

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
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.

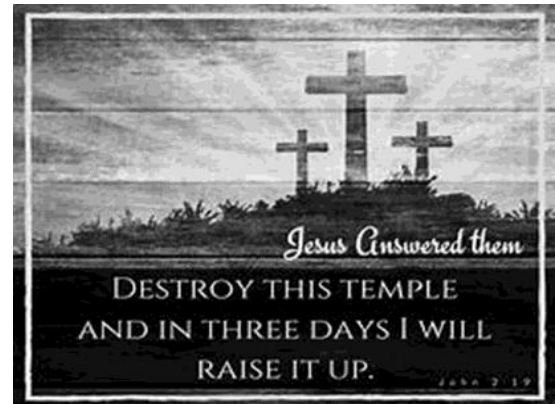
The Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.

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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA NOVEMBER 9, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Singing together during the distribution of holy Communion is one way of expressing the reality that we are one in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. I once was taught to pray quietly during this time. If I'm honest, however, what I find myself doing after I return to my pew is watching others process past as they return from receiving Communion. They are a parade of holiness on the way. They are the longtime parishioners who have been making their way back to their pews in this way for decades—some now using walkers or canes, others with a bit of a slow hobble. There are teenagers, too. Some, from the expressions on their faces, look like their parents made them come, while others look impressively prayerful. Young parents, too, caring for a new baby in their arms, and another couple holding a two-year-old's hand as he tugs to escape and be free. And middle-aged single people, now halfway through this life's journey. Young couples, as well, those just married or engaged and so obviously in love, but also widows and widowers longing for the love they once knew. All of these are the body of Christ, the very temple of God built upon the foundation that is Christ Jesus, as Paul notes so well. This is why I watch them processing back to their pews. This, too, is prayer.

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.

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 are set up on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

THANK YOU!

The 6th grade class at St. John Central School would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to our wonderful community for your generosity and support of our service project, “**Socktober.**” Thanks to the kindness of our school families, preschool, and local parishes, **1,830 pairs of socks** were collected! These will be donated to the **Washington County Homeless Project and United Ministries of Morgan County** to help keep those in need warm this winter. Your compassion truly makes a difference—thank you for helping us serve others! Mrs. Klinger & 6th Grade

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta K of C hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, **November 12, 2025**. 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, **November 12, 2025**. 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! Matthew 25:40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Kendall Blair Baker, daughter of Frank and Arielle (Gebhart) Baker. May God bless this family always.

MARY’S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary’s House will be holding their annual Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 9th, starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM) at the St. Bernard Social Hall, Beverly. The cost is 20 Games for \$25.00. Tickets will be sold at the door only. A 50/50 drawing, raffle, and concession stand will be present.

K OF C KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. By engaging the talents of our youth, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and jurisdictional competitions to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international Keep Christ in Christmas posters, with creative credit going to the artists. Our council will be able to send 1 winner from each group. There are 5 groups: Kindergarten, 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th - 6th, and 7th - 8th. **Our council will award the winner of each age group \$25!** They can earn additional prizes if they advance in the other levels. For an entry form and rules please go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faiht-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

We need to have these completed and turned in by Wednesday, December 3, 2025. We will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 8th at 7:45 pm following the holy day mass. We plan to display them at the K of C Hall in Churchtown throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions contact Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or at churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

K OF C -CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio invites all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8-12, in Washington County, Ohio, to participate in the 2025 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Essay topic: The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. In an essay of 500-750 words, **out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**

This contest encourages today’s youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. **The winners will receive a \$100 check from the Knights of Columbus 4617, second place will receive \$50! All participants should mail essays and the attached Entry Form (or at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faiht-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 19170 State Route 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750 or email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 3, 2025.** Any questions please contact Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —





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

Catholic education, which has changed over the centuries, must continue to evolve to help young people face the challenges not only of technology but of confusion about the meaning and purpose of life, Pope Leo XIV said. "I call upon all educational institutions to inaugurate a new season that speaks to the hearts of the younger generations, reuniting knowledge and meaning, competence and responsibility, faith and life," he wrote in an apostolic letter. Titled *"Disegnare Nuove Mappe Di Speranza"* ("Drawing New Maps of Hope"), the letter was issued only in Italian Oct. 28. It marked the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Catholic Education. "In any case," he said, "no algorithm can replace what makes education truly human: poetry, irony, love, art, imagination, the joy of discovery" and even learning from mistakes "as an opportunity for growth."

Pray for the priests of the Diocese of Steubenville: Nov. 9, Fr. Michael Gossett; Nov.10 Fr. Mark Moore, Nov 11 Fr. Nick Ward, Nov.12 Fr. Tim Huffman, Nov.13, Fr. Michael Gossett, Nov.14 Msgr. Michael Campbell.

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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"Respect Life". "Every human life, born and preborn, is sacred and loved by God. We must recognize that children have a right to be born". In 1995, Pope John Paul II critiqued what he called "the culture of death"—a culture of violence, abortion, euthanasia, and all of the other symptoms of a society grown sick. What did he see as a solution? A culture of life, formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; a culture transformed from within by committed Catholics who are willing to go out into the world as great teachers, writers, politicians, and leaders of business.

Pope St. John Paul II said: "This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops."

U.S. Bishops Plenary Assembly November 10 -13 Will they address the Diocese of Steubenville's future? We can only pray.

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.

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.

Will or Estate Planning —Are you thinking of remembering St. John the Baptist Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. John the Baptist Church. Suggested language for making a bequest is: *"I give and bequest to St. John the Baptist Church 17784 SR676, Marietta, Ohio, the sum of \$__ (or) __% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for it's general purposes."*

Military/ Veterans Day discounts <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html>

Devotions, Explained! It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone initial judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ. Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45). "By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055). The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace." ©LPi

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OUR VETERANS! ©LPI