

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“I never met a man I didn’t like.” Will Rogers said that. I can believe he said it, but I have a more difficult time believing he meant it. I don’t think he lied. I just find it hard to believe there could be a person who never disliked anyone.

Loving is something different, although there are many people who talk as if liking and loving are interchangeable. They love ice cream or country music, and they like their friends. One can love, that is, behave in a loving manner, without positive feelings. You couldn’t say that about liking, but about loving you can. Some folks say one of the reasons you should love others and do good for people is because of the good feeling you get when you help someone. The problem with this is that when you no longer get a good feeling, you stop doing the good things. But as disciples of Jesus, love we must. It’s different than liking.

It seems to me the most difficult people to love today are the anonymous souls, the people we don’t know—the immigrant coming to our land, the person of another religion who prays differently, or those living a lifestyle foreign to us. Jesus didn’t have a problem with loving people like them.

**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2024**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	11/02	4:00	P.M.	+Donnivan "Donnie" Heiss (Meade and Tana Huck)
	SJB	11/02	6:00	P.M.	+Gary Rauch (Birthday) (Family)
Sunday	SJB	11/03	7:30	A.M.	+Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker and Family)
	OLM	11/03	9:30	A.M.	+Robert and +Lucy Long (The Long Family)
	SJB	11/03	11:00	A.M.	+Bob Lang (Birthday) (Family)
Monday	SJB	11/04	8:00	A.M.	+Kelton and +Helen Flieman (Anniv.) (Ferris and Susan Arnold)
Tuesday	SJB	11/05	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	11/05	5:00	P.M.	No Mass Today
Wednesday	SJB	11/06	8:20	A.M.	+Howard and +Edna Dyar (Wed. Anniv.) (Norma Thieman and Family)
Thursday	SJB	11/07	8:30	A.M.	For all Veterans (School Mass)
	OLM	11/07	5:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (Joshua and Elizabeth Moore)
Friday	SJB	11/08	8:00	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)
Saturday	OLM	11/09	4:00	P.M.	+Marilyn Lang (The Lang Family)
	SJB	11/09	6:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Edna Dyar (Family)
Sunday	SJB	11/10	7:30	A.M.	+Gertrude Arnold (Glenn and Marcia Pawloski)
	OLM	11/10	9:30	A.M.	+Will Beebe (Gary and Rose Beebe)
	SJB	11/10	11:00	A.M.	+Ralph E. Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby Henke, Chase Arteaga	Virginia Dyar	Theresa Sauer
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Dalton and Dane Schott	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Emi Lauchard	Ashleigh Pennock	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,248 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$72,770 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	October 20 Group 3 \$1,884 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>
Nov 3 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller Nov 10 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Nov 17 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Nov 24 Group 8 with Russ Lang Nov 30 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Dec 1 Group 2 with Jessica Henke	November Group D - Elaine Wells CWC meeting for November has been cancelled. See you at the Christmas Party.	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>	
1 Kings 17:10-16 / Hebrews 9:24-28 / Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent De Paul is taking requests for the Christmas giving tree. If you know of someone needing assistance please notify Alberta Wesel at 740-374-4428.

CARD SHOWER

A card shower is being held for Leo and Joann Huck's 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 11. Cards may be mailed to Leo and Joann Huck, 1027 Lakeview Drive, Beverly, Ohio 45715.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on November 13 and 27. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Senior Citizens meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Thursday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

CWC NOVEMBER MEETING

The monthly CWC meeting for November has been cancelled. See you at the Christmas party.

CWC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The CWC Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at The Cornerstone Restaurant in Beverly. It will be a roasted turkey dinner. It's for the women and their spouses if they would like to come. Please RSVP to Marilyn Pottmeyer by December 1 at 740-516-6248. There will also be prizes available.

CASINO NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for the St. John School Home and School Foundation "Casino Night" to be held on November 16, at the K of C Hall in Churchtown. Admission is \$50/ticket (which includes cash drawing) or \$550 for a table of 8 (bottle of wine and 16 poker chips are included). Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Food will be catered by Big Food Little Kitchen and music will be provided by Sunset Lane. There will be casino games, cash drawing, country store, live auction and a cash bar. To purchase your ticket, please call or text 740-336-5313 or 407-920-1565.

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 collections 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.

PATRIOTIC HYMN SING

The Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative will host a patriotic hymn sing in honor of Veterans' Day at Our Lady Mercy in Lowell on Sunday, November 10th. The sing will start at 6:00 P.M. at the church with a reception to follow in the social hall. Please plan to join us for some traditional patriotic hymns and fellowship.

K OF C CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

We would like to invite your students to take part in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for all boys and girls grades K-8. Please complete and turn in by Friday, November 15, 2024. We will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer, 412-215-6470 or churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

K OF C 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on November 9th, 2024 at St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking, Ohio. Gather, registration, and lunch will be at 12:45. There will be an awards and reception following the Exemplification with the ceremony ending with 5:00 pm Mass. If you are interested please contact Faithful Navigator Rod Strahler at 740-350-0321.

K OF C - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus 4617 invites all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools' grades 8-12, in Washington County, Ohio, to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Essay topic: Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? The winners will receive a \$100 check from the Knights of Columbus 4617, second place will receive \$50. Mail essays and the Entry Form (or at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, November 15. Any questions please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

RETREAT WITH IMMACULEE

Retreat with Immaculee will be held Nov. 15 & 16 at St. Bernard Parish in Beverly, Ohio. Immaculee's story is written in her bestselling book: Left to Tell, about Immaculee and 7 other women who were hidden in a 3'x4' bathroom for 91 days during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Africa. She used the rosary that her father gave her to endure this trial and the loss of most of her family. Nearly one million people were killed during this atrocity, but she found a way to forgive the man who murdered her family. This is an amazing opportunity to hear her story about the power to forgive almost anything by turning to the Lord. You can register online at info@immaculee.com (look for retreat Beverly, Ohio). For any questions, please contact Carolyn 727-692-9310.

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Annual Ox Roast will be held at St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking, on November 3, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$15. The meal includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll and dessert. There will be a quilt raffle as well. All are welcome.

*Seek First
The Kingdom
of God*



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

Script 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

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Principal

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Council 4617

Grand Knight Taylor Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

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Referral Line:

1-800-339-7890

Ancient Order of Hibernians

James Farly, President

“The most deadly poison of our time is indifference.”
--St. Maximilian Kolbe

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.

Men discerning a vocation often find encouragement and motivation by visiting a seminary campus. Twice during the formation year, the Pontifical College Josephinum hosts a Live-In weekend for high school juniors and seniors and college students who are interested in learning more about the seminary. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-In weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. November 7th to November 10th.

On Saturday, October 27, 2024, Pope Francis made the unprecedented decision to accept the final document from the Synod of Synodality as authoritative Church teaching.

The 52-page text includes a theological reflection on the nature of synodality, which it says is the fulfillment of the reforms of Vatican II, as well as proposals for how to apply synodality to relationships, structures, and processes within the Catholic Church. The end goal is to make the Church more effective at evangelization by making it more participatory and inclusive. Here are answers to the big questions about the Synod on Synodality’s final document:

1. How did Pope Francis make this document magisterial?

Pope Francis immediately approved the final document after synod members voted on it. According to reforms he made in 2018, the Synod on Synodality’s final text is therefore part of his ordinary magisterium. This decision is a break from previous practice, which usually sees the Pope use a synod’s final document as a basis for drafting his own apostolic exhortation on the topic (think *Amoris Laetitia*, after the 2015 Synod on the Family). The fact that a synod body whose membership was 27% non-bishops just produced a magisterial text will certainly leave theologians and canonists with much to talk about.

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2. How does the document relate to Vatican II?

The document says that the Synod on Synodality was the product of “putting into practice what the Council taught about the Church as Mystery and the Church as People of God.” Therefore, the document says, the synodal process “constitutes an authentic further act of the reception” of Vatican II, “thus reinvigorating its prophetic force for today’s world.”

3. What does the final report say about the role of women in the Church (including so-called “deaconesses”)?

The final text says that women “continue to encounter obstacles” in living out their “charisms, vocation and roles” in the Church. The synod calls for women to be accepted into any role currently allowed by canon law, including leadership roles in the Church. Regarding the question of “women’s access to diaconal ministry,” the text says the question “remains open” and that “discernment needs to continue.” A separate Vatican study group is currently considering that topic, with its final report expected in June 2025.

4. What did the text say about “decentralization?”

The document calls for episcopal conferences to play a greater role in enculturating the faith in their local context and asks for clarification about their current level of doctrinal authority. However, it does emphasize that bishops’ conferences cannot override a local bishop’s authority nor “risk either the unity or the catholicity of the Church.” The document also calls for more plenary and provincial councils, and for the Vatican to accept these bodies’ conclusions more speedily.

5. What does the final document say about changes in Church decision-making?

The final document calls for a “synodal” reform of canon law, including removing the formula that consultative bodies have “merely a consultative” vote. It calls for the greater participation of lay people in “decision-making processes,” and to do so through new synodal structures and institutions. Church authorities, the document states, may not ignore conclusions reached by consultative, participatory bodies.

6. What does the document say about the “sensus fidei?”

The document describes the *sensus fidei* as the “instinct for truth of the Gospel” received through baptism. It also notes that the People of God cannot err “when they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals.” Interestingly, the final document does not include additional