

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives. The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025




MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

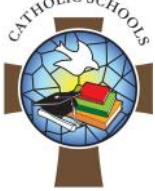
Saturday	OLM	01/25	4:00	p.m.	+Joe and +Ida Huck (Jim and Peggy Huck)
	SJB	01/25	6:00	p.m.	+Larry Schaad (1st Anniversary) (Janet Schaad and Family)
Sunday	SJB	01/26	7:30	a.m.	+Mary Emge (CWC)
	OLM	01/26	9:30	a.m.	+Earl Tornes (Richard and Melissa Tornes)
	SJB	01/26	11:00	a.m.	+Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes and Family)
Monday	SJB	01/27	8:00	a.m.	+Gladys Schilling (Jeff and Lorinda Lang)
Tuesday	SJB	01/28	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	01/28	5:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Mark and Paulie)
Wednesday	SJB	01/29	8:20	a.m.	+Ella Mae Young (Dave and Veronica Bosner) School Mass
Thursday	SJB	01/30	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	01/30	5:00	p.m.	+Leora Arnold (Meade and Tana Huck)
Friday	SJB	01/31	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
Saturday	OLM	02/01	4:00	p.m.	+Patricia Huck (01/31) (3yr. Anniv.) (Harold Jr. and Patty Michel)
	SJB	02/01	6:00	p.m.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Birthday and Anniversary Jan. 31) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/02	7:30	a.m.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)
	OLM	02/02	9:30	a.m.	+Jeri Lang (OLM CWC)
	SJB	02/02	11:00	a.m.	+Alecia Strahler Fouss (Bob and Peggy Byers)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Rachel Klinger	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	C. McCartney, Keegan Pottmeyer	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Hudson Lang	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>		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.
Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,596 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2025 Collected to Date \$3,335 Thank you so much for your generosity!		

Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

<p align="center">St. John Bosco-January 31</p> <p>Sweet Savior, Saint John Bosco had a powerful love and tender heart for youth. I lift up to You the children and teenagers in my life. Protect them; lead them away from the temptations of the world and hold them tight in Your arms. When Saint John Bosco was a boy, he performed circus tricks to draw in the neighborhood children, and then he shared the homily he'd heard at Mass. Help the youth in my family and church become powerful evangelists to their peers. Bless those who have been gifted with a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, and help them say yes to this call. Saint John Bosco, pray for us. Amen.</p>	<h2>Catholic Schools Week</h2> <p>Jan. 27- Home and School - Treat the kids and staff to Ice Cream</p> <p>Jan. 28- Service Day</p> <p>Jan. 29- Speaker on Vocations</p> <p>Jan. 30- Priest Appreciation Day</p> <p>Jan. 31- Senior Talk Day and Kids Field Trip</p> 
<p>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</p> <p>Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32</p>	

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 (**THIS APPLIES ONLY TO WEEKDAY MASSES**) 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 rescheduled. 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.

DPSC

Our total collection for the 2024 DPSC campaign was \$82,188. Thank you so much for your donations. The 2025 campaign will begin with Pledge Sunday on March 2. This year's theme is Our Lady: Model of Hope. Any DPSC collections received since January 1, 2025 will be included in this year's campaign.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: Cael Allan Miller, son of Dean and Kaitlyn (Pottmeyer) Miller. May God bless this family now and always.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Patricia Sisco, of our parish, who passed away on January 20. We offer our condolences to her husband Bill and family. May Pat be with our Lord in peace and light.

BINGO CAPTAINS

If you or anyone on your group have not turned in their keys to the Rectory Basement or the Shrine club, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

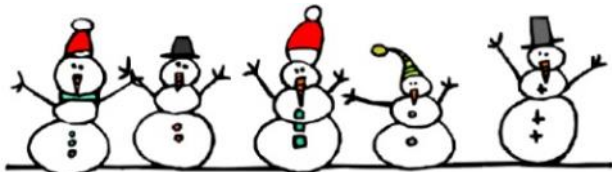
Collection Envelopes will be available until January 31. If you have not picked up your envelopes please try to do so before the 31st. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, please take one of the boxes without a label and put your name and address on the first envelope used.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES

Liturgical Minister schedules for February through May are available. Please make sure to pick up a copy.

ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

February 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise and the custom is to bless the throat of the faithful. Our Blessing of the Throats will be held the weekend of February 3-4 after each weekend mass.



DIOCESAN RETIREMENT COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 9TH

Throughout their lives, our priests have dedicated themselves to guiding us in faith, serving our parishes, and attending to our spiritual needs. They have been there for us in our moments of joy, sorrow, and growth. Now, it is our turn to support them in their time of retirement.

Your generosity helps to ensure that our retired priests receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and His people. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the Priest Retirement Collection on the weekend of February 8th and 9th. Thank you for your support of those who have given so much for us.

K OF C 4617 FREE THROW COMPETITION

The KofC 4617 Free Throw Competition will be held this Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the KofC Hall gym in Churchtown, 17472 SR 676, Marietta, OH 45750. Open to ALL girls and boys ages 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2025. Sign up at 1:00 p.m. and the competition begins at 2:00 p.m. A parent or guardian will need to be present to sign up. You do not have to be a member's child to sign up. Entry is FREE. Contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 with any questions.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Knights of Columbus Council #4617 is happy to announce that our 2025 Scholarship Application is now open! Any senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by the end of the day on March 15, 2025.

Please apply at <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27>

Information and a link to the application can also be found on our Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any questions text/call Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

MARY'S HOUSE BINGO FUNDRAISER

A bingo fundraiser for Mary's House will be held on Sunday, February 23 (please note date change) at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.) at the St. Bernard Social Hall. 20 games for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the door only. There will be a 50/50 raffle, concession stand and raffle.

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.

FROM FR. DAVID

Beware!

They're at it again. This past week your pastor received a text message asking me to *immediately text your pastor*—
Fr. David Gaydosik. Say What! It's not me.



What's Happening at St. John Central School From Mrs. Becky Hilverding, Principal

St. John's School Construction Update & Registration News

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

As our construction project nears completion, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Foundation for their incredible support. The office spaces are completed, and while the second set of doors is almost finished, the building is looking fantastic! We are also prioritizing safety with plans to rekey the building and install cameras. We are currently gathering quotes.

We are now accepting online registrations for next year, with priority given to current students. Registration opens to the public in February, with a \$125 fee due at the time of registration. Classes will be capped, so early enrollment is encouraged.

We are also hiring teachers for first, third, and additional positions in fourth through sixth grades to ensure the best educational experience for all students.

Tuition assistance is available through Ed Choice. Applications for Ed Choice will be open beginning February 1. Additional scholarships are available through Christ the Teacher and the Immaculate Heart Fund. Please apply through Ed Choice first. We are happy to assist with the process just give us a call.

An Open House will be held soon, and everyone is invited to learn more about St. John's School, whether you're currently enrolled or considering us for your child's education. We're also introducing MAP testing this year, aligning with public school standards to better prepare our students for their future. We are also preparing for Catholic Schools Week which begins January 27th. Please watch our Facebook page and Web page for our plans to celebrate this wonderful week.

We are excited about the future for all of our students and welcome your family to become a part of our St. John's community!

Catholic Schools Week

January 27-31, 2025

Monday: The Community Relations Committee will serve the students and staff brownies, cookie cake, and an ice cream bar after lunch. There will be a display in the gym featuring several different items the kids will create/color as to why they love their catholic school.

Tuesday: This will be our service day and will be asking for donations for the Humane Society of Marietta. We will be collecting school wide donations for the animals and are hoping that they will be able to come collect the donations and bring a few animals to visit. If any parishioners would like to donate, please leave your donation in the church vestibule or drop them off at the school. The 4/5th grade classes are planning to help at the Gospel Mission in Marietta.

Wednesday: Mass day

Thursday: Priest Appreciation Day. Our parish priests are invited to come have lunch with the students and staff.

Friday: Area Seniors who attended St. John Central will come and share their experience with our students at an assembly at 8:20 am. In the afternoon, the students will be going to the Gym Factory to enjoy the inflatables and have a fun afternoon.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL SUB SALE

St. John School will be accepting sub sale orders until January 31. Pick up dates are on Thursday, February 6th or Saturday, February 8th. You can place an order with any student or by calling the school 740-896-2697. Subs will be sold after masses on February 8-9. Subs are \$5 each.

