

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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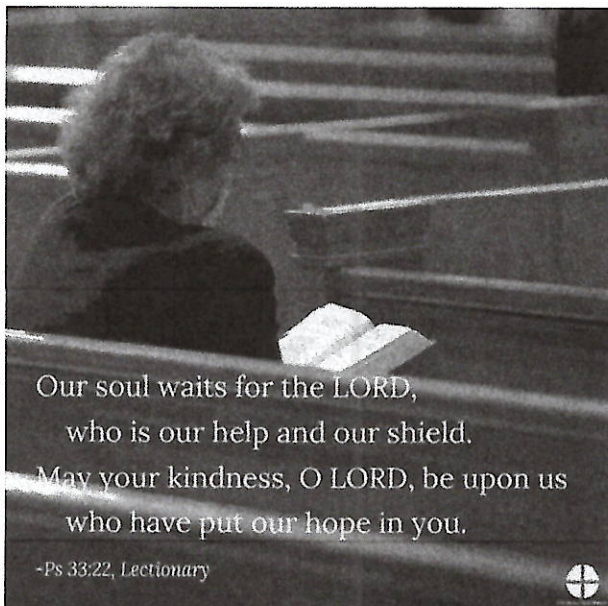
Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired/in residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 17, 2021

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Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

-Ps 33:22, Lectionary



**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

Can You Drink the Cup? That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many"

(53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/16 4:00	P.M. +RoseMary Yost (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)
	SJB	10/16 6:00	P.M. +Mary Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	10/17 7:30	A.M. +Frank Schilling (Neil Schilling Family)
	OLM	10/17 9:30	A.M. For the Health of Mildred Schwendeman (Family)
	SJB	10/17 11:00	A.M. +(Donna Klinger) (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)
Monday	SJB	10/18 8:00	A.M. Intentions of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)
Tuesday	SJB	10/19 8:00	A.M. +Frank and +Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)
	OLM	10/19 6:00	P.M. Special Intentions and Health of the Sick (John Walter)
Wednesday	SJB	10/20 8:20	A.M. +Gladys Schilling (Patti Finkel) School Mass
	OLM	10/20 6:00	P.M. No Mass
Thursday	SJB	10/21 8:00	A.M. +Gene and +Rita Fulton (Leo and Joan Huck)
	OLM	10/21 6:00	P.M. +Deanna Lang (Neil Tornes)
Friday	SJB	10/22 8:00	A.M. +Bill Seyler (Family)
Saturday	OLM	10/23 4:00	P.M. +Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)
	SJB	10/23 6:00	P.M. +Myra Tornes (Tom Wells Family)
Sunday	SJB	10/24 7:30	A.M. +Donna Jean Lang Sturm (Romona Barrett)
	OLM	10/24 9:30	A.M. +Terry Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	10/24 11:00	A.M. +Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCH. MINISTER
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Alex and Abby Henke	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Henry and Sydney Huffman	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Parker and Taryn Kern	Angie Henniger	Tonia Skinner

### COLLECTION

Total Collection \$3,873  
 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

### DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651  
 2021 Collected \$51,530

### BINGO

Oct. 3-Group 4 \$3,804

There are copies of the new bingo schedule and group list in the church vestibule. Please help yourself to a copy.

Thank you for your generosity!

### ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

Oct. 17 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury  
 Oct. 24 Group 7 with BJ Davis  
 Oct. 31 Group 8 with Russ Lang  
 Nov. 7 Group 2 with Jesse Henke  
 Nov. 14 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker

\*\*\*Please note date changes  
 for Groups 1 and 2\*\*\*

### C.W.C. WORK GROUPS

October Group B-Dorothy Schaad  
 November Group C-Andrea Ralston  
 December Group D-Elaine Wells



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You. - Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), Patron of Technical Educators, Feast Day October 24

### CHECK US OUT!

Web page: [www.stjohnchurchtown.com](http://www.stjohnchurchtown.com)  
 Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

### COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available in the vestibule

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Jer 31:7-9  
 Heb 5:1-6  
 Mk 10:46-52



### **FR. HEINZ**

Please keep Fr. Walter Heinz in your prayers as he heads back to Florida this weekend for the winter. His address is: 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, Florida 34221.



### **CWC THROWS AVAILABLE**

The CWC has a few Churchtown Throws available. These would make great wedding gifts, funeral memorial gifts or even Christmas gifts. Cost is \$30. Please call Marilyn Kern (740-749-3371) if you are interested in purchasing a throw.

### **CWC DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST (Please note date change)**

The Churchtown CWC will be having a Drive Thru Breakfast on Sunday, November 7, behind the K of C Hall in Churchtown. Serving is 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost for an adult meal is \$7 and includes bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage gravy, biscuit, and drink. Cost for a child's meal is \$4. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin.

### **K OF C TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will again host Churchtown's Annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Kara Schaad at 740-525-5854! If you need electricity, please plan to park closer to the back of the building for access to outlets. There will be pizza, chips, and beverages for a donation in which we will donate all proceeds to a local charity. There will also be tables set up inside the hall and a Halloween movie projected on the big screen for your whole family to enjoy! If you have any questions, you can contact Kara Schaad on Facebook or text her at 740-525-5854. We are looking forward to having another fun filled trunk or treat with you all on Halloween!

### **K OF C MEMORIAL MASS**

Wethersfield K of C will be having a memorial mass for all deceased members on Monday November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

### **TRICK OR TREAT**

Trick or Treat in Churchtown will be held on Thursday, October 28, 6-7:30 p.m. If you are planning to pass out candy, please turn on your outside light.

### **MARY'S HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS**

1st Annual Tea: Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Cornerstone Inn. To reserve your seat for \$20 call 740-559-2254 or email maryshouseoh@gmail.com.

### **TAKING ORDERS**

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Sunday, November 7th. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$6 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

### **THANK YOU**

The family of Courtney Kutscherenko would like to thank everyone who brought food, sent their prayers, thoughts and cards, and the money donated toward the announcer's stand for the Morgan County Fairground in memory of her dad Joe. It is so wonderful to live in a community of such loving and giving family and friends. Thanks again. May God bless all of you. Karen Kutscherenko and Family.

### ***Dear Padre,***

***Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?***

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

*Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR*



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Pray for our Priests

- October 10  
Bishop Sheldon
- October 11  
Msgr. Jerry Calovini  
+ Fr. Joseph Sands
- October 12  
Fr. Walter Heinz  
+ Fr. Charles Sargus
- October 13  
Fr. Giannamore  
+ Fr. Edmondo Stabene
- October 14  
Fr. David Huffman  
+ Fr. Mike Zahorchak
- October 15  
Fr. Sam Saprano  
+ Fr. Andy Beros
- October 16  
Fr. James Dunfee VG  
+ Fr. Bill Byrne
- October 17  
Fr. Edward Maxfield  
+ Jim Cotter
- October 18  
Msgr. Tom Petronek  
+ Msgr. Ed Gilbert
- October 19  
Fr. Jonas Schell  
+ Fr. George Goodbout
- October 20  
Fr. Michael Gossett  
+ Msgr. Ed Kalascik
- October 21  
Msgr. Mike Campbell  
+ Fr. Bill Kelly
- October 22  
Fr. Tim McGuire  
+ Fr. John Lach
- October 23  
Fr. David Gaydosik  
+ Msgr. Joe Malara
- October 24  
Fr. Richard Tuttle  
+ Fr. Don Mantica

### Daily prayer for priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For your young priests; For your dying priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially \_\_\_\_\_). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity. Amen — By St. Therese of Lisieux

**Remembering the dead!** Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular through the celebration of the Eucharist. This “communion” is a great spiritual help for their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones. As we approach All Souls’ Day and All Saints’ Day, we reflect on and celebrate our loved ones who have joined our Lord and offer them the gift of prayer. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Remembering the dead, caring for their tombs and offering prayers of suffrage are testimony to confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death does not have the last word on human destiny, as humanity is destined for a life without end, that has its root and its fulfillment in God.” With the wounds of the pandemic, social challenges, and life with so many unknowns, we need this certainty that only Christ gives us. This time of the year, the Church draws our attention to our ultimate goals, both rooted in hope, of heaven and holiness. We do so through the feast days of All Souls’ and All Saints’. On All Souls’ Day and throughout the month of November, we remember and pray for all the deceased and especially those whose names are placed on the altar.

**Our Seminarians:** Studying at **Sacred Heart Major Seminary** (2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206) Joseph Hahn, and Peter Stetson; the **Pontifical College Josephinum** (7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499) is John Paul Gan.

### Is This the Moment?

Being in the moment is easier said than done. When someone asks me how I am, I usually reply, “I’m the best I’ve ever been.” Believe it or not, there is a definite method to my madness. First of all, it helps to keep me in a state of mindfulness of the moment. Secondly, it helps (in the other person’s mind) to reframe the conversation that’s about to take place – from speculative or theoretical to real. I rarely answer anyone’s question or concern without first saying, “Good morning,” (or fill in the time of day) and I expect them to return the greeting. Even in the drive-through, I always begin by saying, “Good morning. (Wait until I get a response, then continue.) May I please have...?” Why? Because it puts them and myself in the moment. Why is the moment so important to realize? The moment is all we have to count on. I have experienced many teachers over the years who have expounded upon this principle. This may seem a little on the esoteric side, but it really makes sense if you take time to meditate upon it. Living in the past is futile. While it is true that we can learn and grow from our past victories and mistakes, we can never relive them or change them. The outcome is the outcome and we have to move on from there. The future – my Pappy used to say, “If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans.” Preparing for upcoming events and situations is prudent. If you wish to be successful at something, you need to study and practice. However, who knows what the future will bring? While many times the near future is probable (and maybe even likely), it’s not certain. Any singular event can change the whole course of the future. Think of how a beautiful, sunny September morning transformed into disaster and chaos within a few minutes. Remember Jesus’ parable about the man who stored up all his grain? Check out Luke 12:16-21. As I said before, the present moment is all we have to count on. It’s here and it’s real. A smile, a polite word or gesture can change the course of time. That’s why, at this moment, I’m the best I’ve ever been.

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The State Work Force Dept. claimed that a farmer was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent to interview the farmer. “*I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them.*” the agent demanded. “*Well*” replied the farmer, “*there is my farmhand who has been with me for three years. I pay him \$200 a week and he gets room and board for free. The cook has been here for 18 months and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board. Then there’s the half-wit. He works 18 hours a day and does 90% of all the work around here. He earns about \$10 per week, pays his room and board and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. “He’s the one guy I want to talk to...the half-wit.” the agent said. “This would be me,” replied the farmer.*



**St. John the Baptist (Churchtown)**  
**Parish (Pastoral) Council October 7, 2021**

**Hurricane IDA** – (to date no response). Was very happy with the response to Haiti relief.

**Diocesan Law** requires a “teen” or young adult be on council to represent that age group.

**Lightening Damage** – most repaired

a. The Church Carillons system -- electronic Bells....do we want to replace this system (in area of \$15,000 and up)

b. Church electrical

**The School** currently 91 students in K-8 with 34 in preschool over summer the school foundation remodeled the restrooms for kindergarten, installed LED lightening throughout the building, updated security cameras and installed security tinting to entrance doors.

**Religious Education Program** in need of two teachers/ there are 24 student attending so far. The Confirmation prep program will meet once a month/ all student to be confirmed this coming year will attend the same program. (The program is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

**Maintenance and Grounds**

**Cemetery** – locating a new area for grave services near the driveway just between old rectory and church. (\$11,298.00 +/-)

**Repair to parking lot across from Church –replace broken blacktop** (\$11, 000.00 +)

**Painting on old rectory and ordinary maintenance continues**

**lightening** on the cemetery side of church to avoid people falling

**Need to address** the carpet in the church where it is wrinkling ...could cause a fall hazard

**Liturgical** – no date for a upcoming wedding will be scheduled on the parish calendar without the couple first meeting with the priest to begin the pre-marriage investigation.

**Catholic Woman Club (CWC)** The ladies have purchased a new altar cloth for the church/ upcoming breakfast on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the K of C Hall. The have discussed the possibility of a raffle as a fund raiser and are still exploring the possibility.

**Diocesan:**

**Vatican has ordered** an upcoming **Synod of Bishops** and there will be a whole process of Listening, Discernment, and Participation from the parish level and up. All are to be involved...

**Pastoral Plan for the Diocese.** This process was to begin before Covid-19 and was placed on hold. We are now ready to begin again. Given the number of parishes and the declining number of priests and population ... in the next 10 years, the Diocese of Steubenville will have quite different look from today.

**Open forum:**

A. How is the attendance at Masses following Covid? The numbers are encouraging. They have returned to pre-covid-19 or greater. At any Mass numbers will vary due to community activities and activities within the family.

B. We hear that some families are no longer members at St. John's. We are in an area where there are many options for what fits the family schedule or needs.