

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Karl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32).

How do we learn to "die well"? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that "little one" be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection.

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	09/21	4:00	P.M.	+Josephine Medley (Rick and Shelly Medley)	
	SJB	09/21	6:00	P.M.	+Margaret Klinger (Dave and Veronica Bosner)	
Sunday	SJB	09/22	7:30	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (Gary and Edna Arnold)	
	OLM	09/22	9:30	A.M.	+Harold and +Evelyn Miller (Ron and Linda Miller)	
	SJB	09/22	11:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
Monday	SJB	09/23	8:00	A.M.	+Joseph Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel) +Patricia Gaydosik (Helen Marie Ring)	
Tuesday	SJB	09/24	8:00	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Norma Thieman and Family)	
	OLM	09/24	5:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (Doug Dye)	
Wednesday	SJB	09/25	8:20	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	09/26	8:00	A.M.	+Fr. Charles Moran (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
	OLM	09/26	5:00	P.M.	No Mass	
Friday	SJB	09/27	8:00	A.M.	+James and Maglene Arnold (Family) +Penny Schwendeman (Jim and Anna Schaad)	
Saturday	OLM	09/28	4:00	P.M.	Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	09/28	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	09/29	7:30	A.M.	+Joseph Lori (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
	OLM	09/29	9:30	A.M.	+Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)	
	SJB	09/29	11:00	A.M.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family Children)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Rachel Klinger	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dylan and Dane Schott	Hugh Arnold	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Reese Lang, Hudson Lang	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Tonia Skinner

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$2,995 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$66,250 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	September 8 Group 5 \$1,147 If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Sep 22 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Sep 29 Group 8 with Russ Lang Oct 6 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Oct 13 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Oct 20 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Oct 27 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u> September-October Group C-Veronica Bosner The next CWC meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u> Numbers 11:25–29 / James 5:1–6 / Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday
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ST. JOHN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the St. John's Holy Name Society on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on September 25th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

TRICK OR TREAT

Please mark your calendar now for Churchtown Trick or Treat which will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 6-7:30 p.m. The K of C will hold their Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 18. More information will follow.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Churchtown Senior Citizens will meet at 11 AM on Thursday, October 3 at the Senior Center in Churchtown. Maggie Whittaker from Shriver's Hospice will be the speaker for the day. She will be open to any question about hospice care. What is hospice care? Who is eligible? Who will pay? All of your hospice questions can be answered. Please feel free to join us. Please bring a covered dish. To share. Meat will be provided. Please RSVP to Doris Brooker at 896-2291 or 740-525-8000 so we can be sure to have enough meat to cover all those who attend.

K OF C PATIO PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will have a Patio Picnic on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Events will start with Catholic mass at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Afterwards, on the back patio at the hall in Churchtown, we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks (BYOB). Guests should bring a salad or dessert to share! There will be games and prizes for the kids. Members, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. We will have applications for NEW MEMBERS to join! Come socialize with our community! As part of our FOOD FOR FAMILIES program, we will be collecting canned goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. We hope to see you there! For Questions Contact: Derek Kern @ 740-516-7219 or Clay Miller @ 740-336-4229.

CASINO NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for the St. John School Home and School Foundation "Casino Night" to be held on November 16, at the K of C Hall in Churchtown. Admission is \$50/ticket (which includes cash drawing) or \$550 for a table of 8. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Food will be catered by Big Food Little Kitchen and music will be provided by Sunset Lane. There will be casino games, cash drawing, country store, live auction and a cash bar. To purchase your ticket, please call or text 740-336-5313 or 407-920-1565.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Frank and Cheryl Knaus who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on September 21, 1974 at St. Mary's Church, Erie, Pennsylvania by Monsignor Gerald Orbanek, cousin of Cheryl. May God bless them always.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

The liturgical minister schedule for October through January are located in the church vestibule. Please make sure to stop by and take one home.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta K of C Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, October 2, 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, October 2, 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!

LADIES RETREAT

The St. Ambrose Ladies Retreat will be held at St. Ambrose Church on Saturday, October 5, from 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Forms are located in the church vestibule. There is a \$10 donation to help cover costs. For reservations (due before September 28) or more information: Rita Rodgers 740-423-5697 or rdrodgers2417@gmail.com; Becky Hennen 740-629-1093 or rah1097@roadrunner.com. All ladies are welcome to attend!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Are you grieving the loss a child or grandchild from any circumstances (miscarriage, trauma, abortion, illness, suicide, etc.)? Come join us for a Mass of Remembrance and pray for the soul of your beloved child or grandchild and have a chance to meet others who have suffered a similar loss. The Masses will be celebrated at 7pm, Oct. 9 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, and at 9am, Oct. 26, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. For additional information, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, Director of the diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, by emailing jschmidt@diosteub.org or telephoning (740) 516-9270. Light refreshments will be offered after each Mass.

80TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are invited to a Mass offered by Most Rev. Edward M. Lohse, in commemoration of the anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Steubenville. The Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. on October 21, at Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville. A light reception in the Church Hall will follow Mass. An archival presentation will be on display from the Diocese of Steubenville Archives Office.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

This celebration will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 12:00 noon Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass will honor those couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2023 or 2024. To register, please contact your Pastor by October 11, 2024.



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

Script 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

Ancient Order of Hibernians

James Farly, President

Sheep or Goat?

I often get asked "Will this (and it is spelled out) get me to heaven? Even though what I am told the person has done to serve God well, I still refer them to the Gospel's delineation of 'the key to heaven.' Mathew 25 is, in my opinion, one of the best but most frightening statements on how we can get to heaven. It is that section where Jesus pronounces the final judgements on souls he calls 'the sheep and the goats' based on how they treated others. "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers, you did it to me." Yes, this is the statement that always makes me stop and think before I act, and sometimes places me in the confession line on a Saturday afternoon.

The power of that statement converted a man who had been a hardcore atheist most of his life. While in his car, Sal prayed for the first time in his life, asking God that if he really existed would God intervene on behalf of his baby daughter. He did not specify the 'what', but just some sign of hope.

As he pulled into his parking place at the radio station, Sal saw a homeless man and he called to him, saying, "Have a nice day." Sal walked over to the far end of the parking lot where the man had made a small fire, and asked the homeless man if he would pray for his daughter who would be going to the doctor later that day for tests. The homeless man asked him, "Is there a problem with her spine?" That comment hit DiStefano like a brick. Then the homeless man said, "Yes, I'll pray for her." As DiStefano walked away, he asked the homeless man if there was anything he could do for him. The homeless man said, "You have done more for me by talking to me than society has done for me for a long time."

As DiStefano walked into his studio, he suddenly remembered that the previous day when he opened a bible for the first time and stated to read it, the verse he found had Jesus saying, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you are doing it to me" He believed that the beggar was indeed Jesus. Later that afternoon when the DiStefanos took their daughter to the doctor, the doctor concluded that she was fine, her spine was strong, so there was no reason for an MRI. After being a hardcore atheist for most of his life DiStefano became a Christian that very day. I share this true story with you because even God-fearing people such as us, sometimes forget that those we work with, and those with whom we share activities - are our brothers and sisters. They are the ones in whom we should see Jesus and those we should consider as brothers and sisters. God will judge us as we treated them.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Friday, September 20, through Sunday, September 22, in Toronto, OH. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Please text or call us at 770-715-7200 for more details and to reserve your spot.

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville, Sunday, November 10, 2024, 12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta Msgr. J. Michael Campbell, Celebrant. A reception will follow each Mass. For couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2022 or 2023. To register, please contact the parish office. R.S.V.P. by October 11, 2024.

Prayer for Catechists Dear Lord, Anoint those who serve as catechists, those who tell Your story of determined love for Your people. Be with our catechists in their classrooms, inspire the hearts of those in their care, ignite a new generation of disciples for You! Amen.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE LORD? Are you being called to serve the Lord? Now is a good time to begin encouraging young men and women to serve Jesus and His Church. If you or someone you know is interested in ordained ministry or the life of a Consecrated/Religious community, please contact Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti at 740-432-7609.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Please Praying for Seminar-ians of the Steubenville Diocese 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:* Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, John Paul Gan, and Ryan Budd.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO—Franciscan University of Steubenville has launched a free, online video series called *In Person* on FaithandReason.com. This new series features exclusive interviews by University President Father Dave Pivonka, TOR '89, with Catholics from many walks of life. These guests talk about God's unique call in their lives and the unexpected places following that call has taken them. The first *In Person* episode features Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus Christ on the hit series *The Chosen*. In the episode, Roumie talks about what playing Jesus has taught him about prayer, how he deals with fame, and more. "Living as a Christian in today's increasingly secularized world is challenging, but hearing other people's stories of faith can be a profound source of encouragement," said Father Pivonka. "With this new series, I am honored to sit down with Catholics from different backgrounds and share their stories about how God has worked in their lives. I'm inspired and uplifted by their witness and pray our viewers will be, too." Upcoming *In Person* episodes include interviews with Super Bowl Champion and former pro-football player Matthew Birk, Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, author Arthur Brooks, radio host and speaker Katie Prejean McGrady, and more. *In Person* is the latest addition to Franciscan University's online platform, FaithandReason.com. Faith and Reason features free videos and podcasts that explore important topics such as Church and culture, politics and philosophy, spirituality, and the joy of life in Christ. To watch *In Person*, sign up for free at FaithandReason.com.

Have a Great Day!