

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Marietta, Ohio 45750-6530

Founded 1841—Completed 1867

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired/in residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

Secretary: Pam Brooker

Maintenance & Grounds: Mike Francis

Bulletin deadline: no later than 10:00 am on Monday.

Confessions: one half hour before Mass or on request.

Sick Calls & Hospital Visitation: please contact parish office as soon as possible when a member of your family becomes sick or hospitalized.

Rosary before each Weekend Mass

Parish Council meets in the Sr. Center as announced. Mr. Ferris Arnold, President

Catholic Women's Club meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Sept-May) Mass and meeting at 6:30 pm in Sr. Center. Mrs. Marilyn Kern, President

Cemetery Association meets the Last Sunday of June. Mr. Andy Miller, President

Euchre: Euchre is held every other Wednesday during the month at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Senior Citizens meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 11 am in Senior Center. Mrs. Doris Brooker, President

Parish School of Religion (PSR) meets 10-11:15 a.m. on the first three Sundays of the month Sept-April.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) a program where individuals seek entrance into the Church. Meets as announced.

St. Vincent DePaul Society: If you are in need of the services of St. Vincent De Paul, please call the Rectory.



Faith - Tradition - Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

Baptism: Parents should schedule the baptism of their child at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Confirmation: to be confirmed must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the RCIA.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married at St. John's must contact Fr. David at least 6 months in advance of the intended wedding date.

Sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation: must be at least 16 years old; be an active Catholic who has been confirmed and leads a life in harmony with the faith.

Visitation of Sick or homebound: Please contact the parish office as soon as possible when a member of your family becomes sick or hospitalized.

St. John Central Elementary School: Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer, Principal. School number (740) 896-2697. The Central Catholic Grade School for the parishes of: St. John the Baptist, Churchtown; Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell; St. Ambrose Little Hocking; and St. Bernard, Beverly.

Home and School Association: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the school. Mr. Ryan Lauchard-President (614) 284-4851

St. John the Baptist Bingo held every Sunday at the Marietta Shrine Center (740-373-8881). Doors open at 4:00 pm and games begin at 6:00 pm. Proceeds help to support Catholic Education in our parish.

Knights of Columbus meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm at K of C Hall. Mr. Jeff Booker, Grand Knight

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	04/17	6:00 P.M.	+Grace Strahler (Tina Duff Family)	
Sunday	04/18	7:30 A.M.	+Clarence Walter (Edith Brooker Family)	
Sunday	04/18	11:00 A.M.	+Ralph Arnold (Marilyn Kern Family)	
Monday	04/19	8:00 A.M.	All Souls Intentions of Leona Arnold	
Tuesday	04/20	8:00 A.M.	All Souls Intention of Debbie Huck	
Wednesday	04/21	8:20 A.M.	+Donna Klinger (Carolyn Skinner)	School Mass
Thursday	04/22	8:00 A.M.	+Peggy Brooker (Richard and Shelba Arnold)	
Friday	04/23	8:00 A.M.	+Albert Henke (Mary Brooker and Family) and +Jim Thieman (Martha Stevens)	
Saturday	04/24	6:00 P.M.	+Ron Strahler (Strahler Siblings)	
Sunday	04/25	7:30 A.M.	+Judy Britton (James and Cassandra Pierce)	
Sunday	04/25	11:00 A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)	First Communion

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Emma Schaad Alex and Abby Henke	Eugene Huck	Virginia Dyar
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Jacob and Sophia Huffman	Zandra Francis	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Caden Henniger Reese Lang	Janelle Sprague	Marilyn Kern

COLLECTION

Total Church Collection \$ 2,329
 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

BINGO

Cancelled until
further notice

DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651
 2021 Collected to Date: \$13,605

ONLINE GIVING

www.stjohnchurchtown.com

CWC WORK GROUPS

April: Group B-Dorothy Schaad
 May: Group E-Susan Arnold

Saint of the Week

God has made nothing more valuable than rational existence capable of enjoying him;
 - St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) Archbishop of Canterbury, Feast Day April 21

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL AND
 FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO ARE SERVING HERE AND ABROAD

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be held at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 25.

CONDOLENCES

Our prayerful condolences to Donna Tornos and her family on the recent death of Donna's sister, Laura Mae Biedel. May Laura be with the Lord in peace and light.

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Please continue to practice safe social distancing and wearing a mask for Mass. Please be aware we cannot guarantee social distancing.

FORMED

Formed pulls together the best in Catholic movies, children's programming, audio dramas and books. It provides a trusted and engaging entertainment alternative in support of a Catholic lifestyle. Their Bible studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, books and audio talks from leading Catholic experts will help you grow in understanding your faith. We invite you to visit the FORMED.ORG website to take advantage of the ever-growing collection of Catholic videos, audios, and e-books. Fr. Gaydosik is offering free access to FORMED as a gift to our parishioners. 1. Go to formed.org/signup 2. Choose St. John the Baptist Parish. 3. Register with your name and email address. 4. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Marietta Welfare League for awarding our church a grant to purchase an Automated External defibrillator (AED) and also to our Catholic Women's Club for purchasing a second AED. One system is located right inside the church and the other has been placed in the Senior Center. We graciously accept these donations and thank them for their generosity.

GOLF OUTING

St John's Annual Athletic Booster Golf Outing is set for Saturday June 5th, 2021 at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, Ohio. Four Man Scramble - \$60/person, \$240/team, 18 holes w/ cart, dinner and raffle to finish! Contact Kristin Pottmeyer (304) 989-0729 or Jessica Strickler (740) 350-2996 to register your team or if you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a hole!

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Knights of Columbus 4617 – Churchtown will host a Night at the Races on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 17472 SR 676, Marietta. Guests should pull out their derby attire and big hats for this adults only night of wagering on horse races, great food, drinks, and fun while supporting the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$30 each or a table of 8 for \$240. Guests can also buy a \$10 horse in advance for a chance to win \$40 if their horse wins its race. Doors open at 4:00 PM. Appetizers by Big Food Little Kitchen will be served at 5:00 PM and races begin at 6:00 PM. All guests throughout the night can bet on any of the horses in the races; bets are \$2.00/horse. In addition to horse racing there will be 50/50, Just Ducky, Magic Envelopes, Jokers Wild and more games of chance. There will also be a BIG HAT contest. Your ticket includes appetizers and 2 drinks plus a cash bar to follow. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Each of us walks through miracles eventually. Maybe we know it at the time and praise God heartily. Or perhaps we only look back later, realize the road's on fire behind us, and shiver. Sooner or later, we all experience the mystery of grace that carries us over obstacles, through dangers, and ferries us to safety. We are witnesses of these things. And even if we're reluctant to "talk religion" to friends, coworkers, and strangers, we'll inhabit hours when it's time to tell what we know about Divine Providence. Be attentive for when your testimony is required.

BINGO NEWS

St. John Bingo will be starting back up at the Marietta Shrine Center on May 2 with Group 6 (Jeff Canterbury) working.

Workers will be required to wear face masks while on the floor. We will only be able to seat 150 players as social distancing protocols will be in effect. We look forward to your continued help with bingo!

*Tomorrow's forecast:
God reigns and the Son shines!*



from the Pastor. . .

NOT ON FORMED YET? IT'S AS EASY as 1 . 2 . 3 AND FREE! Visit Formed.org | Click Sign Up | Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization" | Find our parish by name or zip | Enter your email and you're in! They will e-mail you the link to enter the wonderful world of Formed. Enjoy the wide collection of Catholic resources.

Mass: Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, If you have returned to Church, please consider helping out by calling the Parish Office so we can add you to the schedule. Thank you for your help.

Are you registered at St. John the Baptist? Our Church is open to any person who wants to worship God. All are welcome. There is another aspect of attending a Church that is also important. We need to "belong to a Church". St. John the Baptist is not just a building, it is a community of people. We come from many walks of life; but we share one common interest—we want to worship Jesus Christ and live by His teachings. It is vital that we make a commitment to do this together as a parish family. We do this when we register in the parish. If you are not registered and would like to become a parishioner, please contact the parish office, 740-896-3566. Registration forms are also available in the entrance of our church. If you are attending here on a regular basis, and have not registered, please know that you are welcome to become a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church. You will be a wonderful addition to our parish family.

LOOKING! We are working to identify those who are confined to their home and may want Holy Communion brought to their homes. If you are aware of someone contact the parish office at 740-896-3566. We are also seeking Eucharistic Ministers who would be willing to visit a shut-in on a regular basis.

A Prayer for the Unborn Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In your love for us You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Bless all efforts to protect human life from Conception to Natural Death

SUNDAY SUNSHINE **A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, Who does art in Heaven..." "

**Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

~ May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.
~ May you live as long as you want but never want as long as you live.
~ May luck be your friend in whatever you do and may trouble be always a stranger to you.
- May you always find three welcomes in your life. In a garden during summer, at a hearth during the winter and in the hearts of friends throughout all your years.
If your riding ahead of the herd, look back once in a while to make sure it's still there

Pray for our Priests

April 17
Msgr. John Wippel
April 18
Msgr. John Kolsar
April 19
Msgr Robert Kawa
April 20
Fr. Walter Heinz
April 21
Msgr. Gerald Calovini
April 22
Msgr. Anthony Giannamore
April 23
Fr. David Huffman
April 24
Fr. Edward Maxfield
April 25
Fr. James Dunfee
April 26
Fr. Sam Saprano
April 27
Fr. Jonas Schell
April 28
Msgr. Mike Campbell
April 29
Fr. Michael Gossett
April 30
Msgr Tom Petronek

Diocese of Steubenville Vocation Links

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations

Diocesan Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

Fr. Michael Gossett, Vocation Director

Office of Diaconal Ministries—

We are forming a new cohort of men interested in the permanent diaconate. To assist us in identifying men throughout the diocese who would make good candidates for the diaconate, I invite you to recommend men from your parish. You may have them contact me directly, Please have them contact me by April 30. I can be reached



April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

What Will It Take?

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst?

Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her

name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *Our faith tells us that the risen Lord is in our midst. Pray that you might recognize him in your family members or in your workplace.*
- ★ *What can you do for the needy in your society with whom Christ identifies?*



[Jesus] asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43

Dear Padre,

I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?

We commit the sin of *detraction* when we, “without objectively valid reason, disclose another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction.

We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see CCC 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.



Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We know that slander always kills. This “diabolical cancer” that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one’s own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

Friday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

APRIL 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

Sunday

APRIL 25

Fourth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18