

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12–13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit.

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	05/18	4:00	P.M.	+Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)	
	SJB	05/18	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Richard C. Arnold (Norma Thieman and Family)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	05/19	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Penny Schwendeman (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)</b>	
	OLM	05/19	9:30	A.M.	+Walter and Alice Klinger (Bernard and Sue Klinger)	
	SJB	05/19	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller and Family)</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	05/20	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Vincent and +Allene Huck (Children)</b> <b>+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	05/21	6:00	P.M.	<b>St. John 8th Grade Graduates (8th grade Graduation)</b>	
	OLM	05/21	5:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (Mike and Denise Stehly)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	05/22	11:00	A.M.	<b>St. John's Staff and Students (Kindergarten Graduation)</b>	<b>School Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	05/23	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Jenny Strahler (Jeff and Lorinda Lang)</b>	
	OLM	05/23	5:00	P.M.	+Leora Arnold (Max Huck)	
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	05/24	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Thurman Warnock (Charlotte Lang and Family)</b> <b>+Larry Schaad (Hugh and Kelley Arnold)</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	05/25	4:00	P.M.	+Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	05/25	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Harold and +Ruth Rauch (Anniv.) (Family)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	05/26	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Ben Brooker (Anniv.) (Family)</b>	
	OLM	05/26	9:30	A.M.	+Nina Huffman (OLM CWC)	
	SJB	05/26	11:00	A.M.	<b>Living and Deceased of Vince and Shelly Stollar Family</b> <b>(Vince and Shelly Stollar Family)</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Volunteers	Jerry Smith	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Finn Lauchard	Kristen Pottmeyer	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for weekend \$3,422 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$44,525 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	May 5 Group 3 \$4,018  If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
May 19 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman May 26 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Jun 2 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Jun 9 Group 8 with Russ Lang Jun 16 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Jun 23 Group 2 with Jessie Henke	May and June Group F with Tonia Skinner  Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. 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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 / John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **GRADUATES RECOGNITION**

All graduating high school and college seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26. If you would like to participate, please wear your cap and gown and sit together in the front pews.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

The new liturgical ministers schedules for June through September will be available next weekend in the church vestibule. We truly are thankful for all of those who serve our parish.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

In the near future, we will be repairing and resurfacing the parking lot across from the church. The lot may have to be closed while the work is completed, however we are hoping this will not be too much of an inconvenience. More information will be provided.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on May 22. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

### **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).

### **THANK YOU!**

St. John Central Home & School Association would like to extend their sincere thanks to all parents, family, and community members for their generous support over the past school year. Whether it be through supporting our fundraisers, volunteering your time, or any other type of donations, your generosity has helped to enrich the education of all St. John's students, and allowed them to engage in many extracurricular activities. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

### **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 or Part-Time Fifth-Eighth Math 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.

### **CHICKEN BARBECUE**

A Chicken Barbecue will be held at St. Michael's Church in Carlisle on Sunday, May 26. Serving time is 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Dine in or drive-thru carryout available. There will be an afternoon of Bingo and a square dance from 7-10:00 p.m. by "Little Creek Band".

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is quickly approaching. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule (insert included in the bulletin this weekend). A QR code is also provided to do online registration. Please register by June 1st so we can order enough supplies and t-shirts. Volunteers are also needed for each station and crew leaders. Sign-ups to Volunteer can be done using the QR code or contacting Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you!!

**DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, **May 29, 2024**. 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, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8am on Wednesday, **May 29, 2024**. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

### **THANK YOU!**

**Thank You For Supporting The Knights of Columbus 4617 – A Night At The Races 2024.** The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio would like to thank everyone who came out to our 4th, A Night A The Races event held on Saturday, May 4, 2024! We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to having this again, next year on Saturday, May 3, 2025 (1st Saturday of May). We especially want to thank our 2024 event sponsors. They include: Bosner Plumbing Electric & Refrigeration LLC, Brooker General Contracting, Inc, Classic Brands, Crum Fence & Excavating, Event Designs, EZG Manufacturing, Lakeside Golf Course, Lang Financial, Megabea Communications Inc., Newton's Insurance – Travis Pottmeyer, Agent, Next Level Masonry LLC – Thad Tucker, Ruthie's Beauty – Brittany Kern, Shelly & Sands, Inc., Sponey's IGA, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc, 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 150th 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 Patti Miller 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!

### **ST. MARY'S FULDA 200+ CLUB**

St. Mary's in Fulda will hold their 4th Annual 200+ Club dinner on July 20 at 5:15 p.m. following mass. There will be dinner and a cash bar and a live band after all drawings are completed that evening. To purchase a ticket, please call Beth Guiler 740-581-0378.



### 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

### Miracles of the Eucharist-Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Italy - October 6-18, 2025

Plan now to Walk through the four Holy Doors to receive a Plenary Indulgence. Visit the cities and miracle sites of Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni, Pompeii and Sorrento and walk through the four Holy Doors to receive the Plenary Indulgence and attend daily Mass in these sacred places during this pilgrimage from October 6-18, 2025. The tour price is \$4295.00 per person in double occupancy, first-class hotels, most meals, coach travel, and guided sightseeing. (Group air fare will be available in November, 2024 for roundtrip travel from Pittsburgh International Airport.) For more information call (800) 842-4842 or email Jane (jane@selectintl.com) at Select International Tours or go to the website: [selectinternationaltours.com](http://selectinternationaltours.com). Tour code is: 25JA10ITTC. Initial deposit is due by June 16, 2025. For a brochure, contact Fr. Chillog (tchillog@stmaryschurchstc.com).

**Sunday Bingo:** Is major parish fundraiser in support of Catholic Education is our Bingo. We have a successful bingo due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We need more regular helpers on the floor, and especially additional bingo callers. If you can help, please let us know.

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). 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](http://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.* For those families not receiving the full scholarship a out of pocket cap has been placed on tuition. Contact the school for details.

**LEAC:** It is time for St. John Central School to ask for two new members for our Local Education Advisory Council (LEAC). We need a member from Our Lady of Mercy parish and one from St. John. Next year we will ask for two new members from St. Bernard and St. Ambrose parishes. You don't have to be a parent to be a member of LEAC. Please call the school office at 740-896-2697 if you are interested.

**Catholic Charities of Southeastern Ohio** has received a disaster relief grant to assist those impacted by the flooding that occurred in our Diocese on April 4, 2024. Single income families and the elderly are the primary groups to be served by this grant. Applicants can apply for assistance with home repairs, daily living needs, healthcare, childcare or transportation. Catholic Charities is accepting applications now through July 1<sup>st</sup> or until the funds are exhausted. Applications are now available by emailing [lperdue@diosteub.org](mailto:lperdue@diosteub.org), on the Catholic Charities Facebook page or calling (740) 314-8660.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** Our diocese will celebrate with the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage beginning on Friday, **June 21<sup>st</sup>** with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben followed by a procession from the Fort to St. Peter's Church, concluding with a prayer meditation and Benediction. All Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to participate in the procession, with His Excellency Bishop Paul Bradley. We hope that your parishes will participate in the procession by sending parishioners who will carry a banner displaying your parishes' names and will include additional parishioners to process with the banner bearers. We ask that one representative from each group "check-in" at 6 pm at the Large Metal Fort Steuben gate; then all participants will begin lining up for the procession at 6:30pm.

*If we hope to raise up a new generation of Christ-centered men and women, we must renew our love for Christ in the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the heart of faithful longing, by connecting us to the heart of his Father.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — The Knights of Columbus are men of prayer, faith, and action. Catholic men, now is the perfect time to join the Knights of Columbus and be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church. Consider joining.

**Did you know?** It is worth noting that May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, many people might not know that in 2018, Pope Francis issued a decree regarding the Monday after Pentecost. From then on, this day is celebrated as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, every year and outranks other obligatory memorials on that day. As Jesus is the head of the Church and Mary gave birth to Him, Pope Saint Paul VI bestowed the title -Mother of the Church upon her in 1964.

**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

### DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The Daily Bread Kitchen provides meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Once again, we are asking for your help. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Daily Bread" put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

### NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you have recently moved, please call the parish office to give us your new address. Also, if you no longer have a landline and are just using a cell phone number, please let us know. We want to keep our parish census up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.



**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Vacation Bible School Registration**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>– June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00 – 8:30pm**

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Names of persons who may pick up \_\_\_\_\_

**Register by June 1st to get a tshirt!**

Child's Name	Grade in School (in the fall)	Allergies/Health Conditions	T Shirt Size

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Also, Registration can be done by using QR code



# FATHER'S DAY FISH FRY

Sponsored by the KofC 4617



**12:00 - 3:00**  
**\$15 EACH**

STAG - Open to gentlemen of the public and KofC members!



**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
FISH + FRIES + COLESLAW +  
DRINKS**

50/50 & Tool Raffle at the door!

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