

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

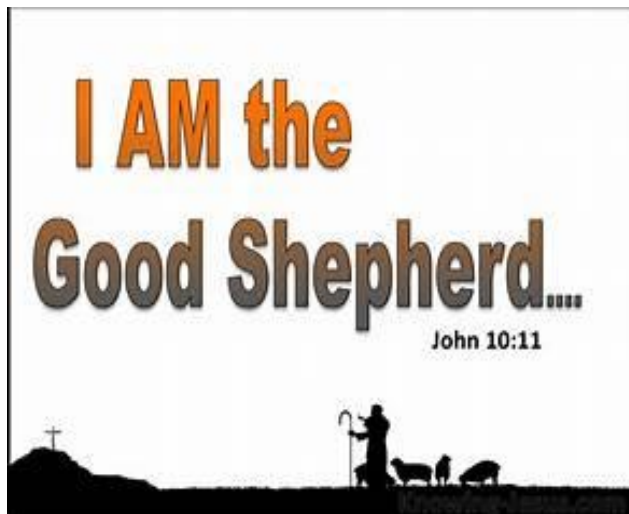
We live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, “we are God’s children now” (1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God’s love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	04/20	4:00	P.M.	+Alfred Tornes (Richard and Melissa Tornes)	
	SJB	04/20	6:00	P.M.	+Donna Klinger (Tom and Martha Fliehm)	
Sunday	SJB	04/21	7:30	A.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (CWC)	
	OLM	04/21	9:30	A.M.	+Nathan Heiss (Charlie and Dorothy Huck)	
	SJB	04/21	11:00	A.M.	+Amy Smith (Anniversary) (Jerry Smith and Family)	
Monday	SJB	04/22	8:00	A.M.	+Glenn Smith (Anniversary) (Jerry Smith and Family) +Bernard "Buzz" Thieman (Mary Lou Thieman and Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	04/23	8:00	A.M.	+Albert Henke (Anniversary) (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	04/23	5:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (Josh and Elizabeth Moore)	
Wednesday	SJB	04/24	8:20	A.M.	+Richard C. Arnold (David Schaad Family)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	04/25	8:00	A.M.	+Mike Ezell (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	04/25	5:00	P.M.	+Frank Schilling (Anniversary) (Family)	
Friday	OLM	04/25	5:00	P.M.	+Robert and +Lucy Long (The Long Family)	
	SJB	04/26	8:00	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Card Club) +Martha Huck (Jeff and Courtney Wesel Family)	
Saturday	OLM	04/27	4:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck Family (The Family)	
	SJB	04/27	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	04/28	7:30	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
	OLM	04/28	9:30	A.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	
	SJB	04/28	11:00	A.M.	+Living and Deceased of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever."

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby and Alex Henke	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Maycee, Brenlee, Reese Lang	Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection for weekend \$2,921 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>D.P.S.C.</u></p> <p>2024 Collected to date \$32,005 2024 Goal \$43,047</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BINGO</u></p> <p>April 7 Group 6 & 7 \$1,561</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement</p>
<p><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>Apr 21 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Apr 28 Group 2 with Jessica Henke May 5 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard May 12 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer May 19 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman May 26 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury</p>	<p><u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u></p> <p>April-Group E with Susan Arnold May-Group F with Tonia Skinner</p> <p>Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center</p>	<p><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></p> <p style="text-align: 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.</p>

<p><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></p> <p>Acts 9:26–31 / 1 John 3:18–24 / John 15:1–8</p>	<p>Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday</p>
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THANK YOU

Fr. Heinz, Fr. Tornes, and all of the retired priests of our Diocese would like to thank you for your gracious generosity in giving to the Steubenville Priests' Retirement Fund. The total collected was \$70,431.37. God bless you all!

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on April 24th. All are welcome.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on May 13th at the Sr. Center. Mass will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner to follow. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Tonia Skinner by May 6th (740-350-5355).

CWC CONVENTION

The Annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. Reservations are due by May 20. The entry fee will be covered by the CWC. For questions or to register, please contact Marilyn Zoller (896-3626).

TEACHERS NEEDED AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year a Full-Time First Grade Teacher and a Full-Time Fifth-Eighth Grades Math and Science Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School Registration for the 2024-25 school year has begun at St. John Central School. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre- Kindergarten at the preschool through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS

There will be a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus meeting at Marietta K of C Hall at 2:00 P.M. on April 28th. There are several topics to discuss. All Fourth Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will once again host A NIGHT AT THE RACES - Saturday, May 4, at the K of C Hall. Guests should pull out their derby attire and big hats for this adults-only night of wagering on horse races, great food, drinks, and fun while supporting our building capital improvement fund. Tickets are \$35/each or \$280/table (8 people). Doors Open @ 4:00, Heavy Appetizers By BIG FOOD LITTLE KITCHEN (Katie Wainwright-Tucker) @ 5:00, and Races Begin @ 5:30. BET ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY plus 10 other races for a total of 11 horse races throughout the night. In addition to horse racing, there will be other games of chance. There will also be a BIG HAT & BEST DRESSED contest. Your ticket includes the appetizers and 2 drinks + Cash Bar to follow. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.



CONGRATULATIONS
to the following individuals
receiving the Sacrament of First
Communion this weekend!

- Weston Burt*
- Evelyn Canterbury*
- Alyssa Dyar*
- Lola Eichmiller*
- Harper Heiss*
- Owen Huck*
- Graysen Lee*
- Maddox Marks*
- Evelynne McNabb*
- Ford Negie*
- Keegan Pottmeyer*
- Ellison Schaad*
- Dane Schott*
- Wade Strahler*
- Alaina Wells*



*May you always know the
peace of Jesus, the light of
His love, and the joy of
His life within you.*

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Diving into friendship with God"
June 23-27, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



More information will follow!



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. Karen Pottmeyer
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

Diocese of Steubenville Presents **Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024...5 days** 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 life—and our Church—will never be the same. The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799.00 per person double occupancy (triple, quad & single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

Dear Friends, As I watched with the millions of others in the path of the solar eclipse, the fact that the Church also celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation was not lost in my meditation. The moon rarely blocks the sun out entirely, but every year the lunar cycle determines the date of Easter, and much else depends on that. So, the Feast of the Annunciation was transferred from its usual spot on March 25, which fell during Holy Week, to April 8, the first day after Holy Week and the Easter Octave. The coincidence of an eclipse with the Annunciation suggests that the meandering of the moon might be a matter for spiritual meditation. Mary is the woman with the moon at her feet and clothed with the sun. The moon is an appropriate Christian symbol for the Blessed Mother, as the moon has no light of its own, but only reflects the light of the sun; Mary reflects the light of her Son upon the face of the earth. But the moon is not purely ancillary much less merely decorative; its gravitational pull keeps The Annunciation gives a proper spiritual interpretation of a solar eclipse. For that singular moment in Nazareth, the moon determined whether the sunlight, the Son's light, would reach the world. Just as celestial movements offer those rare moments when the reach of the sun's light depends, fleetingly, on the moon, there was a singular moment in Nazareth. God sent his Son into the world, but dependent upon the free consent of the Virgin of Nazareth. Certainly, Mary was filled with grace and preserved from sin. Grace enhances freedom and sin erodes it; so, the sinless Mary, full of grace, was freer, not less. And the Incarnation depended upon her freedom, by God's own choice. The light coming into the world depended upon Mary to enter it. The sun depended, for that moment, upon the moon. Analogies are not exact. Mary never eclipses Jesus. In the beginning God said fiat lux (let there be light). And so it was. Mary replies was, fiat mihi (let it be done to me). And so He came to be among us. Mary, Queen of Heaven, Pray for us!



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

Are you or do you know someone interested in becoming a Benedictine Monk? Our vocation office would be happy to speak with you about this. **Established in 1846, the Archabbey of Saint Vincent** is a community of monks, sharing a life in union with Christ Jesus, according to the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church and the monastic Rule of Saint Benedict. Out of our common life and the celebration of the Eucharist flows our apostolic works, which are the lasting fruit that our discipleship bears to the glory of God. For this reason, young men are attracted to join us, coming to share our life and thereby sustaining our work, serving God, the Church and each other.

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 12th to 20th, 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: Only \$3,899 - double occupancy including roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh! For a brochure, please contact: Fr. James M. Dunfee, Pastor, St. Agnes Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue, Mingo Junction, Oh 43938. Telephone: 740-535-1491 or email: frjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org.

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) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). 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 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!*

Did you know? The first mechanical clock was invented by a Benedictine monk who later became a pope Gerbert d-Aurillac discovered methods to create gears powered by counter-balanced weights, leading to the invention of the first mechanical clock. He was also a musician and contributed to the advancement of pipe organ design. In 999, d-Au-rillac was elected as Pope and took the name Sylvester II.