

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

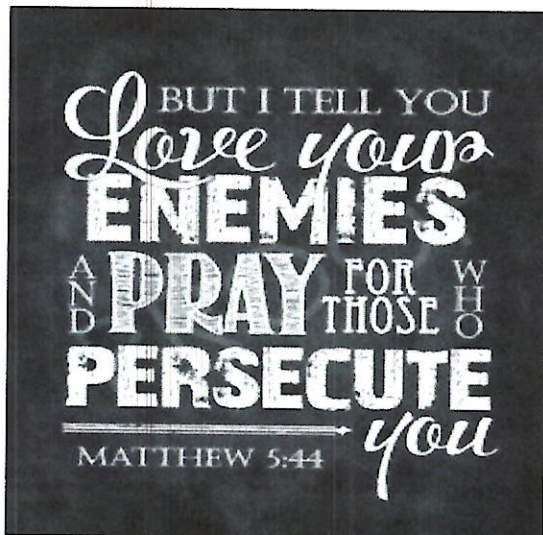
Good News!

To turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
February 19, 2023**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	02/18	4:00	P. M.	+Francis and +Grace Huck (David Arnold Family))
	SJB	02/18	6:00	P.M.	+Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)
Sunday	SJB	02/19	7:30	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
	OLM	02/19	9:30	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Betty Strahler)
	SJB	02/19	11:00	A.M.	+Edna Smith (Friends)
Monday	SJB	02/20	8:00	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Mary Lou Thieman and Family)
Tuesday	SJB	02/21			No Mass
	OLM	02/21	5:00	P.M.	+Dale and +Marian Stalter (Max and Tess Huck)
ASH WEDNESDAY					
Wednesday	SJB	02/22	8:20	A.M.	+Dave Pottmeyer (Eric and Marilyn Pottmeyer) School Mass
	OLM	02/22	9:00	A.M.	Conversion of Sinners (Jason and Jennifer Morris)
	SJB	02/22	12:00	P.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)
	SJB	02/22	7:00	P.M.	+Tim Strahler (Family)
Thursday	OLM	02/22	7:00	P.M.	+Donald Yeomans (Stephen and Jenna Huffman)
	SJB	02/23			No Mass
Friday	OLM	02/23	5:00	P.M.	+Lindsay and +Eleanor Craven (Norman and RoseAnn Wagner)
	SJB	02/24	6:00	P.M.	+Vincent Huck (Clay and Katlyn Miller) Stations of the Cross to follow
Saturday	OLM	02/25	4:00	P. M.	+Leo and +Nadine Lang (Bob and Illene Lang)
	SJB	02/25	6:00	P.M.	+Helen Miller (Patrica Henke and Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/26	7:30	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Arnold Huck)
	OLM	02/26	9:30	A.M.	+Laurie Offerman (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	02/26	11:00	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Bill and Alberta Wesel)

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>	Abby and Alex Henke	Rachel Klinger	Jessica Henke
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Connor McCartney, Henry Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Connor and Finn Lauchard	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,266 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$7,205 Thank you!	February 5-Group 2 \$4,300 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Feb 19 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Feb 26 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Mar 5 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Mar 12 Group 7 with B.J. Davis Mar 19* Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Mar 26* Group 8 with Russ Lang	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u> February Group D-Elaine Wells March and April Group E-Susan Arnold	<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.

SR. CENTER/PARISH HALL RENTAL FEE

Beginning March 1, the fee to rent the Sr. Center/Parish Hall will be \$100 for everyone.

PRIEST RETIREMENT THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Diocese of Steubenville Priest Retirement Fund. Your donations totalled \$5,086. May God bless you all and may he continue to bless all of the Priests of our Diocese.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on February 22 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Ramona Tornes. The event will be held on Sunday, March 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at her home, 2358 Watertown Road, Waterford, Ohio. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a card that would be great.

THANK YOU

The family of Anna Mae Brooker would like to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes for her 88th birthday. Your kindness is greatly appreciated

BINGO

Group 1 with Jeff Brooker will now be working Bingo on March 19 and Group 8 with Russ Lang will work Bingo on March 26. The schedule will continue as normal on April 2 with Group 2-Jessica Henke. Bingo will not be held on April 9 (Easter).

K OF C CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 in Churchtown will hold a Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Registration starts at 12:00 pm and play begins at 1:00 pm inside our gym at 17472 SR 676, Marietta, OH 45750. Entry fee is \$20 / team (bring your own partner). Pay out is 60% of the entry (1st & 2nd). There will be a concession stand and 50/50. For questions call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Basilica. If you are planning to be married within the next year you should register for this session by calling the Basilica office, 373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Lenten Fish Fry

Our Lady of Mercy -Lowell
March 3rd, March 17th, March 31st

CWC DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST

St. John Churchtown CWC will be holding a Dine-In and Drive-Thru Breakfast on Sunday, February 26th from 8:00 am until 10:00 am at the K of C Hall in Churchtown. Adult menu will be: Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, and Sausage Gravy/Biscuits. Children's menu will be: pancakes, bacon, and scrambled eggs. Coffee, juice, or milk included with all meals. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All are welcome!

CHURCHTOWN TEE BALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

If you have children that are interested in playing tee ball, baseball, or softball at Churchtown, please fill out a form located in the church vestibule and return it to St. John School by February 17. If your child wants to play but does not attend the school, please contact Derrick Pottmeyer 740-885-9251. Practice typically begins around April 1.

CATHOLIC MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

2023: *Living the Cardinal Virtues* on Saturday March 11 at St. Stephen Catholic Church Caldwell, Ohio. The presenter is Dr. John Bergsma. The Four Cardinal Virtues, the pivot and foundation from which others virtues flow. Equipped with virtue, God fearing Catholic men, can play pivotal roles in renewing and changing the world and families.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Mass will be held at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 8:20 a.m. (School Mass), Noon, and 7:00 p.m. **Volunteers will be needed for altar servers, lector and a eucharistic minister.** This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. every Friday through Lent.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Confession is about to change -- here's how.

From THE PILLAR

This Lent, Catholics in the United States will hear something slightly different in the confessional: the Order of Penance is changing, just a little.

So what's changing?

The U.S. bishops' conference voted in June 2021 to amend the Order of Penance in two ways. Those changes were then approved by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments last year, and will enter into force on Ash Wednesday — Feb. 22.

The translation of the prayer of absolution, said by the priest, has changed slightly. The prayer, familiar to Catholics, now says this:

*"God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace.
And I absolve you from your sins
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

From Ash Wednesday, the new formula will read like this:

*"God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God **grant** you pardon and peace.
AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS, IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
R. Amen"*

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Fasting and Abstinence regulations

Ash Wednesday, February 22, and Good Friday, April 7, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed by all who are 18 years of age or older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. **Abstinence** is observed by all who are 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, consult your parish priest.

St. John the Baptist Cemetery Association is seeking bids for the opening and closing of graves in our cemetery.

PASTOR'S PAGE

All are welcome. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church: No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color; No matter what your self-image or esteem; You are invited, welcomed, accepted and respected at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Legacy Giving: Please remember St. John the Baptist Parish when having memorials donated for your loved ones, when doing your estate planning, and when making a charitable contribution.

Basilica of the Assumption PRE-CANA A Pre-Canan Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Basilica. If you are planning to be married within the next year you should register for this session by calling the Basilica office, 373-3643. **Pre-Canan is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.**

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN providing meals every Wednesday to all who come. We are indebted to all who have so generously contributed to our cause. There have been many changes since the beginning of this mission. Not only has the cost of food and supplies increased, but we are now serving 250-300 meals per week. A 33% increase over pre-Covid numbers. Even with conscientious and frugal planning, the DBK finds itself in dire need of monetary assistance. If you are able to donate any amount, please place an envelope in the Sunday collection baskets. Thank you and God Bless.

Shhhh...its a secret. Bishop Monforton will be the celebrant at the 6pm Mass on Saturday, March 4th. Here at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown. His yearly visitation to our parish. I hope that there will be a good crowd, which will prove to the Bishop that our parish is alive and growing. (no snow please!)

Our Lady of Mercy -Lowell:
Lenten Fish Fry
March 3rd, March 17th, March 31st.

Remember Our Seminarians
Studying at
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)
Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich
the **Pontifical College Josephinum**
(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)
is 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>



St. John Central School Designer Purse Bingo Kick Off Raffle

COST: \$20 per ticket

Only 250 tickets will be sold!!

Drawing will take place on Friday, February 17, 2023
(or when all 250 tickets are sold)

Winner will receive:

- Kate Spade Wristlet
- One night stay at the Blennerhassett Hotel - Romance Package Included
- Massage for two at Lee's Studio (located within the Blennerhassett Hotel)
- Two tickets to St. John Central Purse Bingo Saturday, March 25

To purchase raffle tickets TEXT either:

- Sonja McCartney at 330-204-4868 OR Amanda Warner 740-525-5638

