

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 25, 2025

Peace
I leave with you
MY PEACE
I give you
JOHN 14:27

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/24	4:00	p.m.	+Deana Lang (Raymond Lang)
	SJB	05/24	6:00	p.m.	+Bob Pottmeyer (Anniv.) (Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer Family)
Sunday	SJB	05/25	7:30	a.m.	+Ben Brooker (Anniv.) (Family)
	OLM	05/25	9:30	a.m.	+Kenneth and +Margert Yeomans (David and Joanne Yeomans)
	SJB	05/25	11:00	a.m.	+Gladys Schilling (Family)
Monday	SJB	05/26	8:00	a.m.	Fr. Walter Heinz-63rd Ordination Anniversary (Parish)
	OLM	05/26	8:20	a.m.	TBA
Tuesday	SJB	05/27	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	05/27	5:00	p.m.	+Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Julia Brooker) +Jerry Huck (The Stalter Family)
Wednesday	SJB	05/28	8:00	a.m.	+Jim Thieman (Birthday) (Norma Thieman and Family) +Ben Sauer (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
Thursday	SJB	05/29	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	05/29	5:00	p.m.	+Eloise Mary Bakker (OLM CWC) +Linda Huck (The Family)
Friday	SJB	05/30	8:00	a.m.	+Ella Mae Young (Ted and Trina Miller) +Penny Schwendeman (David Schaad Family)
Saturday	OLM	05/31	4:00	p.m.	+Hud and +Rosemary Lang (Debbie Misel)
	SJB	05/31	6:00	p.m.	Living and Deceased of +Clem and +Lucy Brooker (Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/01	7:30	a.m.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Dave and Dorothy Fogel)
	OLM	06/01	9:30	a.m.	+Jerri Lang (1 yr. Anniv. 06/02) (Bob and Peggy Byers)
	SJB	06/01	11:00	a.m.	+Harold and +Regina Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)
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.	Coletyn and Alyssa Dyar, Chase Arteaga		Erica Gowitzka	Arnold Huck
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Keegan Pottmeyer Connor McCartney		Hugh Arnold	Connie Arnold
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Hudson Lang		Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller
COLLECTION Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,424 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity!		DPSC 2025 Collected to Date \$ 39,130 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330 This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!		 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.	
Blessed Mary Magdalene of the Incarnation was an Italian sister who founded the Order of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. After many ecstatic visions of Jesus, she knew her life's mission would be to make Christ in the Eucharist available to everyone. 		 May 26 May 28 June 5 June 6 June 15 June 20 June 20 Fr. Walter Heinz - 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination Daily Bread Kitchen Senior Citizen Meeting First Friday Adoration and Mass K of C Father's Day Fish Fry Fr. David Gaydosik - 38th Ordination Anniversary St. John School Golf Outing READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 / Luke 24:46–53			
Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday					



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations Graduates! We joyfully celebrate our high school and college graduates for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance. As you step into the next chapter of your journey, may your faith guide your steps, your heart remain steadfast, and your dreams be anchored in God's purpose. Your parish family is proud of you and praying for continued blessings in all you pursue.

WEDNESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Due to school being out for the summer, Wednesday morning mass will now be at 8:00 a.m. until school begins again.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on June 5 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND MASS

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26! There are extra registration forms in the church vestibule or you can sign up on our webpage. We'll have fun, faith, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages. Want to be part of the fun? We'd love your help! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202.

K OF C FATHER'S DAY STAG FISH FRY

The K of C Father's Day Stag Fish Fry will be held at the Hall on Sunday, June 15 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 and is open to all gentleman of the public and K of C members. All you can eat fish, fries, coleslaw and drink.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Jerry and Virginia Dyar who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on May 31, 1975. Jerry and Virginia were married here at St. John's by Msgr. Charles Highland. May God bless you both now and always.

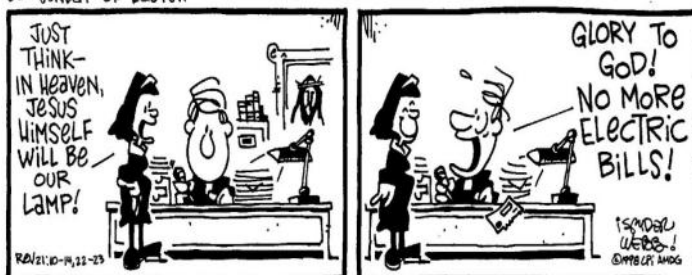
DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta K of C hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. 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 or a monetary donation, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8am on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

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. The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for June 4th at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell Ohio, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



THANK YOU!

Thank You For Supporting The Knights of Columbus 4617 – A Night At The Races 2025

The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio would like to thank everyone who came out to our 5th, A Night At The Races event held on Saturday, May 3, 2025! We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to having this again, next year on Saturday, May 2, 2026 (1st Saturday of May). We especially want to thank our 2025 event sponsors. They include: Bosner Plumbing Electric & Refrigeration LLC, Brooker General Contracting, Inc, Byers Storage & Rental, LLC, Classic Brands, Crum Fence & Excavating, Event Designs, EZG Manufacturing, Hall Financial Advisors, KofC - Monsignor Dooley Council 4361, Lang Financial, Megabea Communications Inc., Newton's Insurance – Travis Pottmeyer, Agent, Next Level Masonry LLC – Thad Tucker, Oxbow Golf Course, Ruthie's Beauty – Brittany Kern, Shelly & Sands, Inc., Strahler, Inc., Sponey's IGA, Waterford Commercial and Savings Bank. A big thank you goes out to The Citizens Bank Company for their generous sponsorship and donation of 3 Woodford Reserve bottles with the commemorative 151st Kentucky Derby label. Big Food Little Kitchen – Katie and Troy Tucker not only provided our delicious appetizers they also were the sponsor of our Best Dressed and Best Hat contests! A very big thank you goes out to Emma Brooker, with EC Photography, who served as our Photographer for the evening. Check out all her great pictures on our Facebook page "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". We also would like to thank all the KofC members and their families who sold tickets, set-up, cleaned-up, took bets, worked the bar, registration, and games. A big thanks goes out to Travis Pottmeyer for spending the entire evening managing the bank. This is our largest fundraiser of the year because of the support of our great community! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Taylor Pottmeyer, A Night At The Races, Event Chair

CHICKEN BARBECUE

A Chicken Barbecue will be held at St. Michael's in Carlisle on Sunday, May 25. Serving time is 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. There will be afternoon bingo and a square dance from 7-10:00 p.m. by "Little Creek Band". Dine in or Drive thru carryout available.

PARISH SOCIAL

A Parish Social will be held from 5-8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Sunday, June 1 in the Church Hall. There will be a country store, sandwiches, pie and Bingo. Everyone is invited!



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REMEMBER AND HONOR

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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

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

HELP St. John the Baptist -We are looking for the next leader of our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Program. They would coordinate and supervise our Religious Education program for children 1st-12th grade. If interested contact the parish office.

OUR SEMINARIANS. *Pray for Seminarians:*

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkovich, Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

Pray for our priests: 5/25 Fr. Leonard Cencula, 5/26 Fr. Thomas Vennitti, 5/27 Fr. James M Dunfee, 5/28 Fr. Tim Kozak, 5/29 Fr. Vincent Huber, 5/30 Fr. Tim Shannon, 5/31 All Priests, 6/1 Bishop Edward Lohse

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to spend time with Jesus and pray for our nation, state, and government leaders in the Ohio capitol building. Eucharistic Adoration will take place: **Tuesday, June 3, from 10 am to 2 pm** Governor Thomas Worthington Center (*inside the Ohio Statehouse*) 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

Saint John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy Parishes are truly blessed with dedicated volunteers who generously share their time and talents in service to our parish. If you are interested in volunteering for upcoming events, such as Vacation Bible School, Faith Formation, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, etc., Please contact the parish office.

Catholic Trivia: Have you ever wondered why the consecrated bread is referred to as a "host?" The term "host" originates from the Latin word *hostia*, which translates to "sacrificial victim." Jesus served as our sacrificial victim, offering salvation to us all. During Communion, we honor His sacrifice as we partake in the body of Christ. The Eucharist is not just as symbolic meal but a representation of that sacrifice. When the bread is consecrated during Mass and becomes the Body of Christ, we believe we are participating in that one eternal sacrifice in a deeply sacred and intimate way. It's a powerful moment, a real step into a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.

Bishop Robert Barron challenged the new graduates: 'Contrive a way to make your life a gift. Do not endeavor to fill up your ego; rather, endeavor to make it a conduit of grace ...'



With the papacy of Pope Leo XIV comes an invitation not just to observe, but to engage. Moments like these remind us that the Church is alive, infused with the Holy Spirit, and rooted in Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of the Church's identity and mission. Receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion, we are intimately united to Christ Jesus and become living tabernacles of his love in the world. To continue stoking the flames of truth and reminding us that God is still at work in the Church and in the world.

So, as we begin this new chapter in the life of the Church, let us continue to pray for our Holy Father and our Church. With eagerness and purposefulness, as Pope Leo invited us, let us "all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us." Eucharistic Adoration is a tremendous blessing, given that at least one person will be praying during extended exposition of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Saint Pope John Paul II greatly desired perpetual adoration to be established in every parish. Although round the clock hours are the gold standard, many parishes have fewer hours when possible. Incredible fruits are evidenced in parishes we have helped to expand adoration.

We receive abundant graces through the power and peace of adoration. Parish life, vocations and souls are nourished and thrive through this constant vigil and legacy of prayer.

Would there be an interest to having a weekly Eucharistic Adoration in one or both of our parishes? It could be an hour or several hours on a given day. And when would be the best day and time to allow the most parishioners to partake of this opportunity?

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.