

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

JUNE 1, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/31	4:00	p.m.	+Hud and +Rosemary Lang (Debbie Misel)
	SJB	05/31	6:00	p.m.	Living and Deceased of +Clem and +Lucy Brooker (Family) Jerry and Virginia Dyar (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	SJB	06/01	7:30	a.m.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Dave and Dorothy Fogel)
	OLM	06/01	9:30	a.m.	+Jerri Lang (1 yr. Anniv. 06/02) (Bob and Peggy Byers)
	SJB	06/01	11:00	a.m.	+Harold and +Regina Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)
Monday	SJB	06/02	8:00	a.m.	+Melvin Ledger (Siblings of Vincent Huck)
Tuesday	SJB	06/03	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/03	5:00	p.m.	OLM CWC (OLM CWC) +Patricia Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
Wednesday	SJB	06/04	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today (CWC Convention)
Thursday	SJB	06/05	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/05	5:00	p.m.	+Marcia Engle William (Alicia Sloan) +Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)
First Friday	SJB	06/06	6:00	p.m.	+Jay and Marilyn Pottmeyer (Wedding Anniversary) (Family) +Terry Arnold (Rick and Cheryl Dunn) Adoration 5-6:00 p.m.
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)
<u>LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>					
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.	Tanner Crum, Abby Henke		Rachel Klinger	Virginia Dyar
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller		Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Emma Wheeler, Emi Lauchard		Janelle Sprague	Amanda Walters
<u>COLLECTION</u>		<u>DPSC</u>		 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.	
Total Collection last weekend \$ 2,531 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity!		2025 Collected to Date \$ 39,555 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330 This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!			
 St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.		 June 4CWC Convention (no mass this day) June 5Senior Citizen Meeting June 6First Friday Adoration and Mass June 15K of C Father's Day Fish Fry June 20Fr. David Gaydosik - 38th Ordination Anniversary June 21St. John School Golf Outing June 22-26Vacation Bible School			
<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>					
Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 / John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26					
Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday					

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on June 5 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND MASS

First Friday Mass will be held on June 6. Adoration will be held from 5-6:00 p.m. with mass to follow.

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. A donation board will be set up in the vestibule soon. 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.

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.

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers Leo Huck, who passed away on May 26. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Leo's family and friends. May Leo now rest in the arms of our Lord for eternity.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Jerry and Virginia Dyar who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on May 31. Jerry and Virginia were married here at St. John's by Msgr. Charles Highland. May God bless you both now and always.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, calls and birthday wishes for my 80th birthday. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God bless you all. Margaret Dyar.

K OF C 4617 CONGRATULATIONS

A special congratulations to these two local high seniors presented \$500 scholarships from the Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown, Ohio. This year's recipients were Wade Brooker and Gwendolyn Lang, both went to Waterford High School and attend St. John Catholic Church Churchtown! Best of luck to them and all seniors as they continue their education or future careers!

BISHOP HARTLEY ASSEMBLY 840 MEETING

Bishop Hartley Assembly 840 will hold our next meeting at Christ the King Parish in Athens on June 8th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend, as we will be electing our officers for the next year.

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

CEMETERY REMINDERS

To meet both cemetery maintenance needs and the desire of relatives to decorate graves:

- The use of coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, stone or wood chips, planted flowers, and votive lights are forbidden.
- Use of temporary flowers (cut or artificial) is permitted. Where containers for the flowers are not part of the monument, they should be in a cone shaped container immediately adjacent to the monument or mounted on top of above ground monument with a bracket. Wreaths on free-standing frames are not permitted during the grass cutting season (April through October). Flowers are to be removed when they have deteriorated. Planted flowers, shrubs or trees are not permitted.
- American Flags: Deceased who were veterans may have a small American flag immediately adjacent to the above ground monument. Metal flag holders are permitted. Management reserves the right to remove flags that have deteriorated.
- Solar powered lights are discouraged, but a single unit per grave is permitted when it is placed immediately adjacent to the monument.
- Special restrictions apply for the "cremation only" or "cremation above a body burial" graves. Since there is only a ground level monument, the only decorations permitted during the grass cutting season are:

A container of flowers from three days before to seven days after Memorial Day.

If the deceased was a veteran, a small American Flag from three days before to seven days after Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

- Glass is not permitted.

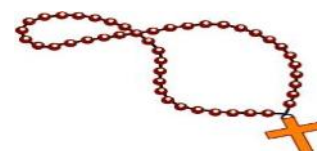
The Cemetery shall not be liable for any flowers or floral containers placed at the grave on the day of the funeral nor for any other flowers or floral containers placed for the memorialization of a burial space at any time after the interment.

The Management reserves the right to remove any flowers, vases or floral designs, or any other items when they detract from the beauty of the Cemetery or violate the cemetery rules and regulations.

A copy of all Cemetery rules and regulations may be found on our website stjohnchurchtown.com under "Parish Information."

ROSARY RALLY

America Needs Fatima is sponsoring rosary rallies all across the country. You can be one of the prayer warriors that helps bring God back into our country. There will be a rosary on the lawn at The Cornerstone Inn on Saturday, June 7th, at noon. Make sure to bring your rosary and bring a friend.





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

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.

Quoting from Pope Benedict XVI's 2011 address to young people, Pope Leo said, "God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful." Indeed, "our life originates as part of a loving plan of God." "Faith leads us to 'open our hearts to this mystery of love and to live as men and women conscious of being loved by God,'" he continued. "Here we see, in all its simplicity and uniqueness, the basis of every mission, including my own mission as the successor of Peter and the heir to Paul's apostolic zeal. May the Lord grant me the grace to respond faithfully to his call," he said.

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: 6/1 Bishop Edward Lohse, 6/2 Fr. David Cornett, 6/3 Fr. Tom Marut, 6/4 Pope Leo XIV, 5/5 Fr. Jeremiah Hahn, 6/6 Fr. Dale Tornes, 6/7 Fr. Tom Hamm, 5/8 all priests.

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

"To our students who are Graduating: Fr. Dave, Fr. Walter, and Fr. Dale would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all our students graduating this Spring. Whether you are graduating from college, trade school, high school, grade school, or even Kindergarten, we pray for your futures to be bright and graced with God's presence and peace! And again, congratulations!"

Rejoice! Congratulations to Peter Stetson and Ryan Budd for being called to Holy Orders! They will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 28th, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville by Bishop Edward Lohse. A reception will be held after Mass in the Holy Rosary Social Hall. All are invited to attend this special celebration and support Peter and Ryan as they lay down their lives for God. Please, keep them in your prayers.

Question: Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

Answer: The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364). The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no.81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a nonnegotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192). Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237). ©LPi

Trivia. Did you know that the original texts of the Bible were not separated into chapters and verses? It wasn't until 1551 that Robert (Estienne) Stephanus, a Protestant scholar and printer, chose to assign numbers to these sections for ease of reading. Initially, he only numbered the New Testament, but this practice quickly gained popularity. Eventually, Bibles containing both the Old and New Testaments were published with this numbering system.

thank you!

Fr. Walter would like to thank everyone who acknowledged his 63rd Ordination Anniversary. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.



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