

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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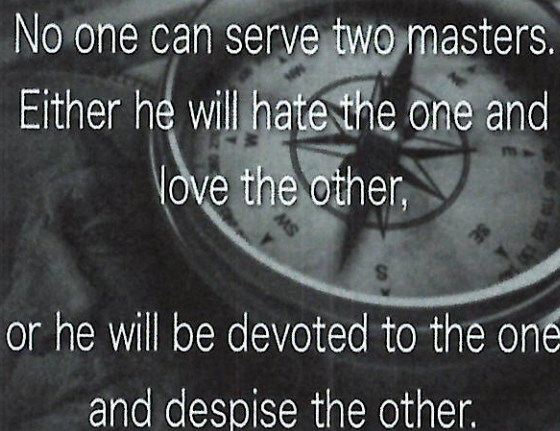
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**25TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
September 18, 2022**



No one can serve two masters.
Either he will hate the one and
love the other,
or he will be devoted to the one
and despise the other.



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4–7; 1 Tm 2:1–8; Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!


Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	09/17	4:00	P.M.	+Jennifer Snyder (Jason & Jennifer Morris)	
	SJB	09/17	6:00	P.Mi	+Gertrude Arnold (Birthday) (Glen and Marcia Pawloski)	
Sunday	SJB	09/18	7:30	A.M.	+Betty Pottmeyer (Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer and Family)	
	OLM	09/18	9:30	A.M.	+Donald Yeomans (Stephen & Jenna Huffman)	
	SJB	09/18	11:00	A.M.	+Bryan Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold and Family)	
Monday	SJB	09/19	8:00	A.M.	+Irene Lang (Children of Vincent and Allene Huck)	
Tuesday	SJB	09/20	8:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
	OLM	09/20	5:00	P.M.	+Pat Huck (Tony and Kristin Offenberger)	
Wednesday	SJB	09/21	8:20	A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Tom and Elaine Wells)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	09/22	8:00	A.M.	+Jerry Huck (The Stalter Family)	
	OLM	09/22	5:00	P. M.	+Kelton Fliehman (Dan and Elanda Fliehman)	
Friday	SJB	09/23	8:00	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)	
Saturday	OLM	09/24	4:00	P.M.	The Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	09/24	6:00	P.M.	+Sally Wesel (Bill and Alberta Wesel)	
Sunday	SJB	09/25	7:30	A.M.	+Donna Klinger (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
	OLM	09/25	9:30	A.M.	+Richard Stevens (Martha Stevens)	
	SJB	09/25	11:00	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Mary Brooker and Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Sydney Lang, Weston Hennes	Kelly Miller	Melinda Treadway
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Henry Huffman, Sophia Huffman	Becky Hilverding	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Morgan and Taryn Kern	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection \$1,957 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2022 Goal \$26,332 2022 Collected \$58,975 Thank you!	September 4 - Group 4 \$ 2,571 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Sept 18 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Sept 25 Group 7 with BJ Davis Oct 2 Group 8 with Russ Lang Oct 9 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Oct 16 Group 2 with Jessi Henke	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u> The CWC will meet on Monday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. 	<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.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at the Sr. Center on September 28, at 1:00 p.m. Chips and drinks will be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Levi and Hayley (Duff) Cochran who were married here last weekend. May God bless them always.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Parish Religious Education programs will begin on October 2. Class will be held from 9-10:30 am at the school on the first three Sundays of each month. A link to the registration form can be found on our church website at www.stjohnchurchtown.com. We are also in need of teachers and aides. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the PSR Coordinator Andrea Ralston 740-350-4669 or email andreabralston@gmail.com.

LADIES RETREAT

Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat is scheduled for October 1, 2022 from 8:30 – 3:30 at St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking, Ohio. There will be uplifting music, life changing speakers, confessions, group discussion, divine mercy chaplet and lunch. Forms are located in the church vestibule. Cost is a \$10 donation. For more information, please contact Rita Rodgers 740-423-5697 or Becky Hennen 740-989-2460.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

The Diocese of Steubenville will be offering Mass to recognize significant marriage anniversaries. This year's celebration is offered for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage. Mass will be held at Noon on Sunday, November 6 at St. Mary Basilica. A reception will be held after Mass. If you would like to register, please contact the Rectory no later than October 1 to complete a registration form.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Watertown Volunteer Fire Department will have a pancake breakfast on September 18th 8am to 1pm at the fire station. Cost is by donation.

God's Promise
isn't that He'll keep bad
things from happening; it's that
He'll be there if they do.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches only, at the Marietta KofC hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. At this time we are in need of fruit cups and packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins (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, September 28, 2022. 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.'

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE

In order to keep our records up to date, if you have had a change of address or phone number, please call the Rectory or email stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com to let us know.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4617

TAILGATE PARTY



CLEVELAND BROWNS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
CHURCHTOWN KOFC BACK PATIO

6:30 PM

8:15 PM KICKOFF

VS.



**COME CHECK OUT THE NEW
CONCRETE PATIO!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**BRING YOUR OWN TAILGATE FOOD
AND BEVERAGES TO SHARE!
WE WILL HAVE THE GRILLS FIRED UP!**

**FREE
ADMISSION
(ACCEPTING DONATIONS)
50/50**

**THIS IS AN OUTSIDE EVENT! DRESS ACCORDINGLY! NO
ONE WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE (RESTROOMS ONLY)!**

QUESTIONS TEXT/CALL TANNER @ 740-516-4749

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries

A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville



Three (3) locations:
Saturday, November 5, 2022
5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Ironton

Sunday, November 6, 2022
12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta
and
5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, Steubenville

PLEASE NOTE: A reception will be held after each Mass.

The Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Celebrant

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and 60+ (every year thereafter)
anniversary of marriage is (or was) during 2022.*

To register, please contact your Pastor.
R.S.V.P. by October 17, 2022.

Coordinated by the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
in collaboration with the Office of Worship and the
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.
Contact Joseph Schmidt, jschmidt@diosteub.org (740) 516-9270, with any questions.