

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

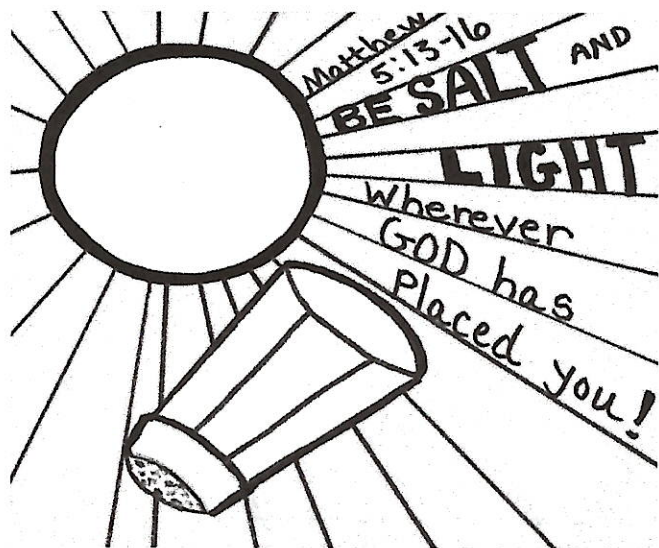
You are the salt of the earth." Prior to industrialization, salt was a highly valued commodity. In the Middle Ages, a ton of salt sold for thirty-three gold ducats. Much earlier, Roman soldiers were often paid in salt. Hence our word salary. "You are the light of the world." Like salt, light also is a valuable and necessary part of life. Without light, living plants die and human beings grow depressed.

Curiously, we only become aware of salt and light when they are absent. Food tends to be less tasty and bland without salt. And without light in the room we stumble and trip. Yet too much salt ruins food, while too much light blinds us, like when we drive facing headlights at night or stare at the sun. As valuable as salt and light are, both are at their best when unnoticed.

I offer these realities as images for persons of faith. Too much of "us" in the mix and we become the center of life, our egos blinding others to the workings of God. Yet absent, a world without persons of faith grows flat for lack of values and wisdom.

Likewise, the Church. Whenever the Church draws attention to itself, whenever it is clothed with pomp and majesty, God recedes to the background. Without the Church's wisdom, however, a world hungry for meaning grows lost; charity is forgotten. We are called to be salt and light, no more than enough.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 5, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	02/04	4:00	P. M.	+Raymond and Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker)	
	SJB	02/04	6:00	P.M.	+Jim Thieman (Anniv. 2/3) (Norma Thieman and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	02/05	7:30	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Arnold Huck)	
	OLM	02/05	9:30	A.M.	+Joe and Ida Huck Family (Greg and Marlene Greene)	
	SJB	02/05	11:00	A.M.	+Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Monday	SJB	02/06	8:00	A.M.	+Mildred Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	02/07			No Mass	
	OLM	02/07	5:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased Of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
Wednesday	SJB	02/08	8:20	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Tim and Marilyn Zoller)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	02/09			No Mass	
	OLM	02/09	5:00	P.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	
Friday	SJB	02/10	8:00	A.M.	+Edward Brooker (Birthday) (Steve and Pam Brooker)	
Saturday	OLM	02/11	4:00	P. M.	+Mae Cawley (Edwin and Grace Long)	
	SJB	02/11	6:00	P.M.	+Patricia Thieman (Parish)	
Sunday	SJB	02/12	7:30	A.M.	+Annette Bonar (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
	OLM	02/12	9:30	A.M.	+Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)	
	SJB	02/12	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Weston Hennes, Sydney Lang	Virginia Dyar	Melinda Treadway
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Mason Francis, Connor McCartney	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Morgan and Parker Kern	Brynnlee Pottmeyer	Kristen Pottmeyer

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$2,944 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$4,100 Thank you!	January 22-Group 8 \$1,558 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Feb 5 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Feb 12 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Feb 19 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Feb 26 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Mar 5 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u> February Group D-Elaine Wells March and April Group E-Susan Arnold	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u> 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Parish Council nomination forms will be in the pews beginning next weekend. You may complete and return the form anytime until February 5. Please place your completed form in the collection basket or the box in the church vestibule. Once nominations have been received, current council members will contact those nominated. The election will be held the weekend of March 4-5. All parishioners (18 or older) are encouraged to accept a nomination. Your service to the parish is valuable and appreciated.

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 the day. When St. John Central School in Churchtown 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.

CWC MEETING

CWC monthly meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Monday, February 13. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with praying the Rosary.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on February 8 and 22 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

AVE MARIA CEMETERY

Ave Maria Cemetery was established in 1866 by Archbishop John Purcell of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is located on Maria Road, off Waterford Road. Since the closure of the Ave Maria Parish in 1919, the cemetery has been under the care of Our Lady of Mercy Church. A designated fund exists to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery and four acres of grounds. Donations may be sent to the Ave Maria Cemetery Fund c/o Our Lady of Mercy Church, 5001 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell OH 45744.

JOHN AND BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the John and Blanche Mussio Scholarship are located at the Rectory. This scholarship is for any high school senior (who resides in the Diocese of Steubenville boundaries) who is planning to attend any Catholic College or University. Please call the Rectory for an application or questions.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - February 11 & 12, 2023 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 preorder 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!

STEUBENVILLE PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN

Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan – This weekend, February 4th & 5th, we will have the first-ever collection for the Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan. This is an effort to help the Plan to become fully funded. Please be mindful that this is a new and distinct collection from the Collection for Retired Religious. We face the same dilemma as religious communities – namely more elderly priests entering retirement and fewer younger priests still in ministry generating support for the retirement plan. There are envelopes for the Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan in your envelope packets as well as some available in the vestibule of the church and the parish office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your pastor.

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Canan 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-Canan is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

let your
in The same way,
Light
shine before
others,
that they may see your
good deeds
and praise your
Father in Heaven.
Matthew 5:16

PASTOR'S PAGE

Good Beginnings Last A Lifetime!

Quality Education Our Parish supports Catholic Education. We encourage our students and families to consider Saint John Central School as their school of choice for quality education for life. We pray for all those who are committed to our schools, especially our teachers and staff, and we support this school with financial assistance. Why? Because we believe in the Faith formation that is available all week long, in every classroom.

St. John Central School

Science Fair: for Grades 5-8 on February 9

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"Heaven for me is hidden in a little Host where Jesus, my Spouse, is veiled for love. I go to that Divine Furnace to draw out life, and there my Sweet Savior listens to me night and day." -Heaven For Me, St. Thérèse of Lisieux

K of C Scholarship: Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 2023 Scholarship. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500 check. The application must be submitted by March 19th. Please apply at <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27>. This link and more information can be found on the Knights Facebook page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". You can contact Ian Alexander at 740.525.4898 or churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, both of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 9th-18th. Space is limited. For more information, please call 800.213.4295 or visit www.qohtours.com.

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.

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Prayer Chain Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Faith. In an effort for our Parish Family to respond to the prayer requests of our members and friends, Parishioners have the opportunity to be part of a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the Parish Office at 896-3566

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

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Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>