

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026



Good News!

BY: FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light.

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.


MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | OLM | 05/09 | 4:00 | p.m. | +Gertrude Huck (Marilyn Peters) |
| | SJB | 05/09 | 6:00 | p.m. | Living and Deceased of +Lawrence and +Loretta Hendershot Family (Mike and Marilyn Schaad) |
| Sunday | SJB | 05/10 | 7:30 | a.m. | +Veronica Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family) Mother's Day |
| | OLM | 05/10 | 9:30 | a.m. | Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) |
| | SJB | 05/10 | 11:00 | a.m. | +Mary E. Huck (Birthday 5/9) (Regis Huck Family) |
| Monday | SJB | 05/11 | 8:00 | a.m. | No Morning Mass |
| | | 05/11 | 6:00 | p.m. | +Jim and +Norma Thieman (Wed. Anniv. 5/12) (Family) CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet to follow in the Sr. Center |
| Tuesday | SJB | 05/12 | 8:00 | a.m. | No Mass Today |
| | OLM | 05/12 | 5:00 | p.m. | +Wilford Huck (Family) |
| Wednesday | SJB | 05/13 | 8:30 | a.m. | +Rosemary Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel) School Mass |
| Thursday | SJB | 05/14 | 8:00 | a.m. | No Mass Today |
| | OLM | 05/14 | 5:00 | p.m. | +Jeri Lang (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling) |
| Friday | SJB | 05/15 | 8:00 | a.m. | Special Intention (Marilyn Kern and Family) |
| Saturday | OLM | 05/16 | 4:00 | p.m. | +Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters) |
| | SJB | 05/16 | 6:00 | p.m. | +Barbara Wallis (Steve and Pam Brooker) |
| Sunday | SJB | 05/17 | 7:30 | a.m. | +Albert Henke (Patricia Henke and Family) |
| | OLM | 05/17 | 9:30 | a.m. | +Dan Strahler (2 yr. Ann.)(Andrew Strahler) |
| | SJB | 05/17 | 11:00 | a.m. | +Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Children) |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| <u>MASS</u> | <u>ALTER SERVERS</u> | <u>LECTOR</u> | <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u> |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Coletyn Dyar, Abby Henke | Eugene Huck | Jason Henke |
| Sunday 7:30 a.m. | Dalton and Dane Schott | J. D. Alexander | Arnold Huck |
| Sunday 11:00 a.m. | Callen Pottmeyer, Emi Lauchard | Kristen Pottmeyer | Roxanne Heiss |

| <u>COLLECTION</u> | <u>DPSC</u> |  <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> |
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| Total Collection last weekend \$3,680 | 2026 Collected to date \$34,115 | |
| Need to meet parish needs \$4,750 | 2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584 | |
| Thank you for your generosity! | | This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions! |

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|  | <p>May 11 CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet</p> <p>May 13 First Communion Recognition at Mass</p> <p>May 14 Fr. Tornes's 56th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination</p> <p>May 19 Field Day at St. John School and 6th grade promotion</p> <p>May 20 Mass with Kindergarten Graduation and Last Day of School at St. John's</p> <p>May 24 High School and Graduates Mass</p> <p>May 25 Memorial Day</p> <p>May 26 Fr. Heinz's 64th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination</p> <p>May 30 Ordination Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary's</p> <p>June 1 VBS registrations due</p> <p>June 24 Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. Mass at 6pm with reception at the Sr. Center</p> | <p align="center">UPCOMING <i>Events</i></p> |
| | <p>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</p> <p>Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20</p> | |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is just around the corner. Registration forms are available in the back of the church (insert is in this weeks bulletin). There will be an envelope in the church vestibule if you wish to complete a paper copy of the registration form. A QR code is also provided to do online registration.



Please register by June 1st so we can order enough supplies and t-shirts. Volunteers are also needed for each station and crew leaders. Sign-ups to Volunteer can be done using the QR code or contacting Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We would like to extend congratulations to Fr. Dale Tornes on his 56th Anniversary of his Ordination on May 14. May the Lord continue to be with him now and always and may we continue to be blessed with his ministry.

DIOCESAN CWC CONVENTION

The CWC Convention will be held in Steubenville on Wednesday, June 3rd. If any women of the parish are interested in attending they can contact Marilyn Zoller 740-350-8141.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES RECOGNITION

All graduating high school and college seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 24. If you would like to participate, please wear your cap and gown and sit together in the front pews.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE

St. John School Athletic Boosters will host a four man golf scramble at Lakeside Golf Course on June 27, 2026. Cost is \$280 per team. Registration is at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Cost includes 18 holes with cart, pop, water and hotdogs will be provided, dinner following play at the course and beverages will be for sale on the course. There will be a 50/50 raffle and skins game. Pre-register or become an event sponsor by contacting Kourtney Thieman 740-525-6503.

LIFE LINE SCREENING AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John Central School is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Monday, June 15, 2026. Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-844-591-7160** or go to <https://lisa.social/HC> or **text** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**. Pre-registration is required.



DPSC

Thanks to all who have participated in the 2026 DPSC. Your generosity helps to continue the Mission of the Church. For those who have not yet responded, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card. You can place it in the collection basket, or mail it directly to the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Additional pledge cards are available at the church vestibule. You can contribute to the campaign online at give.diosteub.org. Any funds received over our established goal will come straight back to our Church.

BUS TRIP TO FRANKEMUTH, MI

Bus Trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan – July 21-23, 2026. Tour stops include: Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio; Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and the town of Frankenmuth, Michigan; Bavarian Belle River Cruise on the Cass River; Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Cost is \$649 per Person (double occupancy). Departure is from Caldwell, Ohio. Deadline to register is June 19th. For tour flyer and more information contact Fr. Tom Nelson at the Noble County Catholic Churches parish office: 740-732-4129.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

A Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 10 at St. Henry's Church in Harrietsville. Dinner will be served 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 and children 10 and under \$7. Chicken and Ham with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, home-made noodles, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and drink. Dine in or carry out available.

CHICKEN BBQ

St. Michael's Church in Carlisle will be holding a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 24 from 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Dine in or Drive Thru carryout available. There will be afternoon bingo and a square dance from 7-10:00 p.m. with "Little Creek Band". All are welcome.

*Let all the earth
cry out to God with joy.*

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD MASS

The Diocese of Steubenville invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson. The Ordination Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta**. This is a profound and grace-filled moment in the life of our diocese, as these two men offer their lives in service to Christ and His Church. All are warmly encouraged to attend and witness this beautiful celebration of faith and vocation. Your presence is a powerful sign of support for our future priests and for the life of the Church. Please also keep Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson in your prayers as they prepare for this sacred step. May the Lord bless them abundantly as they answer His call.





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



Prayer for mother's day

Dear God, Today, we lift up mothers everywhere in prayer. Bless them with Your abundant grace and unfailing love. May they find strength in You as they navigate the joys and trials of motherhood. Grant them wisdom to guide their children with kindness and patience. Help us honor and appreciate them not just today but every day, for they are the embodiment of Your nurturing love on earth. Surround them with Your presence and fill their hearts with Your peace. Amen if you need this prayer.



St. John the Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School Registration
June 28th – July 2nd, 2026 6:00 – 8:30pm

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

Names of persons who may pick up _____

Register by June 1st to get a tshirt! Pre-K(potty trained)-4th grade! 5th grade and up can be crew leaders!

| Child's Name | Grade in School (in the fall) | Allergies/Health Conditions | T Shirt Size |
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Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Registration can also be done by using QR code

Thank You for Supporting A Night at the Races 2026

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, thank you for making our **6th Annual “A Night at the Races”** on Saturday, May 2, 2026 such a tremendous success!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended and helped create such a fun and memorable evening. Your support is what makes this event and the work we do in the community possible. We hope you had a great time and will join us again next year on **Saturday, May 1, 2027** (the first Saturday in May).

We would especially like to recognize and thank our 2026 event sponsors:

Bosner Plumbing Electric & Refrigeration LLC; Brooker General Contracting, Inc.; Byers Storage & Rental, LLC; Charlie Schilling – Washington County Commissioner; Classic Brands; Crum Fence & Excavating; Eddie Place – Washington County Commissioner; Event Designs; EZG Manufacturing; Hall Financial Advisors; KofC Monsignor Dooley Council 4361; Lang Financial; Megabea Communications Inc.; Newton’s Insurance – Travis Pottmeyer, Agent; Next Level Masonry LLC – Thad Tucker; Oxbow Golf Course; Ruthie’s Beauty – Brittany Kern; Shelly & Sands, Inc.; Strahler, Inc.; Sponey’s IGA; and Waterford Commercial and Savings Bank.

A special thank you to **The Citizens Bank Company** for their generous sponsorship and donation of three Woodford Reserve bottles featuring the commemorative 152nd Kentucky Derby label.

We also extend our appreciation to **Big Food Little Kitchen (Katie and Troy Tucker)** for the outstanding appetizers and for sponsoring our Best Dressed and Best Hat contests, and to **Kelley Hughes** for capturing the evening so beautifully be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook page: *Knights of Columbus 4617 – Churchtown, OH*.

Finally, thank you to all of our Knights of Columbus members and their families who worked tirelessly selling tickets, setting up, cleaning up, running bets, managing the bar, handling registration, and operating games throughout the night. A special thank you to **Travis Pottmeyer** for managing the bank for the entire evening.

This event is our largest fundraiser of the year, and its success is a direct reflection of the strength and generosity of our community. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Sincerely,

Taylor Pottmeyer
Event Chair, A Night at the Races
Knights of Columbus Council 4617