

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Founded 1841—Completed 1867

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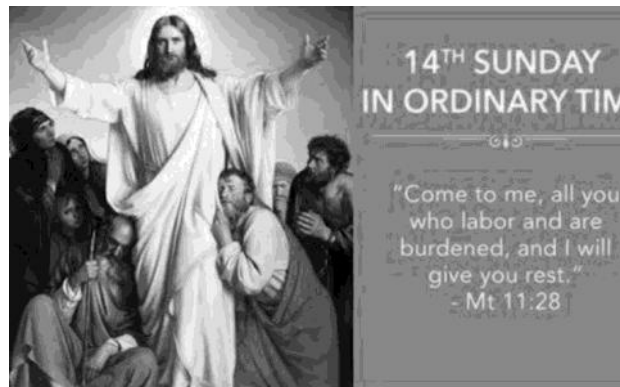
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Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to “bloom where you are planted,” sometimes we can feel as if we’ve been planted among weeds—the people we’ve been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we’ve been sent. It is in the lives we have that we work out our salvation, for Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is at hand for you” (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we’ve been planted.

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.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	07/05	4:00	p.m.	Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	07/05	6:00	p.m.	+Martha Huck (Dave and Barb Huck)
Sunday	SJB	07/06	7:30	a.m.	+Larry Schaad (Gary and Edna Arnold)
	OLM	07/06	9:30	a.m.	+Living and Deceased of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Their Grandchildren)
	SJB	07/06	11:00	a.m.	+Leo Huck (Margaret Semon)
Monday	SJB	07/07	8:00	a.m.	+Mary Lou Wesel (Bill and Alberta Wesel) +George Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
Tuesday	SJB	07/08	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/08	5:00	p.m.	+Martha Huck (Tracy and Angie Lang) +Mary Margert Smithberger (Lisa Schwendeman)
Wednesday	SJB	07/09	8:00	a.m.	+Ludy Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family) +Anna Mae Brooker (Charlie Tornes)
Thursday	SJB	07/10	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	07/10	5:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Terry and Rosa M. Ellis) +Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
Friday	SJB	07/11	8:00	a.m.	+Rita Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family) +Jay Pottmeyer (Family)
Saturday	OLM	07/12	4:00	p.m.	+Harry and +Emma Berendts (Ben and Lisa Berendts)
	SJB	07/12	6:00	p.m.	+Norbert Lang (Birthday 7/12) (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Sunday	SJB	07/13	7:30	a.m.	+James M. Barrett (Vince and Shelly Stollar and Family)
	OLM	07/13	9:30	a.m.	L and D of Nick and Philomena Bauerbach (The Family)
	SJB	07/13	11:00	a.m.	+John Arnold (Anniversary) (Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

MASS		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Alaina Wells, Alyssa Dyar	Virginia Dyar	Jessica Henke
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Emma Wheeler	Ashleigh Pennock	Lori Hart

COLLECTION

Total Collection last weekend \$ 2,909
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750

Thank you for your generosity!

2025 Collected to Date \$ 48,950
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 serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

Going on vacation....

You can always find area churches and their mass times by going to www.masstimes.org.



What's Happening

July 9 Daily Bread Kitchen
July 16 St. John School Fundraiser at Applebee's of Marietta
July 19 Seminarian Tour - Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption
August 17 Lowell Ice Cream Social on Buell Island
K of C 4617 Golf Outing

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37

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

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers, Faye Treadway, who passed away on June 28. We extend our deepest sympathy to Faye's family and friends. May she rest with our Lord in peace and light.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Lainey Jane Wharff, daughter of Brett and Kelsey (Brooker) Wharff. May God bless Lainey and her family now and always.

DPSC

Thank you very much for your contributions to the Diocese DPSC program. We have reached our goal and all contributions to DPSC will continue to come back to our church. As well, you may also donate to the Charles Highland Building Fund or to the general parish account. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER

St. John the Baptist Home and School Association has partnered up with Applebee's in Marietta for an all day fundraising event on Wednesday, July 16. Applebee's will put 25% of your order towards the school if this fundraiser is mentioned or a flyer is shown to the server. Copies of the flyer are available at the church entrances.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. Johns 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, **July 9, 2025**. 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 a.m. on Wednesday, **July 9, 2025**. 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!

K OF C #4617 GOLF OUTING

The K of C #4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 17th at Oxbow Golf Course in Belpre, OH. Cost will be \$260 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2025. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole move-up! Steak dinner is included after golf on the patio at the KofC in Churchtown. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

K OF C #478 GOLF SCRAMBLE

K of C #478 Golf Scramble – August 3rd, 2025 at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly, Ohio honoring our Brother David Gerst. Registration at 7:30AM; shotgun start at 8AM; 4 man scramble with at least 1 golfer being a K of C member (any council). Cost is \$75 per golfer, with Skins game and Mulligans available for purchase. Entry fee includes 18 holes, many prizes, snacks at the turn, and grilled steak dinner after the event. Aligning with K of C and Dave Gerst's principles, the proceeds from the tournament will benefit St Mary Parish, St Mary school, and our local community. Business sponsorship available for suggested donation of \$75. Contact Joe Flaherty for team registration or sponsorship at 740.350.2754.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave, 740-391-1093.

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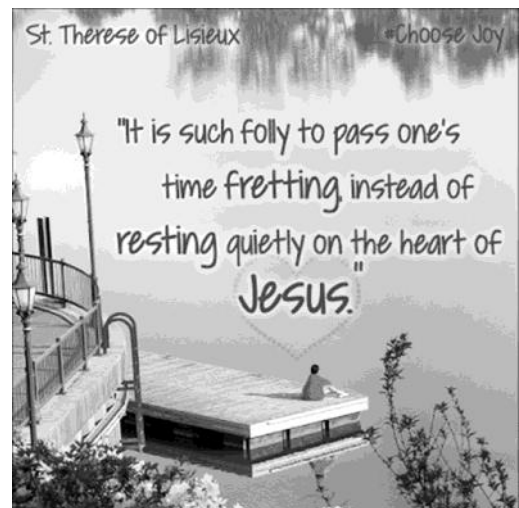
The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 19th, beginning at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

2025 SEMINARIAN TOUR

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Steubenville will visit St Mary Basilica of the Assumption, Marietta on Wednesday, July 16th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The evening will include a Vocation Story, Eucharistic Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection by a Seminarian, and Benediction, followed by a reception with the Seminarians in St. Mary's Basilica Social Hall. Come pray and meet our Seminarians.

NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will take place this year from July 20 - 26, 2025. This national educational campaign is sponsored by the US Catholic Bishops. It is an opportunity to witness and explain the Church's beautiful and life-giving teachings on the gift of human sexuality, including the moral obligations that couples have in marriage. The theme for this year's observation is "Pursue a lasting love ... MARRIAGE Create hope for the future!" The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother, which has also been designated as World Grandparents Day by Pope Francis.





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

Scrip Coordinator

Betina Lang

PSR Coordinator

Andrea Ralston

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 Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

Diocesan Catholic Charities & Information

Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

HELP St. John the Baptist -We are looking for the next Faith Formation Coordinator. They would coordinate and supervise our Religious Education program for children 1st-12th grade. If interested contact the parish office.

Pray for our Seminarians: Deacon Peter Stetson, Deacon Ryan Budd, Christopher McGurn, Samuel Ivkovich, Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, and John Paul Gan.

As part of the **2025 Seminarian Tour on Wednesday, July 16, 2025** the Seminarians of the Diocese of Steubenville will visit the Basilica of the Assumption in Marietta.

6:30 pm Welcome Fr. Nicolas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations

6:40 pm Vocation Story John Paul Gan

7:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:20 pm Spiritual Reflection by Seminarian Samuel Ivkovich

7:55 pm Benediction

8-9 pm Reception with Seminarians in Basilica Social Hall

Come pray and meet our Seminarians

Pray for our priests: 29 Fr. Ed Maxfield, June 30 Fr. Chester Pabin, July 1 Fr. Dan Heusel, July 2 Pope Leo XIV, July 3 Fr. Fred Kihm, July 4 Fr. Dale Tornes, July 5 Fr. Wayne Morris, July 6 Bishop Edward Lohse.

The Pontifical College **Josephinum** will host a Men's Day of Reflection, for men of all ages and vocations, on Saturday, **August 2, 2025** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Facilitator Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL, Josephinum adjunct professor and friar at Saint Patrick Parish, will speak on "Catholic Seminaries: The Antidote for What Ails Society." More information may be found below. *Registration is open online only through July 15 at pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection.*

We are currently looking for individuals who are interested in becoming: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Servers or catechist. Lay participation is a vital part the life of our parish community. Whether you're a seasoned parishioner or someone just looking to grow in your faith, your presence and service can make a real difference. Training will be provided. So what do you say, are you willing to step up? Contact the parish office.

2025 Eucharistic Congress, October 4th to 10th throughout the Diocese of Steubenville. This is part of a nationwide movement of prayer, taking place concurrently in 32 dioceses throughout the country. The goal is to renew our worship of Our Lord Jesus the Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace. More information will follow.

SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

Why Choose a Catholic School for Your Child?

Catholic schools have long played a vital role in the mission of the Church, offering more than just academic excellence, they provide a foundation for life rooted in faith. At their heart, Catholic schools nurture the whole child—mind, body, and soul—through an education that integrates Gospel values into daily learning and living. In Catholic schools, students are not only challenged to reach their highest academic potential, but they are also guided to grow spiritually, morally, and socially. The faith-based environment fosters compassion, service to others, and a strong sense of community. But it's not all work, Catholic schools value fellowship and joy. Whether it's through school Masses, service projects, holiday celebrations, students build friendships and create memories that last a lifetime. A Catholic education offers the best of both worlds: strong academics and deep-rooted faith. It's an investment in your child's future, and in their eternity.

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New Report Confirms Abortions Continue to Rise After Dobbs

- The most accurate, current and complete compilation of abortion data shows over 1.1 million abortions took place via licensed providers from July 2023–June 2024, according to new analysis compiled by the Charlotte Lozier Institute. This establishes a baseline number of recorded abortions nationwide. This analysis is the first to collect abortion totals from different types of abortionists and examine which estimates are the most complete and definitive. The analysis used the regularly cited data from #WeCount and Guttmacher Institute because the U.S. government doesn't have a complete and thorough reporting system for a comprehensive evaluation. Neither organization publishes the raw data from abortion centers.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.