

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

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired/in residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

Secretary: Pam Brooker

Maintenance & Grounds: Mike Francis

Bulletin deadline: no later than 10:00 am on Monday.

Confessions: one half hour before Mass or on request.

Sick Calls & Hospital Visitation: please contact parish office as soon as possible when a member of your family becomes sick or hospitalized.

Rosary before each Weekend Mass

Parish Council meets in the Sr. Center as announced. Mr. Ferris Arnold, President

Catholic Women's Club meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Sept-May) Mass and meeting at 6:30 pm in Sr. Center. Mrs. Marilyn Kern, President

Cemetery Association meets the Last Sunday of June. Mr. Andy Miller, President

Euchre: Euchre is held every other Wednesday during the month at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Senior Citizens meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 11 am in Senior Center. Mrs. Doris Brooker, President

Parish School of Religion (PSR) meets 10-11:15 a.m. on the first three Sundays of the month Sept-April.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) a program where individuals seek entrance into the Church. Meets as announced.

St. Vincent DePaul Society: If you are in need of the services of St. Vincent De Paul, please call the Rectory.

Baptism: Parents should schedule the baptism of their child at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Confirmation: to be confirmed must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the RCIA.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married at St. John's must contact Fr. David at least 6 months in advance of the intended wedding date.

Sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation: must be at least 16 years old; be an active Catholic who has been confirmed and leads a life in harmony with the faith.

Visitation of Sick or homebound: Please contact the parish office as soon as possible when a member of your family becomes sick or hospitalized.

St. John Central Elementary School: Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer, Principal. School number (740) 896-2697. The Central Catholic Grade School for the parishes of: St. John the Baptist, Churchtown; Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell; St. Ambrose Little Hocking; and St. Bernard, Beverly.

Home and School Association: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the school. Mr. Ryan Lauchard-President (614) 284-4851

St. John the Baptist Bingo held every Sunday at the Marietta Shrine Center (740-373-8881). Doors open at 4:00 pm and games begin at 6:00 pm. Proceeds help to support Catholic Education in our parish.

Knights of Columbus meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm at K of C Hall. Mr. Jeff Book-er, Grand Knight

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	01/23	6:00 P.M.	+Vivian Rinard (Donna Klinger and Family)	
Sunday	01/24	7:30 A.M.	+Judy Britton (Leona Arnold)	
Sunday	01/24	11:00 A.M.	+Ruth Rauch (Jeff Canterbury Family)	
Monday	01/25	8:00 A.M.	+Maglene Arnold (Family)	
Tuesday	01/26	8:00 A.M.	+Donna Sturm (Parish)	
Wednesday	01/27	8:20 A.M.	+George Pooler (Ferris and Susan Arnold)	School Mass
Thursday	01/28	8:00 A.M.	Intentions of Randy and Robin Schilling	
Friday	01/29	8:00 A.M.	+Bob Lang ((Richard and Alice Huck)	
Saturday	01/30	6:00 P.M.	+Chris Tesi (Family)	
Sunday	01/31	7:30 A.M.	+Vincent Huck (CWC)	
Sunday	01/31	11:00 A.M.	+Francis A. and Louise Schilling Family (Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Aden Haught Wade Brooker	Eugene Huck	Theresa Sauer
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Jude and Henry Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Gwendolyn Lang Isabella Lang	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Kern

COLLECTION

Collection 1/10/21 \$ 4,686
Collection 1/17/21 \$ 3,087
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

DPSC

Parish Goal \$24,856
Collected to Date: \$70,949

**Thank you for
your generosity!**

ONLINE GIVING

www.stjohnchurchtown.com
to get started

BINGO

Cancelled until further notice

CWC WORK GROUPS

February: Group F-Lori Hart, Tonia Skinner
March: Group A-Anna Schaad
April: Group B-Dorothy Schaad
May: Group E-Susan Arnold

(DPSC Contributions are sent to the Diocese, after the parish goal is met, all funds are returned to the Parish Capital Fund for expenditures beyond our regular budget) Please be aware that we are unable to send DPSC money to the Diocese if it is given through the online giving app. The online giving app is just for the regular collections.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL
PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO ARE SERVING HERE AND ABROAD

BLESSING OF THROATS

In honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day is celebrated on February 3, Blessing of the Throats will be held before the end of each Mass the weekend of January 30-31. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Father will give the blessing to the congregation as a whole before the final blessing.

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Cana Session will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary's Church in Marietta on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Those planning to be married any time next year should register for this session by calling the parish office, 740-373-3643. Please remember that Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

RESPECT LIFE MASS AND CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be offering a Respect Life Mass and Candlelight Rosary at Holy Family Church in Steubenville on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join in praying for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. Please contact Joseph Schmidt, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life with any questions (jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270).

CEMETERY MEETING

A Cemetery meeting has been cancelled for January 14. It has been rescheduled for March 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center. All are welcome to attend.

WELCOME

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Archer and Oliver Miller, sons of Brice and Hannah Miller. Congratulations to these parents for the gifts of new life.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Donna J. Sturm who passed away on January 13. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Donna's family and friends. May God grant Donna eternal peace.

Please keep in your prayers Rita Schwendeman who passed away on January 15. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Rita's family and friends. May God grant Rita eternal peace.

OUR WEBSITE IS BACK

We have a new website...same name, different look! Due to a software issue, we needed to create a new page and Andrea Ralston graciously accepted the challenge. The page looks fabulous. You can still use the name www.stjohnchurchtown.com as before. Andrea will also be uploading the bulletin every week. A very big Thank You to Andrea for taking on this project.

ST. JOHN SUB SALES

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, St. John Central School will not be holding the Super Bowl sub sale this year. It takes many hands to be able to pull this together each year, especially when we make 3,000 subs. Please plan for this fundraiser to resume next year. Hopefully things will be much better by then. Thank you, Mrs. Pottmeyer, Mrs. Arnold, and Michelle Schwendeman.

PLEASE NOTE

Please note that the School Mass on February 2 will be celebrated for Catholic Schools Week by Bishop Monforton and will include all of our school students. Therefore, please be advised that seating will be limited.

K OF C SUPER BOWL MEAL

K of C Council 4617 will be selling take out meals for the Super Bowl. Meal will consist of 1 pound of pulled pork, baked beans, and coleslaw. Cost is \$12 a meal. Meals are to be picked up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, at the Hall in Churchtown from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Orders will be taken until February 1st and can be placed by calling Dean Brooker 740-629-4884 or Ian Alexander 740-525-4898. **The K of C Free Throw Shooting** competition has been cancelled this year. **The K of C Winter Drawing** has been cancelled.



"Repent, and believe in the good news."

A Prayer for our Priests

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend our priests in battle. Be their protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Win for them the grace to be heroic in the pursuit and practice of virtue, courageous in fulfilling the will of God, and steadfast in the face of temptation and desolation. Intercede for them so that they have the strength to take up their crosses daily, to love without counting the cost, and to give generously of themselves. Saint Michael, pray to God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold people in captivity and harm the Church. We entrust our priests to the loving and maternal care of Our Lady, Queen of Angels, and we ask all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen

We entrust these priest to your care:

January 23 Fr. Timothy Shannon and
Fr. Vincent Huber
January 24 Msgr Donald Horak and
Fr. Timothy Kozak
January 25 Fr. John (Jack) McCoy and
Msgr. Patrick Gaughan
September 26 Fr. William Cross and
Msgr. James Boehm
January 27 Fr. David Cornett and
Msgr. Gerald Calovini
January 28 Fr. Victor Cinson and
Fr. Thomas Vennitti
January 29 Fr. Timothy Huffman and
Msgr. John Michael Campbell
January 30 Fr. Thomas Chillog and
Fr. Thomas Nau
January 31 Fr. Matthew Gossett and
Fr. Jonas Shell
February 1 Fr. Martin Holler and
Fr. John Wippel
February 2 Fr. Thomas Nau and
Fr. Mark Froehlich
February 3 Fr. Fred Kihm and
Fr. Anthony Batt
February 4 Fr. Charles Moran and
Fr. James Boehm



Two Simple Prayers for Troubled Times

By Jim Thorp

Despite what you may have heard growing up, curiosity is not a virtue. It's natural for children to be curious: everything is new and wondrous, and developing brains absorb it all like a sponge. Parents are naturally excited to see their children explore the world around them and encourage them to take it all in—but at a certain point, our desire to know outstrips our need. [T]he snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil." - Genesis 3:4-5

It is not insignificant that the tree at the center of Man's fall from grace into sin is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve had all they needed. They walked in perfect love and justice with each other and with God. But they grasped at more and fell—and all of us with them. The solitary serpent that tempted our first parents seems to have the entire world in its coils today, and I find myself increasingly drawn to try to make sense of the chaos. On some level this makes sense: I have a family to care for and protect, and a responsibility to build God's kingdom even in the ruins around me. But at a certain point I go too far. I can feel it: the twisting in my guts, the ache in my heart, as I see the Enemy at work all around me and attempt to take control of the situation myself, or even worse, to despair. Make no mistake: The Devil is powerless before God and only does what he is allowed to by God for our sanctification. But he is stronger than you or me and would love for us to turn away from God and face him alone. And he tempts us with the same forbidden fruit as he did Adam and Eve: Don't believe what God has told you—I can show you the truth he doesn't want you to know. Rubbish. The Father of Lies can show us nothing that we need to know. And yet, if you are like me, you have countless questions that God seems disinclined to answer. What can you do? In the past year, I have come to rely more and more on two very simple prayers to steer me through the current storms.

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A Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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Gift (Script) Cards is an excellent way to help support St. John Central School. A complete list of gift cards is available in the church or St. John the Baptist Parish office. Gift cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or used as a simple thank you. Please support this program.

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people

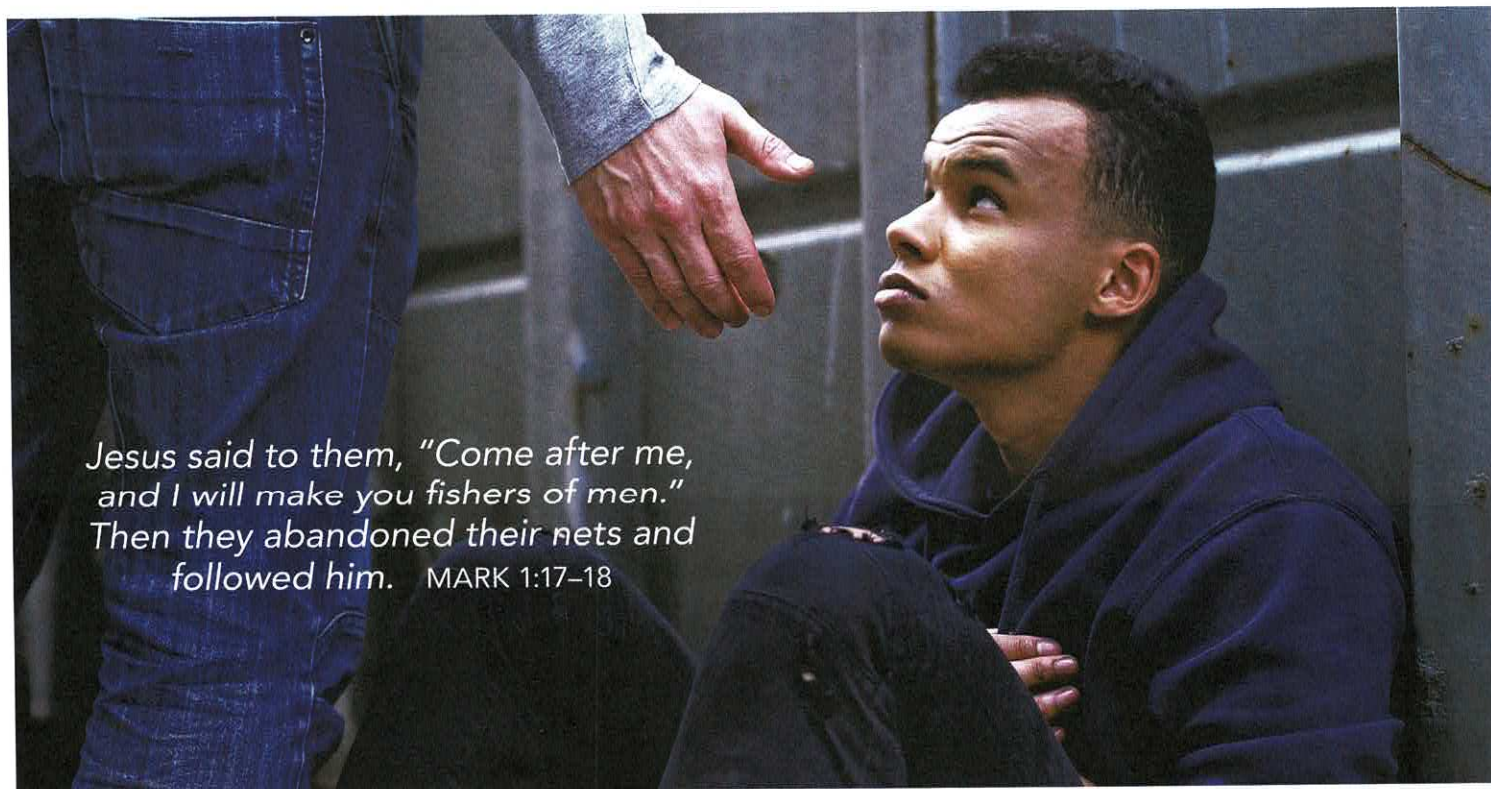
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- ✳ *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18

Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel*—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BLOCH/WIKIPEDIA

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 25
Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday

JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 31
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28