

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To "live in the flesh" is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not "fall back into fear," something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	06/07	4:00	p.m.	Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	06/07	6:00	p.m.	+Mary Canterbury (Anniversary) (Rick Canterbury and Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/08	7:30	a.m.	+Tim Strahler (Family)
	OLM	06/08	9:30	a.m.	+Donald Yeomans (David and Joanne Yeomans Family)
	SJB	06/08	11:00	a.m.	+Bertha Pottmeyer (Norma Thieman and Family)
Monday	SJB	06/09	8:00	a.m.	+John and +Virginia Arnold (Anniv. 6/10) (Family) +Leo Huck (Parish)
Tuesday	SJB	06/10	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/10	5:00	p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	SJB	06/11	8:00	a.m.	+Clarence and +Eunice Walter (Wedding Anniversary) (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Patricia Gaydosik (St. Sylvester CWC)
Thursday	SJB	06/12	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/12	5:00	p.m.	+Richard Arnold (Rick Canterbury Family) +Deanna Lang (Jim and Peggy Huck)
Friday	SJB	06/13	8:00	a.m.	+Diane Arnold (Anniversary) (Alvin Arnold and Family) People of the Parish
Saturday	OLM	06/14	4:00	p.m.	+Tess Huck (Donald and Yvonne Kincaid)
	SJB	06/14	6:00	p.m.	+Margaret Klinger (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
Sunday	SJB	06/15	7:30	a.m.	+Edith Brooker (Anniversary) (Family)
	OLM	06/15	9:30	a.m.	+Preston Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)
	SJB	06/15	11:00	a.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Alyssa Dyar, Emma Schaad	Virginia Dyar	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Callen Pottmeyer, Weston Burt	Ashleigh Pennock	Roxanne Heiss

COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$ 4,472
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

Thank you for your generosity!

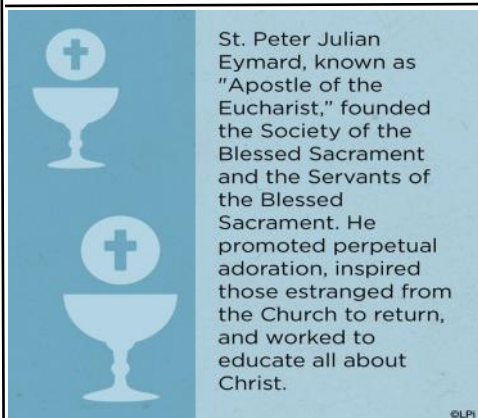
2025 Collected to Date \$ 42,520

2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330

This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!



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.



What's Happening

June 12 Cemetery Meeting at the Sr. Center
June 15 K of C Father's Day Fish Fry
June 19 PSR Swim Party
June 20 Fr. David Gaydosik - 38th Ordination Anniversary
June 21 St. John School Golf Outing
June 22-26 Vacation Bible School
June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist Mass 6:00 p.m. and reception to follow at the Sr. Center

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26! There are extra registration forms in the church vestibule or you can sign up on our webpage. The donation board is set up in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for your donations. We are in need of volunteers in grades 6-12. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202.



PSR SWIM PARTY

PSR will have a family swim party with the Our Lady of Mercy PSR at the Beverly Pool on Thursday, June 19, 6-8 pm. Please let Andrea (text 740-350-4669) know if you can attend. They are covering the cost of the pool party, and we will bring snacks and drinks.

CEMETERY MEETING

There will be a Cemetery Meeting on Thursday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center. All are invited.

K OF C FATHER'S DAY STAG FISH FRY

The K of C Father's Day Stag Fish Fry will be held at the Hall on Sunday, June 15 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 and is open to all gentleman of the public and K of C members. All you can eat fish, fries, coleslaw and drink.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is Tuesday, June 24. Mass will be held at 6:00 p.m. and a reception will follow in the Sr. Center. All are welcome to attend.

2026 MASS BOOK

The 2026 Mass Book is now open. Masses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have numerous intentions to schedule, please write them down and send it to the Rectory. Donations of \$10 are suggested for a mass.

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Bennett Allen Lang, son of Trevor and Aleigha Lang. Congratulations to these parents for the gift of new life.

ST. BERNARD PARISH SOCIAL

The Parish Social will be held on Wednesday, June 25th. The meal will be dine-in or carry-out from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. The kids' games will begin at 5:00pm and there will be bingo outside, weather permitting.

ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4 Man Scramble will be held on June 21, at Oxbow Golf Course. Cost is \$260 per team. Registration will be at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.



There will be a 50/50, skins game. Cost includes 18 holes with cart. Beverages will be sold on the course. Pop, water, and hotdogs will be provided. Dinner and prizes following play at the K of C Hall in Churchtown.

To pre-register and/or sponsor a hole, please contact Kourtney Thieman 740-525-6503

ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

A wonderful resource is available for girls aged 11-14 and their moms. St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat will take place at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, OH, August 8-10, 2025. The mission of the St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat is to help participants grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the retreat offers a whole person approach celebrating and educating on the changes happening to the body, mind, spirit, and social aspects of young women in this age group. Quality mother/daughter time and opening pathways for important discussions are key objectives. Participants reflect on the gift of their female identity, the gift of friendship, the gifts of marital intimacy and holy chastity, the gift of the Holy Spirit and most importantly, the precious gifts they are created to be. More information can be found at www.philomenaretreat.org and the attached flyer. All of their materials have been vetted and approved by the Diocese of Phoenix and they sell out quickly so don't delay in registering.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Pentecost (from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning "50th day") is the one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

It marks the day, nearly 2,000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, the apostles set forth to tell all people in Jerusalem of the Resurrection. As they spoke in tongues given to them by the Holy Spirit, all nationalities present could understand them in their own mother tongue.



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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

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 Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890

Attention Youth Grade 3 and up: Any boy or girl who would like to become an Altar Server can call the Parish Offices to arrange a training session.

HELP St. John the Baptist -We are looking for the next leader of our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Program. They would coordinate and supervise our Religious Education program for children 1st-12th grade. If interested contact the parish office.

Pray for our Seminarians: Peter Stetson, Ryan Budd, Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkovich, Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, and John Paul Gan.

Pray for our priests: 6/8 all priests, 6/9 Fr. Vic Cinson, 6/10 Fr. Jonas Shell, 6/11 Fr. Bob Borer, 6/12 Fr. David Gaydosik, 6/13 Fr. Thomas Nau, 6/14 Msgr. Mike Campbell, 6/15 Pope Leo XIV

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

As part of the **2025 Seminarian Tour** on Wednesday July 16, 2025 the Seminarians of the Diocese of Steubenville will visit the Basilica of the Assumption in Marietta.

6:30 pm Welcome Fr. Nicolas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations

6:40 pm Vocation Story John Paul Gan

7:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:20 pm Spiritual Reflection by Seminarian Samuel Ivkovich

7:55 pm Benediction

8-9 pm Reception with Seminarians in Basilica Social Hall

Come pray and meet our Seminarians

.Devotions, Explained! Prayer After Meals Just as praying before a meal, praying after a meal is meant to inspire in Christians an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God. Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, and the Christian poet Prudentius composed hymns for before and after meals ("ante cibum" and "post cibum"). There are no "official" prayers for after a meal, but the most common one said by Catholics is this: "We give thee thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace." It is a benediction which recalls our perpetual fellowship with the entire Body of Christ, including those who have passed from this life. ©LPi

Upcoming Ordination to the Diaconate

We are pleased to announce that Peter Stetson and Ryan Budd, seminarians of the Diocese of Steubenville, will be ordained to the Order of Deacon at a Mass of Ordination on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville, Ohio. Keep Peter and Ryan in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders as transitional deacons and continue their journey toward the priesthood. May the Lord bless them with strength, wisdom, and holiness in their vocation.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio (update)

HB 96 - 2026-2027 State Budget

The Catholic Conference of Ohio testified in the Senate Education Committee and the Finance Committee as an interested party for House Bill 96, the Operating Budget. CCO shared the pro-family benefits of school choice and statistics on Catholic schools, particularly enrollment increases among African American and Hispanic students, and that students on Jon Peterson and Autism Scholarships have doubled since 2014. CCO asked legislators to expand Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) to chartered nonpublic school students to allow students from low-income families to "receive specialized reading and math interventions, mental health support, and other areas of integral development, no matter where their parents choose to send them."

Additionally, the CCO submitted interested party testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on social policy proposals. The testimony commended the support for organizations accompanying pregnant women in need and made requests to restore the \$1,000 nonrefundable per-child tax credit and not repeal the provision that allows for continuous Medicaid coverage for children in need from birth through age three.

SB 197 - Legalization of Internet Gambling

The Catholic Conference of Ohio testified in opposition to Senate Bill 197 (R-Manning) to legalize internet gambling on personal devices. CCO wrote, "SB 197 would facilitate an unprecedented scope and capacity for enslavement to gambling by legalizing round-the-clock access to highly addictive platforms from any bedroom, dorm room, or workplace in Ohio" and noted, "the harmful effects of gambling disproportionately impact the poor, young men, and the lonely."

SB 30 Cash Payments

The Catholic Conference of Ohio testified in support of Senate Bill 30 (R-Blessing and D-Ingram), requiring retail merchants to give customers the option to pay cash. The CCO testified, "The indigent, the pennywise laborer, or the retiree who knows all too well the caprice of wealth exchanged or generated virtually — these and many other Ohioans conduct their transactions by cash. SB 30 protects their place in our society. This bill will also help Christians and others of good will to give to God what is God's, ensuring that an act of charity for the hungry in the form of a few dollars is not rendered useless in a market designed for expediency, not humanity."

From the Heart: Week of June 1. God has loved us with a human heart! The Church dedicates the entire month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has a longstanding history in the Church, but it was made popular through the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Sister in 17th Century France. Jesus showed Margaret His heart saying, "Behold, the heart which loves so much, but is loved so little in return." This month is meant to help remind us that our Faith is first and foremost about a loving friendship with Christ. Christ extends His hand of friendship towards us in so many ways, but they all ultimately lead to His Sacred and living heart which continues to beat for us.

