

# 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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## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025



### Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them.

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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.

## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	07/12	4:00	p.m.	+Harry and +Emma Berendts (Ben and Lisa Berendts)
	SJB	07/12	6:00	p.m.	+Norbert Lang (Birthday 7/12) (Charlotte Lang and Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	07/13	7:30	a.m.	+James M. Barrett (Vince and Shelly Stollar and Family)
	OLM	07/13	9:30	a.m.	L and D of Nick and Philomena Bauerbach (The Family)
	SJB	07/13	11:00	a.m.	+John Arnold (Anniversary) (Family)

<b>Monday</b>	SJB	07/14	8:00	a.m.	+Faye Treadway (Parish) +Frank Schilling (Patty Finkel)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	07/15	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/15	5:00	p.m.	+Leora Arnold (Greg and Marlene Green) +Ron Smith (+Minnie Smith)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	07/16	8:00	a.m.	+Leo Huck (CWC) +Dave Bowen (Bob and Peggy Byers)
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	07/17	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/17	5:00	p.m.	+Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer) +Charles Higgins Jr. (Stacy Leeper)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	07/18	8:00	a.m.	+Jay Pottmeyer (Ted Brooker Family) +Ella Mae Young (Terry and Janet Welch)





<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	07/19	4:00	p.m.	+Clarence and +Gertrude Huck (Their Family)
	SJB	07/19	6:00	p.m.	+Maurice and +Tom Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	07/20	7:30	a.m.	+Edith Brooker (Jerry and Melinda Treadway)
	OLM	07/20	9:30	a.m.	+Kendrick Schwendeman (Virgil Huck Family)
	SJB	07/20	11:00	a.m.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Eugene Huck	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Keegan Pottmeyer Connor McCartney	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Brenlee Lang, Weston Burt	Maycee Lang	Amanda Walters

<p><b><u>COLLECTION</u></b></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$ 4,274 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p>2025 Collected to Date \$ 49,980 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330</p> <p>This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!</p>	<div></div> <p>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><b><u>PRAYER FOR CHARITY</u></b></p> <p>Give me the grace, Lord, to see those around me; the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<div></div> <table><tr><td>July 16</td><td>St. John School Fundraiser at Applebee's of Marietta</td></tr><tr><td>July 19</td><td>Seminarian Tour - Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption</td></tr><tr><td>July 29</td><td>Lowell Ice Cream Social on Buell Island</td></tr><tr><td>August 17</td><td>Cemetery Meeting 6:00 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>August 20</td><td>K of C 4617 Golf Outing</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>School Begins</td></tr></table>		July 16	St. John School Fundraiser at Applebee's of Marietta	July 19	Seminarian Tour - Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption	July 29	Lowell Ice Cream Social on Buell Island	August 17	Cemetery Meeting 6:00 p.m.	August 20	K of C 4617 Golf Outing		School Begins
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	<p><b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b></p> <p>Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke 10:38–42</p>													

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER**

St. John the Baptist Home and School Association has partnered up with Applebee's in Marietta for an all day fundraising event on Wednesday, July 16. Applebee's will put 25% of your order towards the school if this fundraiser is mentioned or a flyer is shown to the server. Copies of the flyer are available at the church entrances.

### **K OF C #4617 GOLF OUTING**

The K of C #4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 17th at Oxbow Golf Course in Belpre, OH. Cost will be \$260 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2025. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole move-up! Steak dinner is included after golf on the patio at the KofC in Churchtown. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

### **K OF C #478 GOLF SCRAMBLE**

K of C #478 Golf Scramble – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly, Ohio honoring our Brother David Gerst. Registration at 7:30AM; shotgun start at 8AM; 4 man scramble with at least 1 golfer being a K of C member (any council). Cost is \$75 per golfer, with Skins game and Mulligans available for purchase. Entry fee includes 18 holes, many prizes, snacks at the turn, and grilled steak dinner after the event. Aligning with K of C and Dave Gerst's principles, the proceeds from the tournament will benefit St Mary Parish, St Mary school, and our local community. Business sponsorship available for suggested donation of \$75. Contact Joe Flaherty for team registration or sponsorship at 740.350.2754.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 19th, beginning at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

### **DUELING PIANOS**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS on Saturday, October 11, 2025. \$1,000 in CASH Prizes! Tickets: \$40/each, only 250 Tickets Sold! Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. for games and raffles. A New York Strip Steak or Grilled Chicken Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.. The Dueling Pianos Show will begin at 8:00 p.m. by Shake Rattle & Roll Pianos! Your ticket includes the dinner, show, beer/wine, and water/drinks! In addition to dinner and the show, there will be 50/50, raffles, and more games of chance. For tickets or information contact Jeff Brooker @ 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.



### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers for Barb while she was in the hospital and her recovery. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God bless you all. David Huck Family.

### **PARISH SOCIAL**

St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Caldwell will hold their Parish Social on Sunday, August 3 at the Church Hall. Dinner will be held from 5-8:00 p.m. There will be a country store, sandwiches, pie and Bingo. All are invited to attend.

### **2025 SEMINARIAN TOUR**

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Steubenville will visit St Mary Basilica of the Assumption, Marietta on Wednesday, July 16th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The evening will include a Vocation Story, Eucharistic Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection by a Seminarian, and Benediction, followed by a reception with the Seminarians in St. Mary's Basilica Social Hall. Come pray and meet our Seminarians.

### **MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION**

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host a Men's Day of Reflection, for men of all ages and vocations, on Saturday, August 2nd from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Day Retreat Highlights include two conferences, Mass, Walking Rosary and Stations of the Cross, and a tour of the Josephinum. The event Facilitator, Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL, Josephinum adjunct professor and friar at Saint Patrick Parish, will speak on "Catholic Seminaries: The Antidote for What Ails Society." For more information and to register by July 15th visit [pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection](http://pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection).

### **FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY CLASSES OFFERED**

Franciscan University, Steubenville is offering local communities an opportunity to attend selected sessions for free this summer. The sessions will run from 6:45 PM to 10 PM and will include worship music, a keynote talk, and a Eucharistic Holy Hour. The free sessions included:

Tuesday, July 15: "Healing Broken Hearts," Jake Khym, podcast host of Restore the Glory; at Christ the Teacher Hall, Steubenville.

Thursday, July 31: "St. Augustine and the Gospel of John," Dr. Shane Owens, Franciscan University theology professor; at Christ the Teacher Hall, Steubenville.

Saturday, August 2: "Our Father's Plan," Dr. Scott Hahn, renowned theologian and Franciscan University theology professor; at Finnegan Fieldhouse, Steubenville.

For 50 years, Franciscan University of Steubenville Conferences have provided Catholics and sincere seekers a vibrant, Eucharist-centered experience of life in the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

### **NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER**

If you have recently moved or dropped your land line and are using a cell phone number, please call the parish office 740-896-3566 or email [stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com). We would like to keep our parish roster current.



#### **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

#### **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 Taylor Pottmeyer

#### **St. John School Foundation**

Gary Arnold, President

#### **Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information**

Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890



## **St. John Central School**

Churchtown, Ohio

July 3, 2025

Dear Parents and Parish Families,

You may have recently heard news about an Ohio judge ruling that EdChoice Scholarships are unconstitutional and concerns that the scholarship program might be ending. We want to assure you-the EdChoice Scholarship is not going away.

This is not the first-time opponents have tried to challenge the scholarship in court Their argument is that taxpayer dollars should only support public schools-not private or parochial education.

However, Ohio lawmakers strongly support educational choice for families and have made this very clear in the new state budget

Here's what you need to know:

- The State of Ohio has fully preserved the EdChoice Scholarship program. In fact, the program is stronger than ever.
- EdChoice remains universally available, with full scholarships for families earning up to 450% of the federal poverty level.
- Funding has increased by \$376 million across Ohio's five main scholarship programs: EdChoice, EdChoice Expansion, Cleveland, Autism, and Jon Peterson Special Needs.
- Scholarship amounts are increasing, especially for students with autism and other special needs (up to \$34,000 per student).
- New supports are being added, such as early intervention services for 3- and 4-year-olds through the Jon Peterson Scholarship and virtual options starting in October 2024.

Organizations like School Choice Ohio continue to advocate for families like yours, ensuring that you have the right to choose the school that best fits your child's needs.

Please be assured that your child's scholarship is secure. We will continue to monitor any legal developments and keep you informed.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the school office. You may also contact School Choice Ohio directly at [media@schoio.org](mailto:media@schoio.org).

We are here to support you every step of the way.

Rebecca Hilverding

Principal, St John Central School