not Catholic, but I am interested in learning about the Catholic Faith.

_____ I am an inactive Catholic and would like to become active in my faith.

_____ I am an active Catholic, but I have not been confirmed.

OCIA update...At present there are two individuals who have expressed an interest in the Church and one individual wishing to return to the practice of their faith. Pray for them.

Beware of SCAM Please be ware that if you receive an email or text from someone claiming to Fr. Gaydosik or Bishop Lohse, etc., from an e-mail address or number other than the one listed on the bulletin, or diocesan website, its is spam/junk. Request for money, gift cards or "favors" of any kind. **Do Not** reply, or click on any link sent. When in doubt, call the parish office to confirm the details.

Pray for the priests who serve the people of the Diocese of Steubenville.

Aug. 22nd Fr. Nicholas Ward; Aug 23rd Fr. Bradley Greer; Aug. 24th Fr. Thomas Chillig; Aug. 25th Msgr. J. Michael Campbell; Aug. 26th Fr. David Gaydosik; Aug. 27th Fr. Thomas Marut; Aug. 28th Fr. Dale Tornes; Aug. 29th Fr. Walter Heinz; August 30th Fr. David Cornett

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries for couples celebrating 10th, 20th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th or 60+ on Sunday November 8th as 12 noon at St Mary Basilica in Marietta. Register by Oct. 9th

The Knights of Columbus have the **2026 Football CRAZR** tickets are available until Oct 26.. Cost of each ticket is \$20. These tickets are in no way supported or affiliated with the NFL. The State K of C only uses the score of NFL games to determine a winner. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823 or any K of C member.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God, In this time of difficulty, be with me. When I don't feel Your presence or hear Your voice, sustain me. When I don't see the path ahead, guide me. When I don't know the next step, support me. In every day and in every moment, be my strength. Amen. ©LPi

Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

Communion for Homebound

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

ST. JOHN CEMETERY MEETING

July 28, 2026

Fr. Gaydosik opened the Cemetery meeting with a prayer. The Treasurer's report was given by Kevin Brooker.

Grave Locator:

Nancy will provide Pam with an updated grave locator. This will be loaded to our webpage.

Columbarium:

The Columbarium is in place, and we will begin placement at the top right and move down the column. The funeral home will help with the size/s needed for the placement of an urn.

We will need to update the by-laws and post them to the webpage. All cemetery services will be held on the concrete staging pad.

Headstones:

There are several headstones that have shifted in the cemetery. It is the responsibility of the family to fix this. If the family is unavailable, the cemetery committee will address the issue.

Sidewalk Concrete Drive:

There was discussion about having Rob Smith put 8 ft. concrete entrance on the right side of the concrete staging pad and a 6 ft. sidewalk in front of the columbarium with possible etching in the concrete. The approximate cost would be \$11,000 and the etching around \$2,800. The etching can be done at a later date if we want to do it. Kevin made a motion to go ahead with the sidewalk and Pam seconded the motion. This project will take place in the fall.

Flagpole in the Cemetery:

Discussion on installing a flagpole in the Cemetery. The pole will be installed near the concrete staging pad. There will be a solar light installed on it as well.

Cemetery Grounds:

Blake Tornes and Todd Schott discussed using topsoil, donated by Danny Joe Huck, to try and level out spots in the cemetery. There are several places that are unlevel and since several people walk through the cemetery, leveling out these spots will help prevent accidents. This will take place in the fall, and we will be asking the parishioners to volunteer to help with this project.

Discussion to put a second driveway in the cemetery across from the Preschool/Senior Center.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Cemetery meeting will be held on January 12, 2027, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.

St. John the Baptist- Churchtown 2025-2026 financial

INCOME

Collection Adult/ children Loose	\$ 187,938.40
Bequest/ Special Gifts	\$ 48,200.00
Church Decorations	\$ 2,535.00
Candles	\$ 1198.30
Rental	\$ 650.00
Designated Collection	\$ 11,763.57
Rel Ed.NBS	\$ 1,517.00
Reimbursement	\$ 1,718.33
transfer from Bingo	\$ 35,000.00
Total income	\$ 290,520.60

EXPENSE

Clergy-pastor	
Hospitalization retirement, etc	\$ 19,269.24
extraClerg.,	\$ 3,500.00
propertytax/ ins	\$ 20,508.60
Dio Assessments	\$ 24,626.16
clergy- travel	\$ 453.41
office I postage, subscriptions, etc	\$ 16,059.30
Laysalaries. payroll	
<u>expetlSeS,WDftercomp</u>	\$ 39,438.20
household	\$ 2,616.88
Utilities/ heat/light/water	\$ 10,589.30
Religious Education	
sacramental prep	\$ 7,555.05
mis reimbursements	\$ 2,300.00
maintenance	\$ 15,881.30
church support env	\$ 591.34
parish activites	\$ 1,737.21
altar Sanctuary liturgical	
choir candles	\$ 6,276.27
designated collections	\$ 7,705.57
schoolassessment	\$ 67,000.00
total expenses	\$ 246,107.83



ST. JOHN CENTRAL

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2025-2026 Income/Expenses

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Income	4020 Alumni Appeal	20,385.00
	Total 4000 Tuition	363,228.97
	Total 4025 ParishSubsidy	90,000.00
	4300 - Gifts, Bequests, Endow.	66,457.69
	4250-3 Rental	1,775.00
	4601- Gov. Cost Reimbursements	19,302.49
	HSEE	29,592.97
	E-rate	2,580.00
	Misc	2,737.52
Total Income		596,059.64

Expenses		
	5050 - Salaries - Lay	488,815.12
	5653 - Meetings & Continuing Ed.	1,196.25
	Total 5400 Office Supply/Expense	12,168.43
	Total 5450 - Instructional Supply	8,980.53
	5551 - Utilities/Repair/Main.	71,496.36
	HSEE	26,763.79
	5658 - St John Appeal Expenses	1,939.21
	Advertising/dues	5,244.80
	5705 - Other Expense - Technology	9,788.66
	5770 - Other exp/Preschool	2,468.96
	Auxiliary expense	15,893.55
	Misc exp(Yearbook/Music misc	6,208.19
Total Expenses		628,862.11
Net Income		-32,802.47