

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Marietta, Ohio 45750-6530  
Founded 1841—Completed 1867  
*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

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**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.

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025



### Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Remember this: Jesus said, "one's life does not consist of possessions." But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you're best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she's frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one's possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God.

### MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

|                  |            |              |              |             |                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/02</b> | <b>4:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>+Cole Wheeler (Unknown)</b>                                                                                     |
|                  | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/02</b> | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Living and Deceased of +Joe and +Mary Kern Family (Family)</b>                                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/03</b> | <b>7:30</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Ben Sauer (Bob and Peggy Byers)</b>                                                                            |
|                  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/03</b> | <b>9:30</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Kelton and +Helen Flichman (Eric and Bri Flichman)</b>                                                         |
|                  | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/03</b> | <b>11:00</b> | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Alecia Fouss (Family)</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/04</b> | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+James and +Maglena Arnold (Family)</b><br><b>+Ralph E. Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)</b>                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/05</b> | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>No Mass Today</b>                                                                                               |
|                  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/05</b> | <b>5:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/06</b> | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Anna Mae Brooker (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)</b><br><b>+Wilford and +Mary Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/07</b> | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>No Mass Today</b>                                                                                               |
|                  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/07</b> | <b>5:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>+Marian Huck Stalter (Grace Randolph Family)</b><br><b>+Tess Huck (Bob and Peggy Byers)</b>                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/08</b> | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks)</b><br><b>+Bertha Pottmeyer (Steve and Diane Cooper)</b>                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/09</b> | <b>4:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>+Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)</b>                                                                    |
|                  | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/09</b> | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>+John and +Mary Lou Huck (Jerry and Virginia Dyar)</b>                                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/10</b> | <b>7:30</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Paul and +Lorene Huffman (Larry and Nora Huffman)</b>                                                          |
|                  | <b>OLM</b> | <b>08/10</b> | <b>9:30</b>  | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+John and +Marie Perry (Ron and Linda Miller)</b>                                                               |
|                  | <b>SJB</b> | <b>08/10</b> | <b>11:00</b> | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>+Veronica Way (Mona Barrett and Family)</b>                                                                     |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

| MASS     |            | ALTAR SERVERS              | LECTOR      | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER |
|----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 6:00 p.m.  | Weston Hennes, Emma Schaad | Eugene Huck | Theresa Sauer         |
| Sunday   | 7:30 a.m.  | Dalton and Dane Schott     | Hugh Arnold | Veronica Bosner       |
| Sunday   | 11:00 a.m. | Hudson Lang, Weston Burt   | Reese Lang  | Marilyn Zoller        |

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Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING**

The Senior Citizen meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Thursday, August 7, at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Deanna Shuler from Marietta Memorial Hospital. Her presentation will be on tips for a healthy lifestyle.

### **BULLETIN NOTICE**

Please note the bulletin for the weekend of August 9-10 will be a two-week bulletin. This will also cover August 16-17. If you have any bulletin information to be included, please send your information to the Rectory no later than Monday, August 4 by 10:00 p.m.

### **K OF C #4617 GOLF OUTING**

The K of C #4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 17th at Oxbow Golf Course in Belpre, OH. Cost will be \$260 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2025. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole move-up! Steak dinner is included after golf on the patio at the KofC in Churchtown. To register a team please contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

### **ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL SNOOP - N - SCOOP**

Snoop - N - Scoop will be held on Monday, August 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Drop off students' school supplies, visit their classroom, and meet their teacher. There will be a Home and School Meeting after at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget to pick up an ice cream sundae in the cafeteria for each student to enjoy!

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Tanner William Heiss, son of Bryan and Stacie (Lang) Heiss. May God continue to bless this family always.

### **DUELING PIANOS**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS on Saturday, October 11, 2025. \$1,000 in CASH Prizes! Tickets: \$40/each, only 250 Tickets Sold! 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.

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave, 740-391-1093.

### **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Church on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. The Holy Day Mass will be held on Friday, August 15 at 8:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy will be held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Volunteer servers, lectors and eucharistic ministers will be needed at St. Johns.



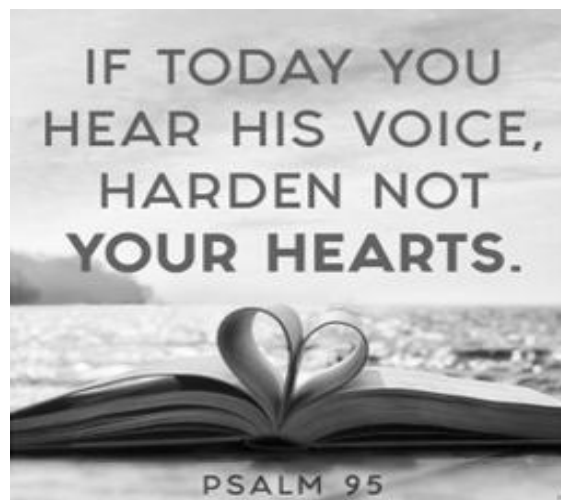
### **NEWS FROM THE DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

For many years, Harvest of Hope has been a major supplier of provisions for the Daily Bread Kitchen. They have provided us with most of our meat products, fruit, vegetables and frequently desserts. However, the Harvest of Hope has recently become affiliated with Feeding America, which has several criteria that we are unable to comply with due to equipment, staffing and the structure of DBK with rotating teams. We continue to serve about 300 meals per week, which means that we will rely even more heavily on personal and community donations. At this point, the Daily Bread Kitchen tentatively plans a fall food drive. With thanks to all who have supported our endeavors, we ask your continued assistance in helping us fulfill our mission to serve those in need.

We are in need of baked goods when our St. Johns group serves DBK lunch. This would be every 6 weeks. If you are able to bake, or buy, baked goods for us and would like to be on the list of donors, please call/text Sheila Lovett at 740-525-0052. As always, THANK YOU for all your donations, contributions, prayers and help! You really do make a difference!

### **ST. MICHAEL CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC**

St. Michael Catholic Church in Caldwell, Ohio will hold their Annual Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Chicken and Ham dinner. Cost is \$15 for Adults and \$7 for a Child's meal. Drive thru will be available. There will be raffles and an afternoon of Bingo. All are invited.





### 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

Coordinator Needed

### 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 Taylor Pottmeyer

### St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

### Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

**St. John the Baptist Parish** is looking for a Coordinator and Catechists for our Faith Formation program this Fall. We're preparing for a new year of Faith Formation and we need your help! Our parish is seeking a few caring and dedicated individuals to help guide our children on their journey of faith.

**Coordinator:** to lead and coordinate our parish to assist parents (primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith) in their duty as Christian parents.

**Catechists:** Do you enjoy sharing your faith and already bring your child to Faith Formation? Consider becoming a catechist! We're looking for a few devoted individuals to help teach and inspire our children as they grow in their relationship with Christ.

If you're interested in any of these roles or would like more information contact the parish office. Your help is a blessing and greatly appreciated!

**St. John Central** pre-school and early learning program is full. What can we do to continue to grow?

The Diocese has given permission to begin the process of exploring options. How can we best provide a quality Catholic Education to the youth of tomorrow. This starts with a strong basis upon which students may grow and flourish. These are our options: 1) Do nothing and go on from here? 2) Look at expansion of the program...finding more space. 3) The Title 1 trailer is in poor shape and will require substantial repair and upgrading. Should this be considered in this discussion. 4) What if we look at a new building which will house an expanded pre-school and early learning program and incorporate space for title services (speech, reading, ect.). Where do we put such a structure? 1) Near the present main school would be ideal. It would allow the incorporation of play ground, safety, and function. 2) Why couldn't the pre-school simply expand into the upstairs of the building they are presently occupy? What would we do with the Senior Citizens? Suggestions and comments are welcome.

**Pray for the priests** of the Diocese of Steubenville: August 3, Bishop Edward Lohse; August 4 Fr. Jeremiah Hahn; August 5 Fr. Dale Tornes; August 6 Fr. Thomas Hamm; August 7 Fr. Victor Cinson; August 8, Fr. Jonas Schell; August 9 Fr. Robert Borer; August 10 Bishop Edward Lohse. Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate.

**We are looking** for individuals who are willing to serve our parish family as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Servers. Lay participation is a vital part of the life of our parish community. Whether you're a lifetime member or new to our parish family, your service can make a real difference. Training will be provided. If interested contact the parish office.

### Prayer for Hope

Lord, Restore my hope! Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart. Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew. Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow. Amen ©LP

**Recently**, I overheard a high school student (I believe he's a Senior) approach a seminarian to ask about seminary life and the studies required. The seminarian responded that there is an upcoming weekend that is designed to answer these questions. **Fall "Come and See" Live In** will take place Thursday, November 6 – Sunday, November 9. Let us pray that the Lord may open the hearts and minds of more young people to receive his call to religious life and the courage to explore that call.

**As Catholic Christians**, we respect all the children of God – pre-born children, young children, young adults, all adults and seniors, moms, dads, grandparents. Like Jesus, may we be good and caring toward everyone of every age – in the name of Almighty God!

**BEWARE!** Recently, we've seen a sharp rise in email scams and phishing attempts. I'm sure everyone has received messages from our Pastor requesting help with gas cards, gift cards, and similar items. Remember he nor the parish will never contact you to ask for gift cards or similar items. Please don't reply to such emails, because the sender may be able to capture your contact list. Please ignore these requests and delete the email as soon as possible.

### Five reasons to chose Catholic Education

**Faith at the Center** – Children learn and talk about God freely, surrounded by visible signs of faith that nurture their spiritual growth.

**Living the Sacraments** – Students have regular access to Mass, Confession, and Adoration making grace a natural part of daily life.

**A Faithful Community** – Friendships are formed around shared values, with families united in helping children grow toward God.

**Building Character** – Respect, compassion, and responsibility are woven into everyday learning, shaping both heart and mind.

**Mission-Driven Educators** – Teachers lead with love and purpose, supporting each child's academic and spiritual journey.

**Pray for our seminarians** (the future priests for our Diocese) Deacon Peter Stetson, Deacon Ryan Budd, **St. Vincent Seminary** 300 Fraser Purchase Rd. Latrobe PA 15650-2667 : Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkovich, Johnathan Ruscoe, **The Pontifical College Josephinum** 7625 N High St. Columbus OH 43235-1499 Aaron Pabin, Maximilian Kolbe Gan, John Paul Gan, Riley Morris, and Caleb Baker.

**Recently**, Pope Leo XIV encountered a married couple that asked for his advice on marriage. The Pope responded that married couples should figure out for themselves what keeps them praying together and follow the path, and he offered advice. "My parents prayed the Rosary together their whole lives every day," the Pope said. "I found that I was always blessed by their love for one another and their faith in God. It's a wonderful thing." Since his parents ultimately raised the Holy Father, it's hard to disagree with the Pope's advice, and it certainly seems to echo across the centuries, through countless saints, especially those married couples who produced saints of their own. Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin made prayer, together with their family, a priority, and their daughters became their own legion of saints. Some saints prayed the Rosary together; St. Gianna Molla and her husband, Pietro, encouraged a family devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Even the Blessed Mother's parents, Sts. Anne and Joachim, were frequently united in prayer for God's gift of children, which gave us Jesus' real mother and our own spiritual mother. And, of course, there's the Holy Family itself.