

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Matrimony: Engaged couples, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding, for Pre-marriage interview. Pre-marriage formation (Pre-Cana) is required to prepare for this serious, lifelong commitment.

Baptism: call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism 740-896-3566.

The Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.

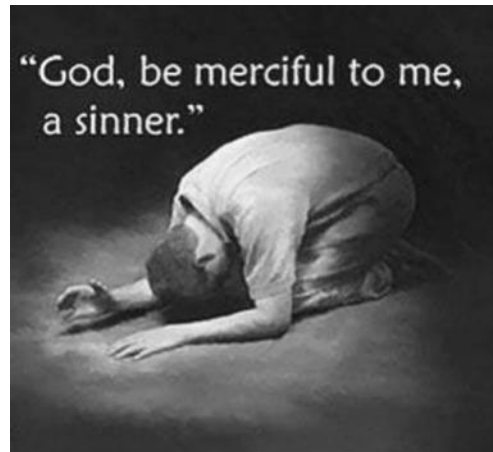
Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday from 5:00-5:45 p.m., Sunday 6:45am to 7:15am and 10:00am to 10:45am. Individual appointment by calling parish office.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 26, 2025



Good News!

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/25	4:00	p.m.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond and Kathy Lang)																					
	SJB	10/25	6:00	p.m.	+Ellen Heiss (Dave and Dottie Schaad)																					
Sunday	SJB	10/26	7:30	a.m.	+Robert Heiss (Russ Kern and Family)																					
	OLM	10/26	9:30	a.m.	+Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)																					
	SJB	10/26	11:00	a.m.	+Faye Treadway (Steve and Pam Brooker)																					
Monday	SJB	10/27	8:00	a.m.	+Frank and +Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)																					
Tuesday	SJB	10/28	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today																					
	OLM	10/28	5:00	p.m.	+Tina Schaad (Evan and Heather Schaad Family)																					
Wednesday	SJB	10/29	8:30	a.m.	+Harold Gebhart (Anniversary 10/30) (Family) School Mass																					
Thursday	SJB	10/30	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today																					
	OLM	10/30	5:00	p.m.	+Darren Cheeseman (Cathy, Matthew, Alyssa, and Matt)																					
Friday	SJB	10/31	8:00	a.m.	Deceased Members of +Ralph and +Pauline Zoller (Janet Schaad Family)																					
Saturday	OLM	11/01	4:00	p.m.	+George and +Dorothy Wendts (Marilyn and Heather Peters)																					
	SJB	11/01	6:00	p.m.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Doug and Mary Parks) All Saints Day																					
Sunday	SJB	11/02	7:30	a.m.	+Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker and Family) All Souls Day																					
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COLLECTION Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,186 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity!		DPSC 2025 Collected to Date \$ 66,440 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 currently serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.																						
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CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Churchtown Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30, 6 -7:30 p.m. If you will be giving out treats, please turn your outside light on.

GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul is taking requests for help this Christmas. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please call Alberta Wesel at 740-374-4428.

HONORING ALL VETERANS

St. John Central School will be honoring all veterans who have served on Monday, November 10. Mass will be held at the church at 9:00 a.m. After mass, breakfast will be served at the school to all veterans and their families at 10:00 a.m. The Veterans program will follow in the school gym at 11:00 a.m. All families are welcome to attend. Thank you for your service to our country.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Senior Citizens meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Thursday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

CWC NOVEMBER MEETING

The monthly CWC meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Monday, November 10. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul will be set up on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

ROSARY, ADORATION, RECONCILIATION

St. John School staff and students will pray the Rosary on Monday, October 27 at 8:20. These Rosaries will be prayed by the shrine or in the school gym depending on the weather. The Rosary on October 27 will be our Living Rosary. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2-3:30 pm at the Convent. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above, even if they attend St. John Central School. The date for Confirmation is TBA.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/hiaQoNKRXSTpzv4A>.

CASINO NIGHT

"Casino Night in the Wild West" is coming up! Please join us on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. This event is sponsored by the St. John Home and School Association. Tickets are \$50/person or reserve a table for 8 people for \$550. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call or text 740-336-5313 or 407-920-1565.

OUR SNOWBIRD IS FLYING THE COUP FOR THE WINTER



Fr. Walter will be heading back to Florida this weekend for the winter. His address is: 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 801, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Please keep him in your prayers.

AED TRAINING AT THE K O C HALL

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus 4617, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Beverly Squad Department for their generous donation of an AED for our Hall. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. In support of their donation, they have generously offered to give an AED training to ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the equipment effectively if needed. We will host this training at our Hall on Monday November 10th 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M. All people of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions feel free to call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.

SEARCH

"SEARCH" for Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages sophomore-21 is upcoming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Girls weekend will be held Friday, November 7th, through Sunday, November 9th. Boys weekend will be held Friday, November 21st, through Sunday, November 23rd. Deadline for applications is October 31st for girls. With boys weekend being a later date, applications turned in closer to that date will be accepted. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763. You can find SEARCH applications at St. Johns Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>.

CWC INFORMTION

Be looking for the Boxes of Joy in the church vestibule again this year. We are helping St. Mary's Church serve the underprivileged. Instructions are included in each box. Please have them returned to the church by November 4 and Connie Arnold will take them to the Basilica. Also, there will not be an October CWC Meeting. See you in November.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CWC

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Thursday, October 30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

ST. AMBROSE OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Annual Ox Roast St. Ambrose Church, November 9 11am – 2pm. Cost for dinner Tickets \$15.00 (children 6 to 10 - \$10.00) Menu: Beef or Turkey, Noodles, Mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll & dessert Quilt Raffle Drawing \$5 tickets Home and Hearth Traditional pattern 100"x100" Made by St. Ambrose Quilt Club.

BAG AND BASKET BINGO

A Bag and Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at the St. Bernard Social Hall in Beverly, Ohio. There will be 20 Games for \$25.00. Tickets sold at the door only. A 50/50 drawing, concession stand & raffle will be available. For question about these upcoming events call: 740-960-9944. All proceeds go to support Mary's House.

In keeping with the tradition of **All Soul's Day**, In honoring those who have preceded in Death, Fr. David will visit each of our cemeteries to pray the rosary and conduct the Order of Visiting the Cemetery on Sunday, November 2nd. St. John the Baptist Cemetery will be at Noon (12:00 pm); Ava Maria Cemetery at 2:00pm.





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

PSR Coordinator

Amanda Warner

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 Tanner Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890

Pray for the priests of the Diocese of Steubenville: Oct. 18, all Priests; Oct 19 Fr. Mark Moore; Oct.20, Fr. David Huffman; Oct. 21, Fr. William Cross; Oct. 22, Msgr. Donald Horak; Oct 23, Fr. David Cornett; Oct. 24, Fr. Dale Tornes, Oct.25 Fr. Walter Heinz; Oct.26 Fr. John McCoy.

Pray for our seminarians (the future of our Diocese). Deacon Peter Stetson—Blessed Sacrament Parish Wintersville, Ohio; Deacon Ryan Budd and Caleb Baker —Christ the Light Parish Cambridge, Ohio; Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich;— St. Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Pa. John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris, Arron Pabin, and William Gugala.— Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Ohio

Diocese of Steubenville Vocations:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations
Diocesan Website: steubenvillevocations.com

"Respect Life ". During this month, the Church reaffirms its teaching that all human life, from conception to natural death, is sacred and deserving of protection. This focus includes issues such as abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and the care of the vulnerable.

The connection between the Rosary and the right to life For many Catholics, observing the Month of the Rosary and Respect Life Month in October are deeply connected through prayer and the belief in the sacredness of life. Both observances focus on prayer as a way to seek divine aid. Just as Catholics prayed the Rosary for victory at the Battle of Lepanto, many now pray the Rosary to ask for Mary's intercession for the protection of human life and for a change of heart among those who do not respect it. The Rosary's meditations cover the joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and glorious mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives. These mysteries present a profound reflection on the value of life, from the Annunciation (a joyful mystery) to Christ's passion and death (sorrowful mysteries), and his resurrection (glorious mystery). Many pro-life Catholics see the Rosary as a spiritual weapon in the struggle to build a culture of life, especially when facing social and political opposition. The repetition of the prayers is believed to be a powerful act of spiritual combat against the forces that threaten human dignity.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes

—You are invited to join Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes. Highlights include the Eucharistic miracle of Santarem, Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St. Theresa of Avila and more. September 10-20, 2026. \$5346/per person based on double occupancy. Price includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. For more information please call 1-800-213-4295.

SJC School News - School is in full swing Students are settling into their routines—memorizing schedules, and taking quizzes.. Each class has officially kicked off their curriculum and the energy in the building is exciting!

OCIA (formerly RCIA) stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the process for those who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and beautiful history of the church and the Saints. We will be preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. For more information contact the parish office at 740-896-3567.

Did you know?

What is the meaning of the "communion of saints"? This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (sancta): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interests" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor. CCC 946-953, 960, 195. What else does "the communion of saints" mean? This expression also refers to the communion between holy person (sancti); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on the earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ one family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity. CCC 954-959, 961-962

In what sense is the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church? The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church in the order of grace because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, the Head of the body which is the Church. When he was dying on the cross Jesus gave his mother to his disciple with the words, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27). CCC 963-964, 973

How does the Virgin Mary help the Church? After the Ascension of her Son, the Virgin Mary aided the beginning of the Church with her prayers. Even after her Assumption into heaven, she continues to intercede for her children, to be a model of faith and charity for all, and to exercise over them a salutary influence deriving from the superabundant merits of Christ. The faithful see in Mary an image and an anticipation of the resurrection that awaits them and they invoke her as advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix. CCC 965-970, 974-975

Thought for the Week

The poorest of all men is not the man without a cent but the man without a dream.

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