

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would high-light four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 12, 2023

FOR I SAY TO YOU, THAT
UNLESS YOUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS EXCEEDS
THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF
THE SCRIBES AND
PHARISEES, YOU WILL BY
NO MEANS ENTER THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
MATTHEW 5:20

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	02/11	4:00	P. M.	+Mae Cawley (Edwin and Grace Long)
	SJB	02/11	6:00	P.M.	+Patricia Thieman (Parish)
Sunday	SJB	02/12	7:30	A.M.	+Annette Bonar (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
	OLM	02/12	9:30	A.M.	+Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	02/12	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller)
Monday	SJB	02/13	8:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Leora Arnold)
Tuesday	SJB	02/14			No Mass
	OLM	02/14	5:00	P.M.	Living and +Deceased Members of Clemence and Euliala Huck Family (Ellene Huck)
Wednesday	SJB	02/15	8:20	A.M.	+Betty Pottmeyer (Birthday) Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer Family School Mass
Thursday	SJB	02/16			No Mass
	OLM	02/16	5:00	P.M.	+Patricia Huck (Gary and Rose Bebee)
Friday	SJB	02/17	8:00	A.M.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tones and Family)
Saturday	OLM	02/18	4:00	P. M.	+Francis and +Grace Huck (David Arnold Family))
	SJB	02/18	6:00	P.M.	+Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)
Sunday	SJB	02/19	7:30	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
	OLM	02/19	9:30	A.M.	+Pat Thieman (Betty Strahler)
	SJB	02/19	11:00	A.M.	+Edna Smith (Friends)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Isabella and Hudson Lang	Eugene Huck	Jason Henke
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Grace Francis and Sophia Huffman	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Caden Henniger, Reese Lang	Ashleigh Pennock	Amanda Walters

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$4,012 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$6,815 Thank you!	January 29-Group 1 \$4,172 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Feb 12 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Feb 19 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Feb 26 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Mar 5 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Mar 12 Group 7 with B.J. Davis	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u> February Group D-Elaine Wells March and April Group E-Susan Arnold	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u> 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.

SR. CENTER/PARISH HALL RENTAL FEE

Beginning March 1, the fee to rent the Sr. Center/Parish Hall will be \$100 for everyone.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Parish Council nomination forms will be in the pews beginning next weekend. You may complete and return the form anytime until February 5. Please place your completed form in the collection basket or the box in the church vestibule. Once nominations have been received, current council members will contact those nominated. The election will be held the weekend of March 4-5. All parishioners (18 or older) are encouraged to accept a nomination. Your service to the parish is valuable and appreciated.

CWC MEETING

CWC monthly meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Monday, February 13. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with praying the Rosary.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on February 22 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Ramona Tornes. The event will be held on Sunday, March 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at her home, 2358 Watertown Road, Waterford, Ohio. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a card that would be great.

AVE MARIA CEMETERY

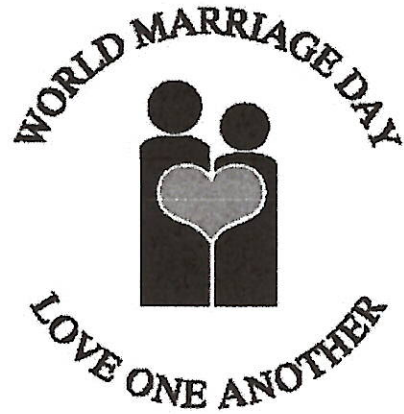
Ave Maria Cemetery was established in 1866 by Archbishop John Purcell of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is located on Maria Road, off Waterford Road. Since the closure of the Ave Maria Parish in 1919, the cemetery has been under the care of Our Lady of Mercy Church. A designated fund exists to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery and four acres of grounds. Donations may be sent to the Ave Maria Cemetery Fund c/o Our Lady of Mercy Church, 5001 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell OH 45744.


K OF C CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 in Churchtown will hold a Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Registration starts at 12:00 pm and play begins at 1:00 pm inside our gym at 17472 SR 676, Marietta, OH 45750. Entry fee is \$20 / team (bring your own partner). Pay out is 60% of the entry (1st & 2nd). There will be a concession stand and 50/50. For questions call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - February 11 & 12, 2023 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sale will go towards the St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). We will have the subs you order at whatever mass you request. Thank you for your support!





**Ash
Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Mass will be held at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 8:20 a.m. (School Mass), Noon, and 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for altar servers, lector and a eucharistic minister. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. every Friday through Lent.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Devil's Arsenal One evening a priest sat at his desk, struggling to compose a homily that would help his parishioners deal with the social unrest so prevalent in society. He heard a gravely voice behind him say, "Having trouble, Priest? Perhaps taking a trip with me might give you some ideas." Swiveling in his chair, the Priest turned and faced the hooded figure who continued, "I am the Devil, and if you are courageous enough to come with me, I will show you the arsenal that has helped me to defeat men like you." Afraid, but curious, the Priest clenched his rosary tightly and answered, "I accept your offer." In just a twinkling of an eye, the two stood before a rectangular brick building displaying the title 'Armory'. "Let's go in, Priest. You will learn why I am so powerful. With the snap of his fingers, the Devil opened the door, turned on the lights, and ushered the Priest into the armory hall. Instruments of torture were displayed on the hallway walls, and as the Priest and the Devil proceeded down the hallway, the instruments grew even more horrifying. The Priest murmured, "I never believed that some of the medieval instruments I read about really existed. But they do." The Devil laughed – a horrifying, low sound that sent shivers down the Priest's spine. "But wait, Priest, as horrific as these instruments are, they are nothing in comparison to my 'secret weapon. When all else fails, this is the tool I use! The Devil and the Priest continued their walk to the end of the long hall, and stood before a tall, cathedral-like door. "This door," the Devil continued, "protects my secret weapon. And, Priest, it has never failed me!" The Devil carefully unlocked the door and pulled it open. The Priest was stunned by what he saw! There in the center of the room was a four-foot stand with a glass globe on top of its platform. There appeared to be a small white 'something' in the globe, but without walking in closer, the Priest was not able to identify the globe's contents. The Devil chuckled, and proudly stated, "That secret weapon is 'Despair'! It never disappoints me." The priest was suddenly back at his desk, still holding his pencil, with the laughter of the Devil ringing in his ears. "Despair", the priest thought – we will see about that! At Mass the next morning, Father began his homily with these words: "If we were to admit it personally, there is no one of us who hasn't had the enemy strike hard at us with feelings of despair at one time or other. We fight the devil daily. When that happens, my friends, please pray the following: Father God, the world is becoming so evil and cruel. Please look down on me and my loved ones. Bless us and protect us I pray. Pour out Your unconditional love on us all. Please dispel my despair and fill my heart with Your perfect peace, amazing grace, and courage. Amen."

Prayer Chain Prayer is an important part of our Catholic Faith. In an effort for our Parish Family to respond to the prayer requests of our members and friends, Parishioners have the opportunity to be part of a prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call the Parish Office at 896-3566

St. John Central School

Science Fair: for Grades 5-8 on February 9

St. John's Super Bowl Sub Sale: St. John Central School will have their annual Super Bowl Sub Sale the weekend of February 12th after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. The price is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sale will go towards the St. John Central School field trips.

Basilica of the Assumption PRE-CANA A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Basilica. If you are planning to be married within the next year you should register for this session by calling the Basilica office, 373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, both of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 9th-18th. Space is limited. For more information, please call 800.213.4295 or visit www.qohtours.com.

Remember Our Seminarians

Studying at

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

the Pontifical College Josephinum

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is John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

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