

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

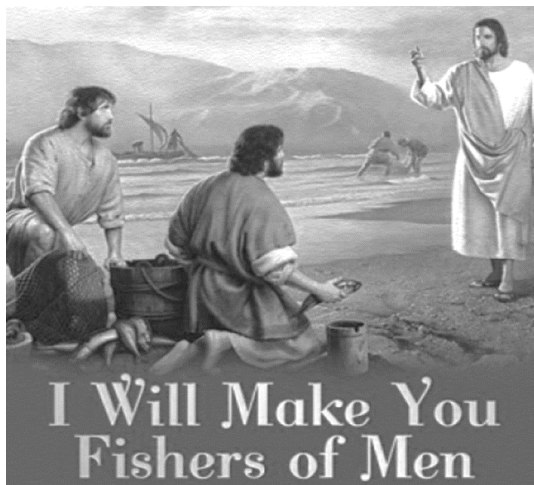
Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be?

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JANUARY 21, 2024**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	01/20	4:00	P.M.	+David Heiss (Charles and Dorothy Heiss)	
	SJB	01/20	6:00	P.M.	+Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/21	7:30	A.M.	+Herb Mason (Tim Zoller Family)	
	OLM	01/21	9:30	A.M.	John Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach)	
	SJB	01/21	11:00	A.M.	+Sandy Vanoster (Churchtown Senior Citizens)	
Monday	SJB	01/22	8:00	A.M.	+Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett and Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	01/23	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	01/23	5:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck (Heather Peters)	
Wednesday	SJB	01/24	8:20	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (The Vincent Huck Family)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	01/25	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	01/25	5:00	P.M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)	
Friday	SJB	01/26	8:00	A.M.	+Jason Mace (CWC)	
Saturday	OLM	01/27	4:00	P.M.	+Stephen Kuchyt (Todd and Katheryn Arnold)	
	SJB	01/27	6:00	P.M.	+Betty Becker (Anniv.) (Mona Barrett and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/28	7:30	A.M.	+Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	01/28	9:30	A.M.	+James W. Healy (Jim and Peggy Huck)	
	SJB	01/28	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller)	
LITURGICAL MINISTERS						
MASS		ALTAR SERVERS		LECTOR		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.		Orion and Raegan Flinn		Kelly Miller		Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.		Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller		Robin Eichmiller		Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.		Callen Pottmeyer, Hadleigh Pennock		Ashleigh Pennock		Roxanne Heiss
"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Mother Theresa						
COLLECTION		D.P.S.C.		BINGO		
Total Collection for weekend \$2,878 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!		2024 Goal is not available yet 2024 Collected \$3,000  Thank you!		January 1 Groups 1 and 2 \$3,820  If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement		
ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE		C.W.C. BINGO CAKES		PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY		
Jan 21 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jan 28 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Feb 4 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Feb 11 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Feb 18 Group 8 with Russ Lang		January and February Group D with Elaine Wells  Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. 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.		
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND				Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday		
Deuteronomy 18:15–20 / 1 Corinthians 7:32–35 / Mark 1:21–28						

### **SNOW REMINDER**

We are entering that time of year again when road conditions may not always be safe for travel. Please remember that if a Level 2 or 3 road emergency is issued by the Sheriff's Department, Masses will be cancelled for that day. When St. John School is closed due to weather, Mass and Adoration that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be rescheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. John's, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.



### **CARD SHOWER**

Larry Schaad will be turning 80 years old on January 27. He is currently battling Stage IV kidney cancer and his family would appreciate friends and family sending him a card and well wishes. His address is 500 Arnold Road, Lowell, Ohio 45744. Prayers are also appreciated.

### **NEW CONFIRMATION DATE**

The Confirmation date has been changed. Confirmation will now be held on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on January 24. All are welcome.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES**

Liturgical Minister schedules for February through May are located in the vestibule. Please stop by and pick up a copy. If you are unable to attend your scheduled mass, please try to find a replacement. Thank you.

### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta K of C Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. 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 8am on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. 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!

### **ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS**

February 3 is the memorial of St. Blaise and the custom is to bless the throat of the faithful. Our Blessing of the Throats will be held the weekend of February 3-4 after each weekend mass.

### **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION**

Firstly, thank you for your generous response to last year's first annual collection for this purpose! It was a great start toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Plan. As we move forward now in a continued effort, envelopes for this purpose are in your contribution packets. The collection, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit, will be taken up on the weekend of February 3-4. Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. Thank you!

### **2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you need a church contribution statement for 2023, please notify Pam at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail you a copy. If you donated to the DPSC program, the Diocese will send you a statement. Thank you.

### **"CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER"**

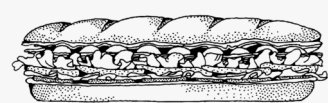
Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding a Cabin Fever Buster Dinner on February 3, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy social hall. The menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Dine in or carry out is available. **Ticket purchase needed for a meal.** Tickets will be sold until Monday, January 29th and can be purchased by calling Kathy Reed at 740-350-3496.

### **ST. BERNARD'S YOUTH GAME NIGHT**

St. Bernard's Youth Group is having a Gaming For God night for middle school and high school aged children this Sunday, January 21st from 6-8:30 pm in the social hall. We will provide food and fun games and prizes.

### **SUPER BOWL SUB SALE**

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - February 10-11 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sale will go towards the St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs, it is recommended that you pre-order by calling the school at (740) 896-2697. We will have the subs you order at whatever mass you request. Thank you for your support!





### 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

### Script Coordinator

Betina Lang

### PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

### 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

### Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

### St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697

Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer  
Principal

### Knights of Columbus

Council 4617

Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

### Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

### St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

**Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund Collection** – Firstly, thank you for your generous response to last year's first annual collection for this purpose! It was a great start toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Plan. The collection, which is distinct from the collection for retired religious, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit, will be taken up on the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. Thank you!

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS** Please join us in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese:

**Monday:** Peter Stetson

**Tuesday:** Paul Gan, Christopher McGurn

**Wed.:** Jonathan Rusco **Thurs:** Riley Morris,

**Friday:** Aaron Pabin, **Saturday:** Caleb Baker,

**Sunday:** Samuel Ivkovich

### Food for thought

A little boy greets his father as he returns from work with a question: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?" The father is surprised and says, "Look, son, not even your mother knows. Don't bother me now, I'm tired." "But Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour?" the boy insists. The father finally gives up and replies, "Twenty dollars." "Okay, Daddy," the boy continues, "Could you loan me ten dollars?" The father yells at him, "So that was the reason you asked how much I earn, right? Now, go to sleep and don't bother me anymore!" At night the father thinks over what he said and starts feeling guilty. Maybe his son needed to buy something. Finally, he goes to his son's room. "Are you asleep, son?" asks the father. "No, Daddy. Why?" replies the boy. "Here's the money you asked for earlier," the father said. "Thanks, Daddy!" replies the boy and receives the money. The he reaches under his pillow and brings out some more money. "Now I have enough! Now I have twenty dollars!" says the boy to his father, "Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time?"

### Did you know?

The word tabernacle comes from a Latin word meaning tent- The Hebrews believed the Ark of the Covenant, which was a tent, was the dwelling place of God. In early Christianity, tabernacles, typically had the form of a dove within a tower and were used to store the Eucharist (consecrated hosts). In 1215, it was decreed that the tabernacle had to have the ability to be locked and must be secured in place. Then, in the Middle Ages, tabernacles became more of what we know them to look like today. The latest change to tabernacles came in the late 20th century when it was decided that the tabernacle no longer needed to be covered with a tent-like veil called a conopaeum.

**Please pray** for all God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

### JOHN AND BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

**Awards** are for the first year at any Catholic College/University currently listed in the Cardinal Newman Society's "Newman Guide" at: <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>

Please note that this is a change from previous years. Applicants for this award must: Be a high school senior who will be a member of the graduating class of 2024, AND whose residence is located within the boundaries of the Diocese of Steubenville; be a participating member of a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Steubenville; meet the enrollment standards of the College/University they are planning to attend; demonstrate financial need as determined by the college or university's Office of Student Financial Services. Documentation to be provided by the applicant to the Selection Committee consists of: 1) the application form; and, 2) a letter of recommendation from the applicant's Pastor. Required documentation must be on file with the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools before April 1, 2024. Permission must be given by the applicant to enable the college or university's Office of Student Financial Services to provide financial need information to the selection committee. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS. The Selection Committee will determine the number of awards and their amounts. The recipient(s) of the award(s) will be announced by April 24, 2024 so that they may be recognized at spring activities related to Academic Recognition.

**PRE-CANA.** A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled at the Basilica. For Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Couples planning marriage should register for this class by calling the Basilica Parish Office at 740-373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

**NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER** If you have recently moved or dropped your land line and are using a cell phone number, please let the parish office know. We want to keep our parish roster current.

### January 22 has been designated by the US Bishops as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Parishes are encouraged to invite their parishioners to attend Mass this day. Learn more at [www.respectlife.org/january-22](http://www.respectlife.org/january-22)

**Thank You:** to all who helped to prepare and decorate our church for the Christmas liturgies, to all who provided us with the beautiful Christmas music, to all those who assisted at the Masses. Your dedication and love of God helped us to pray well. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated.

**Thank You:** to all who helped to take down the Christmas decorations and clean up the church last week. What a great group of volunteers! God Bless you.



# ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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January 12, 2024

Dear St. John Families,

Happy New Year! I'm sure we are all hoping for a healthy 2024. The germs are definitely here at St. John. We are reminding our students to wash their hands, cough and sneeze into their elbows, get plenty of rest, etc. You know the drill! Hopefully, we can keep illnesses at a minimum.

Citizens Bank is every Wednesday this month. This was accidently left off part of the January calendar. We don't have school Monday because of Martin Luther King Day. The next Home & School meeting is Wednesday, January 17. I strongly encourage parents to attend the meeting. Catholic Schools Week starts Sunday, January 28. We will have special activities during the week including taking the students to the skating rink. We will have pizza at the skating rink, and water will be provided. Permission slips will be sent home next Friday. An agenda for Catholic Schools Week will come home later in the month.

Please be sure to read the other letter about the Ed Choice Scholarship that came home today in the red folder. We are having a meeting Tuesday, January 30, about the scholarship. **ALL** parents really do need to attend.

The first turn-in date for the sub sale is Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The last turn-in date is Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep selling those subs! We will be making the subs February 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> for Super Bowl weekend. More information about working a shift will be sent home soon. Thanks so much for your help!

*"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship." Psalm 19:1*

Blessings,

Karen Pottmeyer

Principal