

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor
Cell number 740-391-1093 Fr.
Walter E Heinz, retired
Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

Matrimony: Engaged couples, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding, for Pre-marriage interview. Pre-marriage formation (Pre-Cana) is required to prepare for this serious, lifelong commitment.

Baptism: call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism 740-896-3566.

The Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday from 5:00-5:45 p.m., Sunday 6:45am to 7:15am and 10:00am to 10:45am. Individual appointment by calling parish office.

Bulletin Information: Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than Wednesday at 6 p.m.

30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2026



Good News!

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you do. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25).

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/24	4:00	p.m.	+Ruth Rauch (Mark and Sandy Huck)	
	SJB	10/24	6:00	p.m.	+Chris Tesi (Debbie Huck)	
Sunday	SJB	10/25	7:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of +Albert and +Ella Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	10/25	9:30	a.m.	+Pat Sisco (Ron and Linda Miller)	
	SJB	10/25	11:00	a.m.	+Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett)	
Monday	SJB	10/26	8:00	a.m.	+Larry Huffman (Ed and Lois Arnold)	
Tuesday	SJB	10/27	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	10/27	5:00	p.m.	+Kenneth Stehly (Mike Denise Stehly)	
Wednesday	SJB	10/28	8:30	a.m.	+Frank and +Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	10/29	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	10/29	5:00	p.m.	+Jill Casey (David and Joanie Yeomans)	
Friday	SJB	10/30	8:00	a.m.	+Harold (Jake) Gebhart (Anniversary. 10/29) (Family)	
Saturday	OLM	10/31	4:00	p.m.	+George and +Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	10/31	6:00	p.m.	+Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett)	
Sunday	SJB	11/01	7:30	a.m.	+Ken Britton (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	All Saints Day
	OLM	11/01	9:30	a.m.	+Raymond and +Deanna Lang (Marc and Whitney Serve Family)	
	SJB	11/01	11:00	a.m.	+Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn and Alyssa Dyar	Kelly Miller	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Callen and Keegan Pottmeyer	Brynn Pottmeyer	Volunteer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hudson and Sydney Lang	Angie Henniger	Roxanne Heiss
<u>COLLECTION</u> Collection (last week) \$3,391 Total needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!		<u>DPSC</u> 2026 Collected to date \$59,475 2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584 Thank you!!	
<u>THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN</u> The Church will be open after mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week until 5:00 p.m.		 Oct. 25 Daily Bread Kitchen Oct. 29 Churchtown Trick or Treat Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat at the K of C Nov. 1 All Saints Day Nov. 2 All Souls Day Mass & Rosary Nov. 5 Sr. Citizens Meeting  Set your clocks back one hour on November 1, 2026	

CHURCHTOWN K OF C TRUNK OR TREAT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will again host Churchtown's Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at 17472 State Route 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750. If you have any questions, you can contact Jessica Pottmeyer on Facebook or text her at 740-336-1048. We are looking forward to having another fun filled trunk or treat with you!

CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Churchtown Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 29, 6-7:30 p.m. If you will be giving out treats, please turn your outside light on.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent Depaul is taking requests for help this Christmas. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Alberta Wesel at 740-525-4429.

OLM CHICKEN PIES AND NOODLE SALE

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies and noodles through Thursday, October 29th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

EYEGASSES DONATION

Marietta Lion Club is accepting donations of eyeglasses. The Lion "Recycle for Sight" program collects, refurbishes, and distributes donated eyeglasses to provide free vision correction for adults and children in need worldwide. The clubs who participate do so proudly and attentively manage collection boxes to ensure every pair makes a difference. A collection box has been placed in our parish church entrance.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. John's group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out takeout lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, October 28th. 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 make a donation of any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28th. 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!

CWC MONTHLY MEETING

There will not be a CWC Meeting on November 9. However, a short meeting and "Paint & Sip" will be held on November 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Wine, paint supplies and snacks will be provided, so please RSVP by November 7 to Karen Pottmeyer 740-525-3623. If you don't like wine, you can BYOB. Must be 21 to drink wine.

K OF C 4617 THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio would like to thank everyone who came to our 5th Dueling Pianos fundraiser held on Saturday, October 17, 2025. We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to having this again, next year. We especially want to thank our 2026 event sponsors. They include Byers Storage and Rental, LLC, Discount Signs & Awning & Trademark Solutions, The Citizens Bank Company, Sponey's Ace Hardware, Gale and Debbie Theobald, Heiss Plumbing & Electric, and Harmar Tavern. A very big thank you goes out to our Best of Churchtown Basket sponsors who donated items. They include Ian & Lauren Alexander, Dan Brooker, Danni Brooker, Jeff Brooker, Derek Kern, Allie Lang, Bruce Lang, Lorinda Lang, Hannah & Brice Miller, Clay & Kate Miller, Brynn Pottmeyer, Dennis Pottmeyer, Erin Pottmeyer, Taylor Pottmeyer, Ted Pottmeyer, Dave Schramm, and Scott Wells. We also want to thank those who donated prizes for our Roll the Dice game, they include: Justin Arthur, Jeff Brooker, Chris Pottmeyer, EZG Manufacturing, Pottmeyer Property Management, LLC, Classic Brands, Jordan McCutcheon with 3 Sons and a Bun, 4617 Home Corporation, and Justin Harris for Washington County Commissioner. Special thanks to Charlie Miller, Chris Lang (and his steak cooking crew), Kevin Brooker, and Tyler Schaad. Thank you to all the members and their families who sold tickets, set up, cleaned up, announced, cooked the food, registration, and games. This was a huge success because of the support of our great community! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

MARY'S HOUSE BINGO

Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at the St Bernard Social Hall. Located at 309 7th St., Beverly, Ohio. Cost of tickets is 20 Games for \$25.00, and they will be sold at the door only. There will be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand and raffle. For questions about these upcoming events call: 740-960-9944. Follow us at: maryshouseoh.org.

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking will hold their Annual Ox Roast on November 8 with serving time being 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dinner includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll and dessert. Cost is \$15.00. There will be a quilt raffle drawing for \$5/ticket.

SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Mary's of Fulda will hold their Annual Sauerkraut Dinner on November 1 at St. Mary's Hall. Serving time is 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Meal prices are \$15 Adult and \$8 children. The menu includes Pork, Bohnen Brie or mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, noodles and dessert.

GATHERING TO HONOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Our **Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance** on Monday, November 2, at 8:00 am Mass and Rosary at Saint John the Baptist, Churchtown; 12:30 pm-Rosary at Ava Maria Cemetery and at 6 pm Mass and Rosary at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell. We gather to remember, pray for, and honor our deceased loved ones.



New Parishioners

Welcome!

You can register by calling our Parish Office.

Prayer Network:

Call Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 Elaine Wells 740-896-3112 to place a prayer request on the prayer line or to join in the prayers for those in need.

Becoming Catholic (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office.

Care for the Sick or Home-bound:

Call the Parish Office or Marilyn Kern to set up Communion visits or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Pastoral Musicians

Valerie Strahler, Crystal Lang

PSR Coordinator

Amanda Warner

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, Dean Hart, Howard Brooker

Senior Citizens of Churchtown

President Marilyn Kern

Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Becky Hilverding
Principal

Knights of Columbus

Council 4617
Grand Knight Tanner Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

Welcome! If you are a visitor, we welcome you. If you attend on a regular basis, please be sure to register as a member of the parish. This will facilitate pastoral care for you and your family. Registration forms are available at main entrance of our church. You may place the completed form in the collection or return it to the parish office.

The Lord's Prayer

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it. Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the mysteries of faith, things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Pray for the priests of our diocese: Oct. 25, Fr. Bradley Greer; Oct. 26, Fr. Nick Ward; Oct. 27, Fr. Timothy Kozak; Oct. 28, Fr. Thomas Chillo; Oct. 29, Fr. David Gaydosik; Oct. 30, Msgr. Michael Campbell; Oct. 30, Fr. August Dessio; Nov. 1, Pope Leo.

Pray for our Seminarians: Those studying at *St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road., Latrobe, Pa. 15650.* Third Theology- Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkoich and First Theology – Aaron Pabin. Studying at *The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499.* Second Theology – John Paul Gan; Fourth College- Riley Morris; Third College – Maxmillian Kolbe Gan; Second College – William Gugala.

Director of Vocations – Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti. 740-432-7509 or nginnetti@diocsteub.org.

Fall "Come and See" Retreat for high school juniors and seniors and college students interested in learning more about the seminary. This will be held Friday, November 13 – Sunday, November 15

Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly meeting – general recovery meetings are held on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Mary Margret Catholic Parish Hall I Parkersburg, WV. For more information contact John B. at CatholicinRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (881)229-7220.

Papal Prayer Intention for November: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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