

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-ASCENSION

May 12, 2024



Ascension



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3)—all prompted by God's Spirit.

**Happy
Mother's Day**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	05/11	4:00	P.M.	+Emily Susanne Huck (Lisa Bernedts)	
	SJB	05/11	6:00	P.M.	+Leora Arnold (Jerry and Virginia Dyar)	
Sunday	SJB	05/12	7:30	A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	05/12	9:30	A.M.	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)	
	SJB	05/12	11:00	A.M.	+Richard C. Arnold (Churchtown CWC)	
Monday	SJB	05/13	6:00	P.M.	+Marie Schwendeman (Family) +Clara Kelly (Sharon Kiburn)	CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet to follow Mass
Tuesday	SJB	05/14	8:00	A.M.	+Donnie Heiss (Dave and Barb Huck)	
	OLM	05/14	5:00	P.M.	+Jim Huck (Tom Huck)	
Wednesday	SJB	05/15	8:20	A.M.	+Carolyn Sue Saffell (Patricia Henke and Family) +Dave Pottmeyer (Ted and Trina Miller)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	05/16	8:00	A.M.	+Evelyn Neill (Churchtown Senior Citizens)	
	OLM	05/16	5:00	P.M.	+Minnie Smith (OLM CWC)	
Friday	SJB	05/17	8:00	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Patti Finkel) +Frank Schilling (Steve and Rachel Klinger)	
Saturday	OLM	05/18	4:00	P.M.	+Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)	
	SJB	05/18	6:00	P.M.	+Richard C. Arnold (Norma Thieman and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	05/19	7:30	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	
	OLM	05/19	9:30	A.M.	+Walter and Alice Klinger (Bernard and Sue Klinger)	
	SJB	05/19	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller and Family)	
God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say “thank you?”						
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND						
MASS		ALTAR SERVERS		LECTOR		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.		Baylee and Morgan Warner		Rachel Klinger		Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.		Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller		Robin Eichmiller		Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.		Connor and Emilia Lauchard		Lacey Lauchard		Amanda Walters
COLLECTION			D.P.S.C.		BINGO	
Total Collection for weekend		\$3,970	2024 Collected to date		April 28 Group 2 \$2,434	
Needed to meet parish needs		\$4,750	2024 Goal		\$43,047	
Thank you for your generosity!			This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.		If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement	
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ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE			C.W.C. BINGO CAKES		PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY	
May 12	Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer		May and June		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.	
May 19	Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman		Group F with Tonia Skinner			
May 26	Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury					
Jun 2	Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler					
Jun 9	Group 8 with Russ Lang					
Jun 16	Group 1 with Jeff Brooker		Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center			
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND				Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday		
Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25 / John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15						

GRADUATES RECOGNITION

All graduating high school and college seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26. If you would like to participate, please wear your cap and gown and sit together in the front pews.

PLEASE NOTE

In the near future, we will be repairing and resurfacing the parking lot across from the church. The lot may have to be closed while the work is completed, however we are hoping this will not be too much of an inconvenience. More information will be provided.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on May 22. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

CWC CONVENTION

The Annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. Reservations are due by May 20. The entry fee will be covered by the CWC. For questions or to register, please contact Marilyn Zoller (896-3626).

TEACHERS NEEDED AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year a Full-Time First Grade Teacher and a Full-Time Fifth-Eighth Grades Math and Science Teacher or Part-Time Fifth-Eighth Math Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School Registration for the 2024-25 school year has begun at St. John Central School. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre- Kindergarten at the pre-school through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and
love.

We ask You to bless them with Your
own special love, today and always.
Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

The Washington County Right to Life and the Marietta K of C will be providing a presentation by Mr. Joseph Schmidt on "Understanding End of Life Decisions". The event will be held on July 20, 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. at the O'Neill Center In Marietta. More information will follow.

PERSUASIVE PROLIFE CONFERENCE

Together with the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, the Office of Christian Formation and Schools would like to encourage our young people to attend Persuasive ProLife, Apologetic Conference for Students on Saturday, May 18 in Columbus. A conference has been organized by Pro-life offices and Ohio dioceses to train high school and college students on how to articulate the pro-life message. This is such an important skill for our youth today! Trent Horn from Catholic Answers is the keynote speaker. Cost is \$20 per student. To register, please go to Ohiolife.org.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

A Chicken Barbecue will be held at St. Michael's Church in Carlisle on Sunday, May 26. Serving time is 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Dine in or drive-thru carryout available. There will be an afternoon of Bingo and a square dance from 7-10:00 p.m. by "Little Creek Band".

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The Diocese of Steubenville would like to invite everyone to join them for a remembrance and prayer on the sacred ground of Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. at the Coronation Mausoleum. Our remembrance gathering expresses our faith in Christ's resurrection, our gratitude for those who served and died for our country, and for all our loved ones and friends interred on this sacred ground.

ST. MARY'S FULDA 200+ CLUB

St. Mary's in Fulda will hold their 4th Annual 200+ Club dinner on July 20 at 5:15 p.m. following mass. There will be dinner and a cash bar and a live band after all drawings are completed that evening. To purchase a ticket, please call Beth Guiler 740-581-0378.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Diving into friendship with God"
June 23-27, 2024

ST. JOHN SCHOOL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- May 17 Pre-School Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
- May 21 8th Grade Graduation and Banquet
Mass 6:00 p.m., Banquet to follow
- May 22 Last Day of School
Mass at 11:00 a.m. with
Kindergarten Graduation
Awards at 1:30 p.m. (approx.)





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

Scrip Coordinator

Betina Lang

PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

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

Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer
Principal

Knights of Columbus

Council 4617
Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:
1-800-339-7890

Sunday Bingo: Is major parish fundraiser in support of Catholic Education is our Bingo. We have a successful bingo due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We need more regular helpers on the floor, and especially additional bingo callers. If you can help, please let us know.

The **Ohio EdChoice** Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child. Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. *Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year.* For those families not receiving the full scholarship a out of pocket cap has been placed on tuition. Contact the school for details.

Interested in finding our more about the Permanent Diaconate? Join Deacon Mark Erste, Director of Diaconal Ministries, and his wife along with other interested men and their wives at an information session to find out more about the life of a permanent Deacon. Saturday May 10th at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, Ohio, 10am to 2:30pm (Lunch provided). RSVP (so we have enough food!) to Deacon Mark at 740-512-4135 by May 8th.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese:

Monday: Peter Stetson

Tuesday: Paul Gan and Christopher McGurn

Wed.: Jonathan Rusco

Thursday: Riley Morris,

Friday: Aaron Pabin,

Saturday: Caleb Baker,

Sunday: Samuel Ivkovich

LEAC: It is time for St. John Central School to ask for two new members for our Local Education Advisory Council (LEAC). We need a member from Our Lady of Mercy parish and one from St. John. Next year we will ask for two new members from St. Bernard and St. Ambrose parishes. You don't have to be a parent to be a member of LEAC. Please call the school office at 740-896-2697 if you are interested.

DAILY BREAD

The Daily Bread Kitchen provides meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Once again, we are asking for your help. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Daily Bread" put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH in Carlisle, Ohio, is having a Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, May 26th, 2024 – Memorial Day Weekend. Meals will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. Dine in and/or Drive Thru. Carry-out will be available. There will be bingo in the afternoon and a Square Dance in the evening from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM with music provided by "Little Creek Band."

Miracles of the Eucharist Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Italy - October 6-18, 2025 Plan now to Walk through the four Holy Doors to receive a Plenary Indulgence. Visit the cities and miracle sites of Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni, Pompeii and Sorrento and walk through the four Holy Doors to receive the Plenary Indulgence and attend daily Mass in these sacred places during this pilgrimage from October 6-18, 2025. The tour price is \$4295.00 per person in double occupancy, first-class hotels, most meals, coach travel, and guided sight-seeing. (Group air fare will be available in November, 2024 for roundtrip travel from Pittsburgh International Airport.) For more information call (800) 842-4842 or email Jane (jane@select-intl.com) at Select International Tours or go to the website: selectinternationaltours.com. Tour code is: 25JA10ITTC. Initial deposit is due by June 16, 2025. For a brochure, contact Fr. Chillig (tchillig@stmaryschurchstc.com).

Quote of the Day

"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life 'the unborn' without diminishing the value of all human life." — President Ronald Reagan

"Dignitas Infinita" ("Infinite Dignity"), was released from the Vatican on April 8, 2024, by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Declaration reflects on and clarifies Catholic teaching on human dignity, including current situations that violate the inherent dignity of human beings. It clarifies the most critical aspect of the concept of dignity, namely ontological dignity, which belongs to a person only because he or she is "willed, created, and loved by God." Ontological dignity cannot disappear, regardless of any circumstance or stage of human development, because it does not originate from humans. Human dignity is often used in vague terms to serve particular ideological purposes. Therefore, the Church clarifies the concept, so Catholics "cannot separate faith from the defense of human dignity, evangelization from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being."

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers who are with us, and to all mothers who have passed. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmoms, foster moms, stepmoms, surrogate moms, mother figures, moms-to-be, aunties who fill in for moms, and even to dads who are doing the role of both mom and dad! Thank you and I hope everyone has a wonderful day filled with blessings!

"Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness," Pope Francis wrote in the letter published on May 2.

Our life is a pilgrimage toward our fatherland, and if we are walking toward it, this is because we love it. Now when you love, you sing. We must therefore sing and praise the Lord, because singing helps us to overcome the difficulties along the way. —St. Augustine of Hippo