

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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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.

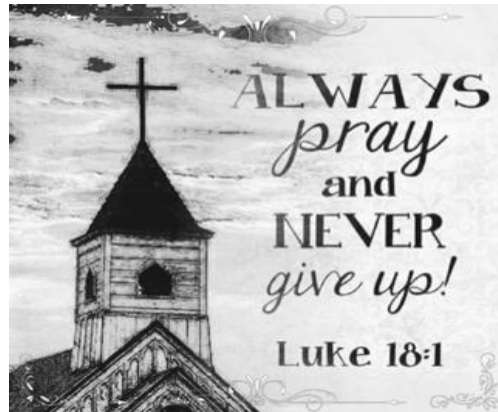
Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME

October 19, 2025



Good News!

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/18	4:00	p.m.	+Patricia Huck (Ron & Delores Kelby)
	SJB	10/18	6:00	p.m.	+Earl and +Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks and Family)
Sunday	SJB	10/19	7:30	a.m.	+Larry Schaad (Stan Lang and Family)
	OLM	10/19	9:30	a.m.	L & D of Joe and Ida Huck Family (Family)
	SJB	10/19	11:00	a.m.	+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)
Monday	SJB	10/20	8:00	a.m.	+William and +Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Bertha Pottmeyer (James and Karen Biehl)
Tuesday	SJB	10/21	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	10/21	5:00	p.m.	L & D of Clarence and Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) +Tristan Sine (Jason and Jennier Morris)
Wednesday	SJB	10/22	8:30	a.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Birthday) (Shelba Arnold and Family) School Mass +Jay Pottmeyer (Norma Thieman and Family)
Thursday	SJB	10/23	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	10/23	5:00	p.m.	+Patricia Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly) +Alice Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)
Friday	SJB	10/24	8:00	a.m.	+Hilda Gebhart (Jim and Connie Legraen)
Saturday	OLM	10/25	4:00	p.m.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond and Kathy Lang)
	SJB	10/25	6:00	p.m.	+Ellen Heiss (Dave and Dottie Schaad)
Sunday	SJB	10/26	7:30	a.m.	+Robert Heiss (Russ Kern and Family)
	OLM	10/26	9:30	a.m.	+Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	10/26	11:00	a.m.	+Faye Treadway (Steve and Pam Brooker)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Coletyn Dyar, Alaina Wells	Virginia Dyar	Melinda Treadway
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Grace Francis, Chase Arteaga	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Hudson, Sydney, Jade Lang	Angie Henniger	Roxanne Heiss

COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,892
 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

Thank you for your generosity!

DPSC

2025 Collected to Date \$ 65,420
 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.



October 27 Living Rosary at the school 8:20 a.m.
 October 30 Churchtown Trick or Treat 6-7:30 p.m.
 November 6 Senior Citizens Meeting
 November 7-9 Girls Search Weekend
 November 9 First Confirmation Class
 November 10 AED Training at the K of C Hall
 November 10 CWC Meeting
 November 15 St. John School "Casino Night"
 November 21-23 Boys Search Weekend

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14

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

AED TRAINING AT THE K O C HALL

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus 4617, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Beverly Squad Department for their generous donation of an AED for our Hall. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. In support of their donation, they have generously offered to give an AED training to ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the equipment effectively if needed. We will host this training at our Hall on Monday November 10th 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M. All people of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions feel free to call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.

ROSARY, ADORATION, RECONCILIATION

St. John School staff and students will pray the Rosary on Tuesday, October 21 at 8:20, and Monday, October 27 at 8:20. These Rosaries will be prayed by the shrine or in the school gym depending on the weather. The Rosary on October 27 will be our Living Rosary. All are welcome.

SOCKTOBER

Mrs. Klinger's 6th grade class at St. John School continues to collect brand new socks for the Washington County Homeless Project until the end of October. They would like to collect 1,000 pairs and currently are half way there. 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.

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.

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/h1iaQoNKrXSTpzv4A>.

CASINO NIGHT

"Casino Night in the Wild West" is coming up! Please join us on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. This event is sponsored by the St. John Home and School Association. Tickets are \$50/person or reserve a table for 8 people for \$550. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call or text 740 -336-5313 or 407-920-1565.

RESPECT LIFE
respect • love • protect

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.

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. AMBROSE OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Annual Ox Roast will be held at St. Ambrose Church, 5080 School House Road, Little Hocking, Ohio on November 9, 2025, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Dinner Tickets cost \$15.00 (children 6 to 10 - \$10.00). The menu includes Beef or Turkey, Noodles, Mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll & dessert. There will be a Quilt Raffle Drawing Home and Hearth Traditional pattern 100"x100" made by St. Ambrose Quilt Club.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750, Lowell, is holding a steak fry on Saturday, October 18th, from 5 to 8 PM. Costs are: grilled steak-\$15.00, baked steak-\$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For takeout orders, please call 740-896-3326.





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

October 18-19, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. This week, in anticipation of World Mission Sunday, we invite you to pray a rosary, and let each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission.

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

The Rosary is one of the Church's most beloved prayers—rooted in Scripture and built upon timeless Catholic prayers such as the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Using the beads to keep count, we meditate on the "mysteries," reflecting on key moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. It is a prayer that draws us deeper into the heart of the Gospel. — Bishop Robert Barron

Pray for the priests of the Diocese of Steubenville: Oct. 18, all Priests; Oct 19 Fr. Mark Moore; Oct.20, Fr. David Huffman; Oct. 21, Fr. William Cross; Oct. 22, Msgr. Donald Horak; Oct 23, Fr. David Cornett; Oct. 24, Fr. Dale Tornes, Oct.25 Fr. Walter Heinz; Oct.26 Fr. John McCoy.

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; Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich;— St. Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Pa. John Paul Gan, Maximilian Gan, Johnathan Ruscoe, Rily Morris, Arron Pabin, and William Gugala.— Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Ohio

Diocese of Steubenville Vocations:

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Come and See Retreat: The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus invite young women ages 16-33 to a Come and See retreat from 7:00pm on Friday, October 24th to 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 26th. It will be held at our convent at 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio. To register, please call 740-346-2625. Open your heart to discover the beauty of religious consecration.

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift—this tiny, miraculous life—but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver. Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 (in last week's gospel) when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver. Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us. Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.— Father John Muir, ©LPi

OCIA (formerly RCIA) stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the process for those who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and beautiful history of the church and the Saints. We will be preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. For more information contact the parish office at 740-896-3567.

Did You Know? Saint Carlo Acutis, known as the "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist," was a teenager from Italy who used his computer skills to share devotion to the Eucharist. Before his death at age 15 in 2006, he created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world. On September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonized him, making Carlo the first millennial saint. His feast day is October 12.

