

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025**

*If you love me,
feed my sheep.*
John 21:17

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Twenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, "It is the Lord!" For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/03	4:00	p.m.	+Charles and +Nina Hockenberry (Edwin and Grace Long)																
	SJB	05/03	6:00	p.m.	+Mary Canterbury (Birthday 5/4) (Rick Canterbury and Family)																
Sunday	SJB	05/04	7:30	a.m.	+Earl and +Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks and Family)																
	OLM	05/04	9:30	a.m.	+Linda Huck (Donnie and Fay Heiss)																
	SJB	05/04	11:00	a.m.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)																
Monday	SJB	05/05	8:00	a.m.	+Norbert and Charlotte Lang (Wed. Ann. 5/4) (Family) +Larry Schaad (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)																
Tuesday	SJB	05/06	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today																
	OLM	05/06	5:00	p.m.	OLM CWC (OLM CWC), +Charles Huggins (Frank and Stacy Leeper)																
Wednesday	SJB	05/07	8:20	a.m.	+George Brooker (Ron and Monica Lang) School Mass +Jay Pottmeyer (Kenny and Marsha Gerken)																
Thursday	SJB	05/08	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today																
	OLM	05/08	5:00	p.m.	+Mark Tackett (Jason and Jennifer Morris) +Marilyn Lang (The Lang Family)																
Friday	SJB	05/09	8:00	a.m.	+Mary Huck (Birthday) (Regis Huck and Family) +Ella Mae Young (CWC)																
Saturday	OLM	05/10	4:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Fay Heiss)																
	SJB	05/10	6:00	p.m.	Living and Deceased of Vince and Shelly Stollar Family (Family)																
Sunday	SJB	05/11	7:30	a.m.	+Norbert Kern (Wed. Anniv.) (Marilyn Kern and Family)																
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	SJB	05/11	11:00	a.m.	+Leo and +Lucy Huck (Vincent Huck Family)																
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you! <table><thead><tr><th>MASS</th><th>ALTAR SERVERS</th><th>LECTOR</th><th>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Saturday 6:00 p.m.</td><td>Morgan and Baylee Warner</td><td>Eugene Huck</td><td>Virginia Dyar</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday 7:30 a.m.</td><td>Dalton and Dane Schott</td><td>Hugh Arnold</td><td>Connie Arnold</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</td><td>Hadleigh Pennock, Emma Wheeler</td><td>Brynlee Pottmeyer</td><td>Tonia Skinner</td></tr></tbody></table> COLLECTION Total Collection last weekend \$ 2,455 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity! DPSC 2025 Collected to Date \$ 31,945 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.  St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offense at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales. What's Happening May 8 St. John School Play—Marietta High School 6:30 p.m. May 12 CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet in the Sr. Center May 14 Fr. Dale Tornes 55th Anniversary of his Ordination May 16 Pre-School Graduation May 20 Kindergarten Graduation May 21 Last Day of School May 26 Fr. Walter Heinz 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Revelation 7:9, 14b–17 / John 10:27–30 Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday						MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Eugene Huck	Virginia Dyar	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	Hugh Arnold	Connie Arnold	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Emma Wheeler	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Tonia Skinner
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REST IN PEACE

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as well as the cardinals who will elect the next pope. May they be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

2025 PRAYER LIST

The 2025 Prayer Line list is available in the church vestibule. Please stop by and pick up a copy.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 12th at the Sr. Center. We will begin with mass at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Meal and drink will be provided. Please bring a potluck dessert or salad to share. Please RSVP to Anna Schaad by May 4th (Home 373-6181 or Cell 525-0123).

CWC CONVENTION

The annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Zoller at 740-350-8141 or 740-896-3626. Reservations are due by May 19.

GRADUATES RECOGNITION

All graduating high school and college seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 25. If you would like to participate, please wear your cap and gown and sit together in the front pews.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

The spring play is set for May 8 at Marietta High School at 6:30 p.m. Pre-K graduation will take place on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the church, marking their last day of school. Kindergarten graduation will be on May 20, which will be the final day of school for our kindergarteners. The last day for all other students will be May 21, featuring Field Day, Awards Day, and the official start of summer break!

P.S.R. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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.

TOBACCO CESSATION

For parishioners interested in quitting tobacco products, you can sign up for the free Ohio Tobacco Quitline by calling 1-800-Quit-Now. Participants will be assigned a quit coach and be eligible to receive nicotine replacement therapy through the mail. You can also contact the Washington County Health Department to receive your free quit kit.

SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry's Catholic Church in Harriettsville will hold their Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 11. Serving will be 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The menu consists of a chicken and ham dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, noodles, rolls, dessert and drink. Cost is Adult \$15 and children 10 and under \$7. Take outs will be available in the basement serving line.

LOWELL SHOP, SWAP, AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of May, June, July and August. This event is for farm market vendors, craft vendors, food truck vendors, flea market and yard sale vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Donations are welcome and appreciated. The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for May 7th at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell Ohio, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook messenger and a committee member will get back to you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now as Vacation Bible School is happening June 22-26! We'll have fun, faith, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages. Registration forms and more info coming soon. Want to be part of the fun? We'd love your help! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202.



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.



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

Our Seminarians

Pray for Seminarians studying at: Sacred Heart Major Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206; Peter Stetson, St. Vincent Seminary 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe Pa, 15650; Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich. Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499; Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker. On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish 9704 Gomber Ave. Cambridge, Ohio 43728, Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan.

Pray for our priests: 5/3 Fr. Josh Erickson, 5/4 Bishop Lohse, 5/5 Fr. Wayne Morris, 5/6 Msgr. Pat Gaughan, 5/7 Fr. John Mucha, 5/8 Msgr. John Kolesar, 5/9 Fr. Josh Erickson, 5/10 Fr. Ryan Gray, 5/11 Msgr. Mike Campbell.

According to a new survey, nine in ten men who will be ordained to the priesthood this year were encouraged to consider this vocation by someone in their life. Three-quarters of them regularly participated in Eucharistic Adoration before entering the seminary. "Encourage a young man to consider the priesthood or to attend Eucharistic Adoration; he could be your future pastor," said Bishop Earl Boyea. "We express our deepest gratitude to the many priests, family members, mentors, formators, and laity who have encouraged and supported these men in their discernment of their call to the priesthood." In conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 11, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations released the Ordination Class of 2025 Study, conducted annually by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. "We pray for the continued fidelity of the newly ordained to the voice of God and for the faithful to whom they will minister," said Bishop Boyea, who serves as chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations. "As witnesses of hope, we thank them for their courage to commit their lives to what Pope Francis said is a call that embraces their entire existence." Out of the 405 men who are to be ordained this year, 309 completed CARA's Ordination Class of 2025 survey, for an overall response rate of 76%. These ordinands represent 115 dioceses and eparchies in the United States and 36 distinct religious institutes.

A few of the major findings in the report: Nine in ten responding ordinands (89%) reported being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life, most frequently by a parish priest (60%), friend (52%), or fellow parishioner (42%).

- Regarding prayer practices, three-quarters of responding ordinands participated in Eucharistic Adoration (78%) on a regular basis before entering the seminary.
- Most of the ordinands received formation at a seminary in the Midwest (37%) followed by the South (29%), Northeast (16%), West (13%), and abroad (5%).
- Responding ordinands indicate they first considered priesthood during elementary school (35%), followed by high school (20%).
- Hispanics/Latinos constituted 12% of the responding ordinands. Between 2006 and 2025, the share of Hispanics/Latinos averaged 15% and ranged between 11% and 22%.
- Ordinands who attended Catholic elementary school constituted 46% of all respondents, and 36% attended a Catholic high school.
- Most respondents (92%) were baptized Catholic as an infant and raised primarily by their biological parents (95%) and a married couple living together (89%).

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they preserve and bear fruit. - Pope Francis

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Global theologians to engage issues of creation, sexual difference, and culture in a gathering rooted in the Gospel and the Church.

The fifth annual Truth of Love Conference will tackle some of the most pressing theological issues of our times. Cosponsored by Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Veritas Amoris Project, the event will be held at Franciscan University July 11-14, 2025. The conference will explore theological issues tied to sexual difference, creation, synodality, history, Scripture, culture, and politics through the lens of love seeking understanding. Deacon Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, professor of theology at Loyola University of Maryland, and Father José Noriega, co-founder of the Veritas Amoris Project, will be the two keynote speakers. They will speak on the relationship between charity and truth as well as charity and theology.

The event will also feature several well-known and high level Catholic speakers including Dr. D.C. Schindler, associate professor of metaphysics and anthropology at the John Paul II Institute; Dr. Michael Waldstein, professor of theology at Franciscan University; Dr. Oana Gotia, professor of moral theology at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary; Dr. Stephen Hildebrand, theology professor and vice president for Academic Affairs at Franciscan University; Dr. Matthew Muller, director of the Symposium on Transforming Culture at Benedictine College; Dr. Katarina Westerhorstmann, professor of theology and moral ethics at Franciscan University; Father Edmund Waldstein, monk of the Cistercian Abbey of Stift Heiligenkreuz in Austria and lecturer in moral theology at the abbey's theological college; and Dr. Andrew Jones, assistant professor of theology at Franciscan University.

"Like our PhD in Sacred Theology Program here at Franciscan University, this annual conference is becoming a place inspired by the classical understanding of a theologian, where we are steeped in Scripture and Tradition, engage in passionate, charitable, and rigorous discussion of them, and ultimately prepare ourselves to go out and serve Christ and the Church, to teach the teachers of the faith and so carry out the work of evangelization," said conference organizer Dr. Jacob Wood, associate professor of theology and director of the PhD program in sacred theology at Franciscan University.

A special dinner to honor Michael Waldstein will also be held on July 13 and additional talks on the Eucharist in the Gospel of John will be presented on the morning of July 14 by Dr. Michael Waldstein; Father Michael Scanlan Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University Dr. Scott Hahn; and Franciscan University theology professor Dr. John Bergsma.