

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Paul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more. Where are you at?

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**10TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 9, 2024**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/08	4:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased Of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)
	SJB	06/08	6:00	P.M.	+Diane Arnold (Anniv. 6/13) (Alvin Arnold and Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	06/09	7:30	A.M.	+John and +Virginia Arnold (Anniv. 6/10) (Family)
	OLM	06/09	9:30	A.M.	The Paul Bauerbauch Families (The Family)
	SJB	06/09	11:00	A.M.	+Herb Mason (Donna Tornes and Family)
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	06/10	8:00	A.M.	+Clarence and +Eunice Walter (Wed. Anniv.) (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Richard C. Arnold (EZG Shop Employees)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	06/11	8:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Harold and Karen Arnold)
	OLM	06/11	5:00	P.M.	+Vincent and Allene Huck (Lisa Berendts)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	06/12	8:00	A.M.	+Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett and Family) People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	06/13	8:00	A.M.	+Mary Huck (Clarita Denius)
	OLM	06/13	5:00	P.M.	+Ken Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	06/14	8:00	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Rick Canterbury and Family) +David Kuhn (Delmas and Lucy Betts)
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	06/15	4:00	P.M.	+Herbert and +Clara Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)
	SJB	06/15	6:00	P.M.	+Edith Brooker (Anniversary 6/17)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	06/16	7:30	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (Ferris and Susan Arnold)
	OLM	06/16	9:30	A.M.	+Ralph and +Helen Long (Edwin and Grace Long)
	SJB	06/16	11:00	A.M.	Living and Deceased of +Lawrence and +Mary Schaad Family (Family)

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.” St. Bruno

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn Dyar, Weston Hennes	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Grace and Mason Francis	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Reese Lang	Kristen Pottmeyer	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for weekend \$3,839 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$49,955 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	May 26 Group 6 \$2,844  If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Jun 9 Group 8 with Russ Lang Jun 16 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Jun 23 Group 2 with Jessie Henke Jun 30 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jul 7 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jul 14 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman	June Group F with Tonia Skinner  Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center	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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Ezekiel 17:22–24 / 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 / Mark 4:26–34	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **2025 MASS BOOK**

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. Masses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Donations of \$10 are suggested for a mass.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on June 12th and June 26th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is quickly approaching. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or on our website. Please turn in your registration as soon as possible. A QR code is also provided to do online registration. Crew leaders are needed (6th through 12th graders). Volunteers are also needed for each station. There is a donation list in the church vestibule. For questions, please call Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you!!

### **K OF C STAG 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 16, 2024, serving food from Noon until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15 all you can eat Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Drinks. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions, please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.

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

The KofC 4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 18th 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 2024. 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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

A special congratulations to these two local high seniors presented \$500 scholarships from the Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown, Ohio. This year's recipients were Sebastain Huck from Fort Frye High School and Lakyn Brooker from Waterford High School! Best of luck to them and all seniors as they continue their education or future careers!

### **BALLROOM DANCING**

If you are interested in taking Ballroom Dancing lessons, please call Rebecca (Lang) Wilson, 740-525-7788. This will be a four week course (one a week). If enough interest, classes will be held in Churchtown.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Oaklynn Jo Lang, daughter of Brenner Schwendeman and Isabella Lang. May God bless Oaklynn now and always.

### **ST. BERNARD'S SOCIAL**

Chicken and Ham Dinner/Social will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Meal serving time 4 pm-7 pm. Cost of meal: adults \$13.00, children 10 and under \$5.00. Carry Out call 740-984-0347 The church is located at 307 7th Street Beverly, OH. For questions or more information: please contact Cris Baker 740-984-2638

### **ST. MARY'S FULDA 200+ CLUB**

St. Mary's in Fulda will hold their 4th Annual 200+ Club dinner on July 20 at 5:15 p.m. following mass. There will be dinner and a cash bar and a live band after all drawings are completed that evening. To purchase a ticket, please call Beth Guiler 740-581-0378.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

The Diocese of Steubenville presents Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799 per person, double occupancy (single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

### **BASILICA GIFT SHOP**

If you have not found the perfect gift for your loved one, please stop by and check the new items in the Divine Mercy Gift shop at the Basilica of St. Mary of Assumption in Marietta. Beautiful crucifixes from the Holy Land are made out of premium olive wood and covered with Mother of Pearl. There are many crucifixes and rosaries that have touched the tomb of Jesus. Father's Day is coming soon, and this is the time for graduations and weddings. These crucifixes are stunning and a perfect gift for any occasion. The gift shop is located in the Basilica Social Hall and is open after all weekend Masses. If you prefer to shop during the week, contact Barb at 740-538-4733.

### **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

Hipp Stage Productions proudly announces that Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performing at Peoples Bank Theatre from June 20th to the 23rd. This fun, family friendly musical tells the story of Joseph from the Bible's book of Genesis. Follow Joseph on his journey from rags to riches, filled with adventure, laughter, and unforgettable music. This family friendly event will include, among the cast, local children. Show dates and times include Thursday, June 20th at 8:00 PM, Friday, June 21st at 8:00 PM, Saturday, June 22nd at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM and Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 PM. Tickets are for sale at: <https://peoplesbanktheatre.com/event/joseph/>

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**"Diving into friendship with God"**  
June 23-27, 2024



### 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

### 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

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Processions in Ohio** - June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>. Local communities are gathering for a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to accompany Jesus from city to city across the nation, lighting hearts on fire along the way, culminating at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-24. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route starts in New Haven, CT, and will go through the [Diocese of Steubenville](#) (June 21-23), [Diocese of Columbus](#) (June 24-30), and [Archdiocese of Cincinnati](#) (July 1-8) in Ohio. Several events are planned, including a Eucharistic Sternwheeler and Boater-cade down the Ohio River and a Eucharistic Festival in downtown Cincinnati. Our diocese will celebrate with the **National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage** beginning on Friday, **June 21<sup>st</sup>** with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben followed by a procession from the Fort to St. Peter's Church, concluding with a prayer meditation and Benediction. All Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to participate in the procession, with His Excellency Bishop Paul Bradley. We hope that your parishes will participate in the procession by sending parishioners who will carry a banner displaying your parishes' names and will include additional parishioners to process with the banner bearers. We ask that one representative from each group "check-in" at 6 pm at the Large Metal Fort Steuben gate; then all participants will begin lining up for the procession at 6:30pm.

The **Ohio EdChoice** Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child. Visit [ohiocathconf.org/edchoice](http://ohiocathconf.org/edchoice) to learn how EdChoice scholarships. *Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year.* For those families not receiving the full scholarship a out of pocket cap has been placed on tuition. Contact the school for details.

**CATHOLIC RECOVERY AT SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH IN PARKERSBURG** Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley is holding weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church parish hall. Catholic in Recovery (CiR) is a community of individuals and families seeking recovery from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments; it is open to all. For more information please contact John B. at: [CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com) or call (681) 229-7220.

**Did you know?** The fish was one of the earliest Christian symbols for several reasons. First, it reminded them of Jesus multiplying the fish and loaves. Next, the Greek letters that spell out the word fish also represent five words: Jesus, Christ, Son, God, and Savior. Finally, early Christians, who many pagan Roman soldiers persecuted for following Jesus teachings, did not always know whom they could trust. So the followers of Jesus would draw the outline of a fish on their house to represent they were Christian.

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS** Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese:

**Monday:** Peter Stetson

**Tuesday:** Paul Gan and Christopher McGurn

**Wed.:** Jonathan Rusco

**Thursday :** Riley Morris,

**Friday:** Aaron Pabin,

**Saturday:** Caleb Baker,

**Sunday:** Samuel Ivkovich

**Pray for Priest** Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church. Let us pray for Vocations to the priesthood.

**DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN: Thank you** to all who have responded so generous support of the Annual Diocesan Parish Share Campaign 2024. Our goal was \$ 43,048.00. We have thus far received \$ 46,550.00, which is 108% of the goal. Thank you, thank you! A few weeks ago, a piece of wooden trim fell from the bell tower. Lucky for us no one was hurt. Repairs will require the renting of a lift, getting someone to go up and investigate the situation and them repair or replace whatever! Therefore I would like to request that donation be directed to the parish building fund which I would like to re-name the **Msgr. Highland Fund**. I propose this re-naming of the building fund knowing Msgr. Highland's love for our parish (his parish).

**Question:** What are the "fruits" of Holy Communion?  
**Answer:** The Eucharist, like all, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life. The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life.

### K OF C MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus Meetings are held at the K of C Hall, in Churchtown. They are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

**DAILY BREAD KITCHEN** - The Daily Bread Kitchen provides 300 meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Once again, we are asking for your prayers and support.