

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 15, 2023**

“**COME**
to the
*wedding
banquet.*”
- matthew 22:4

Good News!

Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/14	4:00	P.M.	+Sandy Schilling (5yr Anniv.) (Her Children)
	SJB	10/14	6:00	P.M.	+Margaret Klinger (Ted Brooker Family)
	SJB	10/15	7:30	A.M.	+John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)
	OLM	10/15	9:30	A.M.	+Patricia Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)
	SJB	10/15	11:00	A.M.	+Howard Arnold (Glen and Marcia Pawloski)
Monday	SJB	10/16	8:00	A.M.	+Mary Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)
Tuesday	SJB	10/17	8:00	A.M.	No Mass
	OLM	10/17	5:00	P.M.	+Ron Smith (Minnie Smith)
Wednesday	SJB	10/18	8:20	A.M.	+James M. Barrett (Mona Barrett and Family) (School Mass)
Thursday	SJB	10/19	8:00	A.M.	No Mass
	OLM	10/19	5:00	P.M.	+Patricia Huck (Harold and Patty Michel)
Friday	SJB	10/20	8:00	A.M.	+William and +Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Saturday	OLM	10/21	4:00	P.M.	+Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)
	SJB	10/21	6:00	P.M.	+Tess Huck (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)
Sunday	SJB	10/22	7:30	A.M.	+Edith Brooker (Steve and Pam Brooker)
	OLM	10/22	9:30	A.M.	+Joe Strahler (unknown)
	SJB	10/22	11:00	A.M.	+Lewis J. and Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Cody and Emma Schaad	Eugene Huck	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Gwen and Marcus Lang	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Amanda Walters

<u>COLLECTION D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,278 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$75,219 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!	October 1 Group 4 \$1,596 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Oct 15 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Oct 22 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Oct 29 Group 8 with Russ Lang Nov 5 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Nov 12 Group 2 with Jessica Henke	October Group B—Dorothy Schaad Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center (Sept.-May)	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 WEEK-</u>	
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

ALL SAINTS DAY/ALL SOULS DAY

Mass for All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation) will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:20 a.m. (school mass) and 7:00 p.m. (Volunteer Liturgical Ministers will be needed for this Mass). Mass for All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2 will be at 8:00 a.m. with the

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

Rosary to follow in the Church Cemetery. At noon that day, the Rosary will be prayed at the Ava Maria Cemetery. The Rosary will be prayed at OLM at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. the Sr. Center on October 25th. All are invited to attend. Dates for November will be the 8th and 22nd.

NEW BINGO SCHEDULES

New bingo work schedules are located in the church vestibule. Please stop by and pick one up. Thank you to all our bingo volunteers for helping out.

CHURCHTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Churchtown Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, please turn your outside porch light on.

K OF C ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host Churchtown's Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the K of C Hall. We are hoping to offer a fun, safe environment for our community and kids to get together and celebrate Halloween! If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048! If you need electricity, please plan to park closer to the right side of the building for access to outlets. We recommend showing up with your treats at least 20-30 minutes early so that you have time to set up your trunk. For those of you that would like to pass out candy but forgo the trunk decorating, please feel free to set up under the back porch! There will be pizza, chips, and beverages for a donation in which we will donate all proceeds to a local charity as part of the KofC Helping Hands Program. If you have any questions, you can contact Jessica Pottmeyer on Facebook or text her at 740-336-1048. We are looking forward to having another fun filled trunk or treat with you all!



SCHOOL GALA

St. John Central School Gala 5th Annual Fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 18th at the KofC Hall in Churchtown. Doors open at 4:30pm. This year's theme is "Casino Night". Tickets are \$100 each (admits 2 people), and included entry in the drawing (over \$3500 in prizes). Starting off with Cocktail hour, Casino games, and Country Store with heavy hors d'oeuvres by Big Food Little Kitchen and our exciting Live Auction! Entertainment will be provided by The Hopewell. Please contact Kristin (304) 989-0729 or Brandy Pottmeyer (304) 533-4803 for tickets.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul will be set up on the altar earlier than normal this year. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.



FR. CHARLES MORAN

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Fr. Charles Moran. Fr. Moran was pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Beverly for many years. May God grant him eternal rest and comfort his family during this difficult time.

HOMEMADE NOODLES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, November 1st. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Monforton will celebrate a Jubilee of Marriages at the Basilica on Sunday, November 19th at the Noon Mass. This celebration is ONLY for Catholic couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage during 2022 or 2023. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. The form is to be completed by the parish staff and signed by the pastor. **Please Note:** Families are welcome to attend. However, seating is reserved only for couples celebrating anniversaries. Family members will not be able to sit with the couples, but may use whatever seating is available behind the reserved sections.

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled at the Basilica on Saturday, March 9th. Couples planning marriage should register for this class by calling the Basilica Parish Office at 740-373-3643. Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in our Diocese.

HALLOWEEN SQUARE DANCE

Halloween Square Dance at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Harriettsville, will be held on October 28. There will be an unmasking at 7:30 p.m. and the band Pickin on Country will play from 7-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, children 10 and under are free. There will be prizes, food and fun for all.

RESPECT LIFE
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GET THE FACTS

*The November Election
is NOT what you think.*



**The proposed abortion amendment is RADICAL!
If passed it will ...**



1. REMOVE PARENTS' RIGHTS

The initiative's language uses the legal term "individual," which does **not** differentiate between adults and minors. An "individual" legally refers to citizens of all ages—nullifying parents' rights to stop their children from making harmful decisions.



2. ALLOW ABORTION THROUGH NINE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In the case "Doe v. Bolton," the court defined "health" to include physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age, allowing for abortion without limits in the proposed amendment.



3. ENSHRINE THE "RIGHT" TO SEX-CHANGE SURGERY AND HORMONES FOR MINORS

The initiative would enshrine protections for anything involving "reproductive decisions." This would include gender transition "therapy" like hormones and irreversible surgeries.



4. ENABLE ABUSERS

Any "person" that "assists" an "individual," including a minor, in getting an abortion or sex change would now be legally protected in doing so. This includes an adult man abusing a teenage girl or a teacher going behind a parent's back.

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