

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 15, 2023

Behold
the
Lamb of
God, which
taketh away
the sin of the
world.

John 1: 29



Good News!

God called Isaiah: "You are my servant....I will make you a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: "The one who sent me to baptize with water..." (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: "Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus..." (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, "What are we called to do with our lives?"

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world's great need meet. As he explains, the world's great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sand castles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	01/14	4:00	P. M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Paul and Pauline Knoch)	
	SJB	01/14	6:00	P.M.	+Frank Schilling (Birthday 1/18) (Jerry and Melinda Treadway)	
Sunday	SJB	01/15	7:30	A.M.	Living and Deceased of the Leo and Lucy Huck Family (Family)	
	OLM	01/15	9:30	A.M.	+Donald Brooker (Tom and Martha Flieman)	
	SJB	01/15	11:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Anniversary) (Family)	
Monday	SJB	01/16	8:00	A.M.	Special Intention (Grace Bauerbach)	
Tuesday	SJB	01/17			No Mass	
	OLM	01/17	5:00	P.M.	+Jill Gates (Stephen and Jenna Huffman)	
Wednesday	SJB	01/18	8:20	A.M.	+Lorraine Henke (Anniv.) (Patricia Henke and Family)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	01/19			No Mass	
	OLM	01/19	5:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of David Bauerbauch Family (Grace Bauerbach)	
Friday	SJB	01/20	8:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Ed and Lois Arnold)	
Saturday	OLM	01/21	4:00	P. M.	+Terry Arnold (David and Tina Long)	
	SJB	01/21	6:00	P.M.	+Roger Schaad (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)	
Sunday	SJB	01/22	7:30	A.M.	+John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	
	OLM	01/22	9:30	A.M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)	Bishop Montforten will celebrate Mass at OLM
	SJB	01/22	11:00	A.M.	+Mildred Arnold (Children of Vincent and Allene Huck)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Sydney Lang, Weston Hennes	Kelly Miller	Melinda Treadway
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Henry Huffman, Sophia Huffman	Becky Hilverding	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Morgan and Taryn Kern	Janelle Sprague	Marilyn Zoller

<p><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$3,334 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p><u>DPSC</u></p> <p>2023 Collected \$ 2,595</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p><u>BINGO</u></p> <p>January 1, 2023 - No Bingo</p> <p>If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.</p>
<p><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>Jan 15 Group 7 with BJ Davis Jan 22 Group 8 with Russ Lang Jan 29 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Feb 5 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Feb 12 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard</p>	<p><u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u></p> <p>January and February Group D-Elaine Wells</p> <p>March and April Group E-Susan Arnold</p>	<p><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></p> <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>

2022 COLLECTION STATEMENT

If you would like a 2022 Collection Statement, please call the Rectory or email stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com. Please keep in mind, if you gave to the DPSC, those statements will be sent separately from the Diocese.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on January 25 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches only, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. At this time we are in need of fruit cups and packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins (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, January 25, 2023. 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.'

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Canana Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Basilica. If you are planning to be married within the next year you should register for this session by calling the Basilica office, 373-3643. Pre-Canana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - February 11 & 12, 2023 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sale will go towards the St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs, it is recommended that you preorder by calling the school at (740) 896-2697.

We will have the subs you order at whatever mass you request. Thank you for your support!



GAMING FOR GOD

St. Bernard's Church in Beverly has invited anyone in grades 6-12 to attend a night of "Gaming with God". The event will be held January 22, 6-8:30 p.m. in the St. Bernard Social Hall. There will be games, food and fun.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

We are looking for someone to take over directing our Vacation Bible School. Many thanks to Angie Henniger, who has been the Director for several years and did a great job. However, Angie is ready to pass on the reins to someone new. (Angie has very good notes to help you). If you are interested in continuing on the tradition of providing a wonderful experience and sharing the love of God with our children, please email (stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com) or call the Rectory (740-896-3566).

K OF C FREE THROW COMPETITION

The KofC Council #4617 Free Throw Competition will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the KofC Hall gym in Churchtown, 17472 SR 676, Marietta, OH 45750. Open to ALL girls and boys ages 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2023. Sign up at noon and competition begins at 1:00 p.m. A parent or guardian will need to be present to sign up. You do not have to be a member's child to sign up. Entry is FREE. Contact Ian Alexander @ 740-525-4898 with any questions.



K OF C WINTER DRAWING

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio. Tickets cost \$50.00 each. Tickets include: Cocktails 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:30, Drawing 7:30-9:00, Band 9:00-12:00. The GRAND PRIZE is \$4,000. Contact Dean Brooker for tickets at 740-629-4884. Mary's House is having a Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Friday, January 20, 2023. I have attached a flyer and a bulletin insert for the event. We are hoping that you will announce this event at your church.

MARY'S HOUSE BAKED STEAK DINNER

Mary's House will be holding a baked steak dinner at St. James Catholic Church in McConnelsville, on Friday, January 20. Serving time is 4:30-7:00 p.m. and cost is \$15 per person. All are welcome. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The national March for Life will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023, in Washington, D.C. This is the largest pro-life gathering in the world! It is an excellent opportunity to witness for life and meet other advocates for life from throughout the nation. Details about the march can be found at www.marchforlife.org.

PASTOR'S PAGE

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“Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and He gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ - and you will find true life”. - Pope Benedict XVI

January Pro-Life Events

Abortion is still legal throughout most of the United States - including in Ohio. There is still an enormous need to educate people about the current attacks on human life and to pray for a true culture of life. The anniversary of Roe v Wade (January 22) is an excellent opportunity to draw attention to the need to pray and advocate for life. Several activities will be held in conjunction with the anniversary:

The US Bishops are sponsoring a nationwide novena called **9 Days for Life**. The novena will run from January 19-27, 2023. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the novena at www.9daysforlife.org.

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The **National Prayer Vigil for Life**, which includes a Mass for Life at 5 PM, will take place on January 19 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Vigil will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed on the Basilica's webpage www.nationalshrine.org).

Most Holy Name of Jesus. The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. As we begin the New Year, what a wonderful opportunity it is to honor God by asking for His guidance in resolving to do only His Holy Will. It is very important and powerful to call upon the name of Jesus throughout our day. By doing so, we are reminded and rerouted to trust that God is in control and we are to ask for the strength to carry out His Holy Will. Below are some beautiful names we can reflect upon when praying to our Heavenly Father. They come from the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus. God our Father in heaven God the Son Redeemer of the world God the Holy Spirit Holy Trinity, one God Jesus, Son of the living God Jesus, splendor of the Father Jesus, brightness of everlasting light Jesus, king of glory Jesus, dawn of justice Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary Jesus, worthy of our love Jesus, worthy of our wonder Jesus, mighty God Jesus, father of the world to come Jesus, prince of peace Jesus, all-powerful Jesus, pattern of patience Jesus, model of obedience Jesus, gentle and humble of heart Jesus, lover of chastity Jesus, lover of us all Jesus, God of peace Jesus, author of life Jesus, model of goodness Jesus, seeker of souls Jesus, our God Jesus, our refuge Jesus, father of the poor Jesus, treasure of the faithful Jesus, Good Shepherd Jesus, the true light Jesus, eternal wisdom Jesus, infinite goodness Jesus, our way and our life Jesus, king of patriarchs Jesus, teacher of apostles Jesus, master of evangelists Jesus, courage of martyrs Jesus, light of confessors Jesus, purity of virgins Jesus, crown of all saints “Are you troubled? Think but of Jesus – speak but the name of Jesus, the clouds disperse and peace descends anew from heaven. Have you fallen into sin? So that you fear death? ..invoke the name of Jesus and you will soon feel life returning. No obduracy of the soul, no weakness, no coldness of heart can resist this holy name – there is no heart which will not soften and open in tears at this holy name.”
— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Remember Our Seminarians

Studying at

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

the Pontifical College Josephinum

(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

is John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

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<http://steubenvillevocations.com>