

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26 , 2023

*"Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for
one of the least
brothers of mine,
you did it for me"*

Mt. 25:40



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open day-times of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	11/25	4:00	P.M.	+Tess Huck (Max Huck Family)
	SJB	11/25	6:00	P.M.	+Pauline Zoller (28th Anniversary) (Larry and Janet Schaad)
Sunday	SJB	11/26	7:30	A.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Lois Stephen)
	OLM	11/26	9:30	A.M.	+Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	11/26	11:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Leora Arnold Family)
Monday	SJB	11/27	8:00	A.M.	+Fr. Charles Moran (Bill and Alberta Wesel) *All Souls Intention of Larry and Nora Huffman
Tuesday	SJB	11/28	8:00	A.M.	No morning Mass
	OLM	11/28	5:00	P.M.	+Rosalle Hoying (Stephen and Jenna Huffman)
Wednesday	SJB	11/29	8:20	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Card Club) School Mass *All Souls Intention of Eric and Marilyn Pottmeyer
Thursday	SJB	11/30	8:00	A.M.	No morning Mass
	OLM	11/30	5:00	P.M.	+Donna Arnold (2 yr Anniv. 12/02) (Betty Stralher)
First Friday	SJB	12/01	6:00	P.M.	+Paul Schwendeman (Anniv.) (Family) 5-6 p.m. Adoration *All Souls Intention of Angela Brooker
Saturday	OLM	12/02	4:00	P.M.	+Msgr. Donal O'Carroll (Hibernian Mass) (Ed Schilling)
	SJB	12/02	6:00	P.M.	+Dave Erb (5th Anniv. 12/1) (Ken Gebhart Family)
Sunday	SJB	12/02	7:30	A.M.	+Alice Lang (Anniv.) (Bob and Peggy Byers)
	OLM	12/03	9:30	A.M.	+Msgr. Donal O'Carroll (Hibernian Mass) (Ed Schilling)
	SJB	12/03	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)

*This mass has been sent to Fr. Heinz to be said in Florida

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Abby and Alex Henke	Eugene Huck	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Gwen and Marcus Lang	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,027 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$82,354 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!	Nov. 5 Group 1 \$4,686 Nov. 12 Group 2 \$2,942 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Nov 26 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Dec 3 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Dec 10 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Dec 17 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler and Group 8 with Russ Lang (Super Bingo) No Bingo On December 24 or 31	December Group C—Veronica Bosner Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center (Sept.-May)	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
Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 / Mark 13:33–37		

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. A Vigil Mass will be held at St. John's at 6:00 p.m. (liturgical minister volunteers will be needed) on December 7. Mass on December 8 will be held at St. John's at 8:20 a.m. (School Mass); Noon, and 7:00 p.m. (liturgical minister volunteers will be needed). Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Lowell will be held on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

In order to keep costs down, if you used an envelope this past year there will be a box with your name on it. If you do not have a box and would like one, please pick up a non-addressed box. We ask that everyone please write your name down on the first envelope used and note any address changes. Please note we have renumbered the envelopes.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name (s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by December 17.

ROSARY

A CWC member will continue to lead the rosary on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. before the school mass. These rosaries are being said to end abortion and euthanasia.

EUCHRE

Euchre will not be held during the month of December.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The Senior Citizens will meet at the Sr. Center on December 7, for their Christmas lunch at Noon. Steve and Beverly Pottmeyer will provide the entertainment. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Doris Brooker if you haven't already signed up for a meal and plan on attending.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

Please return item requested by Monday, December 4th. Thank you for brightening Christmas for the less fortunate.

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 in Marietta, on Wednesday, **November 29**. 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 donate any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the church vestibule by 8am on Wednesday, **November 29**. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will be a collection can in the vestibule.

CEMETERY PILLOWS AND BUCKEYES

Washington County 4H Exchange Club is selling pine cemetery pillows for \$25 each with delivery by December 8th. Also selling buckeyes, \$8/doz., delivery by December 15th. Let us help you remember your loved ones this holiday season and satisfy your sweet tooth! Orders can be called or texted to Michelle Schwendeman @ 740-525-7925, Alisha Schaad @ 740-350-5719, or Ellie Tullius @ 740-434-3064. Thank you in advance for your support!

SUPER BINGO

There will be a Super Bingo held at the Shrine Center on December 17. Group 7 (Brandon Wheeler) and Group 8 (Russ Lang) are scheduled to work. There will be a \$5,000 payout, end of the month door prize, extra door prize and a meal of ham, potatoes, and green beans will be provided.

CWC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The CWC member and spouse Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 10th from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. at the Marietta Country Club dining room. The meal will be Dutch treat with a choice of one of three entrees ranging in price from \$17.00 to \$24.00. Please call or text Marilyn Zoller at 740-350-8141 or Susan Arnold at 740-373-8083 no later than December 3rd if you plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, December 10, January 21, February 11, and March 10, 2-3:30 pm at St. John Central School. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above even if they attend St. John Central School. Confirmation will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2024. Please register ahead of time using the link provided on the website www.stjohnchurchtown.com/psr. Questions? Call/text Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 or email andreabralston@gmail.com.

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Knights of Columbus 4617 will kick off the Christmas Season with a Spread the Light of Christ event on Monday, December 4th @ 6:30 PM at 17472 OH-676, Marietta, OH 45750. If weather permits, there will be an outdoor light up ceremony for our building and nativity scene. Father Gaydosik will join us for a blessing of the upcoming season. Refreshments will follow. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to attend this family event!

K OF C MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host our Annual Members Christmas Party, Saturday, December 9, 2023. Members and a guest are invited to enjoy an adult-only evening out to get in the Christmas spirit! *Cocktail Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres: 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Music by Sunset Lane: 8:00 - 11:00 PM*. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this FREE event! Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

K OF C CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

KofC 4617 Members are invited to bring their families for a festive afternoon on Sunday, December 10 at noon. Santa Claus will make a stop at the KofC Hall to visit individually with each child and distribute gifts! There will also be inflatables! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, please discreetly bring a wrapped gift to the kitchen area upon arrival (you will be reimbursed \$5.00/kid). Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Lennox Jean Pottmeyer, daughter of Cole and Alison Pottmeyer; Peter Augustine Windland, son of Austin and Caitlin Windland. Congratulations to these parents for the gift of new life. May God bless them always.

Churchtown Bingo

2022-2023

BINGO REVENUES:

Traditional Bingo Games Computer & Paper (+)	\$	219,734.00
Supplies Income Add'l Paper & Daubers (+)	\$	7,019.75
Food (+)	\$	13,508.34
Bad Check Redeposit & Other (+)	\$	990.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 241,252.09 \$ 241,252.09

BINGO EXPENSES:

Traditional Bingo Games Prizes	\$	174,500.00
Door Prizes	\$	14,850.00
Advertising	\$	-
Bingo Supplies	\$	7,223.50
Misc. Supplies & Other	\$	3,513.12
Rent & Utilities	\$	24,500.00
Bad Checks	\$	1,229.00
Food Supplies	\$	9,847.17
Electronic Games	\$	32,977.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 268,639.79 \$ 268,639.79

BINGO NET PROFIT

\$ (27,387.70) -16%

Average per night		Per
Players#	107	Player
Packet Line \$	\$4,484.37	\$41.99
Instant \$	\$4,435.62	\$41.53
Concession \$	\$275.68	\$2.58
Supplies \$	\$143.26	\$1.34
# Sessions	49	\$87.45

INSTANTS REVENUE:

Instants Gross Receipts	\$	968,665.50
Instant Prizes		750,736.00

Includes \$10k Triple Fire Payout

GROSS PROFIT \$ 217,929.50 \$ 217,929.50 22%

INSTANTS EXPENSES:

\$ 54,550.00

INSTANTS NET PROFIT

\$ 163,379.50 \$ 163,379.50 17%

TOTAL BINGO & INSTANTS NET PROCEEDS \$ 135,991.80 11%

	Nov 1, 2023 to Oct 31, 2023	Nov 1, 2021 to Oct 31, 2022	Nov 1, 2020 to Oct 31, 2021	Nov 1, 2019 to Oct 31, 2020
Sessions	49	48	26	19
Net Bingo Revenue	(\$27,388)	(\$29,373)	(\$16,431)	(\$13,375)
Net Tickets	\$163,380	\$140,168	\$75,733	\$51,625
Total Net Proceeds	\$135,992	\$112,713	\$59,302	\$39,319
Average Weekly Player Count	107	108	104	112

49 Sessions were held during the Bingo Year with sessions canceled for Christmas and New Years and 1 canceled for Easter Sunday. Bingo contributed \$122,000 to St. John School during the year, consisting of \$102,000 in regular assessments plus \$20,000 in discretionary payments for teacher retention / signing bonuses / performance bonuses. Player attendance stagnated; attendance averaged 113 for the first half of the year versus 100 the second half of the year. Thank you to the countless volunteers for their support of the Bingo program and we ask for additional help on every group as worker help is directly tied to the amount of revenue received from ticket sales. The captains of each group deserve praise for their continued efforts as some people have been captains of their respective groups for over 2 decades. It would be great if additional volunteers would help out and perhaps take on the captain's role of a group. A full income and expense statement is available by contacting the church rectory.