

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 11, 2024

I am the
living bread
... if any man
eat of this bread,
he shall
live forever.
John 6:51

In the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22—19:4). Life as a prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel's message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God's wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God's ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	08/10	4:00	P.M.	+Donna Arnold (Jason and Jennifer Morris)	
	SJB	08/10	6:00	P.M.	+John and +Mary Lou Huck (Family)Jeri Lang	
Sunday	SJB	08/11	7:30	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Wedding Anniversary) (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
	OLM	08/11	9:30	A.M.	+Jill Casey (Stephen and Jenna Huffman)	
	SJB	08/11	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)	
Monday	SJB	08/12	8:00	A.M.	+Ruth Morris (Richard and Brenda Arnold) +Terry Arnold (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	08/13	8:00	A.M.	+Martha Huck (Birthday) (Virgil Huck Family)	
	OLM	08/13	5:00	P.M.	+Jeri Lang (Kathy Reed)	
Wednesday	SJB	08/14	6:00	P.M.	+James M. Barrett (Mona Barrett and Family)	
	OLM	08/14	6:00	P.M.	+Pat Stehly (2yr Anniv.) (Mike and Denise Stehly)	
Thursday	SJB	08/15	8:00	A.M.	+John "Bill" Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold)	
	OLM	08/15	9:00	A.M.	+Darren Cheeseman (1 yr. Anniv. 8/16) (Tom and Martha Fliehman)	
Friday	SJB	08/16	8:00	A.M.	+Dot Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold) +L & D of Vincent and Allene Huck Family (V. Huck Siblings)	
Saturday	OLM	08/17	4:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (Virgil Huck Family)	
	SJB	08/17	6:00	P.M.	+Margaret Klinger (Ted Brooker Family)	
Sunday	SJB	08/18	7:30	A.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Steve and Rachel Klinger)	
	OLM	08/18	9:30	A.M.	+Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	08/18	11:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Anniv.) (Charlotte Lang and Family)	

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
Holy Day of Obligation

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby Henke, Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Finn Lauchard	Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for July 28 \$2,759 August 4 \$4,107 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$61,440 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	July 21 Group 6 \$ 0 July 28 Group 7 \$1,257 If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Aug 11 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Aug 18 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Aug 25 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Sep 1 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Sep 8 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller Sep 16 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	August Group B with Jean Tornes Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. 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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Proverbs 9:1-6 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 6:51-58	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

CEMETERY CARETAKER

St. John's is in need of an immediate caretaker for the cemetery. This would include lawn maintenance and opening and closing of graves. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the next cemetery meeting which will be held at the Sr. Center on August 20 at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL MASS

School Mass will be held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20 a.m. during the school year (unless otherwise noted). The first school mass will be held August 21. Everyone is invited to attend.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on August 14th and 28th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

The Knights of Columbus 4617 is sponsoring the Domestic Church Kiosk available for our parish and all community members FREE of charge. To help strengthen the domestic church (our families) they are providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public. Please take a look at the Kiosk in the back of St. John Church, grab as many booklets as you see fit, feel free to pass them along when you are done or keep them for as long as you need.

K OF C GOLF OUTING

The K of C 4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 18th at Oxbow Golf Course in Belpre, OH. Cost will be \$260 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2024. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole move-up! Steak dinner is included after golf on the patio at the K of C in Churchtown. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Isabelle Jane Heiss, daughter of George and Chrisy (Morrison) Heiss. May God bless this family now and always.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available for your church contributions. If you are interested, please visit our church website at www.stjohnchurchtown.com and click on the online giving link. You will need to create an account and schedule your recurring gifts. All monies received will be credited to your contribution account.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. 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, August 21, 2024. 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!

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. If you would like to learn more about this process or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave, 740-391-1093.

BUS TOUR

The CWC of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption is sponsoring a Bus Tour to the Museum of Catholic Arts & History in Columbus, Ohio. This museum has been recognized by the Vatican as the largest collection of diversified catholic art in the United States. The tour departs from the Basilica the morning of September 19. Cost is \$45, which includes bus transportation and admission to the museum. There will be a lunch stop but this is not included in the price. Contact Debbie Lazorik at lazorikd@marietta.edu or call/text to 740-434-6769. Registration deadline is September 9.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Aim Women's Center invites you to the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The retreat will take place September 20-22 in Toronto, Ohio. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. During the weekend, participants will experience a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Please text or call 7740-715-7200 for more details and to reserve your spot.





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

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

Catholic Trivia

What's the difference between a nun and a sister?

Many people often use the terms interchangeably, but there is a difference. A nun is a religious woman who lives a contemplative life – one in prayer. According to Canon Law, nuns must live a life apart from the world, that is, cloistered. With few exceptions, once they take their vows, they stay within the confines of their monastery. A religious sister, on the other hand, still take vows, but live a life of service and prayer. Many sisters serve as teachers, nurses and social workers. They are apostolic and active in the community as a whole. So, if you see a religious woman at the store, walking through town or even at Mass, she would be a sister and not a nun.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS: Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese: Studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary Detroit, Peter Stetson, Studying at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe Pa, Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich. Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio: Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, John Paul Gan, and Ryan Budd.

St. John Central School We reopen for the new school year on Monday, August 21st. If you have enrollment or registration questions, please call the school office at (740) 896-2697. Have a blessed summer!

The Daily Bread Kitchen provides 300 meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Your generosity is appreciated.

August is Make-A Will Month: Did you know August is national "Make-a-Will" Month? Having an up-to-date will in place is a powerful way to plan for the future and protect the people and ministries you care about. It is a great way to support your parish, Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, or another ministry of the diocese.

Spiritual one-liners:

*Give God what's right – not what's left.

*If God is your co-pilot – swap seats.

*Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.

*A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

*He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

*When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty.

*God doesn't want shares of your life – He wants a controlling interest.

*Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church!

*Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

*Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

In the Asian, African, and Latin American countries, well over 500 million people are living in what the World Bank has called "absolute poverty." Every year 15 million children die of hunger. The Indian subcontinent has nearly half the world's hungry people. Africa and the rest of Asia together have approximately 40%, and the remaining hungry people are found in Latin America and other parts of the world. Nearly one of every four people (1.3 billion – a majority of humanity), lives on less than \$1 per day while the world's 358 billionaires have assets exceeding the combined annual incomes of countries with 45 percent of the world's people. There are three reasons for this situation: 1) The unwillingness of the rich people and wealthy countries to share their blessings with poor and the needy. 2) The unjust distribution of wealth, enabling the rich to become richer and let the poor to get poorer. 3) The exorbitant military spending of rich and poor nations. Most countries spend more than half their national income for the military. For example, the U.S. spends 54% of its income for the military while allotting only 6% for education, 6% for housing and 3% for social security and unemployment benefits. Annual military expense of the U. S. for 2014-15 was \$581 billion and, for the same time-period, that of China was \$129 billion and that of Russia was \$70 billion. We must remember that for the price of one cruise missile (\$1.41 million), a school full of hungry children could eat lunch every day for 5 years. 100 million deaths could be prevented for the price of ten Stealth bombers, or what the world spends on its military in two days. (Each stealth bomber costs \$2.1 billion). — Although the food in the world should suffice to feed God's children, it will never suffice to fill the greed of men.

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living. Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

CEMETERY MEETING NOTES

JULY 23, 2024

St John's Cemetery Association met on Tuesday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m. Five were in attendance.

Father Gaydosik opened with a prayer.

Kevin Brooker gave the treasury report with \$27,313.63 in the checking account and \$146,915.87 in the investment account for a total of \$174,229.50.

Members discussed the new concrete graveside service addition and whether or not to have it closed in with a roof and it was decided that most people would just want the tent and that closing it in could be added in the future if the demand was there.

A new caretaker is needed as the current one is stepping down. This would include but not limited to digging the graves and mowing. The lawn maintenance and grave opening and closing could be different positions if someone is interested in one and not the other. The church does have a tractor mower with backhoe but whoever takes the position is welcome to use their own if they like

There are enough funds to cover the cost of an outside company until a new caretaker is found, if need be.

There may also be an increased fee for opening and closing graves as the cost has gone up. Calls will be made to get bids and fees.

Members decided to meet again on Tuesday August 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in the position of cemetery caretaker should please attend for more information.