

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20, 2024**


*For even the
Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve,
and to give his life
as a ransom for many.*
Mark 10:45

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else's evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/19	4:00	P.M.	+Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)
	SJB	10/19	6:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (Jarrod Arnold Family)
Sunday	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)
Monday	SJB	10/21	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today (Fr. Dave will be out of town)
Tuesday	SJB	10/22	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	10/22	5:00	P.M.	+Virgil and +Grace Benson (+Ron and +Minnie Smith)
Wednesday	SJB	10/23	8:20	A.M.	+James M. Barrett (Mona Barrett and Family) School Mass
Thursday	SJB	10/24	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	10/24	5:00	P.M.	+Stepanie Jackson (Unknown)
Friday	SJB	10/25	8:00	A.M.	+Richard C. Arnold (Birthday 10/22) (Shelba Arnold and Family)
Saturday	OLM	10/27	4:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (James Long Family)
	SJB	10/27	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Luella Arnold (Schwendeman Family)
Sunday	SJB	10/28	7:30	A.M.	+Edna Lang (Birthday) (Family)
	OLM	10/28	9:30	A.M.	+Kenneth and +Patricia Stehly (Mike and Dennise Sthely)
	SJB	10/28	11:00	A.M.	+Frank and +Ruth 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.					
<u>LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>					
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, Keegan Pottmeyer			Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney and Hudson Lang			Jerry Smith	Marilyn Zoller
<u>COLLECTION</u>		<u>D.P.S.C.</u>		<u>BINGO</u>	
Total Collection last weekend	\$3,874	2024 Collected to date	\$70,095	October 6 Group 1	\$1,451
Needed to meet parish needs	\$4,750	2024 Goal	\$43,047	If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement	
Hurricane Collection 10/13	\$4,721	<small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small>			
Thank you for your generosity!		Thank you for your generosity!			
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>		<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u>		<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>	
Oct 20	Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard	October Group C - Veronica Bosner		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.	
Oct 27	Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer				
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				
<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>				Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday	
Isaiah 53:10–11 / Hebrews 4:14–16 / Mark 10:35–45 or 10:42–45					

HURRICANE COLLECTION

Last weekend we collected \$4,721 dollars to help with those affected by the hurricanes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will be accepting donations until Sunday, October 27. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in an envelope and mark "Hurricane Relief" on the front. Once again, thank you for your care and compassion to help all of those in need.

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.

VETERAN'S DAY AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

In celebration of Veteran's Day, St. John Central School is hosting a special Mass to celebrate Veterans. The Mass will be on Friday, November 8, at 8:30 am at St. John the Baptist Church. Following Mass, a breakfast for the Veterans and a small program will be held. If you would like to attend, please call the school at 740-896-2697 by Wednesday, October 30.

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 BOXES OF JOY

Our parish will be obtaining "Boxes of Joy" again this year to help children suffering from poverty feel the joy of Christmas. Look for the boxes with instruction inside in the back of church. Cost to fill each box is approx. \$30.

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.

TRICK OR TREAT

Churchtown Trick or Treat 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.

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.

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.



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. 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 - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus 4617 in Churchtown, Ohio 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. It governs our acts, orders our passions, and guides our conduct by reason and faith. It also encourages Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. 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 attached 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.

HALLOWEEN SQUARE DANCE

A Halloween Square Dance will be held from 7-10:30 p.m. on October 26 at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Harriettsville, Ohio. Entertainment provided by the Band "Pickin On Country". Unmasking at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person (children 10 and under are free).

MASS FOR THOSE HAVE WHO LOST A CHILD

Are you grieving the loss of a child or grandchild from any circumstances (miscarriage, trauma, abortion, illness, suicide, etc.)? Come join us for a Mass of Remembrance and pray for the soul of your beloved child or grandchild and have a chance to meet others who have suffered a similar loss. The Mass will be held on Oct. 26th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta.

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.



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

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St. John School Foundation

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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 Simmer who are making this journey of faith. Pray for them.

WORLD MISSION MONTH. October is 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.

Participate in a **"Come and See" Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in Steubenville, Ohio from Friday, October 25-Sunday, October 27, 2024. To register or for more information, please contact the Sisters: 740-346-2625 or via email novi-usa@hsmcj.org. Spend a weekend with the Lord to place your life and your vocation in His hands and allow Him to show you the beauty of Religious Consecration.

Prayer for Respect Life. Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in His incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

"Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things — to love and to be loved." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Things Every Catholic Should Know About Soon-to-be-Saint Carlo Acutis

"I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God." —Carlo Acutis

Here are some interesting facts and details to know about this young soon-to-be-saint. An inspiration to so many, including young children and teens, Carlo died a young boy at the age of 15 after a brief battle with leukemia. May we all strive for sainthood and learn from Carlo's example!

1. In the short 15 years of his life, Carlo Acutis touched thousands of people with his testimony of faith and deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
2. Born in London but raised in Milan, Carlo was confirmed at age 7. He never missed daily Mass as his mother, Antonia Acutis [recalls](#): "As a little boy, especially after his First Communion, he never missed his daily appointment with the Holy Mass and the Rosary, followed by a moment of Eucharistic adoration," recalls his mother, Antonia Acutis.
3. Carlo had a great devotion and love for the Blessed Mother. He once said: "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."
4. An avid enthusiast of technology, Carlo was a gamer and also a computer programmer.
5. Carlo had a great concern for his friends often inviting those being treated poorly or going through difficult situations to his home for support. Some were dealing with divorce at home or being bullied due to disabilities.
6. With his love for the Eucharist, Carlo had asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages to the sites of all the known Eucharistic miracles in the world but his illness prevented this from happening.
7. Carlo contracted leukemia as a teenager. He offered his pain for Pope Benedict XVI and the Catholic Church, saying: "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church."
8. Carlo used his tech-savvy skillset to build an entire website catalogue of Eucharistic miracles around the world. He started the years-long [project](#) when he was 11 years old.
9. Carlo wanted to utilize technology and his website to evangelize. He was inspired by Blessed Giacomo Alberione's initiatives to use the media to proclaim the Gospel.
10. During his battle with leukemia, his doctor asked him if he was suffering much pain and he responded that "there are people who suffer much more than me."
11. Carlo's cause for canonization began in 2013 and he was designated 'Venerable' in 2018. He was called 'Blessed' after Oct. 10, 2020.
12. The beatification rite of Carlo Acutis took place on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi. The chosen date was close to an important anniversary in Carlo's life; his birth to Heaven on Oct. 12, 2006.
13. In photos released in preparation for his beatification, Carlo's body appeared to be preserved from the natural process of decay after his death in 2006, and some thought that he might be incorrupt. However Bishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi clarified that Carlo's body, though intact, "was found in the normal state of transformation typical of the cadaveric condition." Bishop Sorrentino added that Carlo's body was arranged with dignity for its display for public veneration and a silicone reconstruction of his face used.