

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 16, 2022



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SJB=St. John the Baptist
OLM=Our Lady of Mercy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	01/15 4:00	P.M. +Francis, +Hilda, +James, and +Bob Peters (Maryiln and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	01/15 6:00	P.M. +Rita Schwendeman (Anniversary) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/16 7:30	A.M. +Roger Schaad (Mike Schaad Family)	
	OLM	01/16 9:30	A.M. +Mary Nicholson (Jason and Jennifer Morris)	
	SJB	01/16 11:00	A.M. Living and Deceased of +Jim and +Maglene Arnold (Family)	
Monday	SJB	01/17 8:00	A.M. +Judy Britton (Chris and Jenny Semon)	
Tuesday	OLM	01/18 5:00	P.M. +Joseph and +Ida Huck Family (Jim and Peg Huck)	
Wednesday	SJB	01/19 8:20	A.M. +Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker and Family)	School Mass
Thursday	OLM	01/20 5:00	P.M. +Francis and +Hilda Peters (Heather Peters)	
Friday	SJB	01/21 6:00	P.M. +Gertrude Arnold (Roger and Grace Randolph Family)	
Saturday	OLM	01/22 4:00	P.M. +Charles and +Nina Hockenberry (Edwin and Grace Long)	
	SJB	01/22 6:00	P.M. +Vivian Rinard (Steve Klinger Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/23 7:30	A.M. +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Regis and Mary Huck)	
	OLM	01/23 9:30	A.M. +Virginia Margaret Grooves (Ken and Jan Long)	
	SJB	01/23 11:00	A.M. +Frank Schilling (Norbert and Shelia Schilling)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Weston Hennes, Aden Haught	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Volunteers	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Morgan, Parker, Taryn Kern	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Kern

COLLECTION

Total Collection \$3,492
Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

DPSC

2022 Collected \$2,165

BINGO

Jan. 2 Group 8-1 \$3,164

If you are unable to attend,
please find a replacement.

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Jan. 16 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jan. 23 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jan. 30 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Feb. 6 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Feb. 13 Group 7 with BJ Davis	January Group E-Susan Arnold February Group F-Lori Hart, Tonia Skinner March Group A-Anna Schaad April Group B-Dorothy Schaad May Group E-Susan Arnold	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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes; whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved. -St. Anthony the Great (251-356), Patron of farmers, Feast Day, January 17

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Isaiah 62:1-5; First Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

Masks are available in the vestibule

When St. John Central School in Churchtown is closed due to weather, Mass (and Adoration) that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both, St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be rescheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. Johns, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

If you would like a 2021 Collection Statement, please call the Rectory or email stiohnrchurchtown@yahoo.com.

The monthly Senior Citizen meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3, 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center. Please bring a snack to share.

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Faith Ann and Hope Louise Johnson, daughters of Shane and Elizabeth (Lang) Johnson. May God bless this family always.

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches only, at the Marietta K of C Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on January 19, 2022. At this time we are in need of fruit cups and packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins (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 January 19, 2022. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. The Daily Bread Kitchen and the St. Johns CWC want to thank all of you for your generous donations and help over the past year. The DBK groups feed from 200-300 people every Wednesday and we wouldn't be able to do it without you! So thank you again and may you all have a Blessed New Year!!

Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 2022 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by April 17, 2022. Please apply at the link below: <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27>. Information and a link to the application can also be found on our Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the application will be available in the back of the churches. Any questions email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio. Tickets cost \$50.00 each. Tickets include: Cocktails 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:30, Drawing 7:30-9:00, Band 9:00-12:00. The GRAND PRIZE is \$4,000. Contact Dean Brooker for tickets at 740-629-4884.

A Pre-Cana Session will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary's Church in Marietta on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Those planning to be married in 2022, should register for this session by calling the parish office, 740-373-3643. Please remember that Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

**St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church
Parish School of Religion Information**

Parish School of Religion Class Dates

Class is 9-10:30 a.m. on the following Sundays at St. John Central School:

January 16, 23
February 6, 13, 20
March 6, 13, 20

First Communion Class

First Reconciliation - Sunday, January 16 after the 11 a.m. mass

First Communion - Sunday, April 24 at the 11 a.m. mass

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Confirmation Class

This is to prepare the young people for their confirmation in addition to the Parish School of Religion or Religion Class at St. John Central School. These classes are open to those 5th grade and above who wish to be confirmed.

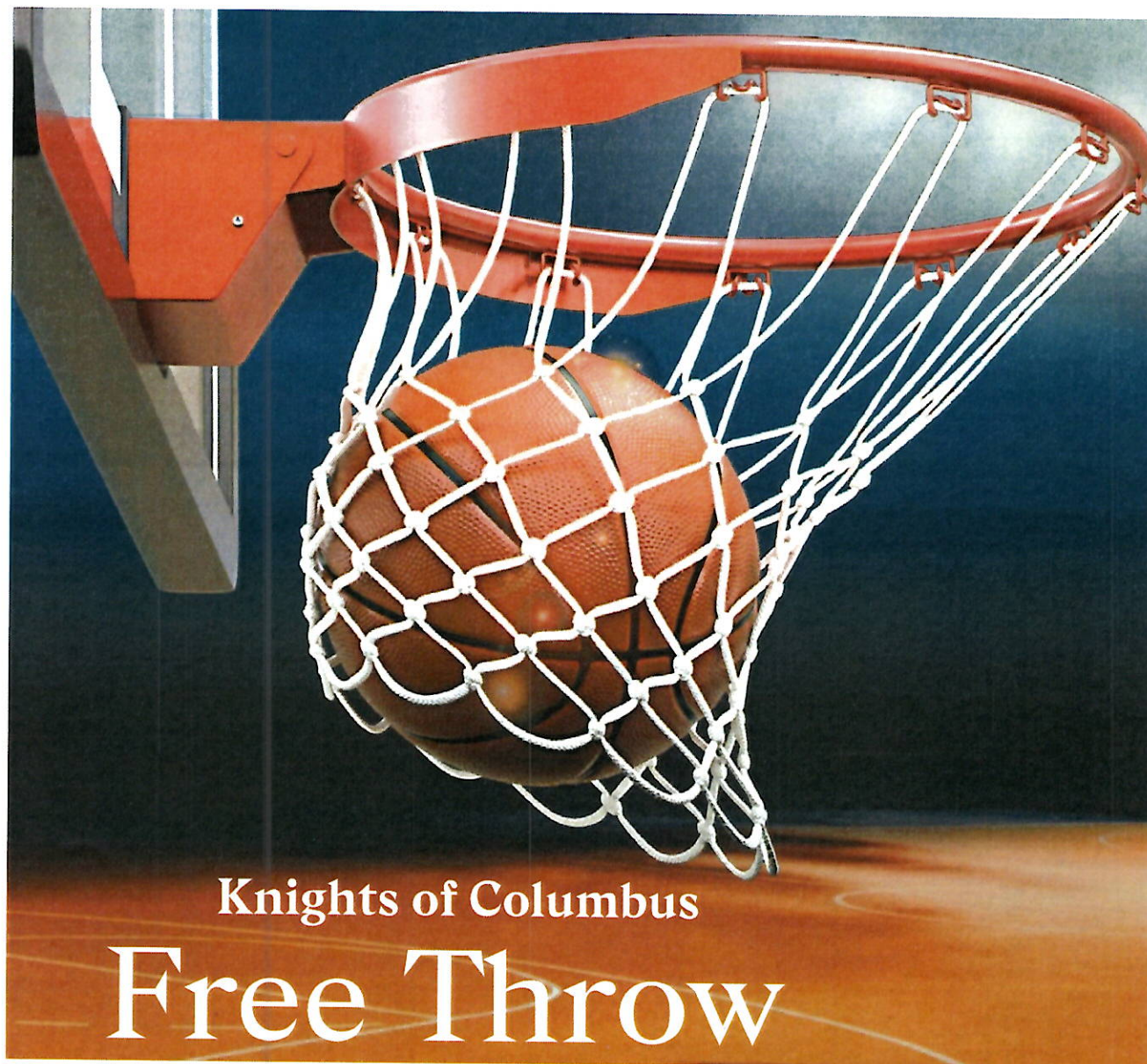
Confirmation will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

The Confirmation Class will meet on the following Sundays, 2-4 pm at St. John Central School:

January 16
February 20
March 20

Please fill out the confirmation registration form online - <https://forms.gle/7sYhF1w3aZemLZ8N8>. A link is also available on the parish website homepage at the bottom.

Questions? Contact Parish School of Religion Coordinator
Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 (call or text) or
andreabralston@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: Churchtown KofC Hall - 17472 State Route 676, Mareitta, OH 45750

Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 Time: Sign Up @ 12:00 pm
Shoot @ 1:00 pm

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus Council #4617

Contact: Ian Alexander - 740-525-4898



Faith in Action

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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