

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

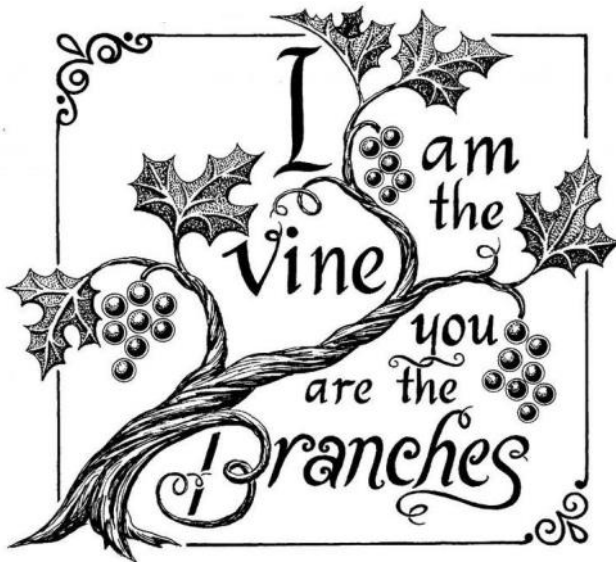
The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	04/27	4:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck Family (The Family)	
	SJB	04/27	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	04/28	7:30	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
	OLM	04/28	9:30	A.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	
	SJB	04/28	11:00	A.M.	+Living and Deceased of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	
Monday	SJB	04/29	8:00	A.M.	+Helen Miller (Patricia Henke and Family) +Tim Strahler (Craig and Sheila Lovett)	
Tuesday	SJB	04/30	8:00	A.M.	+Margaret Klinger (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)	
	OLM	04/30	5:00	P.M.	+Mary Louise Pitt (Ed Schilling)	
Wednesday	SJB	05/01	8:20	A.M.	+Edith Brooker (Martha Stevens)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	05/02	8:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Justin and Denise Nahvi Family)	
	OLM	05/02	5:00	P.M.	+Diane Arnold (Birthday) (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
First Friday	OLM	05/02	5:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (Harold and Patty Micheal)	
	SJB	05/03	6:00	P.M.	+Larry Schaad (Ferris and Susan Arnold) +James and +Maglene Arnold Family (Family)	
Saturday	OLM	05/04	4:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family)	
	SJB	05/04	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Birthday) (Rick Canterbury and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	05/05	7:30	A.M.	+Evelyn Neill (Churchtown Sr. Citizens)	
	OLM	05/05	9:30	A.M.	+Robert Kurucz (Stephen and Jenna Huffman)	
	SJB	05/05	11:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Wedding Anniv.) (Charlotte Lang and Family)	

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak." Anthony of Padua

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Raegan and Orion Flinn	Eugene Huck	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Taryn Kern	Ashleigh Pennock	Tonia Skinner

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COLLECTION</u></p> <p>Total Collection for weekend \$3,541 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>D.P.S.C.</u></p> <p>2024 Collected to date \$32,880 2024 Goal \$43,047</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BINGO</u></p> <p>April 14 Group 8 \$774</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement</p>
<p><u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>Apr 28 Group 2 with Jessica Henke May 5 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard May 12 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer May 19 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman May 26 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury</p>	<p><u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u></p> <p>April-Group E with Susan Arnold May-Group F with Tonia Skinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center</p>	<p><u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u></p> <p>Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 / 1 John 4:7–10 / John 15:9–17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday</p>
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EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on May 15 and 29. All are welcome.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The next Senior Citizen Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2 at the Sr. Center. Lunch will be furnished and no covered dish will be needed.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on May 13th at the Sr. Center. Mass will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner to follow. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Tonia Skinner by May 6th (740-350-5355).

CWC CONVENTION

The Annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. Reservations are due by May 20. The entry fee will be covered by the CWC. For questions or to register, please contact Marilyn Zoller (896-3626).

SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday, May 9th, St. John Central School will be hosting a day for potential students to come and visit our school. They can spend half a day or a whole day at the school. Parents are also welcome to tour the school. Anyone interested in coming on May 9th should call the office at 740-896-2697.

TEACHERS NEEDED AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year a Full-Time First Grade Teacher and a Full-Time Fifth-Eighth Grades Math and Science Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions. 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.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School Registration for the 2024-25 school year has begun at St. John Central School. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre- Kindergarten at the preschool through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS

There will be a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus meeting at Marietta K of C Hall at 2:00 P.M. on April 28th. There are several topics to discuss. All Fourth Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

The Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of May, June, July, and August 2024 at Lowell's Buell Island Park, Lowell from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This event features: flea market and yard sale vendors, craft vendors, farm market vendors, and food truck vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Donations are welcomed and go to the upkeep and maintenance of Lowell's Buell Island Park. The first Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for May 1 and has the monthly theme of Summer Safety. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following individuals who helped with our Parish School of Religion: Andrea Ralston (Director of PSR), Chad Dyar, Roxanne Heiss, Stacey Greenup, Tracie Roush and Chrisy Heiss. Their willingness to volunteer their time to teach religion to our young children is greatly appreciated.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 4 from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. James Catholic Church Hall, McConnelsville, OH. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: maryshouseoh.com, or follow on Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse>.

MEMORIAL MASS

The Fertility Care™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. and the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for babies who died before birth (by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy) at any time in the past. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry's Church in Harrietsville will hold their annual Mother's Day Chicken and Ham Dinner on Sunday, May 12 from 11:00 a.m. Until 2:00 p.m. The meal includes mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, homemade noodles, rolls, dessert and drink. Adult meals \$15 and Children (10 and under) \$7. Take outs are available in the basement serving line.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Diving into friendship with God"
June 23-27, 2024



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
NOW!

More infor-
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follow!



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

Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697

Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer
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

New and exciting things are unfolding at St. John Central Catholic Elementary School. Dr. Larry Moegling will be bidding us farewell and Mrs. Pottmeyer will be returning to the classroom full time as of the end of this academic year. (There is promising candidate for principal.) We are ever grateful to Dr. Moegling and Mrs. Pottmeyer for their leadership and guidance through these past years especially through COVID. The proud tradition of Catholic Education continues.

The **Ohio EdChoice** Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child. Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. *Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year*

Interested in finding our more about the Permanent Diaconate? Join Deacon Mark Erste, Director of Diaconal Ministries, and his wife along with other interested men and their wives at an information session to find out more about the life of a permanent Deacon. Saturday May 10th at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, Ohio, 10am to 2:30pm (Lunch provided). RSVP (so we have enough food!) to Deacon Mark at 740-512-4135 by May 8th.

CANYONLANDS TOUR: Join Fr. Jim Dunfee and members of St. Agnes Parish on a tour of the magnificent canyons and desert scenes of the American Southwest from September 12th to 20th, 2024. See the breathtaking Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches National Parks, take a train ride through the Colorado Rocky Mountains and a boat cruise on Lake Powell, and much more. Cost: Only \$3,899 - double occupancy including roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh! For a brochure, please contact: Fr. James M. Dunfee, Pastor, St. Agnes Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue, Mingo Junction, Oh 43938. Telephone: 740-535-1491 or email: frjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese:

Monday: Peter Stetson

Tuesday: Paul Gan and Christopher McGurn

Wed.: Jonathan Rusco

Thursday : Riley Morris,

Friday: Aaron Pabin,

Saturday: Caleb Baker,

Sunday: Samuel Ivkovich

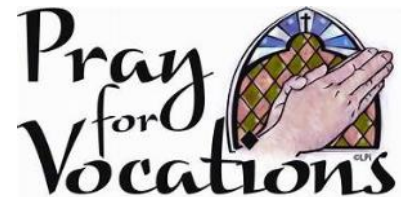
Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery in Greensburg, Pa., invite Single women 18-35, to experience Monastic Immersion. Experience our monastic life. Is God calling you to Benedictine Monastery life. Watch our videos and begin to know us. Join us in prayer as we live-stream Lauds and daily Mass. www.StEmma.org

Diocese of Steubenville Presents **Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024... 5 days** Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799.00 per person double occupancy (triple, quad & single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

In just a few months, our diocese will celebrate with the **National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage**. Our celebration begins on Friday, June 21st with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben followed by a procession from the Fort to the historic St. Peter's Church, concluding with a prayer meditation and Benediction. All Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to participate in the procession, **with His Excellency Bishop Paul Bradley**.

It is an honor for our Diocese of Steubenville to host the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrims who have been traveling from the East, much like the Magi (sans camels!), and join with them in proclaiming that **Jesus Christ is REAL and PRESENT in the Holy Eucharist**.

Anyone who participates in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage or attends the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be granted this special remittance of temporal punishment associated with confessed sins (under the usual conditions of an indulgence). That means every stop along the nationwide Pilgrimage route and the Congress event itself are now even greater opportunities for grace than they were before!





April 12, 2024

Dear St. John Families,

We are almost halfway through April, which means the end of the school year will soon be here. The 5th-8th grades trip to Philadelphia and Gettysburg was great! Despite lots of rain and bus issues on the first day, our students, parents, and grandparents had a good time. Hopefully, some of what our students learned about our country's history will stick with them.

The two events for April to make note of is the two hour early dismissal on Wednesday, April 17th. There will be no hot lunch that day, so be sure to pack your child a snack. *Because of the early dismissal, we are having Mass on Tuesday, April 16th. This way we can get in a full morning of class time. Interim reports will be sent home on Friday, April 19th. May gets pretty busy with May Crowning and Mothers' Day Mass and visiting the school on Wednesday, May 1st, our school play on Thursday, May 2nd, kindergarten screening on Friday, May 3rd, and field day with St. Mary on Friday, May 10th. We will be hosting the field day and will require volunteers to help. More information will be sent home later this month. Preschool's last day is Friday, May 17th. Eighth grade Graduation Mass and Banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 21st. The last day of school for students is Wednesday, May 22nd.

Lastly, all VIP forms for the 2023-2024 school year MUST be turned in by JUNE 15TH. Please turn them in as soon as you get them completed. I do want to remind everyone that you can't wait on St. Rt. 676 when picking up your children. Please wait at the K of C parking lot or the church parking lot. Thank you!

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Blessings,

Karen Pottmeyer

Principal

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Apologetic Conference for Students

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

10:00AM - 2:30PM | \$20 PER PERSON

REGISTER AT

ohiolife.org



Trent Horn is the author of *Persuasive Pro-life* and professional speaker for Catholic Answers. He specializes in training people "to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them."



Savannah Marten is the Executive Director of Ohio Pregnancy Center Coalition and BellaVita Pregnancy Center.

ARE YOU SCARED TO TALK ABOUT ABORTION? Don't worry almost everyone is. Either we think the subject is too impolite, or we don't want to be branded an intolerant fanatic, or we're afraid we won't represent the pro-life side well enough. Whatever the reason for this fear, it causes many of us to pass up opportunities to speak out on behalf of the preborn.

This conference will help you overcome this fear and equip you to become a bold and effective apologist for life.



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ST JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Enrollment is Open for 24-25

Early learning and Pre-K

- Early learning is for ages 3-4 years old. They must be 3 by August, 1st.
- They must be potty trained
- Classes are held Tuesday/Thursday from 8:15 am-11:15 am for early learning
- Pre-k is for ages 4-5 years old
- It is held on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays and all classes are taught by Mrs. Sandy Day
- Both Pre-K and the grade school are located at 17654 ST RT 676, Marietta, Ohio
- Bussing is available for Marietta, Warren, Fort Frye, and Wolf Creek school districts; please check with your school district for preschool transportation at your district bussing garage.

St John Grade School K-8 th grade

- We offer many faith filled opportunities throughout the school year with a strong faith foundation for students.
- We are fully accredited, and offer a complete academic program.
- We have been known to have many successful students who have graduated at the top of their classes from high school.
- We will be hosting a shadow day for new students, where students can come join for a day on Thursday, May 9th.
- Please reach out to the school office for any registration or admission information at 740-896-2697
- ED Choice Scholarship available to help with tuition cost.