

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 16, 2024



“And He said, “The Kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. . . He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.”

Mark 4:26-29

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	06/15	4:00	P.M.	+Herbert and +Clara Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)
	SJB	06/15	6:00	P.M.	+Edith Brooker (Anniversary 6/17)
Sunday	SJB	06/16	7:30	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (Ferris and Susan Arnold)
	OLM	06/16	9:30	A.M.	+Ralph and +Helen Long (Edwin and Grace Long)
	SJB	06/16	11:00	A.M.	Living and Deceased of +Lawrence & +Margaret Schaad Family (Family)
Monday	SJB	06/17	8:00	A.M.	+Nick Brooker (Birthday) (Howard Brooker +Evelyn Neill (David Schaad Family)
Tuesday	SJB	06/18	8:00	A.M.	+Ralph Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
	OLM	06/18	5:00	P.M.	+Hilda Tornes (Richard and Melissa Tornes)
Wednesday	SJB	06/19	8:00	A.M.	L & D of +James and +Maglene Arnold Family (Family) L & D of +John and +Virginia Arnold Family (Family)
Thursday	SJB	06/20	8:00	A.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Edward and Sandra Butch)
	OLM	06/20	5:00	P.M.	+Helen Fliehaman (Dan and Elanda Fliehaman)
Friday	SJB	06/21	8:00	A.M.	+Harry Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family) +Pat Thieman (CWC)
Saturday	OLM	06/22	4:00	P.M.	Peters Family (Mariyln and Heather Peters)
Sunday	SJB	06/22	6:00	P.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Norma Thieman and Family)
	SJB	06/23	7:30	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Dave and Veronica Bosner)
	OLM	06/23	9:30	A.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (Tony and Kristin Offenberger)
SJB	06/23	11:00	A.M.	Living and Deceased of +Joseph E. and +Mary Lang Family (Family)	

Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Rachel Klinger	Jessica Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Owen Henry	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Connor and Finn Lauchard	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection for weekend \$2,786 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$50,515 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	June 2 Group 7 \$1,215 If you are unable to work, please try to 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>
Jun 16 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Jun 23 Group 2 with Jessie Henke Jun 30 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Jul 7 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Jul 14 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman	June Group F with Tonia Skinner Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, (September through May) 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. 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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
Job 38:1, 8-11 / 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 / Mark 4:35-41	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on June 26th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is quickly approaching. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or on our website. Please turn in your registration as soon as possible. A QR code is also provided to do online registration. Crew leaders are needed (6th through 12th graders). Volunteers are also needed for each station. There is a donation list in the church vestibule. For questions, please call Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you!!

K OF C STAG FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Father's Day STAG Fish Fry (Open to gentlemen of the Public and KofC Members) at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Churchtown, Ohio (17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750). Held on Sunday, June 16, 2024, serving food from Noon until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$15 all you can eat Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Drinks. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions, please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.

K OF C GOLF OUTING

The K of C 4617 Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 18th at Oxbow Golf Course in Belpre, OH. Cost will be \$260 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2024. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be 50/50 and hole move-up! Steak dinner is included after golf on the patio at the K of C in Churchtown. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972.

BALLROOM DANCING

If you are interested in taking Ballroom Dancing lessons, please call Rebecca (Lang) Wilson, 740-525-7788. This will be a four week course (one a week). If enough interest, classes will be held in Churchtown.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS COLLECTION

The Churchtown Senior Citizen group is collecting personal hygiene products for men and women to be distributed to area nursing homes. Examples of items would include hairbrushes, combs, toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, shampoo etc. There will be a container in the church vestibule for the products. This collection will last throughout the summer. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

LANG REUNION

The Joseph E. and Mary E. Lang Reunion is Sunday, June 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Churchtown. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm. Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist in Churchtown is for the intentions of the Joseph E. and Mary E. Lang family.



COME! JOIN US! MAKE HISTORY!

Sing, Process, and Pray with the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrims on June 21-23, 2024. From Steubenville to Bellaire, all along the Ohio River, and over the bridge into Wheeling, there will be many opportunities for everyone to participate in the Eucharistic Revival. Some events will be streamed on the radio and internet. Pope Francis has offered a plenary indulgence to ANYONE who participates in ANY way. For the weekend schedule of events and more information, go to www.diosteub.org/national-eucharistic-revival.

ST. BERNARD'S SOCIAL

Chicken and Ham Dinner/Social will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Meal serving time 4 pm-7 pm. Cost of meal: adults \$13.00, children 10 and under \$5.00. Carry Out call 740-984-0347 The church is located at 307 7th Street Beverly, OH. For questions or more information: please contact Cris Baker 740-984-2638.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Diocese of Steubenville presents Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. 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 trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799 per person, double occupancy (single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

Happy
Father's
Day



*Dear Lord,
Please bless and protect
the men in our lives. We
love them and you, our
most heavenly Father!*

Congratulations to Father David Gaydosik on the 37th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.



Thank you for having the heart of a servant leader. For teaching us as we grow in relationship to Jesus, our Lord and Savior.



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

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese: Peter Stetson, Paul Gan, Christopher McGurn, Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, Samuel Ivkovich.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Processions in Ohio - June 21st to July 8th-Local communities are gathering for a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to accompany Jesus from city to city across the nation, lighting hearts on fire along the way, culminating at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-24, 2024. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route starts in New Haven, CT, and will go through the [Diocese of Steubenville](#) (June 21-23), [Diocese of Columbus](#) (June 24-30), and [Archdiocese of Cincinnati](#) (July 1-8) in Ohio. Several unique events are planned, including a Eucharistic Sternwheeler and Boater-cade down the Ohio River and a Eucharistic Festival in downtown Cincinnati. Our diocese will celebrate with the **National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage** beginning on Friday, **June 21st** with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben followed by a procession from the Fort to 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. We hope that your parishes will participate in the procession by sending parishioners who will carry a banner displaying your parishes' names and will include additional parishioners to process with the banner bearers. We ask that one representative from each group "check-in" at 6 pm at the Large Metal Fort Steuben gate; then all participants will begin lining up for the procession at 6:30pm.

CATHOLIC RECOVERY AT SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH IN PARKERSBURG Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley is holding weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church parish hall. Catholic in Recovery (CiR) is a community of individuals and families seeking recovery from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments; it is open to all. For more information please contact John B. at: CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.

Honor Roll for the fourth grading period at St. John Central School, Churchtown

Principal List:

Grade 4: Brenlee Lang, Emilia Lauchard, Hadleigh Pennock and Faith Strahler.

Grade 6: Sydney Lang, Scott Richardson, and Mason Strahler.

Grade 8: Adalyn Eichmiller and Maycee Lang.

Honors:

Grade 4: Willow McNabb, Callen Pottmeyer, Lillian Richardson, and Mackenzie Roark.

Grade 5: Isaac Schwendeman.

Grade 6: Eli Eichmiller, Addisyn McNabb, Mya Walters, and Morgan Warner.

Grade 8: Evie Pennock, Baleigh Pottmeyer, and Brynlee Pottmeyer.

Conngratulations!

Pray for Priests

Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church. *Let us pray for Vocations to the priesthood.*

Repairs needed. A few weeks ago, a piece of wooden trim fell from the bell tower. Lucky for us no one was hurt. Repairs will require the renting of a lift, getting someone to go up and investigate the situation and them repair or replace whatever! Therefore I would like to request that donation be directed to the parish building fund which I would like to re-name the **Msgr. Highland Fund**. I propose this re-naming of the building fund knowing Msgr. Highland's love for our parish (his parish).

More than 100 years after the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, her message is more urgent than ever. As culture and peace continue to deteriorate, Our Lady of Fatima has the answer to reverse the downward spiral. Beginning with these two "musts" — the daily Rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Servant of God Sister Lucia tells us why in her Memoirs and explains more in her book, *"Calls" From the Message of Fatima.*

Concerning devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, two major blue-letter (for the Blessed Mother) dates after the 1917 apparitions are Dec. 10, 1925, and Dec. 17, 1927. Sr. Lucia on December 10, 1925 in a convent in Pontevedra, Spain was visited by the Blessed Mother and Jesus as a child, standing on a luminous cloud. Sister Lucia described what happened, referring to herself in the third person.

The most holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the Child said: 'Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.'

Then Our Lady told her: Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.