

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 7, 2026



Good News!

By: MIGUEL DULICK

The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and-rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16–17.) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!”

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	06/06	4:00	p.m.	+Peters Family (Marilyn Peters & Heather Peters)
	SJB	06/06	6:00	p.m.	Living and Deceased of +Clem and +Lucy Brooker (Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/07	7:30	a.m.	+John and +Virginia Arnold (Anniv.) (Family)
	OLM	06/07	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of Clem and Lucy Brooker Family (Family)
	SJB	06/07	11:00	a.m.	Bob and Peggy Byers (50th Wed. Anniversary) (Family)
Monday	SJB	06/08	8:00	a.m.	+Mary Canterbury (Anniv.) (Rick Canterbury and Family)
Tuesday	SJB	06/09	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/09	5:00	p.m.	Marlene Walbert
Wednesday	SJB	06/10	8:00	a.m.	+Vincent and +Allene Huck (Wed. Anniv.) (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)
Thursday	SJB	06/11	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/11	5:00	p.m.	+Dale and Marian Stalter (Virgil Huck Family)
Friday	SJB	06/12	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
Saturday	OLM	06/13	4:00	p.m.	+Lauren Payne (Tim and Jody Huck)
	SJB	06/13	6:00	p.m.	+Diane Arnold (4th Anniv. 6/13) (Alvin Arnold and Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/14	7:30	a.m.	+Barb Wolfe (Anniv. 6/16) (Family)
	OLM	06/14	9:30	a.m.	Deceased Family Members (Stephen and Jena Huffman)
	SJB	06/14	11:00	a.m.	+Larry Huffman (Parish)

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	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Eli, Will Eichmiller, J.D. Alexander	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Emi Lauchard, Gracie and Emma Wheeler	Janelle Sprague	Amanda Walters

<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>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,996	2026 Collected to date \$40,305	
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!

 <p>COMING SOON June 28 - July 2</p>	 <p>June 20 Fr. Gaydosik's 39th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination June 21 K of C Father's Day Fish Fry June 24 Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. Mass at 6pm with reception at the Sr. Center June 27 St. John School Booster Golf Outing June 28 Vacation Bible School Begins</p>
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Exodus 19:2-6a / Romans 5:6-11 / Matthew 9:36-10:8	

50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for an Open House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bob and Peggy Byers. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the Churchtown Knights of Columbus Hall. No gifts please.

K OF C 4617 FATHER'S DAY FISH FRY

All You Can Eat Fish Fry, sponsored by the K of C 4617, will be held on Sunday, June 21 from Noon until 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and is open to all gentlemen of the public and members. The menu includes all you can eat fish, fries, cole-slaw and drinks. There will be a 50/50 and tool raffle at the door.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is just around the corner. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. 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. 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!!

REST IN PEACE

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Shirley Lang. Shirley passed away peacefully on Friday, May 29. May God grant her eternal rest and bring comfort and peace to all who mourn her passing.

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.

HEALTH SCREENING

Take a step toward better health! Life Line Screening will be at St. John Central School, Churchtown on June 15, offering quick, painless tests for stroke risk, heart rhythm issues, osteoporosis, and more. Pre[®] registration is required. Register by calling 1[®]844[®]591[®]7160 or email to <https://lisa.social/HC> or Text "circle" to 216[®]279[®]1607.

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

Deacon Caleb Baker — Christ the Light Parish, 701 Gomber Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich; — St. Vincent Seminary. 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa.15650

John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris, Arron Pabin, and William Gugala. — Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus Ohio 43235-1499

K OF C FORTH DEGREE

The Fourth Degree meeting will be held on June 14th at 2:00 p.m. The meeting place will be at St. Ambrose Parish in Little Hocking. Please make every effort to attend, as we will be electing officers for the upcoming year.

ST. BERNARD'S CHICKEN & HAM DINNER

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish June Social with a wonderful Chicken and Ham Dinner. Wednesday June 24th, St. Bernard's Catholic Church Social Hall, 307 7th Street, Beverly, Ohio. Meal Serving Time 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Meal \$15.00, Child Meal \$6.00 (ages 10 and under). Take-out meals are available. Meal includes many delicious side dishes, dessert and beverages. Children's games begin at 5:00 p.m. A raffle is being held for many very nice items including a large Ohio State University themed quilt. For additional information you may contact the church by phone at 740-984-2555 or Email to StBer-Bev@Frontier.com.

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/DAUGHTER RETREAT

A wonderful resource is available for girls aged 11-14 and their moms. St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat will take place at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, OH, August 7-9, 2026. The mission of the St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat is to help participants grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the retreat offers a whole person approach celebrating and educating on the changes happening to the body, mind, spirit, and social aspects of young women in this age group. Quality mother/daughter time and opening pathways for important discussions are key objectives. More information can be found at www.philomenaretreat.org.

Our Condolences

Please keep Fr. Mark Moore, of our Diocese, in your prayers as we mourn his passing on June 3. We give thanks for his faithful service to God and His Church, and for the many lives he touched through his priestly ministry. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon him.



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 be-
coming Catholic, contact the
parish office.

**Care for the Sick or Home-
bound:**
Call the Parish Office or Mari-
lyn Kern to set up Commu-
nion 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 Church-
town**
President Marilyn Kern

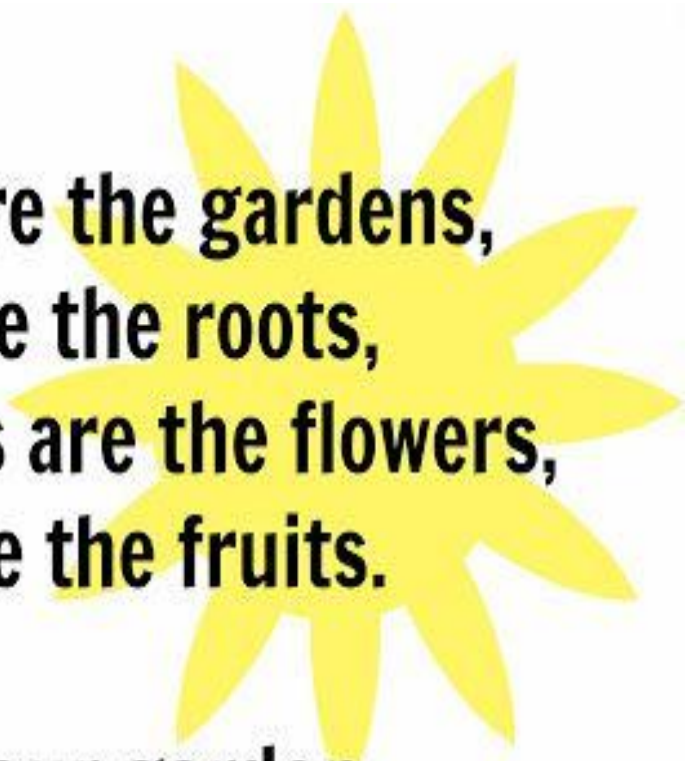
Club of Catholic Women
President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School
(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Becky Hilverding
Principal

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Council 4617
Grand Knight Tanner
Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation
Gary Arnold, President

**Diocesan Catholic Charities
& Information Referral Line:**
1-800-339-7890



**Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.**

**Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds.**

-H.W. Longfellow

