

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2026



Good News!

By: MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration!

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	06/27	4:00	p.m.	+David Bauerbauch (Family)
	SJB	06/27	6:00	p.m.	Dave and Barbara Huck (60th Wedding Anniversary 6/25) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	06/28	7:30	a.m.	+Alecia Fouss (Todd and Annette Schott)
	OLM	06/28	9:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of Joe and Ida Huck Family (The Family)
	SJB	06/28	11:00	a.m.	+Frank and +Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes and Family)
Monday	SJB	06/29	8:00	a.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold and Family)
Tuesday	SJB	06/30	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	06/30	5:00	p.m.	+Robert Gaydosik (OLM CWC)
Wednesday	SJB	07/01	8:00	a.m.	+Peggy Schaad and +Bill Zoller (Birthdays) (Janet Schaad Family)
Thursday	SJB	07/02	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/02	5:00	p.m.	+Marie Schyphers (Frank & Stacy Leeper)
Friday	SJB	07/03	8:00	a.m.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)
Saturday	OLM	07/04	4:00	p.m.	+Martha Huck (Virgil Huck)
	SJB	07/04	6:00	p.m.	+Living and Deceased of the +Ed and +Anna Mae Brooker Family (Martha Wallis Family)
Sunday	SJB	07/05	7:30	a.m.	+Edith Brooker (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)
	OLM	07/05	9:30	a.m.	+Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	07/05	11:00	a.m.	+James M. Barrett (Vince and Shelly Stollar)


LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn and Alyssa Dyar	Kelly Miller	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Eli and Will Eichmiller, JD Alexander	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hudson and Sydney Lang	Angie Henniger	Roxanne Heiss

<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 \$2,647	2026 Collected to date \$42,385	
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!



I WILL sing OF THE goodness OF God.
PSALM 150



June 28 Vacation Bible School Begins
July 4 Independence Day
July 18 Lowell Ice Cream Social

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Zechariah 9:9-10 / Romans 8:9, 11-13 / Matthew 11:25-30

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book is now open. Masses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Pam at the Rectory 896-3566 to schedule. If you have numerous intentions to schedule, please write them down and send it to the Rectory. Donations of \$10 are suggested for a mass. Please remember there is no mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise noted.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

Senior Citizen meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2 at the Sr. Center. All are welcome to attend.

APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER

St. John the Baptist Home and School Association has partnered up with Applebee's in Marietta for an all day fundraising event on Wednesday, July 13. Applebee's will put 25% of your order towards the school if this fundraiser is mentioned or a flyer is shown to the server.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Tyler McCutcheon and team of Pro Plus Restoration of Waterford, Ohio for the good job of cleaning out pigeon litter and sanitizing the steeple upper and middle level floors. They did a nice thorough job.

CONSECRATION OF THE US TO THE SACRED HEART

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great country, the US Bishops have consecrated the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the June meeting of the US Catholic Bishops Conference (USCCB).

More and more we see the Lord being kicked out of our schools, our courts and our government. And when we kick him out we reject his gifts. This country has received tremendous blessings from the Lord and we need to show our appreciation.

By consecrating the country to the Lord we ask him to continue to bless our nation by protecting us from our enemies and showering us with the riches that we are accustomed to. But we have to do our part and make sure that we promote the Lord in our own lives, our local community and on the national level.

It all starts with each of us. We can do our part by participating in the nationwide consecration. At all of the entrances there are cards with the prayer of consecration. We encourage doing the prayer for nine days, starting on June 26th and ending on July 4th. Make sure to pick up a card and pray along with the rest of the nation. You can find more information at usccb.org/weholdthesetruths.

SAVE THE DATE

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is a seven-day period of Eucharistic Adoration with an hourly Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. Dioceses throughout the United States will participate in this Catholic call to help establish peace in our country and the world. Blessed Sacrament Church in Winterville will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress October 3-9, 2026. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the main church with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. More information will be coming soon, including how to sign up for a Holy Hour of Adoration. For more information on the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses, please visit www.rosarycongressusa.org or call Peggy Downs at (410) 596-1936.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, Ohio, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook and a committee member will get back to you.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, starting at 4:00 p.m., on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a country store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

RESIST COMPARISON

St. Teresa of Ávila wrote, "Never compare one person with another: comparisons are odious." We live in a world where comparison is only a thumb-swipe away. On our phones, we're instantly greeted with images of perfect lives—highlight reels of vacations, achievements, relationships, etc. It can be so easy for us to fall into the trap of looking at our own lives through the filter of someone else's social media page.

The temptation of comparison has been around for a long time, but social media gives it an immediate and ever-present platform. We can trace this comparison to Adam and Eve, when the serpent whispered to Eve, "You're missing out. You could be more."

Is God really working in my life the way he works in others? But comparisons are distortions of reality. They shrink the way we view ourselves, others, and even God. Instead of seeing the unique way that God is working in our own lives, we risk reducing ourselves to the bare metrics—followers, likes, hearts. We begin to live performatively, curating our lives to look more put-together or holy, and we lose sight of who we truly are—who God is calling us to be.

So, what can we do? One of the most basic but effective antidotes to comparison is gratitude. When we take time to recognize how God is uniquely present in our lives—through friendships, Comparison is only a thumb-swipe away. small victories, or quiet moments of grace—we learn to see our lives in communion with others. Another person's blessing does not mean we are lacking; it simply means that person was blessed by God. Rather than comparing our lives to those of others, we should rejoice. Rejoice that God is working in the lives of others. We must never forget that in the kingdom of God, there is no competition; there is only communion.

From "Social Media Perspectives" by Adam Tran-Chung, Liguorian, July/August 2025.

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



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

Senior Citizens of Churchtown

President Marilyn Kern

Club of Catholic Women

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

CHURCH HUMOR

This is your gentle reminder that one time in the Bible Elijah was like "God, I'm so mad! I want to die!" so God said "Here's some food. Why don't you have a nap?" So Elijah slept, ate, & decided things weren't so bad. Never underestimate the spiritual power of a nap & a snack.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.