ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 21-22, 2026



Founded 1841—Completed 1867
A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor
Cell number 740-391-1093
Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired
Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

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.
Bulletin Information: Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Good News!

BY: MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor,or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even

persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever

you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him? Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison…. You do all of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?" "We never thought of it like that." "Yes! Your baby is Jesus!" and maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's Pieta depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	11/21	4:00	p.m.	+Marie Scypher (Tom Schilling)
	SJB	**11/21**	**6:00**	**p.m.**	**+Ed and +Donna Klinger (Steve Klinger Family)**
Sunday	**SJB**	**11/22**	**7:30**	**a.m.**	**+Bill Wesel (Bill and Alberta Wesel)**
	OLM	11/22	9:30	a.m.	+Jack Smiley (David and Joanne Yeomans)
	SJB	**11/22**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**+Dave Bowen (Ted and Trina Miller)**



Monday	**SJB**	**11/23**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**+Marlene Walbert (Earl Tornes Family)**	
Tuesday	**SJB**	**11/24**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Family)**	**School Mass**
	OLM	11/24	5:00	p.m	+Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Julia Brooker)	
Wednesday	**SJB**	**11/25**	**8:30**	**a.m.**	**+Terry Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)**	
Thursday	**SJB**	**11/26**	**9:00**	**a.m.**	**People of the Parish**	**Happy Thanksgiving!**
	OLM	11/26	9:00	a.m.	+Raymond and +Deanna Lang (Marc and Whitney Serve' Family)	
Friday	**SJB**	**11/27**	**8:00**	**a.m.**	**+Robert Gaydosik Jr. (Bill and Roberta Dent)**	

Saturday	OLM	11/28	4:00	p.m.	+Tess Huck (Randolph Family)
	SJB	**11/28**	**6:00**	**p.m.**	**Living and Deceased of +James and +Maglena Arnold (Family)**
Sunday	**SJB**	**11/29**	**7:30**	**a.m.**	**+Herb Mason (Mason Siblings)**
	OLM	11/29	9:30	a.m.	+Jeri Lang (Larry and Linda Pottmeyer)
	SJB	**11/29**	**11:00**	**a.m.**	**+Alice Lang (Anniversary 12/5) (Bob and Peggy Byers)**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn and Alyssa Dyar	Rachel Klinger	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Lola Eichmiller, Chase Arteaga	Robin Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Jade Lang	Janelle Sprague	Lori Hart

COLLECTION

Total Collection (last weekend) $3,025
Need to meet parish needs $4,750

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DPSC

2026 Collected to date $63,745
DPSC Goal $36,584

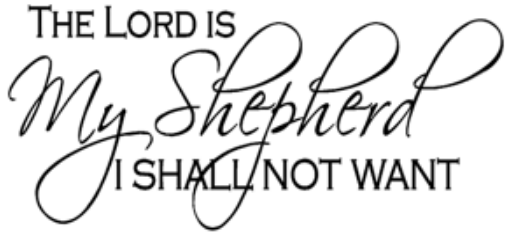
THANK YOU!



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.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN

The Church will be open after mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week until 5:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 20-22	Boys SEARCH
Nov 24-30	No School at St. John's
Dec 3	Senior Citizens Meeting
Dec 3	St. John School Christmas Program
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 13	CWC Christmas Party

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Lowell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 24th at 7 PM at Lowell United Methodist Church. The public is invited to join Lowell United Methodist, St. John's Evangelical, Highland Ridge, and Our Lady of Mercy Churches to give thanks to God for His goodness in our lives, families, and community.

CWC CHRISTMAS PARTY

CWC Christmas Party for the ladies of the parish and their spouses is scheduled for December 13th at 12:30 p.m. at the Marietta County Club. The choices are Bruschetta Chicken ($30.00), Grilled Salmon ($30.00) or Penne Alfresco ($24.00). Please contact Bonnie Flowers at 740-373-0390 by December 1st to make your reservations.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul Giving Tree is now available for those wishing to take a tag. Please have all gifts wrapped and returned to the church vestibule by December 6. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MARILYN KERN

You are invited to an 80th Birthday Party in honor of Marilyn Kern on November 22, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall. No gifts please, but cards would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of $10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by December 13.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Once again, Cawley Peoples Funeral Home has provided our parishioners with a yearly calendar. The calendars are located in the vestibule so make sure you stop by and pick one up. Thank you Cawley Peoples Funeral Home!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at St. John's on Monday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. and December 8 at 8:30 a.m. (school mass). Mass at Lowell will be 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. Volunteer will be needed to Lector, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Minister. Thank you.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. John School will hold their annual Christmas program in the gym on December 3. Early Learning through 1st grade students will perform at 6:30 p.m. and students in grades 2-6 will be at 7:15 p.m.

STAY SAFE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

For your safety and the security of our parish community, please remain alert when arriving and leaving Mass. We strongly recommend that you do not give money to individuals asking for assistance. While we care for those in need, your safety comes first. Thank you for helping us keep our parish a safe and welcoming place for all.

MEMORIAL MASS

A special Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, December 16th at 7 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the K of C hall.

CEMETERY PINES

Washington County Exchange 4-H Club is selling cemetery pines for $25 with delivery the week of Dec. 6th. and buckeye candy, $10/doz. with delivery the week of Dec. 13th. Text or call Ellie Tullius @ 740-434-3064 with your orders by Nov. 25th.

ASSEMBLY 840 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Assembly 840 will have its annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 13th. This year it will be held at Christ the King Parish hall, in Athens, Ohio. We will begin at 3:00 p.m. and try to be finished up by 6:00 p.m. The Athens Council will be providing the entrée, with everybody encouraged to bring a side dish, to be enjoyed by everyone. There will be a $20.00 gift exchange for the Ladies. We will have a short meeting at the end of the dinner to set up meetings and goals for next year and go over our accomplishments from the past year. Please make every effort to attend.



Pastor's Message

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 our diocese: **Pray for the priests of our diocese**: Nov 22, Fr. Robert Gallagher; Nov 23, Msgr. Mike Campbell; Nov. 24, Fr. William Cross; Nov 25, Fr. James Dunfee; Nov 26, Fr. Patrick Gaughn; Nov 27, Fr. Jonas Shell; Nov 28, Fr. Thomas Nau; Nov. 29, Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti; Nov 30, All Priests.

Pray for our Seminarians: Those studying at *St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road., Latrobe, Pa. 15650.* Third Theology- Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkoich and First Theology – Aaron Pabin. Studying at *The Pontifical College Josephinum*, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499. Second Theology – John Paul Gan; Fourth College- Riley Morris; Third College – Maxmillian Kolbe Gan; Second College – William Gugala.*Director of Vocations* – Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti. 740-432-7509 or nginnetti@diocsteub.org.

Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly meeting – general recovery meetings are held on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Mary Margret Catholic Parish Hall I Parkersburg, WV. For more information contact John B. at CatholicinRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (881)229-7220.

Forgiveness and Hope after Abortion. Did fear and shame lead you or someone you know to have an abortion? Or you felt there was no other choice? Are you seeking comfort from welcoming and non-judgmental people to help you through your sadness and guilt? You are invited to make a confidential call to Project Rachel Ministry where you can connect with others who understand and can help. You're not alone anymore. Peace starts at Project Rachel Ministry. Call 740-275-7038 or visit www.diosteub.org/project-rachel.

The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide." The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration. Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336).

Eyeglasses Donation: The Lions Club is accepting donations of eyeglasses. The Lions "Recycle for Sight" program collects, refurbishes, and distributes donated eyeglasses to provide free vision correction for adults and children in need worldwide. The clubs who participate do so proudly and attentively manage collection boxes to ensure every pair makes a difference. A collection box has been placed at the entrance of our Church.

OCTOBER AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

YEAR	***1ST MASS***	***2ND MASS***	***3RD MASS***	***TOTAL***
2022	82	159	113	354
2023	78	116	99	293
2024	81	107	109	297
2025	76	108	127	311
2026	65	113	120	298

ST. JOHN
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Wine Tasting
FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
6:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MERCY HALL
LOWELL, OH

Light snacks provided!



FREE TO ATTEND!

SIGN UP
AS LIMITED SEATS ARE AVAILABLE!

SIGN UP
Reserve your spot for the wine tasting!

CAN'T MAKE IT?
You can still support our fundraiser by ordering wine.

DONATE REFRESHMENTS
Sign up to donate light refreshments for the event!