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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023



A bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5




Good News!

Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet always we remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	03/04	4:00	P. M.	+Ralph Long (Edwin and Grace Long)	
	SJB	03/04	6:00	P.M.	+Ralph Klemm (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)	Welcome Bishop Monforton
Sunday	SJB	03/05	7:30	A.M.	+Patty Huck (Anniv. 3/18) (Arnold Huck)	
	OLM	03/05	9:30	A.M.	+Hellene Willson (Rich Brack)	Second Sunday of
	SJB	03/05	11:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Terry and Rose Marie Ellis)	
Monday	SJB	03/06	8:00	A.M.	+Nick Brooker (Anniv.) (Howard Brooker)	
Tuesday	SJB	03/07			No Mass	
	OLM	03/07	5:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
Wednesday	SJB	03/08	8:20	A.M.	+Earl Tornes (Jeff and Lorinda Lang)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	03/09			No Mass	
	OLM	03/09	5:00	P.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	Stations of the Cross to follow
Friday	SJB	03/10	6:00	P.M.	+Francis Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	Stations of the Cross to follow
Saturday	OLM	03/11	4:00	P. M.	+Richard Stevens (Martha Stevens)	
	SJB	03/11	6:00	P.M.	+Bob and +Frances Farley (Bill and Alberta Wesel)	
Sunday	SJB	03/12	7:30	A.M.	+Kelton Fliehman (Ferris and Susan Arnold)	
	OLM	03/12	9:30	A.M.	+Kelton Fliehman (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	03/12	11:00	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Vincent Huck Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Hudson Lang, Coletyn Dyar	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Kelly Miller	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Caden Henniger, Aden Haught	Angie Henniger	Kristen Pottmeyer

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection last weekend \$3,151 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DPSC</u></p> <p>2023 Collected \$12,285 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BINGO</u></p> <p>February 19-Group 4 \$5,525 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.</p>
<p><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>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 Apr 2 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Apr 9 No Bingo (Easter)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March and April Group E-Susan Arnold</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May and June Group F-Tonia Skinner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>

<p><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></p> <p>Genesis 12:1-4 Second Timothy 1:8-10 Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9</p>	<p>Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday</p>
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D.P.S.C.

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 12. Our DPSC Goal this year is \$25,341 (down \$992 from last year's goal due to money donated to the school). We are called to take an active part in the life and mission of the Church. Through your participation in the DPSC, you share in this work. Your gift to the DPSC helps to educate seminarians, care for retired priests, offer administrative support for Catholic schools, train catechists, fund youth ministry activities, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching (especially through the Steubenville Register), promote the sanctity of life, assist those most in need through Catholic Charities, and so much more. Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Parish Council Elections will be held this weekend. Ballots are located in the church pews. Please vote for two women and two men and place your ballot in the collection basket.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on March 8th and 22nd In the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

CWC MONTHLY MEETING

The CWC Monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 13 in the Sr. Center. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with praying the Rosary with the meeting to follow. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Our Lady of Mercy in Lowell will hold Lenten Fish Fries on the following dates: March 17, and March 31. Meals will be available from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 for Adults and children under 12 will be \$6. Drive thru pickup for all To-Go Meals will be \$12.00. No need to call ahead.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches only, at the Marietta K of C Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, March 8. At this time we are in need of doughnuts, pastries or muffins, snack cakes, packaged cookies 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 8am on Wednesday, March 8, 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.

THANK YOU

The CWC would like to thank everyone for working, attending and supporting our recent breakfast which was a huge success! Your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

Churchtown Busy Bunch 4-H Club would like to thank the community for supporting our bake sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! God Bless

THANK YOU

The staff, students, and families of St. John Central School would like to thank our four area churches--St. Bernard, St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. John the Baptist--for all their help and support during our annual Sub Sale. The sale was a huge success again this year! We made and sold 3,000 subs this year. This success is due to all your support, and we truly appreciate how our area church communities responded to our sale. Thanks again!

CATHOLIC MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

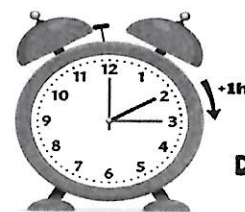
2023: Living the Cardinal Virtues on Saturday March 11 at St. Stephen Catholic Church Caldwell, Ohio. The presenter is Dr. John Bergsma. The Four Cardinal Virtues, the pivot and foundation from which others virtues flow. Equipped with virtue, God fearing Catholic men, can play pivotal roles in renewing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

DCCW WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for all women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25. The theme for the day is "The Seven Sorrows of Mary". Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Kern (740) 749-3371 or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary's House will be sponsoring a Bag & Basket Bingo on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at the St Bernard Social Hall. Located at 309 7th St., Beverly, Ohio. The cost is 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets will be sold at door only. There will be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand & raffle. For question about these upcoming events call: 740-559-2254.



**Daylight saving time
2023**

PASTOR'S PAGE

Give Up during Lent

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines,

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points! Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly! Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

(Craig Gates, Jackson, MS, "What to Give up for Lent")

Humor for the Pews

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

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-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.**

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

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

- 1) Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
- 2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full, meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4) **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.**
- 5) Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life for Catholics especially during Lent.

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>

The Eucharist

IS A FIRE THAT INFLAMES US!

- St. John Chrysostom



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE

Inflamed with love by the Eucharist, the Lord sends us forth to proclaim His Gospel and love as He loves us through service to others. Thank you for supporting the Church's mission through the Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign!



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Next weekend, March 11/12, is Pledge Sunday for the DPSC.