

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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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.

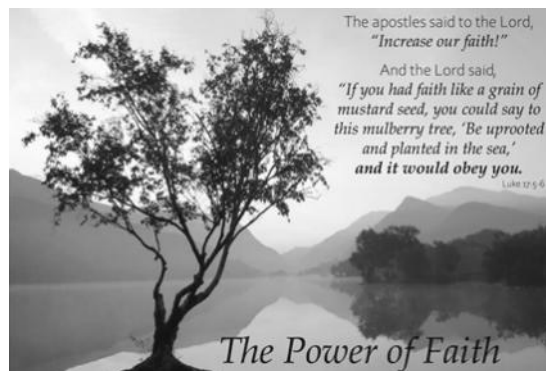
Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME

October 5, 2025



Good News!

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The Lord said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/04	4:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Mark and Paulie)	
	SJB	10/04	6:00	p.m.	+Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	10/05	7:30	a.m.	+Larry and +Jackie Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	
	OLM	10/05	9:30	a.m.	L and D of Paul Bauerbach Family (Charlie and Dorothy Huck)	
	SJB	10/05	11:00	a.m.	+Alecia Fouss (Duane and Tina Duff)	
Monday	SJB	10/06	8:00	a.m.	+Veronica Way (Nathan and Renee Way)	Rosary, Adoration and
					+Faye Treadway (Mona Barrett and Family)	Reconciliation to follow Mass
Tuesday	SJB	10/07	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	10/07	5:00	p.m.	OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
					Jeri Lang (Chris Schaad)	
Wednesday	SJB	10/08	8:30	a.m.	L & D of +Clarence and +Hilda Arnold (Family)	School Mass
					+Hilda Gebhart (Parish)	
Thursday	SJB	10/09	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	10/09	5:00	p.m.	Nathan Huck (Ben & Lisa Bernedts)	
					Richard Lang (Raymond Lang)	
Friday	SJB	10/10	8:00	a.m.	+Tillie Kern (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
					L & D of +William and +Marie Schwendeman Family (Debbie Huck)	
Saturday	OLM	10/11	4:00	p.m.	+Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)	
	SJB	10/11	6:00	p.m.	+Frank and +Gladys Schilling (Wed. Anniv. 10/14) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	10/11	7:30	a.m.	+Leo Huck (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)	
	OLM	10/12	9:30	a.m.	+Sandy Schilling (7yr. Annv. 10/13) (Her Children)	
	SJB	10/12	11:00	a.m.	+George and +Catherine Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

ALTER SERVERS		LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Alyssa Dyar, Emma Schaad	Virginia Dyar	Jason Henke
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Dane and Dalton Schott	Kelly Miller	Arnold Huck
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Weston Burt	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,517
 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

Thank you for your generosity!

DPSC

2025 Collected to Date \$ 62,450
 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330

This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!



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.



What's Happening

October 6 Pray the Rosary with St. John Students
 October 10 K of C Trunk or Treat
 October 10 Jubilee of Marriage Registration Due
 October 11 K of C Dueling Pianos
 October 17-20 No School at St. John Central
 October 25 Kateri Brooker/Jordan Mayle Wedding

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

ROSARY, ADORATION, RECONCILIATION

Come join the school children in the church on Monday, October 6 following morning Mass as they pray the Rosary to end abortion. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the Rosary. There will be time after the Rosary for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will also pray the Rosary on Monday, October 13 at 8:20, Tuesday, October 22 at 8:20, and Monday, October 28 at 8:20. These Rosaries will be prayed by the shrine or in the school gym depending on the weather. The Rosary on October 28 will be our Living Rosary.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2-3:30 pm at the Convent. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above, even if they attend St. John Central School. The date for Confirmation is TBA.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/hiiiaQoNkrXSTpzv4A>.

SOCKTOBER

The 6th grade class at St. John School is kicking off Socktober! They are hoping to collect 1,000 pairs of brand new socks for the Washington County Homeless Project by the end of October. If you would like to help out, please leave your donation in the church vestibule. A small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of others. Thank you in advance for supporting our students as they give back to the community.

K OF C CHURCHTOWN TRUNK OR TREAT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will again host Churchtown's Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 10th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at 17472 State Route 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048! If you need electricity, please plan to park closer to the right side of the building for access to outlets. For those of you that would like to pass out candy but forgo the trunk decorating, please feel free to set up under the back porch! There will be pizza, chips, and beverages for a donation in which we will donate all proceeds as part of the KofC Helping Hands Program! If you have any questions, you can contact Jessica Pottmeyer on Facebook or text her at 740-336-1048. We are looking forward to having another fun filled trunk or treat with you all!



CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Churchtown Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30, 6 -7:30 p.m. If you will be giving out treats, please turn your outside light on.



SEARCH

“SEARCH” for Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages sophomore-21 is upcoming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Girls weekend will be held Friday, November 7th, through Sunday, November 9th. Boys weekend will be held Friday, November 21st, through Sunday, November 23rd. Deadline for applications is October 31st for girls. With boys weekend being a later date, applications turned in closer to that date will be accepted. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763. You can find SEARCH applications at St. Johns Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>.

CWC INFORMATION

Be looking for the Boxes of Joy in the church vestibule again this year. We are helping St. Mary's Church serve the underprivileged. Instructions are included in each box. Please have them returned to the church by November 4 and Connie Arnold will take them to the Basilica. Also, there will not be an October CWC Meeting. See you in November.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIV. CELEBRATION

This celebration will take place on Sunday, November 9, at 12:00 noon Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass will honor those couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2023 or 2024. To register, please contact the Rectory by October 10, 2024.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CWC

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Thursday, October 30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

ST. STEPHEN CWC GAME NIGHT

St. Stephen's Church of Caldwell will host CWC Annual Game Night to be held on Tuesday, October 21, 5-8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person which includes delicious hors d'oeuvres. Bring your own cards, dominoes, and board games.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH SOCIAL

St. Stephen Catholic Church in Caldwell will hold a Parish Social on Sunday, October 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. There will be food, Bingo, Country Store, and door prizes. All are invited.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY SPEAKER

St. Bernard's Church in Beverly is sponsoring Mr. Eddie Cotter, co-founder of the Dead Theologians Society, to present a program on Sunday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone in Beverly. Any and all alumni are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Huck at 740-516-0737.

**IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS**

PSALM 95:7-8



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

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President Marilyn Kern

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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

"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month -- for peace -- personally, with your families and in your communities," Pope Leo XIV

Pray for the priests of the Diocese of Steubenville: Oct. 4, Pope Leo XIV; Oct. 5, Fr. Walter Heinz; Oct. 6, Fr. Dale Tornes; Oct. 7, Fr. Thomas Hamm; Oct. 8, Fr. Victor Cinson; Oct. 9, Fr. Drake Mcallister; Oct. 10, Fr. Robert Borer; Oct. 11, Fr. David Gaydosik; Oct. 12, Msgr. J. Michael Campbell.

Pray for our seminarians (the future of our Diocese). Deacon Peter Stetson—Blessed Sacrament Parish Wintersville, Ohio; Deacon Ryan Budd and Caleb Baker—Christ the Light Parish Cambridge, Ohio; St. Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Pa. Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich; Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris, Arron Pabin, and William Gugala.

Looking for servers for funerals? Are there any adults who would be willing to serve funerals at St. John's, when the need arises? (training would be provided.)

Devotions, Explained! There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring. The ancient Israelites practiced the bikkurim ("first fruits") as described in Deuteronomy, chapter 26. This was a ritual by which the first fruits of the harvest were offered back to God in a sacrificial act of gratitude and obedience. The theology behind the Morning Offering is similar: giving to God the first moments of each day. The most traditional form of the Morning Offering, attributed to Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet, begins "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen" A full version of this text can be found at uscbb.org/prayers/morning-offering. ©LPi

Did You Know? Although Christmas is still three months away, September 28 is the Feast of Saint Wenceslas – the same king remembered in the popular Christmas carol. Wenceslas ruled Bohemia and was known as a faithful Christian ruler who cared for the poor and worked to spread Christianity throughout his kingdom. May his example remind us that true greatness is found in serving others with faith and generosity.

STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) is being introduced at St. John Central. Developing young minds for the future.

Talking with God and His Saints. One of the most important activities for a Catholic is prayer. Without it there can be no true spiritual life. Through personal prayer and the communal prayer of the Church, especially the Mass, we worship and praise God, we express sorrow for our sins, and we intercede on behalf of others (1 Tim 2:1-4). Through prayer we grow in our relationship with Christ and with members of God's family. This family includes all members of the Church whether on earth, in heaven, or in purgatory. Since Jesus has only one body, and since death has no power to separate us from Christ. Christians who are in heaven, or who are entering heaven are being purified in purgatory by God's love, are still part of the Body of Christ.

Jesus said the second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself". Those in heaven love us more intently than they ever could have loved us while on earth. They pray for us constantly and their prayers are powerful. Our prayers to the saints in heaven asking for their prayers for us and their intercession with the Father do not undermine Christ's role as mediator. In asking saints in heaven to pray for us we follow Paul's instructions "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men," for "this is good, and acceptable in his sight of God our Savior." (1 Tim 2:1-3). All members of the Body of Christ are called to help one another through prayer, Mary's prayers are especially effective on our behalf because of her relationship with the Son (John 2:1-11). God gave Mary a special role. He saved her from all sin, made her uniquely blessed among all women and made her a model for all Christians. At the end of her life he took her body and soul into heaven – an image of our own resurrection at the end of the world (Rev. 12:1-2).

What is the purpose of life? The old catechism asked, "Why did God make you?" The answer: "God made me to know him, to love him, and serve him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next." Here in just 26 words is the whole reason for our existence. Jesus answered the question even more briefly: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10) God's plan for you is simple. Your loving Father wants to give you all good things—especially eternal life. Jesus died on the cross to save us all from sin and eternal separation from God that sin causes. When he saves us, he makes us part of his Body, which is the Church. We thus become united with him and with Christians everywhere (on earth, in heaven, in purgatory).

An Unbroken History Jesus said his Church would be "the light of the world." He then noted that "a city set on a hill cannot be hid". This means His Church is a visible organization. It must have characteristics that clearly identify it and that distinguish it from other churches. Jesus promised, "I will build my church and the power of hell shall not prevail against it". This means the Church will never be destroyed and will never fall away from him. His Church will survive until his return. The Catholic Church is the only universal Christian Church that has existed since the time of Jesus. Every other Christian group is an offshoot of the Catholic Church. The Eastern Orthodox churches broke away from unity with the pope in 1054. The Protestant communities were established during the Reformation, which began in 1517. (Most of today's Protestant groups are actually offshoots of the original Protestant offshoots.)

Only the Catholic Church existed in the tenth century, in the fifth century, and in the first century, faithfully teaching the doctrine given by Christ to the apostles, omitting nothing. The lines of popes can be tracked back, in unbroken succession, to Peter himself. This is unequalled by any institution in history. The Catholic Church has existed for nearly 2,000 years, despite constant opposition from the world. This is testimony to the Church's divine origin. It must be more than a merely human organization, especially considering that its human members—even some of its leaders—have been unwise, corrupt, or prone to heresy.



**American
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Save a Life

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Washington County, Ohio**

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Spread the word.**



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or call 1-844-216-8286.**



Cemetery Meeting Notes 9/30/2025

Columbarium

The 24-niche single sided columbarium is due into Kirby Monuments first week of October. Will arrange to set in place sometime in October. This will be on the concrete ledge in front of the concrete wall where the outside service is held.

Digging Graves

A member of the parish has shown interest in opening and closing graves. He would like Howard to work with him on a few and see how it goes. He would use his own excavator along with the parish Gator and trailer.

Membership

Anyone who has membership (plot and maintenance fee) paid by October 1st opening and closing of the grave will be included. Anyone after the October 1st date, opening and closing of the grave will need to be paid at the time of service.

Headstone

Several headstones have shifted, and one has recently fallen. Families are responsible for maintenance of the headstones. If no family is available to do so, then we need to take care of it as we see need. We will get a list updated as to which one need attention and try to contact family. If anyone sees one of their family members' headstones needing attention, please look into straightening them.

Several of the smaller headstones that do not have a foundation will be straightened by volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping let us know.

Concrete Drive

We need to start looking at expanding the concrete drive as the cemetery grows. This will be a future project but would like to get some ideas of what is needed and what this would look like. Also looking at a sidewalk in front of the concrete wall where the columbarium will be.

Opening and Closing Graves

\$600 full casket burial

\$300 cremation