

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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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNALIS

The prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed. Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice.

**14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 7, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	07/06	4:00	P.M.	+John and +Marie Schilling (Ed Schilling)
	SJB	07/06	6:00	P.M.	+Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)
Sunday	SJB	07/07	7:30	A.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
	OLM	07/07	9:30	A.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)
	SJB	07/07	11:00	A.M.	+James M. Barrett (Vince and Shelly Stollar Family)
Monday	SJB	07/08	8:00	A.M.	+George Arnold (Anniv. 7/9) (Larry and Nora Huffman) +Patricia Gaydosik (CWC)
Tuesday	SJB	07/09	8:00	A.M.	+Ludy Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)
	OLM	07/09	5:00	P.M.	+Harry and Emma Berendts (Lisa Berendts)
Wednesday	SJB	07/10	8:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Birthday 7/11) (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Mary Huck (Children of Vincent and Allene Huck)
Thursday	SJB	07/11	8:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)
	OLM	07/11	5:00	P.M.	+Jim Huck (Tom Huck)
Friday	SJB	07/12	8:00	A.M.	+James M. Barrett (Birthday) (Mona Barrett and Family) +Gladys Schilling (Mary Brooker and Family)
Saturday	OLM	07/13	4:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	07/13	6:00	P.M.	+John Arnold (Anniversary (7/12) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	07/14	7:30	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Anniversary 7/13) (Alvin Arnold and Family)
	OLM	07/14	9:30	A.M.	Living and +Deceased of Nick Bauerbauch Family (The Family)
	SJB	07/14	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)

"Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day" Alice Morse Earle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Eugene Huck	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Owen Henry	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee and Maycee Lang	Jerry Smith	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for weekend \$3,824 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$54,495 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	June 23 Group 2 \$1,792 If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Jul 7 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jul 14 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Jul 21 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Jul 28 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Aug 4 Group 8 with Russ Kern Aug 11 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker	July Group A with Anna Schaad Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May)	Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>
Amos 7:12-15 / Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / Mark 6:7-13

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

MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Knight of Columbus Council 4617 is asking us to donate to the K of C Measure Up Campaign to benefit individuals with mental or physical disabilities. This weekend after Mass a Knights of Columbus Member will taking donations and passing out rulers for this great cause. Thank you for your generosity.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center July 10 and 24. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

JOB OPENING

St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking a part-time Janitor/Maintenance individual for our parish facilities. This candidate will be responsible for all janitorial, grounds and maintenance, and inspection & evaluates the physical condition of all parish facilities for cleanliness, needed repairs, and potential concerns. This position is approximately 25 hours a week. The skill level of the applicant will influence the hourly wage. This person needs to be self-motivated and self-directed. This person needs to be capable of passing the "child-protection safety background check". If interested contact the parish office at 740-896-3566.

JOB OPENING

St. John Central School is seeking a Maintenance Individual for our facilities. This candidate will be responsible for all janitorial and maintenance, and inspection & evaluates the physical condition our facilities for cleanliness, needed repairs, and potential concerns. The skill level of the applicant will influence the hourly wage. This person needs to be self-motivated and self-directed. This person needs to be capable of passing the "child-protection safety background check". If you are interested, please contact the school 740-896-2697.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Wednesday, **July 10, 2024**. 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 8am on Wednesday, **July 10, 2024**. 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!

K OF C GOLF OUTING

The K of C 4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 18th 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 2024. 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 K of C in Churchtown. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.



CWC MONTHLY GROUP SCHEDULE

The 2024-2026 Monthly Group Schedules are located in the vestibule. Please stop by and pick one up.

DUELING PIANOS

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS: Saturday, August 24, 2024. \$1,000 in CASH Prizes! Tickets: \$40/each, only 250 Tickets Sold! Doors Open @ 5:30 for games and raffles, New York Strip Steak or Grilled Chicken Dinner @ 6:30, Dueling Pianos Show @ 8:00 by: THE "T" AND RICH DUELING PIANO SHOW! 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for St. John Central School's 6th annual fundraising event, "Casino Night: Casino Royale" on Saturday, November 16th, 2024. We will have casino games, country store, live auction and more!

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS COLLECTION

The Churchtown Senior Citizen group is collecting personal hygiene products for men and women to be distributed to area nursing homes. Examples of items would include hairbrushes, combs, toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, shampoo etc. There will be a container in the church vestibule for the products. This collection will last throughout the summer. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

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.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 20, starting at 4:00 p.m. on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, hayrides, bingo, raffle, and a country store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

Going on vacation....you can always find area churches and their mass times by going to www.masstimes.org.





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

Scrip Coordinator

Betina Lang

PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

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

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

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese: Studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary Detroit, Peter Stetson. Studying at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe Pa, Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich. Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio: Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, and John Paul Gan.

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Catechists Needed: to help lead our children to Jesus for the 2024-25 school year "Let the Little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Mk 10:14. Answer the call!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED...Are you using your time and talent to help the parish? We are looking for new liturgical ministers (Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, greeters and ushers). If you are willing to get involved, contact the parish office.

The main church parking lot has been repaired and repaved. We are grateful for those who allowed this project to move forward and a special thank you to Doug Parks for his advise and oversight on this project.

Interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) [once know as RCIA] the process by which unbaptized and baptized non Catholics come into the Roman Catholic Church. If interested, please contact Fr. David.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? Are you new to the Parish? Have you notified the Parish Offices of any changes in your address, phone number, etc.? If you are out of college and still living at home, you need to register as an adult member of St. John the Baptist. Please call the Parish Offices (740-896-3566) for any changes or to register. Your cooperation in helping us to keep our records up-to-date is greatly appreciated.

Repairs needed. A few weeks ago, a piece of wooden trim fell from the bell tower. Lucky for us no one was hurt. Repairs will require the renting of a lift, getting someone to go up and investigate the situation and them repair or replace whatever! Therefore I would like to request that donation be directed to the parish building fund which I would like to re-name the **Msgr. Highland Fund**. I propose this re-naming of the building fund knowing Msgr. Highland's love for our parish (his parish).

NO TIME . . . Who has time for anything anymore? I barely get up when its time for bed. I look at my calendar in the morning and it is Monday, I look again later and its Friday afternoon . Our lives are so fast and filled up that even the simple things like enjoying a moment on a porch is too much for us. We can blame anything we want like phones and others, but the reality is that we have to TAKE the time to enjoy the life that we have been given. I've been told, "If you don't take your time off, no one will give it to you." So before this summer is past, take a bit of time to enjoy yourself and find a moment to relax, not just your body, but your spirit in the Lord's great creation.

Congratulations are extended to Blake Townsend and Ashley Canterbury married on June 29th and Isaac Klinger and Brooke Haas married on July 6th. *May both couples have many years and much happiness.*

Throughout the United States, this past week we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

To mark this year of going out on mission during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to make a pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio, for the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join the bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and lay faithful from across the state on Wednesday, August 14, beginning at 9 p.m. for a candlelight rosary procession with the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation from the Basilica Shrine to the Shrine Park followed by Holy Mass at the outdoor Altar in the Shrine Park.

