

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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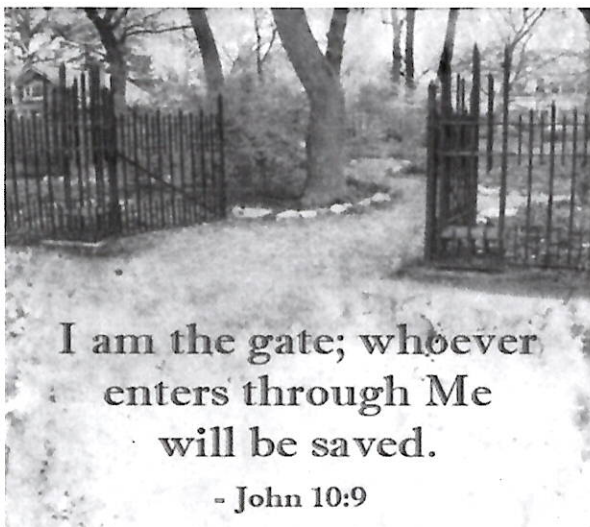


Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

I'm not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St. Peter today: "...If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us. Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 2023




**I am the gate; whoever
enters through Me
will be saved.**

- John 10:9

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday	OLM	04/29	4:00	P. M.	+Chuck and +Sandy Schilling (Their Children)
	SJB	04/29	6:00	P.M.	+Alice Lang (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
Sunday	SJB	04/30	7:30	A.M	+Vincent Huck (Children)
	OLM	04/30	9:30	A.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)
	SJB	04/30	11:00	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Chris and Jenny Semon)



Monday	SJB	05/01	8:00	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Card Club) Special Intention
Tuesday	SJB	05/02	8:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)
Tuesday	OLM	05/02	5:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)
Wednesday	SJB	05/03	8:20	A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Birthday 5/4) (Rick Canterbury and Family) Special Intention School Mass
Thursday	SJB	05/04	8:00	A.M	+Norbert Lang (Wedding Anniv.) (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Thursday	OLM	05/04	5:00	P.M.	+Stephaine Jackson (Unknown)
First Friday	SJB	05/05	6:00	P.M.	+Terry Arnold (Larry and Janet Schaad), Special Intention (Holy Hour 5:00—6:00 p.m.)

Saturday	OLM	05/06	4:00	P. M.	+Donna Arnold (Larry and Linda Pottmeyer)
	SJB	05/06	6:00	P.M.	+George Brooker (Family)
Sunday	SJB	05/07	7:30	A.M	+Neal Arnold (Glen and Marcia Pawloski)
	OLM	05/07	9:30	A.M.	+Raymond and +Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	05/07	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND			
MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Weston Hennes, Alex Henke	Rachel Klinger	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Grace Francis, Sophia Huffman	Kelly Miller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Taryn Kern, Caden Henniger	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION		D.P.S.C.	BINGO
Total Collection last weekend	\$3,056	2023 Collected	\$36,830*
Needed to meet parish needs	\$4,750	2023 Goal	\$25,341
Thank you for your generosity!		*This amount includes all money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you!	

ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE		C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE	PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY
Apr 30	Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	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.
May 7	Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler		
May 14	Group 8 with Russ Lang		
May 21	Group 1 with Jeff Brooker		
May 28	Group 2 with Jessica Henke		

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND		Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday
Acts 6:1–7 ** 1 Peter 2:4–9 ** John 14:1–12		

BISHOP GILBERT I. SHELDON

It is with great sadness that we have been informed of the death of Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon, 96. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (D.P.S.C.)

Congratulations....we recently received our first report from the Diocese that includes all DPSC donations we have sent and any donations you sent directly to the Diocese and we have met our goal of \$25,341. Now all money sent to the Diocese for DPSC will be returned to our Parish. This money will not be "taxed" when it comes time for the Diocese to work up our monthly assessment total. If you would like your weekly collection to be sent to the DPSC, please list "DPSC" on the outside of your collection envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on May 10th and 24th in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The monthly Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 8. The evening will begin with Mass at the Church at 6:00 p.m. All attending are asked to please bring a salad or dessert. The location of the banquet depends on the number of women planning to attend. Please RSVP to Tonia Skinner at 740-350-5355 by May 1. This year we are very excited to have Brayden Booth providing entertainment.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATES

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

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Declan David Miller, son of Dean and Kaitlin (Pottmeyer) Miller. May God bless them now and always.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date for Vacation Bible School is set for July 30-August 3. The program will be "Stellar". This program will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Information about registration will follow.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL HIRING TEACHERS

St. John Central School (Churchtown) will be hiring for the 2023-2024 year a Full-Time First Grade Teacher, Third Grade Teacher, Fourth Grade Teacher, and Fifth-Eighth Grades Reading & Language Arts Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION

There is an opening for a Full-Time Preschool Aide at St. John Central School. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, and be willing to complete the annual state training requirements. Applicants may also have a 2 year vocational childcare training certificate or paraprofessional license, but it is not required. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 for additional information.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. John Central School. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre- Kindergarten at the preschool through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

A Mother's Day Dinner will be held at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Harriettsville on Sunday, May 14, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Cost is \$13 for Adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dine in or carry out. For more information please contact Debbie Biehl 740-373-2882.

Pastors Notes

Question:

What values are the pillars of an authentic Catholic life? I am looking for a basic start and renewal of my faith.

Answer:

The foundations or pillars of an authentic Catholic life are summarized in the traditional four pillars of Catholic catechisms: faith, liturgy/sacraments, life in Christ, and prayer, which Peter distills in Acts 2:42.

In that light, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) is an essential “playbook” or guide for any Catholic, and its table of contents, along with its subject, Scripture, and other indices, are useful in helping even the novice gradually and confidently navigate its contents.

We need to know the Church’s teachings on faith and morals, which encompass the sacraments and prayer as well. We also need to implement those teachings in our lives, relying on the sacraments—the fundamental source of grace in the life in Christ—and an ongoing prayer life in general to grow closer to Jesus and his Church.

So frequent reception of the Eucharist and regular reception of the sacrament of reconciliation are highly recommended, and a daily prayer life is a must, including personal prayer and Scripture or other religious reading. In this regard, one should be mindful of one’s state in life, meaning a husband, for example, should pray regularly with and for his wife and children.

Fidelity to Church teaching, which provides us the truth that sets us free (see John 8:31-32), is non-negotiable, which means the authentic formation of our conscience does not give us veto power over any Church teaching, contrary to misguided doctrinal views to the contrary (see CCC 1776, 783-85, 1792). Rather, one should grow in the three theological virtues (faith, hope and love), the four cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance, fortitude) and the other virtues as well, and seek the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to aid the cause—all of which are all addressed in Part Three of the CCC.

If one faithfully uses the CCC as their basic guide to life, they will do well in the life in Christ.

Remember to pray for your priests:

April 30th Fr. Thomas Hamm, Fr. Thomas Vennitti
May 1st Fr. David Cornet, Fr. Josh Erickson
May 2nd Fr. Martin Holler, Msgr. John Kolesar
May 3rd Fr. Ryan Gray, Fr. Fred Kihm
May 4th Fr. Chester Pabin, Fr. Bradley Greer
May 5th Fr. Vincent Huber, Msgr. John Wippel
May 6th Fr. Charles Moran, Fr. Tim Davison
May 7th Bishop Jeffrey Monforton

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

May 3rd Fr. Joseph Saracenco
May 4th Fr. Rudolph Wargo
May 16th Fr. John McCarthy, Msgr. Paul Mezger
May 17th Fr. Robert Krauter May 22nd Fr. Joseph Kiefer
May 24th Msgr. Stanley Zeakas
May 26th Louis Preston
May 28th Pamphilus Cafferelli
May 30th Msgr. Charles E. Highland

May they rest in Peace!

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

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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)

