

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As the story is told, two men were talking about why they go or do not go to church every weekend. One argued why he no longer comes to Mass: "I went every Sunday for almost thirty years and I can't remember a single sermon from all those years that I sat in a pew." The other thought about that and then replied, "You know, my wife and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. Just about every day during those years my wife and I sat down and shared a meal at least twice a day. Now I can't say that I remember more than one or two of those meals, but if we hadn't sat down to share those meals every day, I don't think we would still be married today."

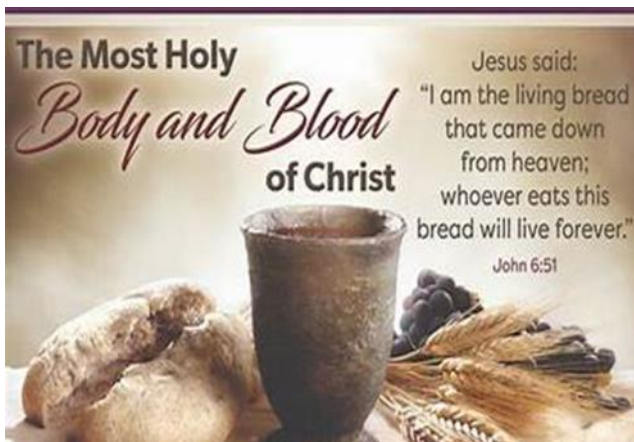
Surely there are many reasons why Catholics come to the Eucharist each weekend. Some come for the homily, some for receiving holy Communion, others for the singing, and still others to be part of a faith community. For most, it is probably some of each. Yet behind all of it, though most might not think of saying so, is a commitment to be people of faith, to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to live as his disciples. It is the same commitment the Hebrews made in the desert in Exodus 24:3: "We will do everything that the Lord has told us." Indeed, how long would we be believers and disciples of Jesus without being fed at his table?

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

**JUNE 2, 2024**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/01	4:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (Jim and Cindy Schwendeman)
	SJB	06/01	6:00	P.M.	<b>Living and Deceased of the Clem and Lucy Brooker Family (Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	06/02	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Edith Brooker (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)</b>
	OLM	06/02	9:30	A.M.	Living and Deceased Members of Clemence & Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck)
	SJB	06/02	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Penny Schwendeman (Chris Pottmeyer)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	06/03	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Patricia Gaydosik (Helen Marie King)</b> <b>+Gladys Schilling (CWC)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	06/04	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Evelyn Neill (Larry and Nora Huffman)</b>
	OLM	06/04	5:00	P.M.	+Marcia "Engle" Williams (Alicia Slogan)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	06/05	8:00	A.M.	<b>No Mass today. CWC Convention</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	06/06	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Anna Mae Brooker (Jeff Brooker Family)</b>
	OLM	06/06	5:00	P.M.	+Beth Brady (Linda Phelps)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	06/07	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Mary Canterbury (Anniv.) (Rick Canterbury and Family)</b> <b>+Martha Huck (Mary Brooker and Family)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/08	4:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased Of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)
	SJB	06/08	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Diane Arnold (Anniv. 6/13) (Alvin Arnold and Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	06/09	7:30	A.M.	<b>+John and +Virginia Arnold (Anniv. 6/10) (Family)</b>
	OLM	06/09	9:30	A.M.	The Paul Bauerbauch Families (The Family)
	SJB	06/09	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Herb Mason (Donna Tornes and Family)</b>

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." *St. Faustina*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Raegan Flinn, Emma Schaad	Eugene Huck	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Owen Henry, Connor McCartney	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner, Maycee Lang	Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>D.P.S.C.</u></b>	<b><u>BINGO</u></b>
Total Collection for weekend \$3,389 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$45,940 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	May 19 Group 5 \$1,199  If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<b><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u></b>	<b><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></b>
Jun 2 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Jun 9 Group 8 with Russ Lang Jun 16 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Jun 23 Group 2 with Jessie Henke Jun 30 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jul 7 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	June Group F with Tonia Skinner  Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center	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.

<b><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></b>	
Genesis 3:9–15 / 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 / Mark 3:20–35	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **2025 MASS BOOK**

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. Masses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Donations of \$10 are suggested for a mass.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Sr. Center.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

The new liturgical ministers schedules for June through September are available in the church vestibule. We are truly thankful for all of those who serve our parish.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING**

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on June 6 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on June 12th and June 26th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is quickly approaching. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or on our website. Please turn in your registration as soon as possible. A QR code is also provided to do online registration. Crew leaders are needed (6th through 12th graders). Volunteers are also needed for each station. There will be a donation list in the church vestibule soon. For questions, please call Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you!!

### **K OF C STAG FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Father's Day STAG Fish Fry (Open to gentlemen of the Public and KofC Members) at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Churchtown, Ohio (17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750). Held on Sunday, June 16, 2024, serving food from Noon until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15 all you can eat Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Drinks. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions, please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Maycee Lang for being selected as the winner from the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus level for the 2023-2024 Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest! Maycee is an 8th Grade graduate of St. John Central School, her parents are Casey and Crystal Lang. Maycee's poster moved on to compete at the international level. The Knights of Columbus 4617 wants to congratulate Maycee for her success and encourages all students to participate in next year's contest.

### **NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER**

If you have recently moved or dropped your land line and are using a cell phone number, please call the parish office 740-896-3566 or email [stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com). We want to keep our parish roster current.

*First Friday Mass will be held on June 7. Holy Hour will be held from 5-6:00 p.m. with mass to follow.*

### **SHOP, SWAP AND STROLL**

Shop, Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of June, July and August. This event is for farm market, craft, food truck, flea market and yard sale vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Collected donations go to upkeep and maintenance of Lowell's Buell Island Park. The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for June 5th at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell Ohio, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook messenger and a committee member will get back to you.

### **ST. MARY'S FULDA 200+ CLUB**

St. Mary's in Fulda will hold their 4th Annual 200+ Club dinner on July 20 at 5:15 p.m. following mass. There will be dinner and a cash bar and a live band after all drawings are completed that evening. To purchase a ticket, please call Beth Guiler 740-581-0378.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

The Diocese of Steubenville presents Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799 per person, double occupancy (single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

### **CANYONLANDS TOUR**

Join Fr. Jim Dunfee and members of St. Agnes Parish on a tour of the magnificent canyons and desert scenes of the American Southwest from September 12-20, 2024. See the breathtaking Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches National Parks, take a train ride through the Colorado Rocky Mountains and a boat cruise on Lake Powell, and much more. Cost is \$3,899-double occupancy including roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh. For a brochure, please contact Fr. James Dunfee, 740-535-1491.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

Please join Fr. Timothy Huffman, from the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Italy! Highlights include the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums, the Holy House of Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo (home of St. Padre Pio), Assisi and so much more! November 1-11, 2024. \$4299/per person based on double occupancy. Registration deadline is June 28, 2024. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295





**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

**Have you heard?** The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has **BEGUN!** This is an incredible milestone in the Revival movement and an epic opportunity for the Church in America to publicly witness to our Eucharistic faith for over 6,000 miles. Nothing like this has ever been done before! Our diocese will celebrate with the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage beginning on Friday, **June 21<sup>st</sup>** with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben followed by a procession from the Fort to St. Peter's Church, concluding with a prayer meditation and Benediction. All Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to participate in the procession, with His Excellency Bishop Paul Bradley. We hope that your parishes will participate in the procession by sending parishioners who will carry a banner displaying your parishes' names and will include additional parishioners to process with the banner bearers. We ask that one representative from each group "check-in" at 6 pm at the Large Metal Fort Steuben gate; then all participants will begin lining up for the procession at 6:30pm.

The **Ohio EdChoice** Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child. Visit [ohiocathconf.org/edchoice](http://ohiocathconf.org/edchoice) to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. *Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year.* For those families not receiving the full scholarship a out of pocket cap has been placed on tuition. Contact the school for details.

**LEAC:** It is time for St. John Central School to ask for two new members for our Local Education Advisory Council (LEAC). We need a member from Our Lady of Mercy parish and one from St. John. Next year we will ask for two new members from St. Bernard and St. Ambrose parishes. You don't have to be a parent to be a member of LEAC. Please call the school office at 740-896-2697 if you are interested.

***We thank our parishioners who are so supportive of our school.***

**Catholic Charities of Southeastern Ohio** has received a disaster relief grant to assist those impacted by the flooding that occurred in our Diocese on April 4, 2024. Single income families and the elderly are the primary groups to be served by this grant. Applicants can apply for assistance with home repairs, daily living needs, healthcare, childcare or transportation. Catholic Charities is accepting applications now through July 1<sup>st</sup> or until the funds are exhausted. Applications are now available by emailing [lperdue@diosteub.org](mailto:lperdue@diosteub.org), on the Catholic Charities Facebook page or calling (740) 314-8660.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**"Diving into friendship with God"**  
**June 23-27, 2024**

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS** Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese:

**Monday:** Peter Stetson

**Tuesday:** Paul Gan and Christopher McGurn

**Wed.:** Jonathan Rusco

**Thursday :** Riley Morris,

**Friday:** Aaron Pabin,

**Saturday:** Caleb Baker,

**Sunday:** Samuel Ivkovich

**DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:** Thank you to all who have responded so generous support of the Annual Diocesan Parish Share Campaign 2024. Our goal was \$ 43,048.00. We have thus far received \$ 45,050.00, which is 105% of the goal. Thank you, thank you!

Last week or so, piece of wooden trim fell from the bell tower. Lucky for us no one was hurt. The falling wood did manage to destroy an outdoor outlet on the side of the church. Repairs will require the renting of a lift, getting someone to go up and investigate the situation and then 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).

**Sunday Bingo:** Is major parish fundraiser in support of Catholic Education is our Bingo. We have a successful bingo due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We need more regular helpers on the floor, and especially additional bingo callers. If you can help, please let us know.

**You Don't Have What It Takes — But You Will** Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called. We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't. We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out. However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades? But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire! God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide. — Tracy Earl

**Why are there beads on a rosary?** The use of prayer beads predates Catholicism, with many cultures and religions using beads for prayer. The word bead- comes from the Old English word bede,- meaning prayer. Beads provide a simple way to count prayers without distracting from the deeper meaning of the prayers.

**What is this Silence!!!** It will take some getting use to. I really do enjoy hearing the children on the playground or walking past the rectory, not to mention the visits of the pre-school students (looking for a leprechaun or the Easter Bunny). Attention are now directed to the transition to a new school administration, faculty in place, ordering textbooks, cleaning the building from top to bottom and focusing on the future. WOW!