

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

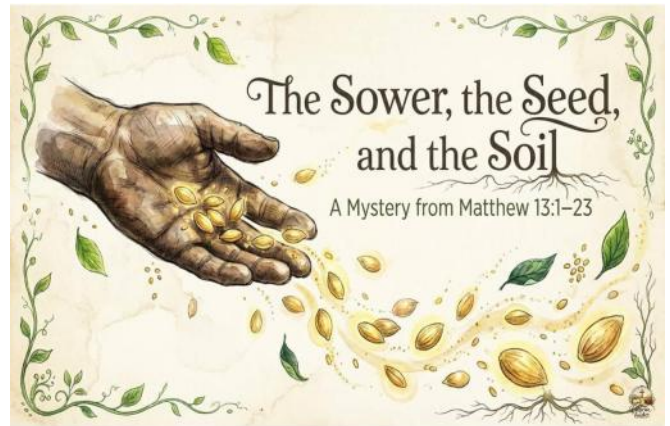


Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2026



Good News!

By: FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest.

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.

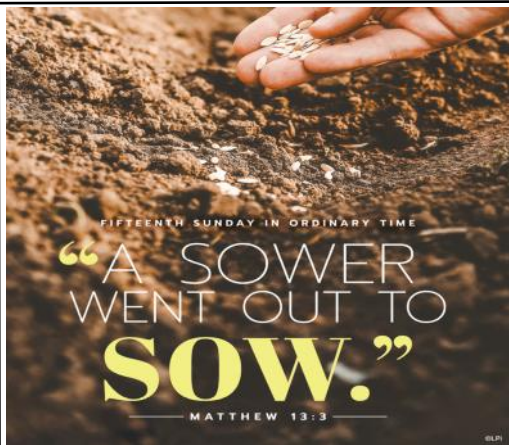
MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	07/11	4:00	p.m.	+Clarence Huck (Heather Peters)
	SJB	07/11	6:00	p.m.	+Norbert Lang (Birthday) (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Sunday	SJB	07/12	7:30	a.m.	+John Arnold (Anniv.) (Family)
	OLM	07/12	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of Nick & Philomena Bauerbauch (The Family)
	SJB	07/12	11:00	a.m.	+Rita Schwendeman (Birthday 7/11) (Family)
Monday	SJB	07/13	8:00	a.m.	+Alvin Arnold (Parish)
Tuesday	SJB	07/14	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/14	5:00	p.m.	TBA
Wednesday	SJB	07/15	8:00	a.m.	+Mary E. Huck (Ken and Julia Strahler)
Thursday	SJB	07/16	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/16	5:00	p.m.	TBA
Friday	SJB	07/17	8:00	a.m.	+Kendrick Schwendeman (Mitch and Lorraine Schott)
Saturday	OLM	07/18	4:00	p.m.	TBA
	SJB	07/18	6:00	p.m.	+Ellen Heiss (Mitch and Lorraine Schott)
Sunday	SJB	07/18	7:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of the +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)
	OLM	07/19	9:30	a.m.	TBA
	SJB	07/19	11:00	a.m.	+Faye Treadway (Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTER SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Alaina Wells	Eugene Huck	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	J.D. Alexander	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Emma and Gracie Wheeler	Ashleigh Pennock	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION	DPSC	 <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>
Total Collection last weekend \$4,501	2026 Collected to date \$48,455	
Need to meet parish needs \$4,750	2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584	
Thank you for your generosity!		This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!



- July 18 Lowell Ice Cream Social
- Aug 6 St. John Central Back to School Bash
- Aug 16 90th Birthday Reception for Fr. Heinz after Late Mass (all are invited)
- Aug 19 St. John School Begins

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

DPSC

Thank you very much for your contributions to the Diocesan DPSC program. We have reached our goal and all contributions to DPSC will continue to come back to our church. As well, you may also donate to the Charles Highland Building Fund or to the general parish account. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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 Monday, 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.

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

We are currently looking for individuals who are interested in becoming: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, or Servers. Lay participation is a vital part of the life of our parish community. Training will be provided. So what do you say? Are you willing to step up? Contact the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is a seven-day period of Eucharistic Adoration with an hourly Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. Dioceses throughout the United States will participate in this Catholic call to help establish peace in our country and the world. Blessed Sacrament Church in Wintersville will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress October 3-9, 2026. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the main church with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. More information will be coming soon. For more information please visit www.rosarycongressusa.org.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Maria and Maggie Huffman for once again serving as the coordinators of our Vacation Bible School. Their dedication, creativity, and many hours of planning made this year's Rainforest Falls adventure a wonderful success.

We were blessed to have 60 children participate, guided by 11 crew leaders and 10 station leaders, along with many other volunteers who generously shared their time and talents throughout the week. Thank you all!

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our parishioners for their generous donations and support. Your contributions helped provide supplies, snacks, and everything needed to make Vacation Bible School a memorable and faith-filled experience for our children.

A Special Thank you to Dave and Arlene Archer who graciously sponsored our T-Shirts again this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success. Your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve helped plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow. May God bless each of you for your faithful support of this important ministry.

SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father Tom Nelson on a pilgrimage to Italy, January 4th thru 15th, 2027. Tours stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lancia, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Monte Cassia, Subiaco, and Rome. Land-only price is \$5,059.00 per person. Option for Group Airfare is an additional \$1,468.00. Space is limited! Please contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly> for more information.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

A wonderful resource is available for girls aged 11-14 and their moms. St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat will take place at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, OH, August 7-9, 2026. The mission of the St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat is to help participants grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the retreat offers a whole person approach celebrating and educating on the changes happening to the body, mind, spirit, and social aspects of young women in this age group. Quality mother/daughter time and opening pathways for important discussions are key objectives. For more information please visit at www.philomenaretreat.org.

Pray for our Seminarians

(the future of our Diocese)

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

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations:

Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director Vocation links: Twitter @ dsvocations Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.



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



Knights of Columbus 4617 GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY

AUGUST 16th

2026

OXBOW GOLF COURSE

500 St. Andrews Blvd.,

Belpre, OH 45714

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM

SHOTGUN START AT 8:00 AM

DINNER AND PRIZES AFTER ROUND AT KOFC - CHURCHTOWN

\$260
Per Team
Includes skins &
mulligans

4-man best ball scramble, you must have at least 2 good standing members of the council per team!

Rules:

No Horse Play on the Carts and Please Respect the Course, 65 and older hit from Gold Tees, keep up with the group in front of you, "2 putt rule, putt once on greens - second putt is good"!

The prizes mean what they say, longest drive in the fairway, longest putt on the green, closest to the pin, etc...PLEASE share prizes in multiples of four.

For Questions and to Register Contact: **Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972**