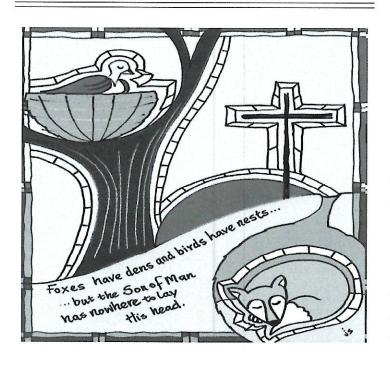
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME June 26, 2022





Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Everyone appreciates a bargain. However, there are some things we would give almost anything to acquire. Who or what determines the value of something? Some things are esteemed because they are old; some because they are rare. Often the value might really be in the meaning it holds for the one who desires or prizes it. We might want a house because it reminds us of our treasured childhood home. We might cherish a sweater that belonged to a loved one now passed. The price we are willing to pay indicates the value we give to it, and that price is not always monetary.

Elisha was in line to succeed the prophet Elijah. However, Elisha was required to consider everything else as second in im-portance to his commitment to this prophetic charge, even a son's responsibility to bid farewell to his parents. A parallel situation is found in the Gospel passage. At first glance one might think this is an extreme, even inhuman, demand. It should be noted, however, in neither situation was close following of a prophetic individual demanded of the person who wished to be a disciple. Each person first volunteered for that way of life before the price of following was revealed.

Various possible life directions are set before all of us. We are free to choose. However, the depth of our desire for our choice is measured by our willingness to pay the price that choice might exact. The price required for committing oneself to the reign of God is...everything!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	06/25	4:00	P.M.	+Mary Louise Pitt (Martin and Pauline Knoch)	
C I	SJB	06/25	6:00	P.M.	+Colton Decker (Haley Tornes)	
Sunday	SJB	06/26	7:30	A.M.	+Gertrude Arnold (Family)	
	OLM	06/26	9:30	A.M.	+Joe and +Ida Huck (Terry Schwendeman)	
	SJB	06/26	11:00	A.M.	+Paul and +Betty Brooker (Family)	
Monday	SJB	06/27	8:00	A.M.	+Harry Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
					+Rita Schwendeman (CWC)	
Tuesday SJB 06/28 8:00 A.M. +Ea		A.M.	+Earl Tornes (CWC)			
	OLM	06/28	5:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Patrick Huck (The Huck Family)	
Wednesday	SJB	06/29	8:00	A.M.	Living and Deceased of +John and +Barbara Kern Family (Family)	
					+Judy Britton (Russ Kern Family)	
Thursday	SJB	06/30	8:00	A.M.	Intentions of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	
	OLM	06/30	5:00	P.M.	Greg and Marlene Greene (50th Wedding Anniv.)	
First Friday	SJB	07/01	6:00	P.M.	+Donna Sturm (Larry Schaad Family) Holy Hour 5-6:00 p.m.	
					+Mildred Arnold (Tim and Sandy Blouir)	
Saturday	OLM	07/02	4:00	P.M.	+Jim Whitaker (Stephan and Jenna Huffman)	
	SJB	07/02	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Larry and Nora Huffman)	
Sunday	SJB	07/03	7:30	A.M.	+Fr. Virgil Reischman (Birthday) (Parish)	
	OLM	07/03	9:30	A.M.	+ Kelton Fliehman (Dan and Elanda Fliehman Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS ALTAR SERVERS		<u>LECTOR</u>	EUCH. MINISTER
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Coletyn and Jase Dyar	Rachel Klinger	Theresa Sauer
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Henry Huffman and Volunteer	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. Maycee and Reese Lang		Angie Henniger	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECT	ION	DPSC	BINGO	
Total Collection Needed to meet parish needs	\$2,289 \$4,750	2022 Collected \$43,848 2022 Goal \$26,332	June 12-Group 8 \$3,854	
Thank you for your generosity!		All money received after our goal is met is returned to our Parish.	If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.	
ST. JOHN BINGO WC	ORK SCHEDULE	C.W.C. WORK GROUPS	PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY	
June 26 Group 2 with Jesse Henke July 3 No Bingo July 10 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Group 4 with Derek Pottmeyer July 17 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman July 24 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury		The CWC will not meet again until Monday, September 12.	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.	

BINGO

Bingo will not be held on Sunday, July 3. There will be a Super Bingo on Sunday, July 10, with Group 3 (Ryan Lauchard) and Group 4 (Derrick Pottmeyer).

SCHILLING REUNION

The Francis and Louise Schilling Family will be having a reunion at the K of C Hall on July 3, at Noon. Meat and drink will be provided.

BAUERBACH REUNION

Descendants of Nicholas and Philomia Bauerbach will meet for their annual reunion on July 10 at noon in Our Lady of Mercy Social Hall in Lowell. Please bring a covered dish to share.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of life for Fr. Virgil Reischman will be held on Sunday, July 3 from 1-5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall, Miltonsburg. All are invited to attend.

MEDICARE

If you are approaching 65 or planning to retire, now is a good time to learn about Medicare. For those already enrolled, changes can be made during the Annual Election Period, 10.15.22 - 12.7.22. Call today to schedule a no cost consultation with Lacey Lauchard, a licensed insurance advisor specializing in Medicare Supplement, Advantage (Part C) and Drug (Part D) plans, and ensure you have the best Medicare solution in place for your specific needs. Lacey Lauchard, 740.568.8800, email: lacey@newtonins.net, web: https://newtonins.net/insurance/medicare/

K OF C PRESENTS DUELING PIANOS

The Knights of Columbus 4617 presents Dueling Pianos on Saturday, July 9. Tickets are \$40 each and includes prizes, catered dinner, beverages and the show. This is an adult only night of Dueling Pianos, singing and lots of fun. There are only around 50 tickets left for the Dueling Pianos fundraiser on Saturday, July 9th. If you or anyone you know needs tickets, please call/text Jeff at 740-749-3538!

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers Gus Letto who recently passed away. Gus spent a great amount of time build ing ancestry records for the people of Churchtown and surrounding areas. We are grateful for all of the hard work Gus put into the database to be used for generations to come. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends. May Gus rest in peace and light with our Lord.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. John the Baptist Parish is excited to announce that we will be having vacation bible school July 10-14 6 -8:30pm for ages 3 (must be potty trained) - grade 6. Each day at Jerusalem Marketplace, kids will become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in a Bible-times city. They will explore marketplace shops, visit with Jerusalem's citizens, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits — all while discovering about the love & ministry of Jesus. God's Word will come alive with new meaning for all who participate! We need adults and students grades 7 and up to run groups and activities. To volunteer or donate, please contact Angie Henniger at 740-336-0119 a_henniger@yahoo.com. Please place your completed registration form in the manilla envelope in the church vestibule.



Jerusalem Marketplace
Step back in time to where Jesus walked to the Cross

HELP WANTED

We are in need of additional Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Altar Servers must be in third grade or up and have received First Communion. If anyone would like to serve the Church in one or more of these capacities, please contact the Rectory at 740-896-3566. We are very grateful to those who presently serve the Church at each Mass.

PASTOR'S PAGE

On June 24, the Catholic Church will celebrate **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. Established by Saint John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are also invited to mark this celebration by praying for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church. Priests were not spared from the effects of the pandemic on their lives, so this year is again a good time to pray for our dedicated priests who creatively reached out to care for the faithful during this challenging time.

St. John School Registration: You can't get a Catholic education from a public school. St. John Central is fully accredited and they offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre-Kindergarten at the preschool and K-8 at the grade school. You can call the school office at 740.896.2697.

St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking parishioner volunteer help with Sunday evening Bingo. If you would like to contribute your time and talents, please call the parish office 740-896-3566.

NEW ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE # If you have a new address and/or phone number, please call the parish office to give us that information. We would like to up-date our census information because some of our information is no longer correct!

From Father's cluttered Desk: From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how we respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and are in us at a very deep level. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been fold, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight. Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or thinking about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story! If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be Strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

The Holy Father's call for prayer and fasting to end the war in Ukraine. In times of trouble, we call on the tender mercy of God ... to guide our feet to the way of peace(Lk 1:78-79). May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us."

Remember Our Seminarians in prayer: Studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary (2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206) Joseph Hahn, and Peter Stetson; the Pontifical College Josephinum (7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499) is John Paul Gan.

Opportunity — Our Parish invites you to visit the FORMED.ORG website to take advantage of the ever growing collection of Catholic videos, audios, and e-books. We are offering **free access** to FORMED as a gift to our parishioners. 1. Go to formed.org/signup 2. Select St. John the Baptist parish from the list 3. Register with your name and email address. 4. Check that email account for a link to the large selection of catholic resources.