

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There's something to be said for kindness. Often when we say to ourselves that something is an act of godliness, it's when someone is kind, especially when it seems to come out of the blue. It's what John the Baptist seemed to be thinking when he said we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with the sort of passionate fire that warms and gives off light. Henry James, the British novelist, once said that three things were important in life—the first, be kind; the second, be kind; the third, be kind. Long before Henry James said it, St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5). God's presence seems to be nearer when someone is kind.

It is curious how in the darkest moments of life, the light of kindness shines more brightly. Natural calamities seem to bring out kindness toward those who suffer. So too, at times of personal tragedies or disasters, when others are grieving the death of someone they love, as well as countless other times when people find themselves lost in the dark. Little wonder then how during this time of year when the days are shortest, and the nighttime dark is longest, that the days of Advent and Christmas seem to be laced with kindness for one another. Then the veil that hides God from our eyes grows thinner, and we catch glimpses of “God with us.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday	OLM	12/14	4:00	P.M.	+Chester and +Shirley Anthony (The Anthony Family)	
	SJB	12/14	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	12/15	7:30	A.M.	+Debbie Zoller (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
	OLM	12/15	9:30	A.M.	+James Huck (Martin and Pauline Knoch)	
	SJB	12/15	11:00	A.M.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)	
Monday	SJB	12/16	8:00	A.M.	+Ben Sauer (Parish)	
Tuesday	SJB	12/17	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	12/17	5:00	P.M.	+Ralph and +Helen Long (Edwin and Grace Long)	
Wednesday	SJB	12/18	8:20	A.M.	+Susan Brooker (Anniversary) (Howard Brooker)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	12/19	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	12/19	5:00	P.M.	+Virgil and +Margert Grooves (Ken and Jan Long)	
Friday	SJB	12/20	8:00	A.M.	+Eunice Walter (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Saturday	OLM	12/21	4:00	P.M.	+Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	12/21	6:00	P.M.	+Dale Schwendeman (Schwendeman Family)	
Sunday	SJB	12/21	7:30	A.M.	+Alecia Fouss (Parish)	
	OLM	12/22	9:30	A.M.	+Tina Schaad (Evan and Heather Schaad)	
	SJB	12/22	11:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby Henke, Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Emi Lauchard	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,516 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$78,525 2024 Goal \$43,047 Thank you for your generosity!	December 1 Group 1 \$1,964

<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>	
Dec 15 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Dec 22 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Dec 29 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller	December Group D - Elaine Wells	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.

*what's happening
this week...*



Sunday	Dec. 15 7:00 p.m.	Penance Service-St. Ambrose Church
Monday	Dec. 16 2:00 p.m.	School Confessions in the Church
	Dec. 16 6:30 p.m.	Home and School Meeting
	Dec. 16 7:00 p.m.	Penance Service-St. John the Baptist Church
Tuesday	Dec. 17 7:00 p.m.	Penance Service-Our Lady of Mercy Church
Wednesday	Dec. 18 5:30 p.m.	Church Decorating
	Dec. 18 7:00 p.m.	Penance Service-Basilica of St. Mary's Church
Thursday	Dec. 19 7:00 p.m.	Penance Service-St. Bernards Church
Sunday	Dec. 22 12:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed December 19 through January 6. There will be a two week bulletin for the weekends of December 28-29 and January 4-5. Please have all bulletin information in to the Rectory by December 20.

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

St. John School will be closed for Christmas Vacation from December 23 through January 6.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by December 15.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Please remember to write your name on the first envelope you use as well as make any address corrections.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas eve will be a candlelit service featuring the children's choir as well as our young parishioners taking part in the mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please contact Crystal Lang at (740)516-4202. Practice will be held after the 11:00 am mass on December 22nd from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Fr. Walter Heinz or Fr. Dale Tornes, their addresses are as follows: Fr. Walter Heinz, 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, FL 34221; Fr. Dale Tornes, 279 Muskingum Drive, Apt. 302, Marietta, OH 45750.

CHURCH DONATIONS

Please have all donations you want included on this years church collection statement turned in to the Rectory no later than December 31. This year's DPSC will end on December 31 and any collections after that date will be put towards next years goal. We would like to give a big Thank You to everyone for your generosity!

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Once again, Cawley Peoples Funeral Home has provided our parishioners with a yearly calendar. The calendars are located in the vestibule so make sure you stop by and pick one up. Thank you Cawley Peoples Funeral Home!

THANK YOU

The Sauer family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, gifts, beautiful flowers, food donations, cards, masses, kind words and support. Thank you for also supporting and loving our family during the visitation, funeral and dinner. I can't thank you enough. Your thoughtfulness moved us deeply. God bless you all!

THANK YOU

The family of Alecia Strahler Fouss would like to extend our sincere thanks for all the food, calls, visits, gifts, masses and especially for all the prayers for her in her suffering and passing. We ask for continued prayers for her three boys and soulmate Brad Schott and our family. We live in a great community and are so thankful for each and every-one of you.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

CWC Group B with Jean Tornes and Group E with Susan Arnold will be decorating the church on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to help decorate and may come any time after 5:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We will be working on the new Liturgical Ministers schedule for February through May, 2025 very soon. If you would like to serve as an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister please email or call the Rectory. If you wish to be removed from the schedule, please email or call the Rectory. Thank you to everyone who serves our parish.

SNOW REMINDER

We are entering that time of year again when road conditions may not always be safe for travel. Please remember that if a Level 2 or 3 road emergency is issued by the Sheriff's Department, Masses will be cancelled for that day. When St. John School is closed due to weather, Mass and Adoration that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be re-scheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. John's, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding a Cabin Fever Buster Dinner on February 1, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy social hall. Menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Dine in or carry out is available. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 10. Tickets will be sold until Monday, January 27th and can be purchased by calling Kathy Reed at 740-350-3496. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Revised Christmas Mass Schedule
as of December 3rd.

Christmas Eve
Our Lady of Mercy 4pm
St. John the Baptist 6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day
St. John the Baptist 7:30am
Our Lady of Mercy 9:30am

PENANCE SERVICES

All Penance Services will be held at
7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

December 15 7:00 p.m. St. Ambrose Church
December 16 2:00 p.m. St. John School (In Church)
7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist Church
December 17 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Church
December 18 7:00 p.m. Basilica of St. Mary's Church
December 19 7:00 p.m. St. Bernard Church





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. 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

Ancient Order of Hibernians

James Farly, President

ARE YOU REGISTERED? Are you new to the Parish? Have you notified the Parish Offices of any changes in your address, phone number, etc.? If you are out of college and still living at home, you need to register as an adult member of St. John the Baptist. Please call the Parish Offices for any changes or to register. Your cooperation in helping us to keep our records up-to-date is greatly appreciated.

Parish School of Religion If you have a child that is not attending a Catholic School, you are invited to register them for our PSR program. We meet on Sunday mornings at St. John Central. You can register online by visiting our parish website or calling Andrea Ralston.

Weather ... If it Looks too Dangerous to Go Outside, Don't Go Outside. The Church does not ask you to do anything to harm your health or put yourself at risk. When the weather is bad, please use common sense. Don't do anything dangerous. Better safe than sorry.

OUR SEMINARIANS

Please Pray for Seminarians studying at: Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206, Peter Stetson; St. Vincent Seminary 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe Pa, 15650, Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich; Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43235-1499: Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker, and Maximilian Kolbe Gan; On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish, 704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728, Ryan Budd, John Paul Gan.

Pride: "Pride is an untrue opinion of our-

Individual Examination of Conscience – 7 Deadly Sins

selves, an untrue idea of what we are not." Have I a superior attitude in thinking, or speaking or acting? Am I snobbish? Have I offensive, haughty ways of acting or carrying myself? Do I hold myself above others? Do I demand recognition? Do I desire to be always first? Do I seek advice? Am I ready to accept advice? Am I in any sense a "bully"? Am I inclined to be "bossy"? Do I speak ill of others? Have I lied about others? Do I make known the faults of others? Do I seek to place the blame on others, excusing myself? Is there anyone to whom I refuse to speak? Is there anyone to whom I have not spoken for a long time? Am I prone to argue? Am I offensive in my arguments? Have I a superior "know-it-all attitude" in arguments? Am I self-conscious? Am I sensitive? Am I easily wounded?

Envy: "Envy is a sadness which we feel, on account of the good that happens to our neighbor." Do I feel sad at the prosperity of others? At their success in games? In athletics? Do I rejoice at their failures? Do I envy the riches of others?

Sloth: "Sloth is a kind of cowardice and disgust, which makes us neglect and omit our duties, rather than to discipline ourselves." Have I an inordinate love of rest, neglecting my duties? Do I act lazily? Am I too fond of rest? Do I take lazy positions in answering prayers? Do I kneel in a lounging way? Do I delight in idle conversation? Do I fail to be fervent in the service of God?

Lust: "Lust is the love of the pleasures that are contrary to purity." Have I desired or done impure things? Have I taken pleasure in entertaining impure thoughts or desires? Have I read impure material, listened to music with impure lyrics, or looked at impure images, whether in photos or on television or in movies or on the Internet? Have I aroused sexual desire in myself or another by impure kissing, embracing, or touching? Have I committed impure actions alone, i.e., masturbation? Do I dress immodestly or am I too concerned with the way I look? Do I use vulgar language or tell or listen to impure jokes or stories? Have I given into desires of adultery even in my imagination?

Covetousness: "Covetousness is a disordered love of the goods of this world." Do I dispose of my money properly or selfishly? Do I discharge my duties in justice to my fellow man? Do I discharge my duties in justice to the Church?

Gluttony: "Gluttony is a disordered love of eating and drinking." Do I eat to live or live to eat? Do I drink to excess? Do I get drunk? Do I misuse prescription drugs? Do I use illegal drugs? Have I allowed myself to become addicted to alcohol and/or drugs?

Anger: "An emotion of the soul, which leads us violently to repel whatever hurts or displeases us." Am I prone to anger? Does practically any little thing arouse my temper? Am I what is generally termed "a sore-head"? Do I fail to repress the first signs of anger? Do I fail to get along well with everybody? Do I ponder over slights or injuries and even presume them? Do I rejoice at the misfortunes of others? Do I think of means of revenge? Of "getting even"? Am I of an argumentative disposition? Have I a spirit of contradiction? Am I given to ridicule of persons, places, or things? Am I hard to get along with? Do I carry grudges, remain "on the outs" with anyone? Do I talk about the faults of others? Do I reveal the faults or defects of others? Do I reveal the faults of others from the wrong motive?

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