

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 2026

SO HAVE
no fear;
you
ARE WORTH
more
than many
sparrows

{MATTHEW 10:31}



Good News!

By: FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: “We do not share our family business with anyone.” All secrets can be difficult to keep— some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The “good news” of the gospel is that “nothing is concealed that will not be revealed” (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life.

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.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	06/20	4:00	p.m.	+Kendrick Schwendeman (1yr. Anniv.) (Parent, Sister, and Family)
	SJB	06/20	6:00	p.m.	+Edith Brooker (Anniversary) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/21	7:30	a.m.	+Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad and Family)
	OLM	06/21	9:30	a.m.	+Lloyd & +Evelyn Miller (Ron & Linda Miller)
	SJB	06/21	11:00	a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	SJB	06/22	8:00	a.m.	+Jan Weisend Hunt (Steve and Pam Brooker)
Tuesday	SJB	06/23	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/23	5:00	p.m.	+James Peters (Marilyn Peters)
Wednesday	SJB	06/24	6:00	p.m.	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (reception to follow in Sr. Center) +Vincent and +Alice Lang (Anniv.) (Bob and Peggy Byers)
Thursday	SJB	06/25	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/25	5:00	p.m.	+Gilbert Huck (Ben and Lisa Berndts)
Friday	SJB	06/26	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
Saturday	OLM	06/27	4:00	p.m.	+David Bauerbauch (Family)
	SJB	06/27	6:00	p.m.	Dave and Barbara Huck (60th Wedding Anniversary 6/25) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/28	7:30	a.m.	+Alecia Fous (Todd and Annette Schott)
	OLM	06/28	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of Joe and Ida Huck Family (The Family)
	SJB	06/28	11:00	a.m.	+Frank and +Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Abby Henke	Rachel Klinger	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Keegan Pottmeyer	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee and Sophee Lang Hadleigh Pennock	Ashleigh Pennock	Lori Hart

<p align="center"><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$2,789</p> <p>Need to meet parish needs \$4,750</p> <p align="center">Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p align="center"><u>DPSC</u></p> <p>2026 Collected to date \$42,080</p> <p>2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584</p> <p>This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!</p>	<p align="center">  </p> <p>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.</p>
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- June 20 Fr. Gaydosik's 39th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
- June 21 K of C Father's Day Fish Fry
- June 24 Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. Mass at 6pm with reception at the Sr. Center
- June 27 St. John School Booster Golf Outing
- June 28 Vacation Bible School Begins

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matthew 10:37-42

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book is now open. Masses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the Pam at the Rectory 896-3566 to schedule. If you have numerous intentions to schedule, please write them down and send it to the Rectory. Donations of \$10 are suggested for a mass. Please remember there is no mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise noted.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

Senior Citizen meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2 at the Sr. Center. All are welcome to attend.

APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER

St. John the Baptist Home and School Association has partnered up with Applebee's in Marietta for an all day fundraising event on Wednesday, July 13. Applebee's will put 25% of your order towards the school if this fundraiser is mentioned or a flyer is shown to the server.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Daily Bread Kitchen at the Marietta K of C on Wednesdays, every four weeks. Start time is 8:30 a.m. and you are welcome to come and stay as long as you would like. You do not have to stay the whole time. The day usually ends approximately 1:30 p.m. If you are able to help out please contact Anna Schaad at 740-525-0123. Feel free to help whenever you can.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held June 28-July 2. There is a donation board up in the church vestibule if you would like to donate.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE

St. John School Athletic Boosters will host a four man golf scramble at Lakeside Golf Course on June 27, 2026. Cost is \$280 per team. Registration is at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Cost includes 18 holes with cart, pop, water and hotdogs will be provided, dinner following play at the course and beverages will be for sale on the course. There will be a 50/50 raffle and skins game. Pre-register or become an event sponsor by contacting Kourtney Thieman 740-525-6503.

*Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

Pray for our seminarians (the future of our Diocese).

Deacon Caleb Baker—Christ the Light Parish, 701 Gomber Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich;— St. Vincent Seminary. 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa.15650

John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris,

Arron Pabin, and William Gugala.— Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus Ohio 43235-1499

ST. BERNARD'S CHICKEN & HAM DINNER

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish June Social with a wonderful Chicken and Ham Dinner. Wednesday June 24th, St. Bernard's Catholic Church Social Hall, 307 7th Street, Beverly, Ohio. Meal Serving Time 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Meal \$15.00, Child Meal \$6.00 (ages 10 and under). Take-out meals are available. Meal includes many delicious side dishes, dessert and beverages. Children's games begin at 5:00 p.m. A raffle is being held for many very nice items including a large Ohio State University themed quilt. For additional information you may contact the church by phone at 740-984-2555 or Email to StBer-Bev@Frontier.com.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of July and August. The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for July 1 at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, Ohio, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook and a committee member will get back to you.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, starting at 4:00 p.m., on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a country store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

HAPPY 39TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

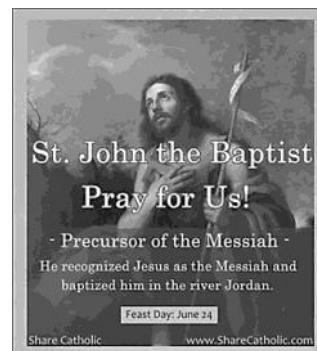
FR. DAVID GAYDOSIK!

We celebrate the incredible journey of faith, service, and dedication you've walked for 39 years. Thank you for being a faithful shepherd! May God continue to bless you abundantly with strength, joy, and grace in your ministry.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is Wednesday, June 24. Mass will be held at St. John's at 6:00 p.m. and a reception will follow in the Sr. Center.

All are welcome to attend.





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

A Father's Day Prayer

God,

Bless all the fathers in the world.

Father, we ask that You
guide them to be good role models
and loving to their children.

We also ask that You
help them to be a father like
You are. Give them grace and
patience to handle situations
in a loving way.

Amen

Happy
Father's
Day