

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville*

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SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY  
APRIL 12, 2026

BE WITH YOU  
*Peace*

## Good News!

BY: ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust

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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.


**Bulletin Information:** Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than Wednesday at 6 p.m.


**MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	04/11	4:00	p.m.	+Martha Huck (Pat and Patricia Tornes)
	SJB	04/11	6:00	p.m.	<b>Living and Deceased of +Fred and +Rosemary Heiss Family (Bill and Alberta Wesel)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	04/12	7:30	a.m.	<b>+Brooke Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold and Family)</b>
	OLM	04/12	9:30	a.m.	+Rose Fracassa (04/11 - 1yr Anniv.) (Rick and Shelly Medley)
	SJB	04/12	11:00	a.m.	<b>+Norbert Kern (Anniversary) (Marilyn Kern and Family)</b>
	SJB	04/12	2:00	p.m.	<b>Confirmation</b>
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	04/13	8:00	a.m.	<b>+Alice Lang (Birthday) (Bob and Peggy Byers)</b> <b>+Regis Huck (CWC)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	04/14	8:00	a.m.	<b>No Mass Today</b>
	OLM	04/14	5:00	p.m.	+Patricia Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	04/15	8:30	a.m.	<b>+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)</b> <span style="float:right"><b>School Mass</b></span> <b>+Donald Loken (Ted and Trina Miller)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	04/16	8:00	a.m.	<b>No Mass Today</b>
	OLM	04/16	5:00	p.m.	+Cole Wheeler (1 yr. Anniv.) (Friends of Cole)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	04/17	8:00	a.m.	<b>+Bertha Pottmeyer (James and Karen Biehl)</b> <b>+Jim and +Maglena Arnold Family (Family)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	04/18	4:00	p.m.	+Dale and +Marian Stalter (Max Huck)
	SJB	04/18	6:00	p.m.	<b>+Ellen Heiss (Jeff and Shoshanna Brooker)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	04/18	7:30	a.m.	<b>+Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck (Family)</b>
	OLM	04/19	9:30	a.m.	+Harold Huck (Mike and Susan Huck)
	SJB	04/19	11:00	a.m.	<b>+Kenny Britton (Mary Brooker and Family)</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Alyssa Dyar, Emma Schaad	Virginia Dyar	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	Adalyn Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Emi Lauchard, Callen Pottmeyer	Jerry Smith	Tonia Skinner

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>DPSC</u></b>	 <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 \$5,072	2026 Collected to date \$16,110	
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!	

 <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<p>April 26 First Communion 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>April 27 Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>April 30 St. John School Spring Play</p> <p>May 7 Sr. Citizens Meeting</p> <p>May 11 CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet</p> <p>May 20 Last Day of School at St. John's</p> <p>May 26 Fr. Heinz's 64th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination</p>	<b>UPCOMING Events</b>
	<b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35	

### CWC APRIL MEETING CANCELLED

CWC will not meet the month of April. The Mother/Daughter banquet is scheduled for May 11. More information will follow.

### CHURCH STATIONERY

The CWC will be selling note cards with the black and white sketch of the church on the front. The cards are made of card stock and are blank inside. Each card comes with an envelope. The cards will be sold in packs of 5 for \$5.00 and will be sold after all masses this weekend.

### CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 11. We will begin the evening with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Following church, the banquet will be held in the Sr. Center. The CWC will provide the meat, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and drinks. Table service will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Anna Schaad at home 740-373-6181 or cell 740-525-0123 by May 4th.

### DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. John's group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta KofC hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, April 22. At this time, we are in need of packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins and fruit cups (to put in the Takeouts). If you would like to make a donation of any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8:00 am on Wednesday, April 22. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

### MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 18th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall. Cost is \$15 per person/meal. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: maryshouseoh.com.

### 6TH K OF C NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join the Knights of Columbus 4617 for an unforgettable evening of derby flair, thrilling horse races, great food, and big-time fun — all in support of our Building Capital Improvement Fund! The event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 17472 SR 676, Waterford, Ohio 45786 . Only 275 TICKETS AVAILABLE — once they're gone, they're gone! Pull out your derby attire, grab your biggest hat, and get ready for an adults-only night of excitement! Doors Open @ 4:00 PM. NEW for 2026 - OPEN BAR!!! Heavy Appetizers by Big Food Little Kitchen (Katie Wainwright-Tucker) @ 5:00 PM. Races Begin @ 5:15 PM. BET ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY + 10 additional races (11 total races!) \$2 bets per horse all night long. Don't miss the grand finale Auction Race! Bid to own 1 of 10 horses — if your horse wins, you take home HALF of the auction pot! Plus enjoy: 50/50, Just Ducky, Magic Envelope, Three-Race Trifecta, BIG HAT & BEST DRESSED Contest ...and more games of chance throughout the evening! Tickets: \$50 each or \$400 for a table of 8. Gather your friends, dress to impress, and place your bets for a great cause! For tickets or more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

### JOHN & BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

There are two college scholarships applications available for 2026 Graduating High School Seniors. Awards under this program are for the first year of college work at any Catholic College or University. The applicants must reside within the Diocese of Steubenville, a participating member of a Roman Catholic Parish, and meet the enrollment standards of the College/University they are planning to attend. The deadline for turn in is April 17th.

### SPRING FLING CHICKEN DINNER

Hosted by St. Mary's of Fulda, 43700 Fulda Road, Caldwell, OH. Join us on Sunday, April 26th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM for a delicious homemade meal featuring chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Proceeds will benefit our church. All are welcome!

# Confirmation

*Congratulations to the following individuals who are being Confirmed this weekend.*

*Brooke Branham*

*Orion Flinn*

*Molly Greenup*

*Abram Heiss*

*Emma Heiss*

*Stephen Heiss*

*Caleb Henry*

*Carter Huck*

*Kayleigh Huck*

*Brenlee Lang*

*Jadelynn Lang*

*Emilia Lauchard*

*Willow McNabb*

*Collin Medlin*

*Hadleigh Pennock*

*Callen Pottmeyer*

*Kaydence Roush*

*Taylor Schaad*

*Dalton Schott*

*Faith Strahler*

*Mason Strahler*

*Raegan Walters*

*Baylee Warner*

*Derrick Wheeler*

*Emma Wheeler*





#### 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

**OUR PARISH IS GROWING...** If you or someone you know is looking to join our parish, please contact our Parish Office for our registration form. Thank you!

**Catholics in Recovery.** Join Catholics in Recovery in the Mid-Ohio Valley at: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Monday at 7pm. Catholics in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of the 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scriptures from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit: [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com) or contact John B. at (681)229-7220 or [catholicinrecovery-mov12@gmail.com](mailto:catholicinrecovery-mov12@gmail.com)

**Forgiveness & Hope after Abortion.** "Many inaccurately feel that abortion is 'the unforgivable sin.' They need to hear that God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion." Did fear and shame lead you or someone you know to have an abortion? Or you felt as if you had no other choice? Are you seeking comfort from welcoming, non judgmental people to help you through your sadness and guilt? We invite you to make a confidential call to Project Rachel Ministry where you can connect with others who understand and can help. You're not alone anymore. Peace starts here at Project Rachel Ministry. Call 740-275-7038 or visit [www.diosteub.org/project-rachel](http://www.diosteub.org/project-rachel)

#### The Works of Mercy:

**CORPORAL** +Feed the hungry + Give drink to the thirsty + Clothe the naked + Shelter the homeless + Care for the sick + Visit the imprisoned + Bury the dead

**SPIRITUAL.** +Admonish sinners + Instruct the ignorant + Counsel the doubtful + Comfort the sorrowful + Bear wrongs patiently + Forgive injuries + Pray for the living and the dead

**Living the Works of Mercy.** On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who brings new life, hope, and mercy to the world. ☐e empty tomb reminds us that God's love is stronger than sin and death. As people of the Resurrection, we are called to share that hope with others. When we encourage someone who is struggling, or forgiveness, or walk with another in faith, we live the Spiritual Work of Mercy to counsel the doubtful and bring the light of Christ into their lives.

*"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."* (Luke 24:5)

**Pilgrimage to Italy** - Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 4 - 15, 2027. Tour stops include Assisi, Norcia, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Monte Cassino, Subacio, and Rome. Land-only price is \$5059.00 per person. Option for Group Airfare is an additional \$1,468. Space is limited! Visit: <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly/> Contact Maggie McDaniel for more information: 419-290-8782.

**Did you know?** The Paschal Candle: The large candle near the altar during Easter is called the Paschal Candle. It is first lit at the Easter Vigil and represents Christ as the Light of the World. Throughout the Easter Season, it burns at every Mass, and it is also used at baptisms and funerals – reminding us that the light of Christ guides us from birth through eternal life.

#### **Pray for the living and deceased priests of the Diocese of Steubenville,**

April 12, Fr. Chester Pabin, + Msgr. Henry Grigsby  
April 13, Fr. Timothy Kozak, + Fr. Ralph Krauter  
April 14, Fr. Jeremiah Hahn, + Msgr. Paul Metzger  
April 15, Fr. Nicholas Ward, + Fr. John Preston  
April 16, Fr. Bradley Greer, + Fr. Joseph Sarceno  
April 17, Fr. Thomas Chillo, + Fr. Rudolph Wargo  
April 18, Fr. David Gaydosik, + Msgr. Stanley Zekes  
April 19, Fr. Thomas Marut, + Msgr. Francis Baudo

#### **Pray for our seminarians** (the future of our Diocese).

Deacon Peter Stetson— Blessed Sacrament Parish, 825 Main Street, Wintersville, Ohio 43953  
Deacon Ryan Budd and 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

#### **Diocese of Steubenville Vocations:**

Father Nicholas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations (740) 432-7609 or [nginnetti@diosteub.org](mailto:nginnetti@diosteub.org). X: [@dsvocations](https://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) director of vocations, by emailing [nginnetti@diosteub.org](mailto:nginnetti@diosteub.org).

**A Catholic Education is a Gift worth Giving!** Turn your Ohio Tax Dollars into St. John Central scholarship money. **Who?** Anyone who files an Ohio individual income tax return and has a tax liability, is eligible for the credit. **What?** A dollar for dollar TAX Credit on donations to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund make it zero cost to you, while supporting Catholic Education at St. John Central. **When?** Before/On April 15th 2026.

**Where?** On line at: <https://diosteub.org/ctdsf>

**How much?** Any amount is welcomed and make a difference! \*make a contribution to Christ the Teacher (CTDSF) and designate St. John Central as the recipient, by April 15, 2026 that will be eligible for a non-refundable 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1500 if married filing jointly) against your 2025 state tax liability. CTDSF will send receipt for filing you tax return and notify the designated school of your contribution.

**Divine Mercy—the promise.** Our Lord said, "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins bas as scarlet...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy. -- Saint Faustina, Diary, 699.

Jesus, I trust in You