

# 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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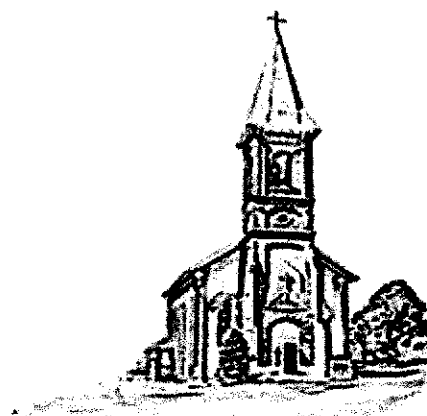
Webpage: [www.stjohnchurchtown.com](http://www.stjohnchurchtown.com)

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell number 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E Heinz, retired/in residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, retired



**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

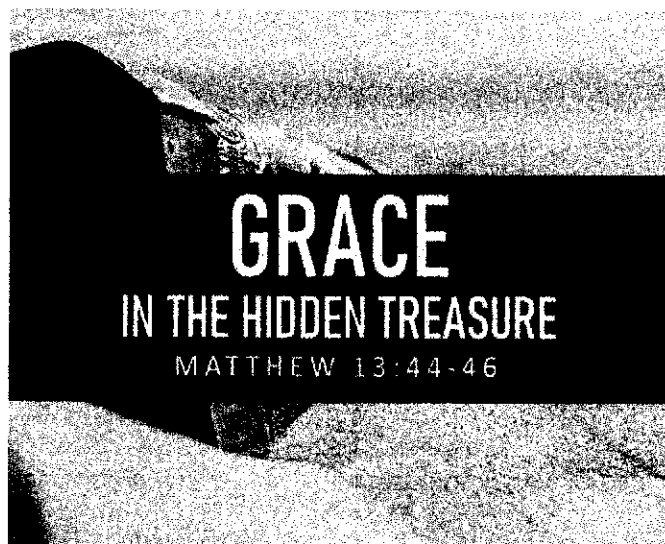
Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life.

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**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 30, 2023**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	07/29	4:00	P.M.	+Gordan, +Mildred, and +Joe Strain (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	07/29	6:00	P.M.	L & D of +Joe and +Mary Kern Family (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	07/30	7:30	A.M.	+Donna Klinger (Steve and Pam Brooker)
	OLM	07/30	9:30	A.M.	+Marilyn Lang (Clair Huck)
	SJB	07/30	11:00	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (C.J. and Claudia Jones)
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	07/31	8:00	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Ken and Julia Strahler) +Pat Thieman (Charlotte Lang and Family)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	08/01	8:00	A.M.	+Tony and Donna Tornes (Wedding Annivesary) (Donna Tornes Family)
	OLM	08/01	5:00	P.M.	+Helene Willson (OLM CWC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	08/02	8:00	A.M.	+David Kuhn (Tom and Becky Stephen) +Patricia Gaydosik (St. Sylvester CWC)
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	08/03	8:00	A.M.	+James and +Maglene Arnold (Family)
	OLM	08/03	5:00	P.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Tony and Kristin Offenberger)
<b>First Friday</b>	SJB	08/04	6:00	P.M.	+John and +Mary Lou Huck (Family) Adoration 5-6:00 p.m. +Edith Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	08/05	4:00	P.M.	+George and +Mildred Lang (Kathy Reed)
	SJB	08/05	6:00	P.M.	+Ralph E. Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	08/05	7:30	A.M.	+Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck and Family)
	OLM	08/06	9:30	A.M.	+John and + Mary Lou Huck (Their Children)
	SJB	08/06	11:00	A.M.	+Diane Arnold (Roger and Cris Baker)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Alex and Abby Henke	Eugene Huck	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Gwen and Marcus Lang Callen Pottmeyer	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend      \$3,065 Needed to meet parish needs      \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected      \$54,950 2023 Goal      \$25,341  Thank you!	July 16 Group 1      \$ 1,647  If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Jul 30    Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Aug 6    Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Aug 13    Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman Aug 20    Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Aug 27    Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler	July and August Group A—Anna Schaad	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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14    Second Peter 1:16-19    Matthew 17:1-9	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

## **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held on August 9 and 23 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING**

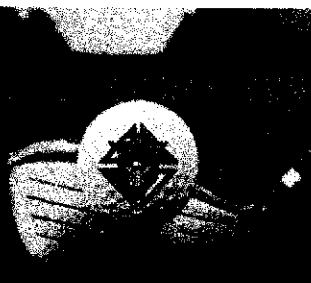
Senior Citizen Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Sr. Center. Please bring a dish to share.

## **RCIA**

Interested In Becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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 or would like more information about the RCIA program or the Catholic faith, call the rectory, 740-896-3566.

## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

St. John's Parish School of Religion (PSR) is seeking a teacher for the K-1 class starting in October 2023. PSR is the first three Sundays of the month, October-March, 9-10:30 am. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669 (call/text).



**Knights of Columbus 4617**  
**GOLF OUTING**

**SUNDAY**  
**AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**2023**

**LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE**  
18218 OH-60,  
Beverly, OH 45715

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT **7:30 AM**  
SHOTGUN START AT **8:00 AM**  
DINNER AND PRIZES **AFTER ROUND**

**\$240**

**Per Team**  
Includes skins & muligans

**4-man best ball scramble, you must have at least 2 good standing members of the council per team!**

**Rules:**  
No Horse Play on the Carts and Please Respect the Course, 65 and older hit from Gold Tees, keep up with the group in front of you.  
"2 putt rule, putt once on greens - second putt is good!"  
The prizes match what they say: longest drive in the fairway, longest putt on the green, closest to the pin, etc. PLEASE share prizes in multiples of four. Except for longest drives on 4 and 10.

For more information, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972

## **5 Ways to Help Families Make Prayer a Priority**

The hectic pace of family life can often mean that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five simple, practical tips to encourage families to pray more often:

### **1. When you rise from bed, get down on your knees**

Try this method for morning prayer: Put your bedroom slippers or shoes far under your bed at the end of the day. Each morning, while on your knees retrieving your footwear, say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.

### **2. Communicate with God whenever you climb into the car**

Many families spend a whole lot of their time in the family vehicle. As you buckle up, say a quick prayer that you will be aware of God's presence in your day.

### **3. Place a prayer jar in the kitchen**

Keep a jar in the kitchen in which each family member, each day, places a note listing a "special intention" that others in the family can pray for. Before each family member goes to bed, he or she pulls a note from the jar and prays for that need.

### **4. Fold your hands before you unfold your napkin**

Before each meal, take a few moments to thank the One who provides all that you need and blesses you with the lives of those around the table. Try mixing up rote prayers with spontaneous prayers, silent prayers with sung prayers.

### **5. Pray when people or events upset you**

If you want a sure-fire way to pray more each day, make a habit of saying a short prayer whenever someone irritates you. A quick "Help me, God" is sufficient. You'll never run out of opportunities!





**Adult Initiation:**  
Contact the Pastor.

**Infant Baptisms:**  
Call the Pastor

**Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.

**Confession:** one-half hour before Mass or upon request

**Sick Calls:** If you or any family member is ill and hospitalized please inform the Parish Offices.

**Pastoral Musicians**  
Valerie Strahler,  
Crystal Lang

**PSR Coordinator**  
Andrea Ralston

**Prayer Chain:**  
Mary Brooker 740-896-2002  
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112

**Home visitation**  
Marilyn Kern

**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,  
Howard Brooker, Dean Hart

**Club of Catholic Women:**  
President Marilyn Zoller

**St. John Central School**  
(740) 896-2697  
Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer  
Principal

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 4617  
Grand Knight: Taylor  
Pottmeyer

**Diocesan Catholic  
Charities & Information**  
**Referral Line:**  
1-800-339-7890

#### Parish Membership

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments, and sponsor eligibility). Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date. Forms are available at entrance of church.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA).** Anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic. Normally, persons can be baptized, receive Holy Communion and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Please call the office 740-896-3566.

**Single women**, ages 18 to 35, *What is your vocation in life?* Do you have everything that the world says that you need to be happy but still long for 'something more'? Consider the Sisters of St. Benedict of Westmoreland County, Pa. located near Greensburg, Pa. We are a small community of Benedictine Nuns who try to seek God in this "school of the Lord's service" known as St. Emma Monastery. Following the centuries old wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict, we desire to have our lives to become more Christ centered, to have the Gospel as our guide. For more information contact Sr. Maria Johanna OSB, at vocations@stemma.org or call her at 724-610-7595.

**St. John Central School Registration:** St. John Central School is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740.896.2697.

**St. John Central — Scrip** can be easy to use. The program uses gift cards that you purchase at face value for your everyday shopping or restaurant needs. They also make great gifts for birthdays and holiday gifts. We offer a wide variety of cards either on hand, or that can be ordered...contact the parish office on Wednesday or Thursday morning to order or get more information.

**DPSC:** If you have not donated or pledged to the annual DPSC, remember that we have met our goal and any monies received from this point on will be given back to the parish. Every bit helps! If you have misplaced your envelope, please pick one up in the back of the church. Thank you

**NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?** If you have recently moved please call the parish office and give us your new address. Also, many of our parishioners have done away with their phone land-line and are just using a cell phone. Please notify the parish office with that information. We want to up-date our parish roster and keep our information current.

*"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive therefore to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers."* - St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,** In 2007, the late Pope Benedict XVI offered words of wisdom on the value of vacation. He said: "I hope everyone, especially those in greatest need, will be able to take a bit of vacation to restore their physical and spiritual energy and recover a healthy contact with nature. The mountains call to mind in particular the spirit's ascent towards the heavens, its uplifting towards the "high standard" of our humanity, which daily life unfortunately tends to debase. May the Virgin Mary protect us always, both in our mission and in well-deserved rest, so that we may joyfully and fruitfully carry out our work in the Lord's vineyard." Not everyone can vacation away from home, but most of us can "recover a healthy contact with nature" in some way. We can be renewed by opening the windows, getting outdoors, taking a walk, visiting parks and lakes, or actually getting away. Consider taking time for a bit of refreshment this summer.

*Helianthus annuus* is the botanical name for our summertime favorite flower: the Sunflower. We will soon see them everywhere in full bloom. We can learn much from the sunflower. A sunflower needs soil, water, care and a lot of sunlight. Sunflowers tower and rise high in the glory of the sun. The sunflower is heliotropic and the sunflower turns to follow the movement of the sun. the sunflower faces east at the end of day. It is now ready to welcome the rising sun the next day. Some sunflowers can grow as high as sixteen feet tall. In summer as and in life, we need to spend much time with the Son of God, and tower and stand tall in our Catholic Faith. We can turn from the ways of the world and turn to God. Like the sunflower that follows every movement of the sun, we turn to Jesus and follow you, my God.

**We ask your prayers** for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH-CHURCHTOWN

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 2022-2023

### INCOME

Collection - Adult	\$	143,469.00
Collection Loose	\$	16,633.26
Collection- Christmas	\$	2,045.00
Collection- All Saints	\$	495.00
Collection-Designated	\$	6,279.00
Interest Income	\$	71.72
Income Oil Well	\$	2,672.26
Other Income		
memorial donations		
reimbursements	\$	19,273.35
Altar/Sanctuary		
candles /decrations	\$	3,367.75
Transfer from DPSC	\$	40,921.50
Transfer from Bingo	\$	93,500.00

Total Income                      \$                      328,727.84



**Faith - Tradition - Family**

### EXPENSE

Salary-Priest	\$	11,850.00
Hospitalization	\$	9,601.16
Retreat	\$	1,160.00
Convocation		
Travel/medical	\$	1,160.19
Retirement	\$	1,750.00
Extra clergy		
services	\$	3,690.00
Salaries-Lay	\$	57,021.75
Medicare	\$	970.83
Workers' comp	\$	867.97
Social Security	\$	4,148.60
Rectory/household		
food/ect.	\$	3,822.88
Office / postage/copier		
website/supplies	\$	5,798.54
On-line giving	\$	672.07
Payroll fee	\$	103.45
Telephone	\$	4,322.50
Capital improvement	\$	40,921.50
Maintance		
Cleaning Sup./Ground	\$	6,885.08
Administration misc.	\$	945.40
Property Insurance	\$	12,844.67
Diocesan Assessments	\$	19,344.00
Subscriptions		
Living faith/ Dish/		
Word Amount Us	\$	1,789.10
Host/wine/offering		
envelopes.bulletins	\$	5,486.56
Outreach		
Sick-shutins	\$	892.79
PSR/sac Prep/		
Vacation Bible School	\$	1,099.76
Heat	\$	5,272.98
Electric	\$	6,124.25
Water	\$	429.21
Property taxes	\$	2,707.36
Designated Collection	\$	6,959.00
Payment to School	\$	102,300.00

Total Expenses                      \$                      320,941.60

# ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## **2022-2023 Income/Expenses** **7/1/2022 - 7/5/2023**

Income	Alumni Appeal	21,970.00
	Tuition	265,660.95
	ParishSubsidy	150,000.00
	Gifts, Bequests, Endow.	5,708.71
	Home & School	20,000.00
	Rental	1,325.00
	Gov. Cost Reimbursements	39,581.38
	Interest	743.31
	Misc	686.20
Total Income		505,675.55

### Expenses

	Salaries	428,727.03
	Meetings and Continued Edu.	393.77
	Office Supply/Expense	6,538.50
	Religious Instructional expenses	4,956.83
	Maintenance/Utilities/Repairs	40,484.28
	Student food licensure	529.46
	St. John Appeal expenses	1,327.45
	Advertising/dues/security	1,752.25
	Technology	3,638.40
	Pre-School expenses	2,070.37
Total Expenses		490,418.34
	Net Income	15,257.21