

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 11, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus.




MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE


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)
	OLM	05/11	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)
	SJB	05/11	11:00	a.m.	+Leo and +Lucy Huck (Vincent Huck Family)
Monday	SJB	05/12	8:00	a.m.	+Barbara Wallis (Steve and Pam Brooker) +Anna Mae Brooker (Robert and Jill Kendall)
Tuesday	SJB	05/13	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	05/13	5:00	p.m.	TBA
Wednesday	SJB	05/14	8:20	a.m.	+Rosemary Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel) School Mass Fr. Dale Tornes (Ordination Anniv.) (Randy and Jean Tornes Family)
Thursday	SJB	05/15	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	05/15	5:00	p.m.	TBA
Friday	SJB	05/16	8:00	a.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Harold and Karen Arnold) +Evelyn Neill (Connie Arnold)
Saturday	OLM	05/17	4:00	p.m.	TBA
	SJB	05/17	6:00	p.m.	Deceased Members of the +Ralph and +Pauline Zoller Family (Janet Schaad and Family)
Sunday	SJB	05/18	7:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)
	OLM	05/18	9:30	a.m.	TBA
	SJB	05/18	11:00	a.m.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes 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.	Coletyn Dyar, Abby Henke	Rachel Klinger	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Emi Lauchard	Reese Lang	Marilyn Zoller

<p align="center"><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,752 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750</p> <p align="center">Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p align="center"><u>DPSC</u></p> <p>2025 Collected to Date \$ 38,485 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330</p> <p align="center">This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!</p>	<p align="center">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.</p> 
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<p>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 -1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.</p>	<p align="center"></p> <p>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 25 Graduates Mass May 26 Fr. Walter Heinz 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination</p>
<p>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</p> <p>Acts 14:21-27 / Revelation 21:1-5a / John 13:31-33a, 34-35</p>	

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

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

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!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We would like to extend congratulations to Fr. Dale Tornes on his 55th Anniversary of his Ordination. May the Lord continue to be with him now and always and may we continue to be blessed with his ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration forms are available in the bulletin this weekend or Vacation Bible School June 22-26! There will also be extra forms in the church vestibule. We'll have fun, faith, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages. 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following individuals who gave of their time to teach our Parish School of Religion students: Andrea Ralston, who served as our PSR Director and taught classes, Chad Dyar, Roxanne Heiss, Stacey Greenup, Tracie Roush and Adrienne Branham. We are so grateful for all you contributed to our PSR program.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL UPDATE

Exciting things just keep happening at St. John Central School! We are thrilled to share that both of our new metal signs—beautifully designed and painted by the talented students at the Washington County Career Center—have now been installed. One sign is proudly displayed on the building, while the other is set along State Route 676, helping to make our school more visible to the community. This project is a wonderful example of the power of collaboration and community support.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Richard Canterbury and Thad Tucker for their hard work in setting the roadside sign, to Randy Schilling and his crew, Tom, Avery and Jeff, for mounting the sign on the school at 6:00 AM in the morning and to the many generous individuals who donated their time, skills, and labor to bring these projects to life. While we still plan to add landscaping and lighting to complete the finishing touches, we are incredibly grateful for the progress made and the outpouring of support from so many helping hands. St. John's continues to grow and shine thanks to all of you!

BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family Shay Laurie Miller, daughter of Clay and Katelyn Miller. Congratulations to these parents for the gift of new life. May God bless this family now and always.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Liturgical Minister schedules for June - September are available in the church vestibule. Please stop by and take a copy home.

DPSC THANK YOU

Thanks to all who participated in the 2025 DPSC. Your generosity helps to continue the Mission of the Church. For those who have not yet responded, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card. You can place it in the collection basket, or mail it directly to the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Additional pledge cards are available at the church vestibule. You can contribute to the campaign online give.diosteub.org. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Join us for the annual Memorial Day Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 26 at 11:00 AM. The Mass will be celebrated at the Coronation Mausoleum by The Very Reverend Bradley Greer, Delegate of the Apostolic Administrator. This sacred gathering on the serene grounds of Mount Calvary Cemetery is a time of prayerful remembrance. We come together to honor and give thanks to those who gave their lives in service to our country, and to remember all our loved ones and friends who rest in this holy place. Let us unite in faith, gratitude, and hope in Christ's Resurrection as we reflect on the gift of eternal life and the sacrifice of so many.

MARY'S HOUSE PERPETUAL PRAYER

We are embarking on a project to wrap Mary's House in perpetual prayer by working to establish 24 hours of prayer, good deeds, and/or sacrifices in that regard. We now have a link (Prayer Warriors) on our Mary's House website: <https://maryshouseoh.org> that gives detailed information and suggestions. There is also a spreadsheet that you can sign up for a specific time(s) and day(s) that you would like to commit however, and in whatever way, you feel called. As noted on this prayer warriors link, any commitment is voluntary. If you have any questions or would prefer a hard copy of the information and any suggested prayers, please call 740-651-7703.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

A Chicken Barbecue will be held at St. Michael's in Carlisle on Sunday, May 25. Serving time is 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. There will be afternoon bingo and a square dance from 7-10:00 p.m. by "Little Creek Band". Dine in or Drive thru carryout available.





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

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Council 4617
Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890

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 epararchies 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%).

My Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen

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

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.

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.

The month of May is a designated time for us to honor Mary in our devotions and celebrate her queenship. Though the exact origins are unknown, this tradition dates back centuries. As we recognize Mary in a special way this month, I offer the following answers to some common questions about Marian devotion written by Monsignor Vito Buonanno of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Why is the month of May devoted to Mary? Christian devotion to Mary goes back to the early third century. In his encyclical, Mense Maio, 1965, Saint Pope Paul VI acknowledged that the month of May has traditionally been a time when the Church has urged its people to offer prayers and acts of devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

What is Mary's role in the story of Redemption? Mary is a pivotal figure in the story of Redemption; through her, the Word of God the Father was made incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's "fiat," her obedient submission to the Providential Will of God, was that critical moment when God was made flesh and inaugurated the fulfillment of our redemption.

What can we learn from the example of Mary? The Blessed Virgin Mary is a model of discipleship; she faithfully listened and bore witness to the Word of God, following the journey of her Son even unto the Cross. For this, Mary, Mother of God is regarded by the Church as the "First and Most Perfect Disciple of Christ" (Marialis Cultus, 35).

Why is Mary honored under a variety of titles? The veneration of and the devotion to Mary that is defined by the Magisterium of the Church and expressed in devotion to her by the people of God, in every age and land, bears witness to her blessed privilege and role in the mystery of salvation.

Why should the faithful seek Mary's intercession? As Mother and Mediatrix of Grace, Mary gains for the faithful of the Church the greatest of all graces: the Divine Life of Jesus Christ, and the Salvation of His Risen and Eternal Glory. Mary not only shows us the face of God in her Son, but helps us grow closer to Him. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

