

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867  
*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

## Good News!

In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith.

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**20th SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 20, 2023**

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**O WOMAN,  
GREAT IS  
YOUR FAITH!**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	08/19	4:00	P.M.	+Bob Peters (Heather and Marilyn Peters)
	SJB	08/19	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Gary Rauch (Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	08/20	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Edith Brooker (Bill and Alberta Wesel)</b>
	OLM	08/20	9:30	A.M.	+Kenny Huck (Marilyn and Heater Peters)
	SJB	08/20	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Raymond and +Blanche Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	08/21	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Cheryl Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)</b> <b>+Justine Tornes (Jerry and Melinda Treadway)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	08/22	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Dave Pottmeyer (Russ and Betina Lang)</b>
	OLM	08/22	5:00	P.M.	+Terry Arnold (David and Tina Long)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	08/23	8:20	A.M.	<b>+James M. Barrett (Romona Barrett and Family)</b> (First Day of School at St. John's) <b>+Thurman Warnock (Regis Huck)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	08/24	8:00	A.M.	<b>+John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)</b>
	OLM	08/24	5:00	P.M.	The Smith and Benson Families (+Ron and Minnie Smith)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	08/25	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Harry Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)</b> <b>+Kelton Fliehman (Connie Arnold)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	08/26	4:00	P.M.	+Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	08/26	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Carl Lang Sr. (Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	08/27	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Penny Schwendeman (Ed and Lois Arnold)</b>
	OLM	08/27	9:30	A.M.	+Linda Huck (4 yr. Anniv.) (Ray and Lois Strahler)
	SJB	08/27	11:00	A.M.	<b>L &amp; D of Lews J. and Audrey Lang (Romona Barrett and Family)</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Coletyn Dyar, Weston Hennes	Eugene Huck	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Grace and Mason Francis	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Caden Henniger, Reese Lang	Janelle Sprague	Tonia Skinner

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>D.P.S.C.</u></b>	<b><u>BINGO</u></b>
Total Collection last weekend      \$2,834 Needed to meet parish needs      \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected      \$59,050 2023 Goal      \$25,341  Thank you!	August 6    Group 4    \$1,920  If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

<b><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></b>
Aug 20    Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Aug 27    Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Sep 3      Group 8 with Russ Lang Sep 10    Group 1 with Jeff Brooker	August Group A—Anna Schaad September Group B—Dorothy Schaad	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.

<b><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></b>	
<b>Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20</b>	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

## EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on August 23 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are currently working on the September through December Liturgical Minister Schedule. If you are already serving and would like to make a change, please call Pam at the Rectory. If anyone would like to become an Alter Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call the Rectory. Your service to the Church is greatly appreciated.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Dan Huck and his crew for all their efforts to upgrade our Marian Grotto. It looks beautiful.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

St. John's Parish School of Religion (PSR) is seeking a teacher for the K-1 class starting in October 2023. PSR is the first three Sundays of the month, October-March, 9 -10:30 am. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 (call/text).

## 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 Wednesday, **August 23, 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 Takeouts). If you would like to donate any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8am on Wednesday, **August 23, 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!

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Have you suffered the loss of a child? If so, consider coming to this year's Mass of Remembrance to ask for healing from our Lord through the gift of the Sacraments. Mass will be held on October 28 at 9am at St. Mary Basilica parish in Marietta. There will be a reception after Mass for any who wish to linger and talk.



## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Snoop-N-Scoop** is scheduled for Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

**School begins** August 23. School Mass will be held every Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. as long as school is in session. Please keep all of our area students in your prayers as they begin the new school year.

**EdChoice** scholarships are now available to all Ohio students who attend a Catholic school. For more information, please go to the Ohio Department of Education website or call the school 896-2697.

**Mum Sale:** St. John Central School Annual Mum Sale for 2023; with 8" containers \$6.50 each or 5 for \$30.00 or 12" containers at \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00. Money is due when order is placed. Make checks payable to St. John Central School. Contact Stacey Pottmeyer 304-533-6334 or Sanja McCartney at 330-204-4868 or Rachel Schott at 740-350-8252.

## SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day which will be held from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Little Hocking. More information will follow.

## LIVING WORD OUTDOOR DRAMA

The Living Word Outdoor Drama is a nationally recognized drama which brings to life the passion of Jesus Christ. The Drama is held on most Fridays through September at the amphitheater in Cambridge, Ohio. For more information, please visit [ww.livingworldddrama.org](http://ww.livingworldddrama.org).

## TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Diocese of Steubenville Eucharistic Congress October 7-13, 2023. *Come and Pray:* a) Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one week. b) Hourly Rosary—on the hour around the clock. Where? Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, Basilia of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marietta, and St. Joseph, Ironton. *Why?* To intercede for your family, our nation, and the Church. For more information on how to participate: in Marietta area call Shelly at 740-525-6360.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Fr. Walter Heinz  
August 29  
Fr. David Gaydosik  
September 7



**Adult Initiation:**  
Contact the Pastor.

**Infant Baptisms:**  
Call the Pastor

**Weddings:** Please make arrangements 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

**Home visitation**  
Marilyn Kern

**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,  
Howard Brooker, Dean Hart

**Club of Catholic Women:**  
President Marilyn Zoller

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

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 4617  
Grand Knight: Taylor  
Pottmeyer

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Referral Line:**  
1-800-339-7890

Every week in our church we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Some may wonder if those prayers are being heard. I do trust that God hears our prayers. We have received good news that the following young men will be seeking to discern a vocation in service to the Diocese of Steubenville. They are Peter Stetson, Joseph Puorro, Samuel Ivkovich, Christopher McGurn, Caleb Baker, Jonathan Ruscoe, Aaron Pabin, Riley Morris and John Paul Gan. Our prayerful support for these young men as they embarks upon this journey is of the utmost importance.

**Support** St. John the Baptist Parish with a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

**August is National "Make-A-Will" Month**, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you make a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for St. John the Baptist Church or St. John Central School. Your legacy gift to St. John the Baptist Church or St. John Central School will make a lasting impact on this ministry that will allow our mission to endure.

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Diocese of Steubenville

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In conjunction with this Diocesan event: St. John the Baptist Churchtown will on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Noon to 5pm with the Rosary recited on the hour. Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at noon on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and hourly rosary until Mass at 5:30pm.

**WHY DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAVE SO MANY VALUABLE ITEMS? WHY WOULD THEY NOT BE SOLD AND GIVEN TO THE POOR, INSTEAD?** For starters, the Catholic Church (one billion members) is the largest donor of help for the poor in the world. In addition, Catholic religious' orders of men and women spend their lives helping the poor. The world organization called Catholic Relief Services donates millions of dollars, yearly, to the needy and the poor. That is only one of many Catholic groups who give to the poor and needy. There are great works of art that people have donated to certain Churches (St. Peter's in Rome for example), and with the intention and condition that these stay in those churches. We must honor the intention of those donors. The Catholic Church owns much property, such as Churches and school buildings. These serve the purpose of having a place to worship and educate the children in the faith. For a brief period of time, the Church owned 1/3 of Italy, known as the Papal States. Through political duress in the 19th Century this was reduced to one square mile known as Vatican City, where the pope and those who help the pope in the administration of the Church reside and work. It was admittedly a blessing when the Church lost all of that land to the country of Italy and kept that one square mile as an independent country. As the Church exists through the centuries, we are in "happy times" of extreme concern for the poor. The social teaching of the Church upholds free enterprise because Socialism simply does not work. With several papal encyclicals, there are strong statements that the Church must help the poor, who can't help themselves. Every Catholic parish has an outreach ministry. For example, there is Catholic Charities, Stop Hunger Now, Bread for the World, Habitat for Humanity and yearly collections for the poor in Latin America. The present Catholic Church leader, Pope Francis, has as his patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, who gave up his inheritance and lived in great poverty. The present pope, as a Cardinal, lived in a humble apartment, took the bus to work and fixed his own meals. Through the organization of the Propagation of the Faith, Catholic Relief Services and other papal entities, the Catholic Church remains the most generous organization to help the poor.