

# 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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**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.

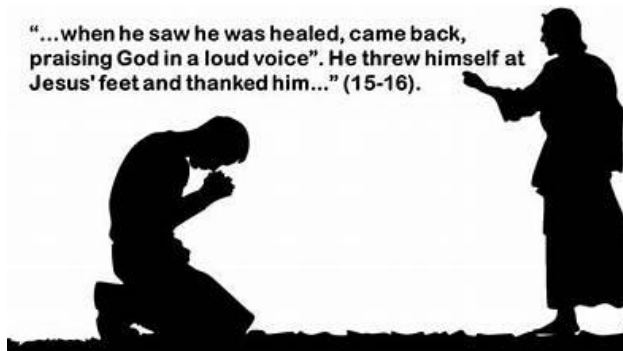
**Prayer line:** Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

**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.

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME

October 12, 2025

"...when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice". He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him..." (15-16).



### Good News!

Here is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.*

Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.


Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God.



## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/11	4:00	p.m.	+Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)
	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>+Frank and +Gladys Schilling (Wed. Anniv. 10/14) (Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Leo Huck (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)</b>
	OLM	10/12	9:30	a.m.	+Sandy Schilling (7yr. Annv. 10/13) (Her Children)
	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+George and +Catherine Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Catherine Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)</b> <b>+Paul and +Lorene Huffman (Larry and Nora Huffman)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>
	OLM	10/14	5:00	p.m.	+ Don Holmes (Debbie Misel) + Marian Stalter (Neil & Joyce Huck)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Dave Bowen (CWC)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>School Mass</b></span> <b>+Mary Schwendeman (Birthday 10/16) (Family)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>
	OLM	10/16	5:00	p.m.	+Linda Huck (Doug and Mary Parks) +Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)</b> <b>+Dave Denius (Vincent Huck Siblings)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/18	4:00	p.m.	+Patricia Huck (Ron & Delores Kelby)
	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>+Earl and +Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks and Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Larry Schaad (Stan Lang and Family)</b>
	OLM	10/19	9:30	a.m.	L & D of Joe and Ida Huck Family (Family)
	<b>SJB</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)</b>

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

ALTER SERVERS		LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Eugene Huck	Jessica Henke
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Keegan Pottmeyer	Hugh Arnold	Connie Arnold
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Brenlee Lang, Hadleigh Pennock	Ashleigh Pennock	Lori Hart

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>DPSC</u></b>	 <p>Please pray for all of the men and women who are currently serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.</p>
Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,785	2025 Collected to Date \$ 65,160	
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750	2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330	
Thank you for your generosity!		This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!

		October 17-20 No School at St. John Central October 25 Kateri Brooker/Jordan Mayle Wedding October 27 Living Rosary at the school 8:20 a.m. October 30 Churchtown Trick or Treat 6-7:30 p.m. November 6 Senior Citizens Meeting November 7-9 Girls Search Weekend November 10 CWC Meeting November 15 St. John School "Casino Night" November 21-23 Boys Search Weekend
	<b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b> Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8	

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **ROSARY, ADORATION, RECONCILIATION**

St. John School staff and students will pray the Rosary on Monday, October 13 at 8:20, Tuesday, October 21 at 8:20, and Monday, October 27 at 8:20. These Rosaries will be prayed by the shrine or in the school gym depending on the weather. The Rosary on October 27 will be our Living Rosary. All are welcome.

### **SOCKTOBER**

Mrs. Klinger's 6th grade class at St. John School continues to collect brand new socks for the Washington County Homeless Project until the end of October. They would like to collect 1,000 pairs and currently are half way there. If you would like to help out, please leave your donation in the church vestibule. A small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of others. Thank you in advance for supporting our students as they give back to the community.

### **CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT**

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

### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of Ronald John Lang, who was buried here this past week. May the Lord welcome him into his Heavenly home.

### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

We welcome to our parish family through Baptism: Jayson Lee Pottmeyer, son of Tanner and Amie Pottmeyer and Kenadee May Antill, daughter of Kyle and Kayla Antill. May God bless these children and their families now and always.

### **SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH**

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

### **COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

### **CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2-3:30 pm at the Convent. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above, even if they attend St. John Central School. The date for Confirmation is TBA.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/hiiiaQoNKrXSTpzv4A>.

### **CASINO NIGHT**

"Casino Night in the Wild West" is coming up! Please join us on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. This event is sponsored by the St. John Home and School Association. Tickets are \$50/person or reserve a table for 8 people for \$550. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call or text 740-336-5313 or 407-920-1565.

### **SEARCH**

"SEARCH" for Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages sophomore-21 is upcoming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Girls weekend will be held Friday, November 7th, through Sunday, November 9th. Boys weekend will be held Friday, November 21st, through Sunday, November 23rd. Deadline for applications is October 31st for girls. With boys weekend being a later date, applications turned in closer to that date will be accepted. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763. You can find SEARCH applications at St. Johns Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>.

### **CWC INFORMATION**

Be looking for the Boxes of Joy in the church vestibule again this year. We are helping St. Mary's Church serve the underprivileged. Instructions are included in each box. Please have them returned to the church by November 4 and Connie Arnold will take them to the Basilica. Also, there will not be an October CWC Meeting. See you in November.

### **OUR LADY OF MERCY CWC**

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Thursday, October 30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

### **LATIN INSTRUCTOR NEEDED**

Veritas Classical Academy in Marietta Ohio is looking for a part-time Latin instructor for middle or high school. If you are interested in helping out please call Melinda Rutherford at 304-834-2098 or email at [mindymaher@yahoo.com](mailto:mindymaher@yahoo.com).

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, AVILA,**

### **LOYOLA AND LOURDES**

You are invited to join Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman, from the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes. Highlights include the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the Chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St Teresa of Avila and more! September 10-20, 2026. \$5346/per person based on double occupancy. Price includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295





#### 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 Homebound:

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

**"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during this month -- for peace -- personally, with your families and in your communities," Pope Leo XIV**

**Pray for the priests** of the Diocese of Steubenville Oct. 4, Pope Leo XIV; Oct. 5, Fr. Walter Heinz; Oct. 6, Fr. Dale Tornes; Oct 7, Fr. Thomas Hamm; Oct. 8, Fr. Victor Cinson; Oct. 9, Fr. Drake Mcallister; Oct. 10, Fr. Robert Borer; Oct. 11, Fr. David Gaydosik; Oct. 12, Msgr. J. Michael Campbell.

**Pray for our seminarians** (the future of our Diocese) Deacon Peter Stetson—Blessed Sacrament Parish Wintersville, Ohio; Deacon Ryan Budd and Caleb Baker—Christ the Light Parish Cambridge, Ohio; Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich;— St. Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Pa; John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris, Arron Pabin, and William Gugala.— Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Ohio.

**Looking for servers for funerals?** Are their any adults who would be willing to serve funerals at St. John's, when the need arises? (training would be provided.)

**STEMM** (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) is being introduced at St. John Central. Developing young minds for the future.

**Natural Family Planning in the Waning Years:** Are you approaching the end of your fertile years and trying to use NFP? Are you struggling to apply fertility rules that once seemed so simple? Could you use some encouragement? Bring whatever charting method you use (or wish you used!) and come talk about it with Heather Keimig, an experienced NFP teacher with her own waning fertility, in-person at Triumph of the Cross parish in Steubenville in the Marian Room and via Google Meet. Two cumulative classes will be on Tues, Oct 21 and Tues, Nov 18, from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Google Meet login is available upon request. Heather can be reached at 301-233-2210 or [teamkeimig@gmail.com](mailto:teamkeimig@gmail.com).

#### Franciscan University Vocations Fair

Franciscan University of Steubenville will host its **30th Annual Vocations Fair on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 4:00**

**PM** in the Christ the Teacher Hall. Meet priests, sisters, brothers, and diocesan representatives from across the country, learn about their charisms, and discover how God may be calling you. Free and open to all!

**When catechists teach**, their aim is not simply to pass on information about the faith but to "place the word of life in hearts, so that it may bear the fruits of a good life," — Pope Leo XIV said.

**Beside You Stands a Guardian Angel — a Protector and Shepherd Leading You to Life** 'How consoling it is to know,' said Padre Pio, 'that we are always under the protection of a heavenly spirit, who never abandons.'

One of literature's most powerful descriptions of our guardian angels comes from a demon. Screwtape, the eponymous creature of C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*, in his final letter to his nephew, Wormwood, who has just "lost" his human patient to heaven, writes: As [the human patient] saw you, he also saw Them. ... He had no faintest conception till that very hour of how they would look, and even doubted their existence. But when he saw them he knew that he had always known them and realized what part each one of them had played at many an hour in his life when he had supposed himself alone, so that now he could say to them, one by one, not 'Who are you?' but 'So it was *you* all the time.' All that they were and said at this meeting woke memories. The dim consciousness of friends about him which had haunted his solitudes from infancy was now at last explained; that central music in every pure experience which had always just evaded memory was now at last recovered. Like everything we receive from God, angels are pure gifts. Unearned, unasked for, yet given generously and with unconditional love, through them we feel the protection of the Father, who sees us just as I saw my baby girl, sweet and helpless, and determined to make the completely wrong choice for her safety. Our guardian angels are not fabrications of our imagination and referring to their protection is not a kitschy colloquialism. They are creatures of heaven, existing outside of time from before the beginning of the world, who accompany us throughout our lives and eagerly wait for us to enter into eternity with them.

On this feast of our beloved guardian angels, I pray: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide." St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) said: "I am not dying I am entering into life."

As we witness the end of summer, the deep vibrant deep hues of fall flowers and panoramas of fall leaves capture our gaze. Like our lives, these rich vibrant colors, produced by different weather conditions, replace the soft pastels of spring blossoms and flowers. God has already planted dandelions seeds and acorns. He is preparing the fall leaves to mature their growth. God cares for us even more carefully because He sent His Son to experience our humanity and have it share in His Resurrection.

*"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."*