

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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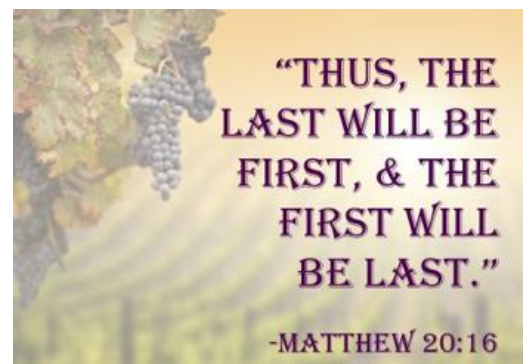


Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Good News!

By: MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church.

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

Saturday	OLM	09/19	4:00	p.m.	The Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	09/19	6:00	p.m.	Deceased of the +Walter and +Alice Klinger Family (Rick Canterbury and Family)
Sunday	SJB	09/20	7:30	a.m.	+Larry Schaad (Dave and Veronica Bosner)
	OLM	09/20	9:30	a.m.	+Marian Stalter (Peg Huck)
	SJB	09/20	11:00	a.m.	+Leo Huck (50th Anniv.) (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)
Monday	SJB	09/21	8:00	a.m.	Brothers and Sisters (Mona Barrett) +Eldon Miller (Ted and Trina Miller)
Tuesday	SJB	09/22	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	09/22	5:00	p.m.	Adriane Morris (Jason and Jennifer Morris) +Barbara McCarthy (Caroline Binegar)
Wednesday	SJB	09/23	8:30	a.m.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Dave and Veronica Bosner) School Mass +Dave Bowen (Jeff and Lorinda Lang)
Thursday	SJB	09/24	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	09/24	5:00	p.m.	+Raymond Lang (OLM CWC)/ Bob Peters (Heather Peters)
Friday	SJB	09/25	8:00	a.m.	+Joe Lori (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family) Living and Deceased of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)
Saturday	OLM	09/26	4:00	p.m.	+Norbert and +Linda Huck (Tony and Kristin Offenberger)
	SJB	09/26	6:00	p.m.	+Joseph Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
Sunday	SJB	09/27	7:30	a.m.	+Tim Strahler (Duane and Tina Duff)
	OLM	09/27	9:30	a.m.	+Mike Mullenix (Fagan Family)
	SJB	09/27	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>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Tanner Crum, Abby Henke	Virginia Dyar	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Lola Eichmiller, Chase Arteaga	Adalyn Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Jade Lang	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	
Total Collection (last weekend) \$3,067	2026 Collected to date \$54,515	 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.
Need to meet parish needs \$4,750	2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!	THANK YOU!	

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 21	CWC Meeting
Sep 25	No School-St. John's
Sep 30	Daily Bread Kitchen
Oct 1	Sr. Citizen Meeting
Oct 4	PSR Classes Begin
Oct 4	Right to Life Chain
Oct 17	K of C Dueling Pianos
Oct 29	Churchtown Trick or Treat 6-7:30 p.m.
Oct 30	Trunk or Treat at the K of C 6:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The first PSR class will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. John Central. Students are to report to the school cafeteria and they will be dismissed to their classrooms from there. The full PSR schedule will be handed out on October 4. Classes will be held every Sunday with the exception of the last Sunday of the month; October 4 through May 2. To help cover the cost of students learning materials families are asked to send \$15/child on the first week of class.



CWC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The CWC will be meeting on the third Monday, September 21 (instead of the second Monday) in the Sr. Center. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. The remaining meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

There will be a Senior Citizen meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center. Soup is on the menu. All are welcome.

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, September 30th. 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, September 30th. 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!

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the thoughts and prayers, cards, and gifts of kindness extended to me and my family during my recent illness. May God bless all of you. Veronica Bosner.

CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Mark your calendar now. 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.



RIGHT TO LIFE CHAIN

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. The Right to Life Chain will be held on October 4th. Life Chain is a silent demonstration opposing abortion. Participants will stand and hold signs from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. along State Route 60 in front of Greenleaf Landscapes in Marietta, joining hundreds of thousands of pro-life believers across the nation. We pray and sing silently from our heart for God to deliver us from the horrors of abortion. For those who are unable to stand, it is perfectly appropriate to bring a chair. Please consider donating an hour of your time to join us for this important event.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Steubenville is offering a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass in our area will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, which is married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend, please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 9th.

DUELING PIANOS

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Hall in Churchtown. \$2,000 in Prizes! Tickets: \$50/each! Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. for games and raffles. A New York Strip Steak or Grilled Chicken Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.. The Dueling Pianos Show will begin at 8:00 p.m. by Shake Rattle & Roll Pianos! Your ticket includes the dinner, show, beer/wine, and water/drinks! For tickets or information contact Jeff Brooker @ 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Tickets are available for sale by contacting 740-960-9944 or emailing maryshouseoh@gmail.com. Dinner Tickets are \$50 per person. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle.

ST. STEPHEN CWC ANNUAL GAME NIGHT

St. Stephen CWC Game Night will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$15/person and includes heavy Hors D'oeuvres, soft drinks and door prizes. Bring your cards, dominoes, board game, and family and friends for a fun night out. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.



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

Pray for the priests who serve the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Sept. 20, Msgr. Thomas Petronek; Sept. 21, Fr. William Cross; Sept. 22, All Priests; Sept. 23, Fr. James M. Dunfee; Sept. 24, Fr. Jonas Schell; Sept. 25, Fr. Thomas Nau; Sept. 26, Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti; Sept. 27, Msgr. George Coyne.

Pray for our seminarians (the future of our Diocese).

At St. Vincent Seminary. 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa. 15650

in Third Theology—Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich, First Theology—Arron Pabin

At the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus Ohio 43235-1499

in second theology—John Paul Gan;

in fourth college—Riley Morris;

in third college—Maximilian Kolbe Gan

in second college—William Gugala;

Diocese of Steubenville Vocations:

Father Nicholas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations

(740) 432-7609 or nginnetti@diosteub.org. X:

@dsvocations director of vocations, by emailing nginnetti@diosteub.org.

We also pray for Benjamin Arnold the son of Tim and Tammy Arnold, grandson of Shelba Arnold who is a seminarian for the Diocese of Columbus, studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus.

Prayer for Vocations Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Savior of the world. Please manifest in Your Church the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles. Call very many to Your priesthood and Your religious life. May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen. May they be saints in Your likeness. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to Your own heart! Amen.

October 3-10, 2026, marks the 10th year that our Diocese will be hosting a **Eucharistic Rosary Congress**. Since 2017, when Bishop Monforton requested the Congress in order to live out more fully our Diocese's Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we had no idea where we would be today. So much has transpired in the Steubenville Diocese, not to mention what has transpired in our country and in the world. And yet, we are not called to dwell on these events. We are simply called to pray and to trust. Our prayers help so many people. Our prayers during this Eucharistic Rosary Congress are so efficacious, hundreds of people praying the rosary around the clock as one heart and one mind, before the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe your parish cannot participate in a big way, but your parishioners can in their own way.

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish in

Churchtown, Ohio. We as followers of Jesus the Christ, fed by the Eucharist and Word, called to Love, Serve and Welcome all.

Catholic in Recovery (CiR) Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church parish hall in Parkersburg, WV. For more information please contact John B. at: Catholic-InRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.

MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

We are again hosting two Masses of Remembrance within our Diocese for those who are grieving the loss of a child or grandchild. They will happen in Marietta and in Mingo Junction this year. Light refreshments will be served after both Masses. Here are the details: **Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption** (Marietta) September 19th, 9:00 a.m.

What would happen if your child or spouse had to make a healthcare decision for you, but they didn't share your Catholic faith? How would they know what the Church teaches on end-of-life care? And what if this family member wasn't aware of your wishes for a Catholic funeral?

That's why planning ahead is so important. But even if we know this, many of us still don't know where to begin.

That's why the **Diocese of Steubenville has partnered with Catholic Legacy** to make it easier for parishioners to prepare important plans in advance.

With Catholic Legacy's online tools, you can document important decisions such as:

- Your **Will**
- A **Healthcare Directive**
- Your **Catholic funeral plans**

We are pleased to make Catholic Legacy available to all parishioners at no cost. Its step-by-step guidance makes it easier to prepare these plans now, while giving you and your loved ones greater peace of mind for the future.

You can begin at any time. You can access Catholic Legacy ***from your parish website***, or from the ***diocesan website from this link:*** <https://www.catholiclegacy.com/org/diosteub>.

*The Lord is near to all who
call upon him.*

ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

PARISH SHOPPING NIGHT

Parishioners are warmly invited to shop our school book fair!

THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
3:00–7:00 PM	ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM

FIND A GREAT BOOK • SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL • ENCOURAGE READING

CAN'T JOIN US IN PERSON?

Shop the book fair online anytime:

wildandwonderfulliteracy.com/bookfairs

*Thank you for supporting St. John Central School
and helping us encourage a love of reading in our students!*





Knights of Columbus
Council 4617

TRUNK OR TREAT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

6:00 PM

 **CHURCHTOWN, OHIO**



PIZZA & DRINKS
FOR DONATION

All donations support
**the new playground
equipment!**



Contact Jessica Pottmeyer
at **740.336.1048**

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

