

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 16, 2023

Again Jesus said,
"Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me,
I am sending you."

John 20:21



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people. What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real. In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	04/15	4:00	P. M.	+Bernard "Buzzard Brooker" (The Paul Bauerbach Family)
	SJB	04/15	6:00	P.M.	+Donna Klinger (Rick Canterbury)
Sunday	SJB	04/16	7:30	A.M.	+Ralph and +Pauline Zoller (Larry and Janet Schaad)
	OLM	04/16	9:30	A.M.	+Earl and Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)
	SJB	04/16	11:00	A.M.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family) First Holy Communion
Monday	SJB	04/17	8:00	A.M.	+Clarence Walter (Birthday 4/18) (Edith Brooker and Family) Special Intention
Tuesday	SJB	04/18	8:00	A.M.	+Vincent Huck (Ralph and Leora Huck)
Tuesday	OLM	04/18	5:00	P.M.	+Ron Smith (Jim and Peg Huck)
Wednesday	SJB	04/19	8:20	A.M.	+Glenn Smith (Anniv. 4/22) (Jerry Smith and Family) School Mass Special Intention
Thursday	SJB	04/20	8:00	A.M.	+Edna Lang (Bob and Peggy Byers)
Thursday	OLM	04/20	5:00	P.M.	+Shirley Morris (Unknown)
Friday	SJB	04/21	8:00	A.M.	+Amy Smith (Anniversary) (Jerry Smith and Family) Special Intention
Saturday	OLM	04/22	4:00	P. M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck (The Family)
	SJB	04/22	6:00	P.M.	+Bernard and +Joanne Strahler (Children)
Sunday	SJB	04/23	7:30	A.M.	+Albert Henke (Anniversary) (Patricia Henke and Family)
	OLM	04/23	9:30	A.M.	+Alexis Rogers Davis (Jason and Jennifer Morris)
	SJB	04/23	11:00	A.M.	+Judy Britton (Michael and Margaret Wolf)
<u>LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>					
MASS	ALTAR SERVERS			LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad			Eugene Huck	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Sophia Huffman, Connor McCartney			Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Morgan and Parker Kern			Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss
<u>COLLECTION</u>		<u>D.P.S.C.</u>		<u>BINGO</u>	
Total Collection last weekend \$4,781 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!		2023 Collected \$19,960 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!		April 2-Group 2 \$5,600 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.	
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>		<u>C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE</u>		<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>	
Apr 16 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard AND Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Apr 23 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Apr 30 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury May 7 Group 7 with BJ Davis		April Group E-Susan Arnold May and June Group F-Tonia Skinner		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>				Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday	
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ** 1 Peter 1:17-23 ** Gospel Luke 24:13-35					

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on April 26th in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

CWC MONTHLY MEETING

The April monthly CWC meeting has been cancelled. Hope to see you at the Mother/Daughter Banquet in May.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 8. The evening will begin with Mass at the Church at 6:00 p.m. The meat, potatoes and vegetable will be provided by the Catholic Women's Club. All attending are asked to please bring a salad or dessert. The location of the banquet depends on the number of women planning to attend. Please RSVP to Tonia Skinner at 740-350-5355 by May 1. This year we are very excited to have Brayden Booth providing entertainment. Brayden is a local talent with a wonderful voice. He has also played at establishments throughout the area. Thank you and please mark your calendar to attend.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. John Central School. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre-Kindergarten at the preschool through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL HIRING TEACHERS

St. John will be hiring for the 2023-2024 year a Full-Time First Grade Teacher, Third Grade Teacher, Fourth Grade Teacher, and Fifth-Eighth Grades Reading & Language Arts Teacher at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Certified teachers are needed for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

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 Wednesday, **April 19**. 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 vestibule by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19. If you would like to make a monetary donation, there will also be a collection can in the vestibule. Thank you for all your past and present donations.

STEAK FRY BENEFIT

The Knights of Columbus Council 478, 312 Franklin Street, Marietta, OH will host a Steak Fry benefit on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Meals will include steak (chicken), baked potato, salad, roll, and a dessert all for only \$20.00. Meals by reservation only. Please contact Matt Miller by April 25; text/call 330-243-5500 or email mlom2210@gmail.com. All proceeds to benefit Tony Offenberger run for State Warden of Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend:

*Chase Arteaga
Gracen Greer
Joseph Greer
Abram Heiss
Stephen Heiss
Caleb Henry
Creed Hickman
Delaney Hickman
Sophia Huck
Collin Medlin
Adam Miller
Raegan Walters
Emma Wheeler*



**Catholic Opposition to the Proposed
Constitutional Amendment in Ohio**



On February 28, 2023, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a letter about the proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution on abortion. They wrote: "In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children." The full text of the letter can be found here: https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Bishop%20Letter%20on%20Ballot%20Amendment_Final.pdf

The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of the proposed amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments. The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of the proposed amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments. The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments.

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its annual Open House Tour Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Guided tours of the buildings, chapels, and grounds of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy will highlight extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork and sacred art. Registration is open online through April 19. Check the Josephinum website to register and select your preferred tour time slot. Last year, this event brought a record number of guests to our beautiful campus. We look forward to opening our doors once again and sharing the Josephinum with both familiar friends and new visitors!

Remember to pray for your priests:

April 16th Fr. Timothy Huffman, Fr. Richard Tuttle
April 17th Fr. Thomas Nau, Monsignor Michael Campbell
April 18th Fr. Edward Maxfield, Fr. Mark Moore
April 19th Monsignor George Coyne, Fr. Leonard Censula
April 20th Fr. Daniel Heusel, Fr. Michael Gossett
April 21st Our Holy Father Pope Francis
April 22nd Fr. Jonas Schell, Fr. Thomas Chillog
April 23rd Fr. Robert Gallagher, Fr. Timothy Shannon

Remember the Repose of the Souls of our Priests who served the people of our diocese to the best of their abilities:

April 12th Fr. Phillip Baroni,
April 13th Fr. Aloysius Berendt,
April 15th Bishop John King Mussio,
April 16th Fr. Thomas Graven,
April 18th Fr. Herman Tague
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may your perpetual light of grace shine upon them.

Remember Our Seminarians

Studying at

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

the Pontifical College Josephinum

(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

is John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @dsvocations