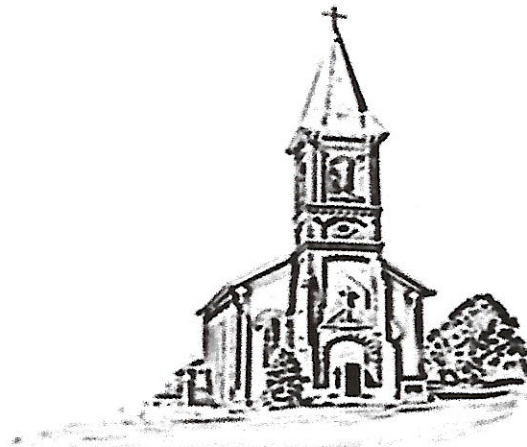


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force? Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way. Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music. If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence. Today's story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today's gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it.

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY JUNE 4, 2023

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### THE TRINITY



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/03	4:00	P. M.	+Kenny Huck (David and Elaine Arnold)
	SJB	06/03	6:00	P.M.	<b>Living and Deceased of +Clem and +Lucy Brooker (Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	06/04	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Gladys Schilling (Mike and Marilyn Schilling)</b>
	OLM	06/04	9:30	A.M.	+Marcia (Engle) Williams (Alicia Slogan and Floyd Williams)
	SJB	06/04	11:00	A.M.	<b>Living and Deceased of the +Lewis and +Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett and Family)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	06/05	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Donna Klinger (Dave and Barbara Huck)</b> <b>+Mary E. Huck (Churchtown Sr. Citizens)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	06/06	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Mary Canterbury (Anniv. 6/7) (Rick Canterbury and Family)</b>
Tuesday	OLM	06/06	5:00	P.M.	Edith Brooker (John Walters)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	06/07	8:00	A.M.	<b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	06/08	8:00	A.M.	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Thursday	OLM	06/08	5:00	P.M.	The Peters Family (Marilyn & Heather Peters)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	06/09	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Bob and +Edna Lang (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)</b> <b>+Jim Thieman (CWC)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/10	4:00	P. M.	+Vincent and +Allene Huck (Lisa Berendts)
	SJB	06/10	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Clarence and +Eunice Walter (Charlotte Lang and Family)</b>
	SJB	06/11	7:30	A.M.	<b>+John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)</b>
	OLM	06/11	9:30	A.M.	+Jennifer Fryman (Jim and Peggy Huck)
	SJB	06/11	11:00	A.M.	<b>+David Kuhn (John Paulus Family)</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Orion and Raegan Flinn, Alex Henke	Rachel Klinger	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Taryn Kern, Hadleigh Pennock	Angie Henniger	Marilyn Zoller

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>D.P.S.C.</u></b>	<b><u>BINGO</u></b>
Total Collection last weekend      \$3,546 Needed to meet parish needs      \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected      \$45,350 2023 Goal      \$25,341  Thank you!	May 14 Group 8      \$4,013 May 21 Group 1      \$4,297  If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<b><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></b>
Jun 4      Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jun 11      Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jun 18      Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Jun 25      Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	June Group F-Tonia Skinner	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.

<b><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></b>	<b>Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday</b>
Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9      2 Corinthians 13:11-13      John 3:16-18	



### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the following wonderful CWC ladies for volunteering their time to spring clean the Rectory: Connie Arnold, Mary Brooker, Jazlynn Casto, Marilyn Kern, Marilyn Schilling, Elaine Wells, and Marilyn Zoller. We truly appreciate you donating your time and talents.

### **PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (D.P.S.C.)**

There is still time to contribute to the DPSC. We have met our goal of \$25,341 and now all money sent to the Diocese for DPSC will be returned to our Parish. This money will not be "taxed" when it comes time for the Diocese to work up our monthly assessment total. If you would like your weekly collection to be sent to the DPSC, please list "DPSC" on the outside of your collection envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registration forms are located online and in the church vestibule. The date for Vacation Bible School is set for July 30-August 3, 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at St. John School. The program will be "Stellar". You may register online using the QR code provided or use the paper form and return to the envelope marked "VBS" in the church vestibule. Please register your child/ren no later than July 1. This will enable us to plan ahead for food and supplies. There is no cost for VBS but donations are always welcome.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held on June 14 and 28 in the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

### **JACK AND JANET LANG WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

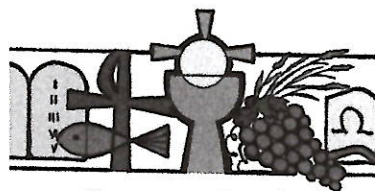
John "Jack" and Janet (Welch) Lang of Waterford are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married June 18, 1958, by Father Charles Highland at St. John Catholic Church in Churchtown. An open house will be held by their nine children for family and friends June 10, 1-4:00 p.m. at the Beverly Legion Hall, Beverly, OH.

### **BEVERLY-FORT FRYE ALUMNI BANQUET**

Beverly-Fort Frye Alumni Banquet will be held June 10, 2023. Social hour at 5:00 in the Fort Frye High School cafeteria, Dinner at 6:00 in the Fort Frye High School gymnasium. Tickets are \$25 each and are due by June 1, 2023. Make payable and send to the following: Beverly-Fort Frye Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1313, Beverly, OH 45715.

### **FATHER'S DAY FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Father's Day STAG Fish Fry (Open to gentlemen of the Public and KofC Members) at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Churchtown, Ohio (17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750). Held on Sunday, June 18, 2023, serving food from Noon until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15 all you can eat Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Drinks. There will be a 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions, please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.



### **Corpus Christi**

**Feast of Corpus Christi**, also called **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, in honor of the real presence of the body (*corpus*) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) *to give God collective thanks* for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) *to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion* surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) *to teach us to appreciate* and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

Therefore, you are invited to **Eucharistic Adoration** from 11:45a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Churchtown. At 5 p.m. Adoration will conclude with benediction. *All are encouraged to come and spend time in prayer.*

A sign-up sheet is located at the main entrance of our church.





**Adult Initiation:**  
Contact the Parish Office.

**Infant Baptisms:** Call the  
Parish Office

**Weddings:** Please make ar-  
rangements at least six months  
in advance before any other  
plans are made.

**Confession:** one-half hour  
before Mass or upon request

**Sick Calls:** If you or any  
family member is ill and  
hospitalized please inform the  
Parish Offices.

**Pastoral Musicians**

Valerie Strahler,  
Crystal Lang

**PSR Coordinator**  
Andrea Ralston

**Prayer Chain:**

Mary Brooker 740-896-2002  
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112  
Edith Brooker 740-749-3334

**Home visitation**

Marilyn Kern

**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,  
Howard Brooker

**Club of Catholic Women:**

President Marilyn Zollar

**St. John Central School**

(740) 896-2697

Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer  
Principal

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** Are you new to the Parish? Have you notified the Parish Offices of any changes in your address, phone number, etc.? If you are out of college and still living at home, you need to register as an adult member. Please call the Parish Offices for any changes or to register. Your cooperation in helping us to keep our records up-to-date is greatly appreciated.

**Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Event** will take place on July 22, 2023 at St. Bernard Church in Beverly. In addition to Mass with the Bishop, the Eucharistic Revival Event will include many opportunities to be educated and inspired about the faith, with keynote speakers, catechetical activities and time for Eucharistic Adoration. More information will be forthcoming.

**Interested In Becoming Catholic?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in, or would like more information about the RCIA program or the Catholic faith, call the rectory, 740-896-3566.

**Sharing Your Faith**

**Question:** My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

**Answer:** There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns. Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

*"Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."* - St. Rose of Lima

*"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."* - St. Rose of Lima

**Help Protect the Dignity of Life in Ohio** Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

**Grow closer to God!** Pick up a copy of the devotional publication *The Word Among Us* and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God for your life. *The Word Among Us* features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations based on the daily Mass readings.

**Remember to pray for your priests:**

June 5<sup>th</sup> Msgr. Fred Pasquinelli.  
June 6<sup>th</sup> Fr. Thomas Nelson  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Fr. Thomas Marut  
June 8<sup>th</sup> Fr. Anthony Batt  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Fr. William Cross  
June 10<sup>th</sup> Fr. Richard Tuttle  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Msgr. J Michael Campbell

**Support School Choice for All Ohio Families**

Lawmakers are currently weighing state budget proposals (House Bill 33) that could significantly impact Catholic schools and students. One item still up for debate among legislators is whether to make school choice scholarships such as EdChoice, which currently provides up to \$5,500 per eligible pupil in grades K-8 and \$7,500 for grades 9-12, available to all students. We need your help to encourage policymakers to include this in the state budget!