

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER—ASCENSION
May 21, 2023**



**I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS**

EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE

MATTHEW 28:20

Good News!

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, “Who was that masked man?” Folks never learned his identity, and it didn’t matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively. As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, “I’m sorry.” Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone’s tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/20	4:00	P. M.	+Herbert Huck and Pearl Daily Families (Max and Tess Huck)
	SJB	05/20	6:00	P.M.	+Harold and +Ruth Rauch (Anniversary) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	05/21	7:30	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
	OLM	05/21	9:30	A.M.	+Shirley Morris (Unknown)
	SJB	05/21	11:00	A.M.	+Audry Lang (Mona Barrett and Family)
Monday	SJB	05/22	8:00	A.M.	+Mary Huck (CWC) +Donna Sturm (John Seyler Family)
Tuesday	SJB	05/23	8:00	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Card Club)
Tuesday	OLM	05/23	5:00	P.M.	No Mass
Wednesday	SJB	05/24	8:00	P.M.	+Bob Pottmeyer (Erin Pottmeyer Family) School Mass Staff and Students of St. John School Kindergarten Graduation
	SJB	05/24	6:00	P.M.	People of the Parish St. John 8th Grade Graduation
Thursday	SJB	05/25	8:00	A.M.	+Tim Strahler (Family)
Thursday	OLM	05/25	5:00	P.M.	+Richard and +Judy Parrish (Jason and Jennifer Morris)
Friday	SJB	05/26	8:00	A.M.	+John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family) +Patricia Gaydosik (Mary Brooker and Family)
Saturday	OLM	05/27	4:00	P. M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)
	SJB	05/27	6:00	P.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Anniversary) (Jerry and Melinda Treadway)
Sunday	SJB	05/28	7:30	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Birthday) (Norma Thieman and Family)
	OLM	05/28	9:30	A.M.	+Bernie Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	05/28	11:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Ralph and Leora Huck Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Weston Hennes, Alex Henke	Virginia Dyar	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Connor McCartney, Owen Henry	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Parker and Morgan Kern	Lacey Lauchard	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,296 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$41,170 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!	May 7—Group 7 \$4,559 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>
May 21 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker May 28 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Jun 4 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jun 11 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jun 18 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman	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>	
Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 / John 20:19–23	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

ON RETREAT

Fr. Gaydosik and Fr. Heinz will be on Retreat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 29, and will return for the Holy Hour at 5:00 p.m. and First Friday Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration forms are included in this weekend's bulletin. The date for Vacation Bible School is set for July 30-August 3, 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at St. John School. The program will be "Stellar". You may register online using the QR code provided or use the paper form and return to the envelope marked "VBS" in the church vestibule. Please register your child/ren no later than July 1. This will enable us to plan ahead for food and supplies. There is no cost for VBS but donations are always welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS

Volunteers are needed to help out with Vacation Bible School. Any student 6th grade and up are welcome to volunteer (6th graders may volunteer or sign up to attend VBS). Adult volunteers are needed to help run the stations. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Maggie Huffman 740-885-0202.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES

Liturgical minister schedules for June through September are available in the church vestibule.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on May 24th in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

St. John's Annual Athletic Booster Golf Outing is set for Saturday June 3, 2023 at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, Ohio. Four Man Scramble - \$65/person, \$260/team, 18 holes w/cart, dinner and raffle to finish! Contact Kristin Pottmeyer (304) 989-0729 to register your team or if you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a hole! Please come out and support St. Johns Athletic Program!

WE WELCOME

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Zoe Anne Lang, daughter of Andrew and Allie Lang. May God bless them now and always.

BEVERLY-FORT FRYE ALUMNI BANQUET

Beverly-Fort Frye Alumni Banquet will be held June 10, 2023. Social hour at 5:00 in the Fort Frye High School cafeteria, Dinner at 6:00 in the Fort Frye High School gymnasium. Tickets are \$25 each and are due by June 1, 2023. Make payable and send to the following: Beverly - Fort Frye Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1313, Beverly, OH 45715.

WASHINGTON CO. RIGHT TO LIFE

The Washington County Right to Life organization is hosting a virtual baby shower for the Women's Care Center in Parkersburg. The following items are needed: Baby Lotion, Newborn diapers, Hooded bath towels, Pajamas size 12 mo. and 18 mo. for boys and girls, socks size 0-12 mo. for boys, Sleepers for boys 0-3 mo. and 3-6 mo., Sleepers for girls 6-9 mo. The Women's Center is only accepting new items at this time. If you have questions, please call Barbara Hintz 740-376-0551 or Jim Humphrey 740-629-4867.

MARY'S HOUSE GOLF OUTING

Mary's House golf outing will be held on Saturday, June 24 at Lakeside Golf Course. Cost is \$70 per person. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, mulligan, food, and drink. Hole sponsor available for \$100. Call Jordan Welch to sign up your team and hole sponsor, 740-538-9901.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students graduating from
St. John Central School/Pre-School.
We wish them all the best!



PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATES

John David Alexander, Richard Arnold, Isaac Fincher, Adele Heiss, Abigail Heiss, Ali Heiss, Addalou Hoge, Ella Hendershot, Haven Holbert, Evelyn Huck, Samuel Huck, Quinn Jones, Oaklynn Kern, Hadley Lang, Sophee Lang, Beckham Long, Claire McNabb, Braylin Pottmeyer, Ryan Schaad Jr., Keeley Thieman, Dawsyn Weekley.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

Lela Alvarez, William Eichmiller, Sierra Ewing, Clarence Greer, Nicholas Huck, Joseph Schaad, Kendalynn Walters, Gracie Wheeler.

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Shawn Adams, Tyson Franchino, Joseph Henke, Henry Huffman, Reese Lang, Connor Lauchard, Finnley Pennock, Avery Pottmeyer.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, **May 31, 2023**. At this time we are in need of packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins and fruit cups (to put in the Take-outs). 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, **May 31, 2023**. 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! Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

THE CULTURE OF LIFE UPDATE-FREE MO. NEWSLETTER

What is it the Culture of Life Update? The Culture of Life Update is a monthly email newsletter from the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life. **What makes it unique?** The Culture of Life Update is specifically *designed for busy people* - it provides a *once-a-month overview* of the news stories related to life, marriage and family. It is a convenient and easy way to keep informed about crucial issues that are often ignored by the mainstream media. (Even just skimming through the headlines will help keep you better informed.) **Is it all BAD news?** No! So many **GOOD THINGS** are happening every day. In addition to reporting about the challenges to human dignity and family life, the Culture of Life Update highlights the positive news and encouraging initiatives that are taking place around the country. It also provides some features about current trends and research. **How can I sign up?** To receive our free newsletter, simply go to www.diosteub.org/culture-of-life-update. (You can also see past issues here.) Please contact Joseph Schmidt (jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270) with any questions.

JACK AND JANET LANG WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

John "Jack" and Janet (Welch) Lang of Waterford are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married June 18, 1958, by Father Charles Highland at St. John Catholic Church in Churchtown. An open house will be held by their nine children for family and friends June 10, 1-4:00 p.m. at the Beverly Legion Hall, Beverly, OH.

Thank You For Supporting The Knights of Columbus 4617 – A Night At The Races 2023

The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio would like to thank everyone who came out to our 3rd, A Night At The Races event held on Saturday, May 8, 2023! We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to having this again, next year on Saturday, May 4, 2024 (1st Saturday of May). We especially want to thank our 2023 event sponsors. They include: Bosner Plumbing Electric & Refrigeration LLC, Brooker General Contracting, Inc, The Citizens Bank Company, Classic Brands, Event Designs, EZG Manufacturing, Lang Financial, Megabea Communications Inc., Newton's Insurance – Travis Pottmeyer, Agent, Next Level Masonry LLC – Thad Tucker, Pine Ridge Meat Processing, Ruthie's Beauty – Brittany Kern, Shelly & Sands, Inc., Sponey's IGA, Strahler Ink, Wasco, Inc. Washington County Ohio, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc, Waterford Commercial and Savings Bank, Weber's Market. Big Food Little Kitchen – Katie and Troy Tucker not only provided our delicious appetizers they also were the sponsor of our Best Dressed and Best Hat contests! A very big thank you goes out to Patti Miller who served as our Photographer for the evening. Check out all her great pictures on our Facebook page "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Special thanks to Jeff & Shoshanna Brooker, Bruce & Jessica Lang, Lorinda Lang, Clay & Katlyn Miller, Dustin Pottmeyer, Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer, Heath & Sammi Pottmeyer. I would also like to thank all the KofC members and their families who sold tickets, set-up, cleaned-up, took bets, worked the bar, registration, and games. A big thanks goes out to Travis Pottmeyer for spending the entire evening managing the bank. This is our largest fundraiser of the year because of the support of our great community! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year



Adult Initiation:
Contact the Parish Office.

Infant Baptisms: Call the
Parish Office

Weddings: Please make ar-
rangements at least six
months in advance before any
other plans are made.

Confession: one-half hour
before Mass or upon request

Sick Calls: If you or any
family member is ill and
hospitalized please inform the
Parish Offices.

Pastoral Musicians
Valerie Strahler,
Crystal Lang

PSR Coordinator
Andrea Ralston

Prayer Chain:
Mary Brooker 740-896-2002
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112
Edith Brooker 740-749-3334

Home visitation
Marilyn Kern

Pastoral Council
Chairperson Ferris Arnold

Parish Finance Council
Chairperson Russ Lang,
Casey Lang, Rachel Schott,
Jeff Canterbury, Pam Brooker

Cemetery Association
Andy Miller, Kevin Brooker,
Howard Brooker

Club of Catholic Women:
President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School
(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer

Knights of Columbus
Council 4617
Grand Knight: Ian Alexander

**Diocesan Catholic
Charities & Information**
Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890



TAXES FOR TUITION—Do you pay the Ohio State Tax? If you do, you can turn your tax monies into tuition money for our school. You may donate up to \$750 for an instant tax credit, per person (\$1500 for those who each give 750 filed jointly). You will be credited this on your 2023 State Taxes. If you only pay \$5, or any other amount, in State Tax, you can do this too for a total St Tax Credit up to \$750. Monies donated this way are not designated for a particular person, but for a particular school (IE—St. John Central Catholic Schools). Monies will be distributed 1st by % of family to the poverty level, and then by need on our local level. Please truly consider giving to the CHRIST THE TEACHER DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP, that we may be able to help more families utilize Catholic Education. Also, please apply for this scholarship when it comes out, or the monies designated for us for 2023/24 year will not be there in 2025. If you can help contribute to this scholarship, please visit: diosteub.org/ctdsf

Remember Our Seminarians
Studying at
Sacred Heart Major Seminary (2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)
Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich
Pontifical College Josephinum (7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499) are John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

Diocese of Steubenville
Office of Vocations
Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ dsvocations
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

EYI: On May 26th Fr. Heinz will celebrate his 61st anniversary of Priesthood.

On May 14th Fr. Tornes celebrated his 53rd anniversary of priesthood.

Remember to pray for your priests:
May 20th Fr. Patrick Gaughan, Msgr. Frederick Pasquinelli.
May 21st Fr. Robert Borer, Fr. Dale Tornes.
May 22nd Msgr. James Boehm, Msgr. J. Michael Campbell.
May 23rd Msgr. Gerald Calovoni, Fr. Walter Heinz.
May 24th Fr. David Huffman, Fr. Fred Kihm.
May 25th Fr. Nick Ward, Fr. Matthew Gossett.
May 26th Fr. Tom Magary, Fr. Joseph Martinkosky.
May 27th Msgr. Gene Mullett, Fr. Joshua Erickson

St. John Central Update

Don't listen to rumors and don't get discouraged about the future of St. John Central. Positive things are happening! We will need to hire four teachers (two are retiring and two are choosing to leave) and a pre-school aid. We have several good candidates for these openings and interviews have started. We hope to hire by the end of June.

The school finance council is working hard to come up with a plan to increase salaries at St. John Central and making progress. As happens every year, some families are choosing to remove their students from our school and new families are expressing interest in our school. Registration forms are requested as soon as possible. We need to have a number of students in order to plan for next year.

Our students had a great time with moms and grandmas When they came to Mass and visited the School.

Our school Spring program was fantastic! Mrs. Schaad did it again and the hard work of the students made for a wonderful performance, with impressive costumes and props!

On May 19th their have a field day in the afternoon for grades K-8 and the pre-school, complete with a picnic lunch by Lorinda. The school year is winding down. Pre-school graduation Mass, May 19th at 6pm.

Kindergarten graduation Mass, May 24th at 11am.

Eighth Grade Banquet is May 23rd. Graduation is Wednesday, May 24th at 6 pm. The last day of school for our students will be May 25th with an early dismissal. Coming this Fall, a 5th thru 8th Grade Science Lab, thanks to the School Foundation. The foundation also has agreed to new floors in the main restrooms, nurses office, staff restroom, and to take care of several "safety updates" in our building.

We wish to thank all parents and parishioners who have helped by volunteering, working our fundraisers, donating, or working bingo. You're appreciated and valued. God Bless.

"I'm not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things for the greater glory of God."
St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857)

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor
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Fr. Walter Heinz, retired
Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

Secretaries:

Mrs. Pam Brooker
Mrs. Betina Lang

Maintenance & Grounds:

Mr. Michael Francis

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am to 1pm.

Bulletin Deadline: 10pm Monday. Bulletin announcements must be in by 10:00 p.m., Monday. This will ensure that your announcement (s) will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Announcements should be in writing.

Registration: call the parish office, forms are also located in the back of church.

Baptism: call the Parish Office

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Individuals seeking full membership in the Catholic Church by calling the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Edith Brooker 740-749-3334 and Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday from 5:00-5:45 p.m. Sunday 6:45am to 7:15am and 10:00am to 10:45am. Individual appointment by calling parish office.

Matrimony: Engaged couples, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; for Pre-marriage interview. Pre-marriage formation (Pre-Cana) is required to prepare for this serious, lifelong commitment

Parish School of Religion (PSR) meets the first three Sundays of the month Oct.-March from 9am to 10:30am. Andrea Ralston, Coordinator 740-350-4669.

Confirmation: Celebrated for students in the 5th grade and up, call the Parish Office.

The Homebound/ Nursing Home/ Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.

Parish Pastoral Council: Meets in the Parish Center when announced. Mrs. Maria Huffman, Chairperson.

Parish Finance Council: Meets to review parish finances and ensure sound financial practices. Mr. Russ Lang, Chairperson.

Catholic Woman's Club: meets 2nd Monday of each month September to May. Mrs. Marilyn Zoller, President.

St. John Cemetery Association: meets the last Sunday of June. Mr. Andy Miller, President.

Senior Citizens Group: meet the First Thursday of the month at 11am in Senior Center. Open to all who are 55+, meetings include pot-luck lunch, and fellowship. Mrs. Doris Brooker, President.

Euchre: Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Senior Center—unless otherwise announced.

St. John Central Elementary School, Pre-K to 8th grade. Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer, Principal, Dr. Larry Moegling, Administrative advisor. The school number 740-896-2697.

St. John Central Home and School Association. Meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the school. Mr. Brandon Wheeler, President.

St. John the Baptist Bingo is held every Sunday at the *Marietta Shrine Center* (740-373-8881). Doors open at 4pm and games begin at 6pm. Mr. Russ Lang, Chairperson.

Knights of Columbus Council 4617 meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the K of C Hall. Mr. Ian Alexander, Grand Knight.

Daily Bread Kitchen: Providing a hot meal for those in need. Sheila Lovett, Coordinator.



BEQUESTS

A LEGACY OF FAITH. By naming St. John the Baptist Parish Endowment Fund and /or School in your will, you can bequeath to a new generation a legacy of faith. **Donations** made directly to the school to help with the daily operations of the school

All financial donations to our parish or school can only be used for that which it was intentionally given.

St. John the Baptist School Foundation. Is established to provide improvements and repairs to the school building outside the normal budget. Donation envelopes are located in the entrance of the Church.



St. John the Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School Registration
July 30th – August 3rd, 2023 6:00 – 8:30pm

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home and Cell Numbers _____

Names of persons who may pick up _____

Child's Name	Grade in School (in the fall)	Allergies/Health Conditions

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Also, registration can be done by using QR code/ <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stjohnvbs23>

Any questions, please call Maggie Huffman, Director of VBS, at 740-885-0202



FATHER'S DAY FISH FRY

Sponsored by the KofC 4617



12:00 - 3:00
\$15 EACH

STAG - Open to gentlemen of the public and KofC members!



**ALL YOU CAN EAT
FISH + FRIES + COLESLAW +
DRINKS**

50/50 & Tool Raffle at the door!

**17472 State Route 676, Marietta, OH 45750
Questions Contact Scott Wells @ 740-516-3279**