

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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Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired

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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.

ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Good News!

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Senior Citizens meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Thursday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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

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.'

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2-3:30 pm at the Convent. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above, even if they attend St. John Central School. The date for Confirmation is TBA.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/hiiiaQoNKrXSTpzv4A>.

THANK YOU

The family of Ronald Lang would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, and condolences during the passing of Ronnie. Your generosity and kind words are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

AED TRAINING AT THE K OF C HALL

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus 4617, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Beverly Squad Department for their generous donation of an AED for our Hall. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. In support of their donation, they have generously offered to give an AED training to ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the equipment effectively if needed. We will host this training at our Hall on Monday November 10, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M. All people of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions feel free to call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.

CWC INFORMTION

Please return the Boxes of Joy to the church by November 4 and Connie Arnold will take them to the Basilica.

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.

ST. AMBROSE OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Annual Ox Roast St. Ambrose Church, November 9 11am – 2pm. Cost for dinner Tickets \$15.00 (children 6 to 10 - \$10.00) Menu: Beef or Turkey, Noodles, Mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll & dessert Quilt Raffle Drawing \$5 tickets Home and Hearth Traditional pattern 100"x100" Made by St. Ambrose Quilt Club.

BAG AND BASKET BINGO

A Bag and Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at the St. Bernard Social Hall in Beverly, Ohio. There will be 20 Games for \$25.00. Tickets sold at the door only. A 50/50 drawing, concession stand & raffle will be available. For question about these upcoming events call: 740-960-9944. All proceeds go to support Mary's House.



OCTOBER AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

YEAR	1ST MASS	2ND MASS	3RD MASS	TOTAL
2020	59	76	66	201
2021	81	94	93	268
2022	82	159	113	354
2023	78	116	99	293
2024	81	107	109	297
2025	76	108	127	311



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

Pray for the priests of the Diocese of Steubenville: Oct. 18, all Priests; Oct 19 Fr. Mark Moore; Oct.20, Fr. David Huffman; Oct. 21, Fr. William Cross; Oct. 22, Msgr. Donald Horak; Oct 23, Fr. David Cornett; Oct. 24, Fr. Dale Tornes, Oct.25 Fr. Walter Heinz; Oct.26 Fr. John McCoy.

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 pre-born, 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."

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.

St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda

Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, November 2nd from 10:30am to 1pm. Menu: Pork, Sauerkraut, Bonhen Brie or mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, cooked apples, dessert & drink. Cost Adults \$15.00 Children \$8.00 Eat in or carru out. Everyone welcomed.

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."*

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.

In keeping with the tradition of **All Soul's Day**, In honoring those who have proceeded in Death, Fr. David will visit each of our cemeteries to pray the rosary and conduct the Order of Visiting the Cemetery on Sunday, November 2nd St. John the Baptist Cemetery at Noon (12:00 pm Ava Maria Cemetery at 2:00 pm; Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery at 3 pm. You are invited to join with him in praying for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments and sponsor eligibility) please complete a Parish Registration form located in the vestibule. Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collections envelopes so if you did not receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! For more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave, 740-391-1093.

