

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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ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



Good News!

By: MIGUEL DULICK

What a lovely feast when we hear again the familiar beatitudes. Blessed! Blessed! Blessed! Are you poor in spirit? Come on down— you get the kingdom of heaven! Are you mourning? Comfort on call! Meek? This land is your land! Hungering for righteousness? Your marching days are done! Are you merciful? You ain't seen nothin' yet! What about clean of heart? That's hard to live up to, but the reward is that you get to see God! Peacemaker? "Why, you're one of my own children!" says God. And, finally...insulted and persecuted? Crowned in heaven; that is your reward!

How many saints are there? According to the Book of Revelation, "A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Pope John Paul II took that as a mandate, multiplying saints beyond the capacity of the calendar to accommodate them; he wanted every community to have a patron saint. Pope Benedict kept up the "multitude-ing," and, in 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Oscar Romero—long called "*San Romero de las Americas*" by the faithful of El Salvador since his assassination in 1980—a martyr *in odium fidei*, that is, he had been murdered out of hatred of his faith. This led to his beatification in the same year and his canonization by Pope Francis in 2018. I visited his tomb in 1985, and there were already hundreds of notes stuck on the wall, all grateful for *el milagro*—the miracle. Saints of God, pray for us.

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	10/31	4:00	p.m.	+George and +Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	10/31	6:00	p.m.	+Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett)	
Sunday	SJB	11/01	7:30	a.m.	+Ken Britton (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	All Saints Day
	OLM	11/01	9:30	a.m.	+Raymond and +Deanna Lang (Marc and Whitney Serve Family)	
	SJB	11/01	11:00	a.m.	+Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett)	
Monday	SJB	11/02	8:00	a.m.	+Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker)	All Souls Day
	OLM	11/02	6:00	p.m.	+John Karol Morris (10 yr Ann. 11/01) (Jason and Jennifer Morris)	
Tuesday	SJB	11/03	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	11/03	5:00	p.m.	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
Wednesday	SJB	11/04	8:30	a.m.	+Lawrence "Larry" Huck (Gary and Edna Arnold)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	11/05	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	11/05	5:00	p.m.	+Marlene Walbert (Earl Tornes Family)	
First Friday	SJB	11/06	6:00	p.m.	+Donna Sturm (Mona Barrett)	Adoration will be 5:00-6:00 p.m.
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	11/07	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)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Tanner Crum, Abby Henke	Coletyn Dyar	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Lola Eichmiller, Chase Arteaga	Adalyn Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Emma and Gracie Wheeler	Reese Lang	Tonia Skinner

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	
Collection (last week) \$3,643	2026 Collected to date \$59,750	 <p>Please pray for all the men and women who are currently serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.</p>
Total needed to meet parish needs \$4,750	2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584	
Thank you for your generosity!	Thank you!!	

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. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day Mass & Rosary
- Nov. 5 Sr. Citizens Meeting
- Nov. 6 Girls SEARCH Weekend
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 16 CWC Paint and Sip

TWO WEEK BULLETIN

Next weekend's bulletin will be a two-week bulletin. Please have all bulletin items to the rectory by November 3. This will cover the weekends of November 7/8 and 14/15.

GATHERING TO HONOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Our **Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance** on Monday, November 2, at 8:00 am Mass and Rosary at Saint John the Baptist, Churchtown; 12:30 pm-Rosary at Ava Maria Cemetery and at 6 pm Mass and Rosary at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell. We gather to remember, pray for, and honor our deceased loved ones.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Senior Citizens Meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on November 5 beginning at 11:00 a.m. All are invited.

CWC "BOXES OF JOY"

Please return all CWC "Boxes of Joy" back to the vestibule by November 1. Thank you so much!

CWC MONTHLY MEETING

There will not be a CWC Meeting on November 9. However, a short meeting and "Paint & Sip" will be held 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 MARIYN 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.

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 be able to send 1 winner from each group. There are 5 groups: Kindergarten, 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th - 6th, and 7th - 8th. Our council will award the winner of each age group \$25! They can earn additional prizes if they advance in the other levels. 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 All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned. 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. We plan to display them 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.

MARY'S HOUSE BINGO

Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at the St Bernard Social Hall. Located at 309 7th St., Beverly, Ohio. Cost of tickets is 20 Games for \$25.00, and they will be sold at the door only. There will be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand and raffle. For questions about these upcoming events call: 740-960-9944. Follow us at: maryshouseoh.org.

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking will hold their Annual Ox Roast on November 8 with serving time being 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dinner includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll and dessert. Cost is \$15.00. There will be a quilt raffle drawing for \$5/ticket.





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 Home-bound:

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 Church-town

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. 1, Pope Leo XIV; Nov. 2 All Deceased Priests; Nov. 3 Msgr. J. Micheal Campbell; Nov.4 Fr. David Cornett; Nov.5 Fr. Thomas Vennitti; Nov. 6 Fr. Peter Steton; Nov. 7 Fr. Robert Borer; Nov. 8 Bishop Edward Lohse

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.

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"... because of the tender mercy of our God by which he daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78-79) *We invite you to share the names of your deceased loved ones with us. These names will be placed before the Altar through the month of November.*

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.

A MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

St. John Central School is seeking your support for a digital sign to be installed in front of the school—a sign that would serve all four of our parishes and help keep our community informed and connected.

Located along State Route 676, the sign would be visible to the many motorists who travel past the school each day. This location provides a wonderful opportunity to share our news and extend an invitation to the wider community. The digital sign would be mounted above the new sign of St. John Central School. It would be visible on both sides.

Along with school news and activities, the sign would share announcements from our parishes, the Knights of Columbus, and each parish's Catholic Women's Club. Parish dinners, fundraisers, special Masses, community events, and other announcements would receive greater visibility, inviting more people to take part in the life of our faith community.

The estimated cost of the sign, including installation by the company, is \$22,000. Electricity would also need to be extended to the sign, and we have someone available to complete that work.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us make this project possible? Gifts of any size are welcome and appreciated. If an individual, family, business, or organization feels called to sponsor the entire sign, we would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss that generous gift.

To contribute, please send your donation to the St. John Central School office, clearly marked "Digital Sign Fund." If you would like to discuss a contribution or learn more about the project, please contact me through the school office.

Thank you for the many ways you support St. John Central School and our four parishes. With your help, we can create a welcoming sign that shares our activities, celebrates our faith, and strengthens our connection with the wider community.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Hilverding
Principal, St. John Central School