

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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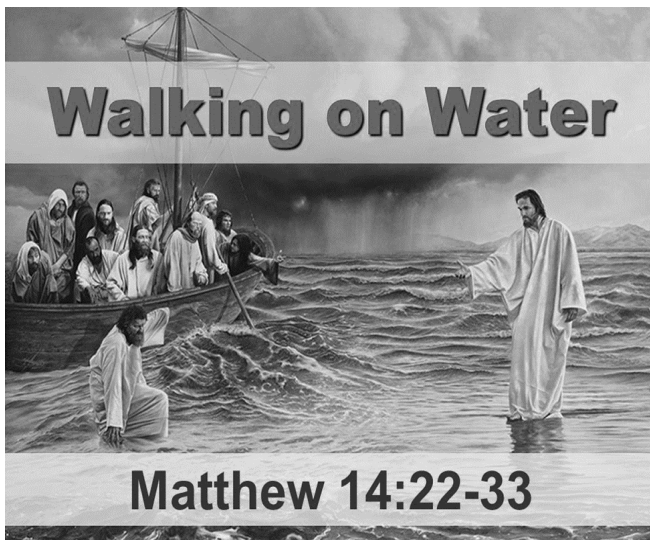
Good News!

As priests we're expected to plan our own funerals, including the Scripture readings. As it happens, I chose the Gospel for this Sunday, the one about Jesus walking across the water and inviting Peter to trust and step out of the boat and come to him. You may think it strange for a funeral, but it's been pretty much the story of my life.

Often there have been times when I was asked to go where I didn't want to go, like Peter being asked to get out of the boat. Ultimately I realized that those were also the very times when I seemed most aware of God's presence. Oh, I think God was always there, it's simply that my own ego often got in the way. It was when I gave in that I most felt buoyed by God. In fact, the least satisfying assignment was the one I eagerly sought out, and some of those I resisted turned out to be graced. Like Peter, it's good to do what doesn't always make sense.

What does all this have to do with my choice of this Scripture reading for my funeral? Well, every time I have stepped out of the boat of security, God has been there to sustain me. I figure there is going to be no bigger "stepping out" than death, so I'm expecting God will be there as well.

**19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 2023**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	08/12	4:00	P.M.	+Chuck Schilling (His Children)
	SJB	08/12	6:00	P.M.	+Diane Arnold (Wed. Anniversary) (Alvin Arnold and Family)
Sunday	SJB	08/13	7:30	A.M.	+Ruth Morris (Richard and Brenda Arnold and Family)
	OLM	08/13	9:30	A.M.	+Patricia Stehly (1 yr. Anniv.)(Mike and Denise Stehly)
	SJB	08/13	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)
Monday	SJB	08/14	8:00	A.M.	No morning mass
	SJB	08/14	5:00	P.M.	+John "Bill" Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold and Family)
	OLM	08/14	6:00	P.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)
Tuesday	SJB	08/15	8:00	A.M.	+Frank Schilling (Ed and Lois Arnold) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
	OLM	08/15	9:00	A.M.	Ralph and Helen Pottmeyer (Larry and Linda Pottmeyer)
	OLM	08/15	5:00	P.M.	Living and +Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)
	SJB	08/15	6:00	P.M.	+Robert Gaydosik (Edwin and Valarie Paulus)
Wednesday	SJB	08/16	8:00	A.M.	+Dot Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold and Family) +Judy Britton (Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer and Family)
Thursday	SJB	08/17	8:00	A.M.	+Ruth Mayo (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
	OLM	08/17	5:00	P.M.	Living and +Deceased of Clemence and Eulalia Huck Family (Ellen Huck)
Friday	SJB	08/18	8:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Anniv.) (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Mary Canterbury (Jerry Ellis Family)
Saturday	OLM	08/19	4:00	P.M.	+Bob Peters (Heather and Marilyn Peters)
	SJB	08/19	6:00	P.M.	+Gary Rauch (Family)
Sunday	SJB	08/20	7:30	A.M.	+Edith Brooker (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
	OLM	08/20	9:30	A.M.	+Kenny Huck (Marilyn and Heater Peters)
	SJB	08/20	11:00	A.M.	+Raymond and +Blanche Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Virginia Dyar	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Owen Henry, Connor McCartney	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Connor and Finn Lauchard	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,121	2023 Collected \$58,075	July 30 Group 3 \$ 2,770
Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750	2023 Goal \$25,341	
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 WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Aug 13 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Aug 20 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Aug 27 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Sep 3 Group 8 with Russ Lang Sep 10 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker	August Group A—Anna Schaad September Group B—Dorothy Schaad	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>	
Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 / Romans 11:13–15, 29–32 / Matthew 15:21–28	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. To be considered an “active” member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments and sponsor eligibility). Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collections envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on August 23 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

St. John's Parish School of Religion (PSR) is seeking a teacher for the K-1 class starting in October 2023. PSR is the first three Sundays of the month, October-March, 9 -10:30 am. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 (call/text).

K OF C 4617 GOLF OUTING

The KofC 4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 20th at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, OH. Cost will be \$240 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2023. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole 14 move-up! Dinner is included after golf at the course. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

EDCHOICE

EdChoice scholarships are now available to all Ohio students who attend a Catholic school. For more information, please go to the Ohio Department of Education website or call the school 896-2697.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation) will be celebrated on August 15.

Mass will be held as listed:

Monday, August 14

St. John's 5:00 p.m. (no morning mass)
Our Lady of Mercy 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15

St. John's 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL BASH

The Back to School Bash will be at the Beverly Pool on Sunday, August 18th from 6pm to 8pm. Our Snoop-N-Scoop is scheduled for Monday, August 21st from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. School begins August 23. School Mass will be held every Wednesday at 8:20 a.m.

SCHOOL MUM SALE

St. John Central School Annual Mum Sale for 2023; with 8” containers \$6.50 each or 5 for \$30.00 or 12” containers at \$25.00 each or 2 for \$40.00. Money is due when order is placed. Make checks payable to St. John Central School. Contact Stacey Pottmeyer 304-533-6334 or Sanja McCartney at 330-204-4868 or Rachel Schott at 740-350-8252.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day which will be held from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Little Hocking. More information will follow.

BLUE AND WHITE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parkersburg Catholic Athletic Association will hold their 48th Annual Blue and White Golf Tournament on September 2 at the Worthington Golf Club with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$85/golfer or \$340/team. To register please call 304-485-6341.

Vacation Bible School Thank You!

VBS was a blast! We had over 60 kids every night come to have fun while learning about God! VBS wouldn't have been possible if Lauren Alexander, Amanda Huck, Maria Huffman, Sydney Huffman, Crystal Lang, Monica Lang, Sonja McCartney, and all of our crew leaders didn't volunteer their time and energy! I greatly appreciate all the volunteers and donations received to make VBS a huge success! I thank God for this opportunity to Shine Jesus' Light!! Maggie Huffman, Director of VBS.

Thank you Maggie for taking on the Director of VBS position. Your enthusiasm, hard work, and positive energy truly does Shine Jesus' Light!!! To all those who helped, volunteered or donated, thank you, thank you, thank you!





Adult Initiation:
Contact the Pastor.

Infant Baptisms:
Call the Pastor

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

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

August 15 (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the Holy Day will be: August 14 : St. John the Baptist at 5pm and Our Lady of Mercy at 6pm. Tuesday, August 15, St. John the Baptist 8am and 6pm and Our Lady of Mercy 9am and 5pm.

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NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER? If you have recently moved please call the parish office and give us your new address. Also, many of our parishioners have done away with their phone land-line and are just using a cell phone. Please notify the parish office with that information. We want to up-date our parish roster and keep our information current.

Order OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA). Anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic. Normally, persons can be baptized, receive Holy Communion and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Please call the office 740-896-3566.

Find a Catholic Church on vacation: Are you traveling this summer? Check out mass-times.org and find a Catholic church nearby.

"The Hail Mary is dew falling from heaven to make the soul fruitful. It is a pure kiss of love we give to Mary." - St. Louis de Montfort

To Jesus through Mary

Diocese of Steubenville Eucharistic Congress October 7-13, 2023. *Come and Pray:* a) Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one week. b) Hourly Rosary—on the hour around the clock. Where? Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marietta, and St. Joseph, Ironton. *Why?* To intercede for your family, our nation, and the Church. For more information on how to participate: in Marietta area call Shelly at 740-525-6360.

Every week in our church we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Some may wonder if those prayers are being heard. I do trust that God hears our prayers. We have received good news that the following young men will be seeking to discern a vocation in service to the Diocese of Steubenville. They are Peter Stetson, Joseph Puorro, Samuel Ivkovich, Christopher McGurn, Caleb Baker, Jonathan Ruscoe, Aaron Pabin, Riley Morris and John Paul Gan.

Our prayerful support for these young men as they embarks upon this journey is of the utmost importance. Prayer is the support that brings to fruition the seed of the vocation within these men who offer their lives to serve Our Lord. It is through the power of prayer that those seeking the priesthood are sustained and nurtured. It is through the grace of daily prayer that we will partake in the work of building the culture of vocations. Our 'little prayers' offered each day will make a great difference. In Mother Teresa's words, like Jesus we belong to the world living not for ourselves but for others. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us encourage more young people to consider the call to ministry in the Church.

"Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith...and light up all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you carry in your heart." - St. Josemaria Escriva

August is National "Make-A-Will" Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you.

As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you make a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for St. John the Baptist Church or St. John Central School.

Your legacy gift to St, John the Baptist Church or St. John Central School will make a lasting impact on this ministry that will allow our mission to endure.

