

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
May 14, 2023

IF YOU LOVE ME,

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

Jesus



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. "They" say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us. This week's Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do. There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I could handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God's Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/13	4:00	P. M.	+Linda Huck (Paul and Freda Huck)	
	SJB	05/13	6:00	P.M.	+Lawrence and +Margaret Schaad (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)	
Sunday	SJB	05/14	7:30	A.M.	+Marie P. Schwendeman (Schwendeman Family)	
	OLM	05/14	9:30	A.M.	Living and +Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
	SJB	05/14	11:00	A.M.	+Mildred Arnold (Children of Vincent and Allene Huck)	
Monday	SJB	05/15	8:00	A.M.	+Vincent Huck (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling) Special Intention	
Tuesday	SJB	05/16	8:00	A.M.	+Judy Britton (Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer and Family)	
Tuesday	OLM	05/16	5:00	P.M.	+Jennifer Fryman (Peg Huck)	
Wednesday	SJB	05/17	8:20	A.M.	+Albert Henke (Mary Brooker and Family)	School Mass Special Intention
Thursday	SJB	05/18	8:00	A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Thursday	OLM	05/18	5:00	P.M.	+Grant Bauer (Jason and Jennifer Morris)	
Friday	SJB	05/19	8:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Birthday 5/3) (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
Saturday	OLM	05/20	4:00	P. M.	+Herbert Huck and Pearl Daily Families (Max and Tess Huck)	
	SJB	05/20	6:00	P.M.	+Harold and +Ruth Rauch (Anniversary) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	05/21	7:30	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	05/21	9:30	A.M.	+Shirley Morris (Unknown)	
	SJB	05/21	11:00	A.M.	+Audry Lang (Mona Barrett and Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Kristin Pottmeyer	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Reese and Maycee Lang	Ashleigh Pennock	Tonia Skinner

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,340 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$40,545 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!	April 30—Group 6 \$4,153 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
May 14 Group 8 with Russ Lang May 21 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker May 28 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Jun 4 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jun 11 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	May and 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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>
Acts 1:1–11, 14–17 / Ephesians 1:17–23 / Matthew 28:16–20
Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

If you are interested in scheduling an event in the Church, Parish Hall/Sr. Center, the Convent or the Pavilion, please call the Rectory 740-896-3566. To schedule use of the school please call 750-896-2697.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will meet on Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. This meeting will be to welcome our new members, elect officers and talk about the agenda for the next year.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on May 24th in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATES

All High School and College graduates will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 28. There will be a sign up sheet in the church vestibule. Please wear your cap and gown and sit in the front pews.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date for Vacation Bible School is set for July 30-August 3. The program will be "Stellar". Information about registration will follow.

CWC CONVENTION

The CWC Convention in Steubenville will be held on Wednesday, June 7. Your entry fee will be paid. If you are interested, please call Marilyn Kern (740-749-3371) by May 20.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

St. John's Annual Athletic Booster Golf Outing is set for Saturday June 3, 2023 at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, Ohio. Four Man Scramble - \$65/person, \$260/team, 18 holes w/cart, dinner and raffle to finish! Contact Kristin Pottmeyer (304) 989-0729 to register your team or if you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a hole! Please come out and support St. Johns Athletic Program!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who remembered me in prayer and good deeds during my eye surgery and recovery. God bless you. Shelba Arnold

ON RETREAT

Fr. Gaydosik and Fr. Heinz will be on Retreat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 29, and will return for the Holy Hour at 5:00 p.m. and First Friday Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2.

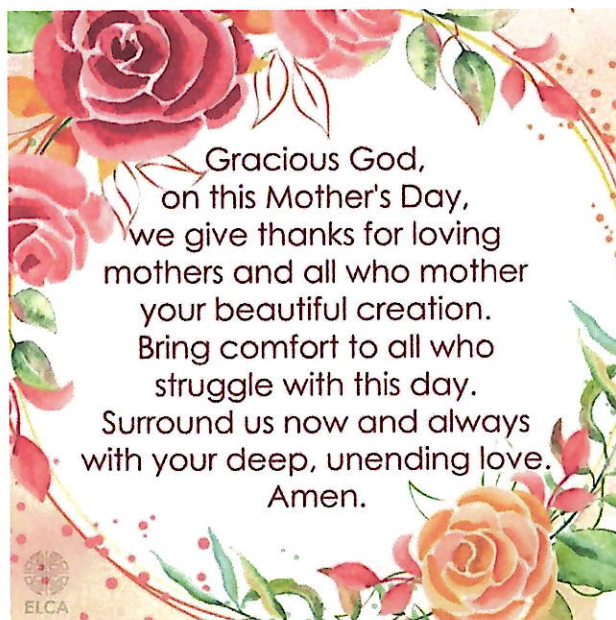
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 1-12, 2024. Stops include Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Loreto, Lancia-no, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Montecas-sino, and Rome. The discount price of \$4,989.00 per per-son is enjoyed by those paying with Cash or Check (based on a minimum of 30 participants with double occupancy). For full itinerary visit <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/>. For more information contact Maggie McDaniel at (419) 290-8782.



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and de-veloping countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Steubenville to fund local commu-nications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



Graduation RECOGNITION MASS. On Sunday, May 28, all 2023 graduating high school and College seniors from our parish will be honored at the 11:00am Mass at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown. They will receive a special blessing. Honored graduates are asked to sit in the first pew on the left side of the church. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of Church.** While the Mass will be a regular parish Mass that is open to everyone. Congratulations on graduating high school and College!

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 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. The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. The following materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes:

Protect Them Both Prayer Card: Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children. Prayer cards are in the back of our Church.

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer: Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now. This flier is in the back of our Church.

Real Presence

Question: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer: The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in Holy Communion because He loves us so much that He wants to be with us. And He comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive Him in the Eucharist. Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love Him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). ©LPi

Pilgrimage to Rome: Fr. Tom Nelson will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome and parts of Italy on January, 2024. For more information, please call Maggie McDaniel at 419.290.8782.



Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @dsvocations
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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

Remember to pray for your priests:

May 13th Fr. Nicholas Ward, Fr. Thomas Vennitti
May 14th Msgr. J. Michael Campbell, Msgr. Gerald Calovini
May 15th Fr. John Micha, Fr. Dale Tornes
May 16th Fr. Sam Saprano, Fr. Timothy Shannon
May 17th Fr David Cornett, Msgr. Thomas Petronek
May 18th Fr. James Dunfee, Fr. Paul Hrezo
May 19th Fr. Wayne Morris, Fr. Drake Mcallister
May 20th Fr. Patrick Gaughan, Msgr. Frederick Pasquinelli

Remember the repose of the souls of the priests who served you and our diocese to the best of their abilities:

Fr. John McCarthy, Msgr. Paul Metzger, Fr. Robert Krauter

May they rest in Peace!

Single women, ages 18 to 35, What is your vocation in life?

Do you have everything that the world says that you need to be happy but still long for 'something more'? I would invite you to consider the Sisters of St. Benedict of Westmoreland County, Pa. located near Greensburg, Pa. We are a small community of Benedictine Nuns who try to seek God in this "school of the Lord's service" known as St. Emma Monastery. Following the centuries old wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict, we desire to have our lives to become more Christ centered, to have the Gospel as our guide. For more information contact Sr. Maria Johanna OSB, at vocations@stemma.org or call her at 724-610-7595. {A personal note: these women of great faith have been apart of my life and religious formation for more than 40 years. And I've been spiritually rewarded many time, in many ways through their prayers and holy lives. -Fr. David}

Word for the Wise: God will not allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose him. — St Padre Pio