

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

*On the mountain height of
Israel I will plant it. It shall put
forth branches and bear fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.*

Ezekiel 17:23

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	JUNE 14	2 Cor 6:1–; 5:38–42
Tuesday	JUNE 15	2 Cor 8:1–9; Mt 5:43–48
Wednesday	JUNE 16	2 Cor 9:6–11; Mt 6:1–6, 16–18
Thursday	JUNE 17	2 Cor 11:1–11; Mt 6:7–15
Friday	JUNE 18	2 Cor 11:18, 21–30; Mt 6:19–23
Saturday	JUNE 19	2 Cor 12:1–10; Mt 6:24–34
Sunday	JUNE 20	Jb 38:1, 8–11; 2 Cor 5:14–17 Mk 4:35–41



Faith - Tradition - Family

To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night. These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	06/12	6:00 P.M.	+Vincent Huck (Anniversary 6/11) (Lisa Huck Berendts)
Sunday	06/13	7:30 A.M.	+Donna Jean Lang Sturm (Romona Barrett)
Sunday	06/13	11:00A.M.	+Frank Schilling (Churchtown Senior Citizens)
Monday	06/14	8:00 A.M.	+Judy Britton (Dave and Doris Brooker)
Tuesday	06/15	8:00 A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Leo and Joan Huck)
Wednesday	06/16	8:00 A.M.	+Bob Gaydosik (Rita Rodgers)
Thursday	06/17	8:00 A.M.	+Nicholas Brooker (Birthday) (Howard Brooker)
Friday	06/18	8:00 A.M.	+Ralph Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
Saturday	06/19	6:00 P.M.	+Jim Neill (Evelyn and Family)
Sunday	06/20	7:30 A.M.	+Lawrence and +Margaret Schaad (Mike Schaad Family)
Sunday	06/20	11:00A.M.	+Norbert Kern (Marilyn and Family)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Owen Schaad and Cody Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Stephanie Brooker
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Henry Huffman and Sophia Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Morgan, Parker and Taryn Kern	Angie Henniger	Marilyn Kern

COLLECTION

Total Collection \$4,178
 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651
 2021 Collected \$35,060

BINGO

Due to schedules at the Rectory, the Bingo numbers will be available as received.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN BINGO

June 13 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer
 June 20 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman
 June 27 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury and Group 7 with BJ Davis
 July 4 No Bingo
 July 11 Group 8 with Russ Lang



If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.



CHECK US OUT!

Web page: www.stjohnchurchtown.com
 Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available for those who wish to use them.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. David Gaydosik will be celebrating the 34th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 20. May the Lord continue to bless him and all priests.

BINGO NEWS

Bingo will not be held on Sunday, July 4. However, Groups 6 and 7 will work on June 27 and Group 8 will work on July 11. If you cannot attend, please find a replacement.

CONDOLENCES

Our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Msgr. Robert Kawa who passed away on June 6. May Msgr. Kawa be with the Lord in peace and light. He will be truly missed.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Gladys Schilling. May she and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

TEACHING POSITION OPENING

There is an opening for a certified full-time Second Grade Teacher at St. John Central School. 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.

K OF C FATHERS DAY STAG FISH FRY

St. John of Beverly K of C 4617 will host their annual Father's Day Stag Fish Fry on Sunday, June 20, 2021 with serving from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the back porch at the Knights of Columbus building in Churchtown, Ohio. (Open to gentlemen of the Public and K of C Members). Cost is \$10 for all you can eat Fish (Perch and Cod), French Fries, Coleslaw, and pop/beer. TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.



CARD SHOWER

A card shower will be held for Norbert and Shelia Schilling who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 26. Cards may be mailed to 18315 State Route 676, Marietta, OH 45750.

Love never fails

THANK YOU

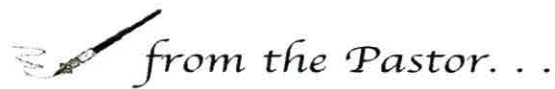
The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio would like to thank everyone who came out to our first, A Night At The Races event held on Saturday, May 1, 2021! We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to having this again, next year, on Saturday, May 7, 2022 (1st Saturday of May). We especially want to thank our 2021 event sponsors. They include: Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., Hayes Insurance Agency, Next Level Masonry LLC – Thad Tucker, Bosner Plumbing Electric & Refrigeration LLC, Spencer Agency - Kof C Insurance, Megabea Communications Inc., Brown's Garage LLC, Lang Financial, Marietta Paint & Janitor Supply, LLC, Gary's Towing, Pine Ridge Meat Processing, Classic Brands, Weber's Catering, The Citizens Bank Company, Waterford Commercial and Savings Bank, Sponey's IGA, Wasco, Inc. Washington County Ohio, Big Food Little Kitchen, Strahler Ink, Brooker Construction, United Rentals, EZG Manufacturing. Special thanks to Derek Brown & Kristie Pottmeyer, Bruce & Jessica Lang, Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer, Emily & Corey Schilling, Jeff & Shoshanna Brooker, Troy & Katie Tucker, Heath & Sammi Pottmeyer, the Corner Store, the Schilling Brothers, and the Pottmeyer Family. I would also like to thank all the members and their families who sold tickets, set up, cleaned-up, took bets, worked the bar, registration, and games, and ran the bank. Over the last 60 years, this was one of our most successful fundraisers and it could not have been done without the support of our great community! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Taylor Pottmeyer, A Night At The Races, Event Chair

Dear Padre

I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?

I have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift. Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word. Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information. Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too. Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR



Please be mindful of others as we return to Church. Masks will be available for those who choose to wear them.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, who are now returning to Church are asked to pray and consider reactivating your ministry on a regularly scheduled basis. In order for our weekend Masses to have the quality and vibrancy they so richly deserve, we need your assistance. If you are able to do so or wish to volunteer for the first time, please call the Parish Office (740) 896-3566.

NOT ON FORMED YET? IT'S AS EASY as 1 . 2 . 3 AND FREE! Visit [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) | Click Sign Up | Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization" | Find our parish by name or zip | Enter your email and you're in! They will e-mail you the link to enter the wonderful world of Formed. Enjoy the wide collection of Catholic resources.

We are seeking special individuals who would like to help by assisting occasionally with working Bingo. If interested contact the parish office. (after all it benefits St. John Central School.)

Are you or is someone you know interested in serving on the Saint John's Pastoral Council? Serving on the council is a ministry to the whole parish, and potential candidates should be willing to commit their time, talent, and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner. Council members must be practicing Catholics with a deep commitment of faith and concern for the needs of Saint John's Parish, at least eighteen years of age, and members of Saint John's Parish. Elected members will serve a term of three years beginning September 1, 2021 and meet bi-monthly from September through June. **If you or someone you know has received a call to the ministry of leadership.** Contact the parish office.

Priestly Anniversary - Fr. Heinz celebrates his 59th anniversary, Fr. Tornes celebrates his 51st anniversary and your pastor a mere 34th.

Since Fr. Tornes was not able to celebrate 50th, thanks to Covid-19. Our parish will host a reception after the 6:00pm, Mass on July 10th. All are invited to attend.

Diocese of Steubenville Vocation Links

Twitter @dsvocations

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations

Diocesan Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

Fr. Joshua Erickson, Vocation Director

Remember the Deceased Priests of our Diocese in your prayers. They tried to serve the Lord and his people to the best of their ability.

Fr. Jan B. Kish (6/14/94); Fr. Joseph J. Kloss (6/16/72); Fr. Martin Smith-Soucier (6/19/17); Msgr. Francis Baudo (6/21/96); Fr. Kenneth Harris (6/22/64); Fr. Joseph Finan (6/24/72); Msgr. Frank Manieri (6/28/09) .

Eternal Peace grant unto them O Lord.

Looking ahead. This Fall we will begin Confirmation Preparation process. The candidates will meet once a month at a determined date and time. The school religion classes will not be preparing candidates. More information will be forth coming.

Coming our way. In light of threats of active shooter and bombs, we are seeking to add a mirror film on the major entrances of the school. Allowing those inside to look out but those outside cannot see into the building. More information will follow.

Pray for our Priests

June 13

Bishop Sheldon

June 14

Fr. Bradley Greer

June 15

Msgr. John Wipple

June 16

Msgr. John Kolesar

June 17

Msgr. Bob Kawa

June 18

Fr. Walter Heinz

June 19

Msgr. Jerry

Calovini

June 20

Fr David Huffman

June 21

Fr. Ed Maxfield

June 22

Fr. James Dunfee

June 23

Fr. Sam Saprano

June 24

Fr. Jonas Shell

June 25

Fr. Michael Gossett

June 26

Msgr. J. Michael

Campbell

June 27

Fr. Tim McGuire

June 28

Fr. David Gaydosik

June 29

Pope Francis

June 30

Msgr. George

Coyne

July 1

Fr. Leonard

Cencula

July 2

Fr. Thomas Hamm

July 3

Fr. Rich Tuttle

July 4

Bishop Monforton

July 5

Fr. Robert

Gallagher

July 6

Fr. Nick Ward