

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



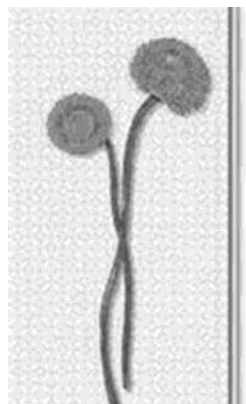
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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025



For whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled,
and he who humbles
himself will be
exalted."

Luke 14:11 (NRSV)

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is.

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.

MASS INFORMATION

We welcome to our parish this weekend, Fr. Thomas Nau, who is helping out while Fr. Dave and Fr. Walter are out of town. They will not return until September 2. If you are in need of a priest, please call one of the area churches.

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you had your picture taken, you will receive an 8 1/2 x 11 book and a 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 book. Please know that many eyes reviewed the book but we realize mistakes can happen. If we made a mistake we truly apologize. If you did not receive your book, please call the Rectory.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

We will soon begin creating the Liturgical Minister schedule for October through January. If you would like to serve as a lector or eucharistic minister or if your child would like to serve on the altar, please let Pam know. If you would like to be removed from the list, please let her know by August 31.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The monthly Senior Citizen Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 11:00 a.m. at the Sr. Center. Mr. Jeffrey James will give a presentation on phone scams. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The USCCB has asked dioceses in the United States to take up a special collection to aid the Church's humanitarian and pastoral efforts in Gaza and the surrounding areas in the Middle East in the midst of the ongoing humanitarian crisis there. Bishop Lohse is directing that this special collection that will be taken up in the Diocese of Steubenville on the weekend of September 6 and 7.

HOSPICE INFORMATION AND CWC MEETING

Please join us for a Hospice 101 Session. This informational is about hospice services, what hospice is, and what it can do for you and/or your loved ones. Open to anyone who is interested in this service or learning more about the above. The session will be held on Monday September 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in Churchtown. This session is open to everyone. The Churchtown CWC meeting will follow (those not attending the CWC meeting are free to leave after the Hospice session). For any questions please call Kourtney Thieman-Director-Marietta Amedisys Hospice-740-525-6503.

CASINO NIGHT

St. John Central School's Annual Fundraising Event "Casino Night" is scheduled for November 15th with doors opening at 4:30 PM. If you or your business is wanting to be a sponsor of the event, please email Allie Lang with your business logo and contact information to stjohncentralgala@gmail.com or to purchase a \$50 ticket to the event, call or text Allie Lang 407-920-1565.

TOOL DRIVE TO HELP CAREER CENTER STUDENTS

The Ohio Valley Employment Resource Now, in conjunction with Ohio Means Jobs are sponsoring "Donate New or Used Tools" to help support local students attending the Career Center as they prepare for their future careers. You can also Sponsor-a-Student's Tool List by emailing Meredith.kramer@jfs.ohio.gov. Every donation, big, small, new, or used will help set the students up for success. Thank you for investing in their future. Tools can be dropped off or shipped directly to 311 Third Street, Marietta.

*God, in your goodness, you
have made a home for the poor*

BAKED STEAK BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is having a Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 13th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$15 per person. Take out is available by calling 740-960-9944. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR P.S.R. CLASSES

St. John the Baptist PSR 2025-2026 Registration

It is time to register your student(s) for PSR!!
Use the link below or simply scan the QR code to
register your student(S).

<https://forms.gle/hiaQoNKrXSTpZv4A>



****REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025****

If you are interested in teaching, being a classroom helper, subbing, or helping in any way, please text or call Amanda Warner 740-525-5638.

IMPORTANT.....PLEASE READ

CHANGE TO CEMETERY MEMBERSHIP RATE

The St. John Cemetery membership rates will remain the same cost, but the opening and closing of the graves will no longer be part of the fee starting October 1st, 2025. Anyone who has the fee paid in full before October 1st will have the opening and closing included. If not paid in full by October 1st, the opening and closing of the grave will need to be paid at the time of that service. This change is being made due to the uncertainty of who will be handling the grave opening and closing in the future and the cost associated with this service.

We have asked many times if someone would be interested in taking charge of the opening and closing of the graves and no one has stepped up or shown interest, so we have no choice but to look for other options. If someone is interested, please let us know.

For more information or to inquire about your balance due, contact Kevin Brooker (740-538-1887) or Pam at the parish office (740-896-3566) with questions.



RENEW YOUR SPIRIT LADIES RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

ST. AMBROSE CHURCH

5080 SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD

LITTLE HOCKING, OHIO

SPEAKERS:

Denise Huffman is a wife and mother of two (Charlize, 9 & Elijah, 7). She is married to Father Dave's nephew, Nick Huffman, and regularly cantors at 10:30am mass at St. Ambrose. She has a degree in Chemical Engineering with a business minor. Covid caused Denise to experience medical problems including surgery for a benign brain tumor. This led her to question the reality of God. A very dramatic family trial renewed her faith and she now knows that her relationship with God is what matters most in her life.

Julie Coppersmith is a devoted Catholic wife and mother of three. She is a stay-at-home mom and serves as a catechist at St. Ambrose Parish School of Religion. Prior to relocating to Parkersburg, WV Julie was a Physician Assistant in Jamestown, NY. Julie will share how the Holy Spirit guided her through seasons of grief and significant life transitions. Through prayer and learning to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Julie has come to trust more deeply in God's providence and has found peace in surrendering to His will.

ACTIVITIES:

UPLIFTING MUSIC *** LIFE CHANGING SPEAKERS *** CONFESSIONS
*** GROUP DISCUSSION *** LUNCH *** ROSARY ***

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:

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Becky Hennen 740-989-2460 rah1097@roadrunner.com

*** In order to cover our expenses, we are requesting a \$10 donation. ***

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to St. Ambrose CWC and mail with the bottom of this form to Rita Rodgers 2417 Norris Ave. Belpre, Ohio 45714 before September 28th.