

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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**32nd SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 12 , 2023**

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day.

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	11/11	4:00	P.M.	+Ken and +Pat Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
	SJB	11/11	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	11/12	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Nelson Hendershot (Schwendeman Family)</b>
	OLM	11/12	9:30	A.M.	+Bernard Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	11/12	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince Stollar Family)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	11/13	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Katharine Schwendeman (Family)</b>
					<b>*All Souls Intentions of Dave and Arlene Archer Tuesday</b>
	SJB	11/14	8:00	A.M.	<b>No Mass</b>
	OLM	11/14	5:00	P.M.	+Ronald Smith (Paul Smith)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	11/15	8:20	A.M.	<b>+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family) (School Mass)</b>
					<b>*All Souls Intentions of Chad Dyar and Andrea Ralston</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	11/16	8:00	A.M.	<b>No Mass</b>
	OLM	11/16	5:00	P.M.	+Tristan Sine (Jason and Jennifer Morris)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	11/17	8:00	A.M.	<b>+Virginia Arnold (Family)</b>
					<b>*All Souls Intentions of Regis Huck and Family</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	11/18	4:00	P.M.	+Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	11/18	6:00	P.M.	<b>+Nobert Kern (Marilyn Kern and Family)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	11/19	7:30	A.M.	<b>+Dave Pottmeyer (Anniv.) (Eric and Marilyn Pottmeyer)</b>
	OLM	11/19	9:30	A.M.	+Howard and +Patrica Huck (Max and Tess Huck)
	SJB	11/19	11:00	A.M.	<b>+Don Wittekind (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)</b>

\*This mass has been sent to Fr. Heinz to be said in Florida

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Reece and Maycee Lang	Janelle Sprague	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,195 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750	2023 Collected \$80,369 2023 Goal \$25,341	Oct. 29 Group 8 \$2,719
Thank you for your generosity!	Thank you!	If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Nov 12 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Nov 19 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Nov 26 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Dec 3 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Dec 10 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	November and December Group C—Veronica Bosner  Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center (Sept.-May)	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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center on November 22nd. All are invited to attend.

### **CWC MEETING**

The CWC will meet at the Sr. Center on Monday, November 13. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow.

### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

Hello and Happy Fall! We're looking for some cookie bakers! Our Daily Bread Kitchen group will be contributing to the Thanksgiving meal this year on November 15 at the KofC Hall in Marietta. This is a take-out meal. Our group is in charge of donating cookies. We are averaging 300 meals a week taken out. This means we would need approximately 50 dozen cookies in order to put 2 cookies in each meal. If you would like to donate any amount, please text or call Sheila Lovett at 740-525-0052 and let me know how many you would like to donate. We would need these by the morning of November 15. Thank you in advance for your support of this much needed program. Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION**

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, and March 10, 2-3:30 pm at St. John Central School. This includes all parish students who wish to be confirmed in grades 5 and above even if they attend St. John Central School. Confirmation will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2024. Please register ahead of time using the link provided on the website -[www.stjohnchurchtown.com/psr](http://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/psr). Questions? Call/text Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 or email [andreabralston@gmail.com](mailto:andreabralston@gmail.com).



### **K OF C 4617 TAILGATE**

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Browns vs. Steelers Football Tailgate on Sunday, November 19th! The game will be projected on a big screen! FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome. All members are welcome to see what insurance and financial investment opportunities the KofC can offer during the KofC Fraternal Benefits Update. The update will be held 12:30-1:00 p.m. Kickoff will begin at 1:00 p.m. Hot dogs and chips will be provided. Bring your own tailgate food and beverages to share! We will have our grills fired up. This event is outside on the back porch, please dress accordingly. The Blessed Fr. McGivney Member Drive will be on going through the weekend, Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19. Council 4617 is looking for new members to join our catholic men's organization. For questions, please call/text Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.



### **SCHOOL MASS CHANGE**

St. John Central School Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 21. School Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the K of C Hall with the feast to follow.

### **COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.

### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION**

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul are set up on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

### **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE**

Giving tree tag requests will be available in back of church. Please return item requested by Monday December 4th. Thank you for brightening Christmas for the less fortunate.

### **THANK YOU**

Jillian Hanes wants to thank you all for your donations. She was able to collect over 2,000 items of the 3,800 that were collected by several contestants. With your help, she won the community service award and the Community Service Queen title for Vienna Holly Days!! May God Bless You for your kindness and generosity!! (our own side note....Congratulations to Jillian's mom, Beth, for being named Mrs. Holly Days 2024.)

### **K OF C MEMORIAL MASS**

Knights of Columbus 4617 Memorial Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the KofC hall in Churchtown.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON DC**

This is a 4-day trip to Washington DC, October 14-17, 2024 and will be led by Father David Huffman and Father Chester Pabin. Visits will be made to the US Botanical Gardens, St. John Paul II Center and Franciscan Monastery, Holocaust Museum and Natural History or American History Museum, and the Basilica of National Shrine of Immaculate Conception. Cost is \$625 per person. Registration forms are located in the church vestibule. To register please send \$325 (per person) with your registration as soon as possible. Call or email to let me know that you want to go on the trip and to see if seats are still available.) Seats on the bus will be assigned in the order that registrations/payments are received. The remainder of the cost should be paid by June 15, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Rita at 740-423-5697 or [drrodgers2417@gmail.com](mailto:drrodgers2417@gmail.com). Refunds for the trip can only be made if a replacement can be

**Sometimes you forget you are awesome, so this is your reminder. Have a Great Day!**



**Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.

**Confession:** one-half hour before Mass or upon request

**Sick Calls:** If you or any family member is ill and hospitalized please inform the Parish Offices.

**Pastoral Musicians**  
Valerie Strahler,  
Crystal Lang

**Scrip Coordinator**  
Betina Lang

**PSR Coordinator**  
Andrea Ralston

**Prayer Chain:**  
Mary Brooker 740-896-2002  
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112

**Home Visitation**  
Marilyn Kern

**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,  
Howard Brooker, Dean Hart

**Club of Catholic Women:**  
President Marilyn Zoller

**St. John Central School**  
(740) 896-2697  
Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer  
Principal

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 4617  
Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

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

**St. John School Foundation**  
Gary Arnold, President

"if a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter." - St Charles Borromeo

### SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese. Please join us in praying for the following seminarians:

**Monday:** Peter Stetson, Samuel Ivkovich

**Tuesday:** Christopher McGurn, John Paul Gan

**Wed.:** Jonathan Rusco

**Thurs:** Riley Morris,

**Friday:** Aaron Pabin,

**Saturday:** Caleb Baker,

**Sunday:** For Vocations

### Pray for your priests the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday: Fr. Walter Heinz  
Tuesday: Fr. David Huffman  
Wednesday: Fr. Nick Ward  
Thursday: Fr. Matthew Gossett  
Friday: Fr. Josh Erickson  
Saturday: Fr. Tim Kozak  
Sunday: Fr. Victor Cinson



**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** Are you new to the Parish? Have you notified the Parish Offices of any changes in your address, phone number, etc.? If you are out of college and still living at home, you need to register as an adult member of St. John the Baptist/Our Lady of Mercy. Please call the Parish Offices for any changes or to register. Your cooperation in helping us to keep our records up-to-date is greatly appreciated.

### Supporting Families in Time of Loss

The Marriage, Family Life & Respect Life Office is hosting a webinar specifically for our clergy, parish staff, school staff, medical professionals, and **any others** who wish to learn how to support families of loss more effectively. Red Bird Ministries exists to provide grief support to families who have lost a child at any age and stage of life. If you have ever felt at a loss when you have learned of the death of a friend or colleague's child, this webinar is for you. Join us on Thursday, November 16 from 7:00 8:00 p.m. Register for free at <https://www.redbirdlove/calendar>. Please contact Joe Schmidt ([jschmidt@diosteub.org](mailto:jschmidt@diosteub.org), 740-516-9270) or Heather Keimig ([hkeimig@diosteub.org](mailto:hkeimig@diosteub.org), (301-233-2210) with any questions.

**Gluten Issues** We have available at St. John's and Our Lady of Mercy a limited supply of Low-Gluten (made in accordance with Canon Law) for those with Gluten Issues. We as if you are in need of a Low Gluten Host, please see the priest before the Mass you attend, to arrange this option.

**PRE-CANA.** A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled at the Basilica. For Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Couples planning marriage should register for this class by calling the Basilica Parish Office at 740-373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in our Diocese of Steubenville.

FREE! and available for you. "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and should change the way we live here on earth!" To that end, available at St. John's and Our Lady of Mercy are copies of *Beautiful Eucharist*.



### October Average Monthly Count Review

Year	1st Mass	2nd Mass	3rd Mass	Total
2019	103	125	97	325
2020	59	76	66	201
2021	81	94	93	268
2022	82	159	113	354
2023	78	116	99	293





## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Our Lady of Mercy

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES

#### Thursday, November 23

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy



### ANTICIPATED MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Thursday, December 7

6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

#### Friday, December 8

8:20 a.m. St. John the Baptist (School Mass)

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy

12:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist



### PENANCE SERVICES

#### Monday, December 18

1:00 p.m. St. John Central School

7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

#### Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy



### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER 23-24

We will maintain our regular weekend schedule  
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### ANTICIPATED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

#### Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

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#### Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy



### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

#### December 30-31

We will maintain our regular weekend schedule



### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### Sunday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 13 6:00 p.m.

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, April 21 11:00 a.m.