

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Faith - Tradition - Family**

## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNALIS

Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around.

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**28TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 13, 2024**

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WITH *God* ALL  
things are  
*Possible*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/12	4:00	P.M.	+Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)
	SJB	10/12	6:00	P.M.	+Catherine Arnold (Birthday) (Larry and Nora Huffman)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	10/12	7:30	A.M.	+Fred Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)
	OLM	10/13	9:30	A.M.	+Sandra Schilling (6yr. Annv.)(Her Children)
	SJB	10/13	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Don and Cheryl Miller)
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	10/14	8:00	A.M.	+Frank and +Gladys Schilling (Wed. Anniv.) (Family) +Ruth Dunfee (Virginia, Mark and Rita McCullough)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	10/15	8:00	A.M.	+Peter Fabian (John and Pauline Gratchen and Family)
	OLM	10/15	5:00	P.M.	+Cecilia Woodford (Larry and Linda Pottmeyer)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	10/16	8:20	A.M.	+Mary Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family) <span style="float:right">School Mass</span> +Bernie Carpico (Bob and Bev Krauseneck)
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	10/17	8:00	A.M.	+Francis Bonafede (Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Alexander)
	OLM	10/17	5:00	P.M.	+Patricia Huck (Beverly Micheal)
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	10/18	8:00	A.M.	+Catherine Arnold (Anniv. 10/13) (Larry and Nora Huffman) +Katie Grantonic (Mike and Betty Jo Feeney)
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/19	4:00	P.M.	+Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)
	SJB	10/19	6:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (Jarrod Arnold Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	10/20	7:30	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)
	OLM	10/20	9:30	A.M.	+Leo and Nadine Lang (Martin and Pauline Knoch)
	SJB	10/20	11:00	A.M.	+William and +Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)



Lord, by your grace, bring comfort to those who are grieving, give strength to the exhausted, and provide shelter for those who have lost everything. May your Spirit move in this, your creation, bringing peace amid the turmoil, and breathing hope into the places that feel broken. Amen.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Chase Arteaga, Coletyn Dyar, Weston Hennes	Virginia Dyar	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Maycee Lang	Reese Lang	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,946 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$69,790 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	September 29 Group 8 \$ 28  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>
Oct 13 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Oct 20 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Oct 27 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Nov 3 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller Nov 10 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury	October Group C-Veronica Bosner  The next CWC meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. All ladies of the parish are invited .	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>	
Isaiah 53:10-11 / Hebrews 4:14-16 / Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones. This weekend, October 12th and 13th, there will be a special second collection for those suffering with flooding and disasters. Please be generous.

## **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Mass for All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation) will be held at St. Johns on Thursday, October 31 at 6:00 p.m. (here and Lowell). Volunteer Liturgical Ministers will be needed for this Mass. Mass on the Holy Day will be held at St. John's on Friday, November 1 at 8:20 a.m. (school mass) and noon as well as 9:00 a.m. at Lowell. First Friday Adoration is cancelled for this day.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

There is a new, updated Altar Server Schedule located in the church vestibule. Please stop by and take one home.

## **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on October 23rd. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

## **CWC MEETING**

The next CWC meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. The Rosary will be prayed and the meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

There is a updated Altar Server Schedule, beginning the weekend of October 26, located in the church vestibule. Please stop by and take one home.

## **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.

## **TRICK OR TREAT**

Please mark your calendar now for Churchtown Trick or Treat which will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 6-7:30 p.m. If you will be giving out treats, please turn your outside light on. The K of C will hold Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the K of C Hall.

## **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.

## **PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES**

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wed., October 30th. 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.

## **SEARCH**

"SEARCH" for Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is upcoming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Girls weekend will be held Friday, November 1st, through Sunday, November 3rd. Boys weekend will be held Friday, November 15th, through Sunday, November 17th. Deadline for applications is October 26th. With boys weekend being a later date, applications turned in closer to that date will be accepted. You can find applications at St. Johns Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763.

## **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 Kindergarten through 8th. Our council will be able to send 1 winner from each group. There are 5 groups: Kindergarten, 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th - 6th, and 7th - 8th. Our council will award the winner of each age group \$25! They can earn additional prizes if they advance in the other levels. We need to have these completed and in hand 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](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com). Entry Forms with rules and regulations are available in the church vestibule.

## **BENEFIT DINNER**

Mary's House is holding a Benefit Dinner on Saturday, October 19th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. This event will be held at the K of C 4617 Hall, Churchtown. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes your entry, meal, and an entry for a chance to win a prize. For tickets, please contact Mary's House at 740-960-9944.

## **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES**

This celebration will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 12:00 noon Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass will honor those couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2023 or 2024. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, that is, married in the presence of a priest. To register, please contact your Pastor by October 11, 2024.

## **ST. MARY'S MARIETTA OKTOBERFEST**

St. Mary's Marietta Oktoberfest Fall Festival will be held at the school on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Oktoberfest will be a day of fun for families as there will be a meal in the Parish Center prepared by the Catholic Woman's Club, a kids zone in the new gym (free), a craft/vendor fair in the old gym & a beer garden on the old playground. The highlight of the day will be our Live Auction that will take place in the Parish Center at 5:00 p.m.

## **GAME NIGHT**

St. Stephen Catholic Women's Club will be sponsoring a Game Night in the church hall on Tuesday, October 22, 6-8:00 p.m. Bring your cards, dominoes, board games, friends and family. Cost is \$10 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres and appetizers.



**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

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

**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.

**OCIA** (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please pray for Jacob Carpenter and Jessie Zimmer who are making this journey of faith. Pray for them.

**Congratulations and Thank you** to our very own Pam Brooker for twenty-five years as our parish secretary/bookkeeper/office manager/woman in charge. We wish her another twenty-five years of keeping us on track. Really, do you want to speak to the man in charge or the woman who keeps it together (and knows what's going on).

**Youth Retreat...**NET Ministries will be hosting a diocesan wide retreat for 9-12th graders on December 7, 2024 in Marietta! More information to follow.

**2023 Ohio Abortion Report Reveals** A total of 22,000 abortions were reported, up from 18,488 in 2022. Abortions increased approximately 40% amongst minors and were overwhelmingly performed on Black women.

**WORLD MISSION MONTH.** October is World Mission Month. As we begin the month of October, we enter a special period of reflection and action for our Church's missionary efforts worldwide. World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated on October 20, is a vital time for all Catholics to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message to all corners of the world. The contributions collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial for sustaining the Church's mission in over 1,150 territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Historically, the Church in the United States was once a beneficiary of these missionary efforts, and now we have the opportunity to give back and support our brothers and sisters around the globe. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to engage fully in this mission throughout the month.



**World Mission Sunday**

**So many of us struggle** to deepen our spiritual lives and our walk with Christ. However, oftentimes, it just seems so difficult to overcome the myriad obstacles that can pop up out of nowhere. Or we see the problems in the world, our nation and the Church, and we despair, thinking there is nothing we can do about it. To help with this quandary, Thomas Griffin, a religion teacher at a New York, Catholic high school, has written the timely and useful Let Us Begin: St. Francis's Way of Becoming Like Christ and Renewing the World (Our Sunday Visitor). As the title indicates, he uses St. Francis' life to illustrate how to grow closer to Christ and transform our world in ways large and small. As Griffin writes, "What drew Francis into the heart of Jesus Christ was the all-encompassing nature of the message of the gospel. Jesus demanded everything of those who followed him. In our times, so many can be quick to shave down the rougher edges of the gospel message to fit their own prerogatives. The truly Franciscan lens does no such thing." He started a movement that renewed a profoundly broken Church in the 13th century. Griffin writes that Catholics back then went through the motions, but there was a strongly evident lack of a personal relationship with Christ on the part of most Christians. Seeing a similar situation in our own time, Griffin has set out to provide a remedy to what ails us, all the while using practical examples any of us can use. As he writes when giving his basic framework: "What I have seen in studying the life of St. Francis of Assisi ... is that most of the time all we need to do is salvage what we have already been given. All we need to do is bring to light what has always been there and what has always been true: That following Jesus Christ means I commit myself to a personally intimate, ongoing, and radical transformation of my heart to be in line with his heart; that being Christian means that we understand that our personal mess and the mess of the world is something that Jesus wants to and can salvage; that my commitment to my own ongoing conversion in Christ, and the commitment of every other person on the planet, is the answer to renewal." As anyone who has tried to do this knows, it is not an easy task. But as Griffin writes, "Francis was convinced of the fact that the path to holiness runs through poverty and simplicity. Pursuing a life of exclaiming poverty and simplicity to the world is not an option for Catholics, but rather a command from Christ. Dependence and trust must root the disciple as he goes about his duty of spreading Jesus' teachings, life, and salvific mission to a world that desperately needs him. Francis read this as directly applicable to his own life and circumstances." And we are compelled to do the same with our life and circumstances. The author shows us the ways in which Eucharistic devotion, the same kind the man from Assisi had, plays a pivotal role in turning ourselves toward Christ and away from the world. And he shows us how having a personal relationship with the poor — not merely writing a check, but really knowing someone who is desperately poor — is part of a total reliance on God.

**ST. JOHN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

St. John Cemetery Association Meeting was held on October 7 at 6:30pm. We reviewed various bids on a columbaria for our cemetery. The bid for a 24 nich unit ranged from \$ 9,535.00 to \$16,110.00. There was concern on if there is truly a need for such a thing. Could we not just continue to bury these remains? The cost of each nich would be that of a grave. Each nich would or could hold two sets of remains. Discussion then turned to raising the cost of graves to reflect the increase in care of the cemetery. Mowing (in the are of \$350 to \$400.00 per mowing), grave opening and closing (in the area of \$800.00), and expenses of care. Increase in grave cost would only apply to those who have not yet paid in full as of a certain date. The cemetery Association will meet in November to further discuss these topics.