

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 13, 2022**

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“Blessed are you  
who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.”



**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who “delights in the law of the Lord.” The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

SJB=St. John the Baptist  
OLM=Our Lady of Mercy

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	02/12 4:00	P.M. +Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)
	SJB	02/12 6:00	P.M. +Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker and Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/13 7:30	A.M. +Ed Brooker (Birthday 2/10) (Steve and Pam Brooker)
	OLM	02/13 9:30	A.M. +Tony Pottmeyer (Gary & Denise Pottmeyer)
	SJB	02/13 11:00	A.M. +Frank and +Ruth Lang (Donna Ternes and Family)
Monday	SJB	02/14 8:00	A.M. +Annette Bonar (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
Tuesday	OLM	02/15 5:00	P.M. +Marlene Huck (Marilyn Peters)
Wednesday	SJB	02/16 8:20	A.M. +Mary Canterbury (Jim Schaad Family) (School Mass)
Thursday	OLM	02/17 5:00	P.M. +David Schilling (Ed Schilling)
Friday	SJB	02/18 8:00	A.M. +Shirley Stollar Oliver (Vince Stollar Family)
Saturday	OLM	02/19 4:00	P.M. +Donna Arnold (Marilyn & Heather Peters)
	SJB	02/19 6:00	P.M. +Emmett Brooker (Anniversary) (Mary Brooker and Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/20 7:30	A.M. +Fr. Virgil Reischman (CWC)
	OLM	02/20 9:30	A.M. +Deanna Lang (Jim & Peggy Huck)
	SJB	02/20 11:00	A.M. +Gertrude Arnold (Roger and Gace Randolph)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCH. MINISTER
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Owen Schaad, Aden Haught	Rachel Klinger	Virginia Dyar
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Volunteer	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Caden Henniger, Hudson Lang	Angie Henniger	Tonia Skinner

COLLECTION	DPSC	BINGO
Total Collection \$3,075 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2022 Collected \$5,680  2022 Goal will not be available until March.	Jan. 30-Group 5 \$1,722  If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE	C.W.C. WORK GROUPS	PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY
Feb. 13 Group 7 with BJ Davis Feb. 20 Group 8 with Russ Lang Feb. 27 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Mar. 6 Group 2 with Jesse Henke	February Group F-Lori Hart, Tonia Skinner March Group A-Anna Schaad April Group B-Dorothy Schaad May Group E-Susan Arnold	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.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

When the Holy Spirit is in a soul, He communicates Himself, in one way or another. We can say that He makes virtue contagious and turns a simple faithful into an apostle. - St. Claude de Columbiere (1641-1682) Patron of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Feast Day February 15.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless."  
- Mother Teresa*



### **ST. JOHN SCHOOL SUPER BOWL SUBS**

St. John School Super Bowl Subs will be available for purchase after all masses this weekend (or until sold out). Cost is \$4.50 each.

### **CWC MEETING**

CWC Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14 at the Sr. Center. The Rosary will be recited before the meeting. All the ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### **CWC DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST**

The Churchtown CWC will be having a Drive Thru Breakfast on Sunday, February 27, behind the K of C Hall in Churchtown. Serving is 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost for an adult meal is \$7 and includes bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage gravy, biscuit, and drink. Cost for a child's meal is \$4. Mark your calendar now to attend.

### **CHURCHTOWN TEE BALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

If you have children that are interested in playing tee ball, baseball, or softball at Churchtown, please fill out the form enclosed in today's bulletin and return it to St. John School by February 18. If your child wants to play but does not attend the school, please contact Derrick Pottmeyer 740-885-9251. Practice typically begins around April 1.

### **PRE-CANA**

A Pre-Cana Session will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary's Church in Marietta on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Those planning to be married in 2022, should register for this session by calling the parish office, 740-373-3643. Please remember that Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

### **MARY'S HOUSE**

Mary's House is looking for Full, Part-time and live-in personnel. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Craig 740-559-2254 or maryshouseoh@gmail.com. They also have volunteer opportunities available.

### **Prayer for Married Couples**

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 6:17-26

### **Rebels with a cause**

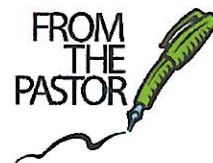
A missionary in the gold miner camps of the old Southwest chose his text from the Beatitudes. When the sermon ended, a rusty voice was heard from the back: "If that's what it means to have God bless me, I think I'll pass." The man had a point. When you read the list of "blessing-ees" it sounds like a mixed bag of suffering and horror - hunger, weeping, hatred, persecution. Who wants to live a life so filled with misery?

We do. To be a Christian is to be a social outsider. Jesus taught that if we serve God the world will treat us as traitors. Everything we stand for, humility, service, charity, is at war with what the world wants: fame, power, glory. We have declared ourselves rebels, swearing devotion to a foreign King who has an entirely different set of laws. And it is this eternal, merciful King who has promised us reward for the battle we are waging. This hope of everlasting reward sustains us when we are battle weary and scarred. When the prisons of life seem too much to bear it is His voice of comfort that carries us through. We are willing traitors, rebels joyously suffering for our cause. Why? Because if we chose the world we would be traitors to our own hearts, and to our God. ©Copyright 2005 CL Enterprises





**Wondering:** Should St. John the Baptist cemetery install a columbarium in our cemetery?



### **Diocesan Celebration for Families**

The Fifth Annual Diocesan Celebration for Families will take place on February 20, 2022, at Holy Rosary Church. Bishop Monforton invites families, grandparents, individuals, clergy, and religious to celebrate Catholic Family Life! The celebration will begin with a presentation by Dr. Bill Keimig at 4:00 PM on **"Guiding Children in the Ways of the Faith."** (Each of us is called to witness to the faith. Dr. Keimig will provide a way of leading children to a lifelong relationship with Jesus. His advice will be especially helpful for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers, pastors, and anyone else who has children in their lives.) Sunday Mass, offered by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, will follow at 5:30 PM. After the Mass, each household will be invited to come forward for an individual blessing from Bishop Monforton! RSVP is encouraged to help plan for the meal. Please contact Joseph Schmidt ([jschmidt@diosteub.org](mailto:jschmidt@diosteub.org) or 740-516-9270) with any questions.

**"Blessed are they who mourn," Jesus tells us in the second beatitude delivered at his Sermon on the Mount, "for they will be comforted" (Mt 5:4).**

So what is comfort? And who offers that comfort? As a parish music and liturgy director for the past 35 years, my wife was frequently the one who met with grieving family members or friends to plan the funeral or memorial Mass for a departed loved one. But for her, this portion of her ministry involved much more than suggesting appropriate choices for music and Scripture readings. It involved presence.

As one who herself had experienced the loss of parents, a sibling and other relatives and friends, she understood the importance of being physically present to family members and friends who were in various stages of their own grieving process. By meeting with them, or speaking with them on the phone, she not only learned more about the departed as well as the family and friends left behind; she built a connection — a trust, really — with these family members. A connection that told them, "Someone cares about you, someone feels your pain, someone is here to walk with you, give you hope and help you move forward. In some cases, the family had been away from church for some time and were, to put it bluntly, clueless about what could and couldn't be done at a funeral Mass. But for my wife, this was a chance not only to educate but, in a very real sense, to evangelize — not by browbeating them about why they hadn't been coming to church, but to remind them that they were always welcome in the house of the Lord who is always present in their lives.

By learning more about what mattered to these individuals, my wife was better able to serve their needs, by being what all who serve this church are called to be: the loving face of God, and the gentle hands of Jesus who helps to raise the lowly, heal the brokenhearted and, yes, comfort those who mourn. Her efforts were reflected in the numerous thank-you cards, calls and letters she received from the family of the deceased in the days after the Mass. Many of the messages spoke of the comfort and peace that those attending experienced from the Mass. And many of these people returned on All Souls' Day when our parish held an annual "Mass of Remembrance" to honor those who had died during the previous 12 months. This liturgy, coordinated by my wife, involved the assistance of dedicated parishioners who created the environment, facilitated the lighting of candles in memory of the departed and hosted a reception after Mass in the parish hall.

Such service is addressed in the bereavement ministry training that many dioceses offer for clergy, religious and lay ministers who serve in their parishes, schools and hospitals. Often coordinated through the diocesan Catholic Cemeteries office, this training addresses how the local community can best serve the needs of those who mourn — to be the blessing, the presence, the comfort of which Jesus speaks in his Sermon on the Mount. We know, too, that mourning "loss" does not simply refer to the death of a loved one. It can also mean the loss of a job, or a business, or time spent with family and friends, or good health — a reality that the coronavirus pandemic has driven home quite vividly the past two years. As Catholics, we are challenged to respond to loss in a way that offers support, hope and strength to those who mourn. We do that by being as present to those who mourn in our midst as Jesus was that day in Galilee.



## CHURCHTOWN TEE BALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

If you have children that are interested in playing tee ball, baseball, or softball at Churchtown, please fill out the form below and return it to St. John Central School by February 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child that wants to play but does not attend the school, please contact Derrick Pottmeyer at 740-885-9251. We are sending forms home early, so that if you have a child that would like to play at Churchtown, but there are not enough players to make a team, there will still be enough time for them to go to other schools and play. When the teams are formed the coaches will be contacting you for practice. Practice typically begins around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if parent is interested in coaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all children who would like to play tee ball, baseball, or softball for the Churchtown teams:

	<u>Child's Name</u> (Please Print)	<u>Shirt Size</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Desired Team</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Available Teams:

**Tee Ball** – 5 & 6 year old boys and girls (Cannot turn 7 before May 1<sup>st</sup>)  
(Any parents/volunteers to help are greatly appreciated)

**Boys:**

1. Coach Pitch Baseball – 7 & 8 year old boys (cannot turn 9 before May 1<sup>st</sup>)
2. Little League Baseball Minor – 9 & 10 year old boys (cannot turn 11 before May 1<sup>st</sup>)
3. Little League Baseball Major – 11 & 12 year old boys (cannot turn 13 before May 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Girls:**

1. Coach Pitch Softball – 8 years old and under girls (cannot turn 9 before January 1<sup>st</sup>)
2. Kid Pitch Softball – 9 & 10 year old girls (cannot turn 11 before January 1<sup>st</sup>)
3. Kid Pitch Softball – 11 & 12 year old girls (cannot turn 13 before January 1<sup>st</sup>)

Season starts the second week of May and will finish up by the end of June. Cost is \$25 per player and can be paid at the first practice. Checks made payable to “Churchtown Youth League Baseball”.