ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John's Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday's Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It's noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus, God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement's gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY- EASTER VIGIL						
Saturday	SJB	04/19	8:00	p.m.	+Earl and +Justine Tornes (Doug and Mary Parks and Family)	
	OLM	04/19	8:00	p.m.	+Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer)	
		j	EASTEI	R SUNL	DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
Sunday SJB 04/20 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish					People of the Parish	
	SJB	04/20	9:00	a.m.	Deceased Family of +Alvin and +Helen Smith	
					(Donna Tornes and Family) (Easter Egg Hunt after Mass)	
	OLM	04/20	9:30	a.m.	+Tina Schaad (Evan & Heather Schaad)	
Monday	SJB	04/21	8:00	a.m.	+ Edith Brooker (Janet Lang and Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	04/22	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	04/22	5:00	p.m.	+Cheryl Booker (Brian Brooker)	
Wednesday	SJB	04/23	8:20	a.m.	+Albert Henke (Mary Brooker and Family) School Mass	
Thursday	SJB	04/24	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	04/24	5:00	p.m.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)	
Friday	SJB	04/25	8:00	a.m.	+ Larry Schaad (Doug and Mary Parks)	
Saturday	OLM	04/26	4:00	p.m.	+Clarence and +Gertrude Huck (The Family)	
Ç	SJB	04/26	6:00	p.m.	+Frank Schilling (Anniv.) (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	04/26	7:30	a.m.	+Bernard and +Joanne Strahler (Birthday) (Wedding Anniv.)	
-					(Children)	
	OLM	04/27	9:30	a.m.	+Ken and + Pat Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)	
	SJB	04/27	11:00	a.m.	First Communicants	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

MASS		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Abby Henke	Jerry Smith	Jason Henke
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	First Communion	First Communion	First Communion

	COLLECTION		DPSC	2	Please pray for all of the men	
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	First	Communion	First Communion		First Communion
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Mason a	and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis		Arnold Huck
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Emma Sch	aad, Abby Henke	Jerry Smith		Jason Henke

Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,294 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

Thank you for your generosity!

2025 Collected to Date \$ 30,540 2025 DPSC Goal \$ 41,330

This includes money sent directly to the Diocese. Thank you for your contributions!



and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.



April 21-25	The Rectory office will be closed.
April 21	K of C Meeting at the Hall 7:30 p.m.
April 27	First Communion 11:00 a.m. Mass
May 1	Sr. Citizens Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sr. Center
May 1	School Mass—Recognize First Communicants
May 8	St. John School Play—Marietta High School 6:30 p.m.
May 12	CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet in the Sr. Center
May 16	Pre-School Graduation in the Church 6:00 p.m.
May 20	Kindergarten Graduation
May 21	Last Day of School

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / John 20:19-31

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now as Vacation Bible School is happening June 22-26! We'll have fun, faith, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages. Registration forms and more info coming soon. Want to be part of the fun? We'd love your help! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202.

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are wrapping up the parishioner picture part of the directory. If you have a picture you would like included, please email it to Emma Brooker at claire0140@gmail.com or the church at stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com no later than April 26. Emma Brooker will then transpose your picture (if possible) onto the background we used. Once the picture is received by the Rectory, you will be sent a link to complete your information to be published. If you **do not** want your picture and/or information included in the directory you need to notify us by April 26. If we do not hear from you by that date, your information will be published.

CWC MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The CWC Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 12th at the Sr. Center. We will begin with a 6:00 p.m. mass at the church. Meal and drink will be provided. Please bring a potluck dessert or salad to share. Please RSVP to Anna Schaad by May 4th (Home 373-6181 or Cell 525-0123).

CWC CONVENTION

The annual CWC Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Zoller at 740-350-8141 or 740-896-3626. Reservations are due by May 19.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL</u>

The spring play is set for May 8 at Marietta High School at 6:30 p.m. Pre-K graduation will take place on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the church, marking their last day of school. Kindergarten graduation will be on May 20, which will be the final day of school for our kindergarteners. The last day for all other students will be May 21, featuring Field Day, Awards Day, and the official start of summer break!

CARD SHOWER

A Surprise Card Shower is being held for Margaret Dyar's 80th birthday on May 8. Cards may be sent to Margaret Dyar, 2015 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell, Ohio 45744.

P.S.R. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are looking for the next leader of our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Program. They would coordinate and supervise our Religious Education program for children 1st-12th grade. If interested contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

We are currently working on the liturgical minister schedule for June through August 2025. If you would like to serve as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or your child would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the Rectory by phone (740) 896-3566 or email stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com. If you or your child would like to be removed from the current list, please let us know as soon as possible.

5TH ANNUAL A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Knights of Columbus 4617 invites you to our 5th Annual - A NIGHT AT THE RACES - Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 17472 SR 676, Marietta, Ohio 45750. Guests should pull out their derby attire and big hats for this adults-only night of wagering on horse races, great food, drinks, and fun while supporting our building capital improvement fund. Tickets are \$35/each or \$280/table (8 people). Doors Open at 4:00. Heavy Appetizers by BIG FOOD LITTLE KITCHEN (Katie Wainwright-Tucker) @ 5:00, and Races Begin @ 5:30. BET ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY plus 10 other races for a total of 11 horse races throughout the night. All guests throughout the night can bet on any of the horses in the races, bets are \$2/horse. In addition to horse racing, there will be 50/50, Just Ducky, Magic Envelope, Three Race Trifecta and more games of chance. There will also be a BIG HAT & BEST DRESSED contest. . Your ticket includes appetizers and 2 drinks + Cash Bar to follow. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

BAKED STEAK BENEFIT DINNER

A baked steak benefit dinner to benefit Mary's House will be held at St. James Catholic Church in McConnelsville on Saturday, May 3. Serving time is 4:30-7:00 p.m. and the price is \$15 per person. Contact or follow us at: 740-960-9944, maryshouseoh.org or http://www.facebook.com/maryshousesoutheastern.

CHICKEN DINNER SPRING FLING

A chicken dinner spring fling will be held at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fulda, Ohio on Sunday, April 27. Dinner will be served 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.



May you feel Christ's love in your heart & be filled with





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 AssociationAndy 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 The first report for the 2025 DPSC has been sent to the parish. Our parish goal for Our Lady of Mercy is 21,945.00, St. John the Baptist is 41,331.00. To date Our Lady of Mercy is at 63 % of their goal. St. John the Baptist is at 68% of their goal. Once our parish goal is reached, 100% of the funds received beyond the goal are rebated to us for our parish needs. In addition to helping support our parish, the DPSC provides essential funding for our diocesan offices and ministries. These funds are donor-restricted and can only be used to support parishes and ministries in the thirteen counties of our diocese, regardless of the outcome of the discernment process about the future of our diocese.

At Our Lady of Mercy, so far, 23% of our 118 registered families have responded to the DPSC. At St. John the Baptist, so far 25% of our 217 registered families have responded to the DPSC. If you have not yet contributed, I ask you to please prayerfully consider making a donation of any amount.

A recent Study over a fifth of men aged 18 to 24 (21%) now say they are attending church monthly, higher than their female peers at 12%. Among those 18- to-24-year-olds, only 20% of churchgoers identify as Anglican, down from 30% in 2018, compared with 41% identifying as Catholic and 18% as Pentecostal. Among the populations studied, 18- to-24-year-olds were the most likely to say they believe there is "definitely a God/gods or higher power," at 33%, and also the most likely to pray regularly, with 23% saying they pray at least daily compared with 17% of the rest of the population, and a total of 37% saying they pray at least monthly compared with 30% of the rest of the population. However, the report also found that the highest rates of Bible reading are within Baptist, independent evangelical, new churches, and Pentecostal expressions, all of which reported weekly Bible reading at around 90%. The lowest weekly Bible reading rates are among Anglicans and Catholics, at 61% and 56% respectively.

Did you know, Just over one-third (35%) of the total number of dioceses in the United States are considered "home mission dioceses." (Of which the Diocese of Steubenville is one.) They are often in rural areas with small Catholic populations or are in communities that struggle economically and cannot provide basic pastoral services such as Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons and lay people without outside help.



Our Seminarians

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; Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker. On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish 9704 Gomber Ave. Cambridge, Ohio 43728, Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan.

Pray for our priests: 4/20 Fr. William Cross, 4/21 Msgr. Donald Horak, 4/22 Fr David Huffman, 4/23 Msgr. J. Michael Campbell, 4/24 Fr. Walter Heinz, 4/25 Fr. Jack McCoy, 4/26 Msgr. Anthony Giannamore, 4/27 Bishop Lohse. Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and faith. Fill them, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.

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REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING

We invite you to consider designating Saint John the Baptist Parish as a preferred option for memorial gifts when a loved one passes away. These contributions significantly support the parish's ministry and outreach efforts, providing a meaningful way to continue the work of Jesus Christ and the Church. Additionally, please remember to include Saint John the Baptist Parish in your own estate planning and will. Your generosity can help sustain the parish's good work long after you are gone. All our benefactors are regularly remembered in the Masses celebrated at the parish and in our prayers, offering a wonderful way for the Church to consistently pray for your eternal rest. Your gift will bring you eternal blessings.

How to Build a Culture of Life (Read the full version at respectlife.org/culture-of-life.) Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God -given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads. {This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.}



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL 2025



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Alfred and Hilda L. Tornes, James R. and Ethel A. Archer, Earl and Justine Tornes, Eloise Tornes Bakker, Larry Zwick

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Vincent and Alice Lang, George W. and Gwendolyn L. Byers, Living and Deceased of George And Mary Byers Family, K.D. and Fredabelle Mills Family, Raymond and Elizabeth Arnold Family, Joseph E. and Mary Lang Family

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Deceased members of the Vincent Huck Family

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Patty Huck, John and Mary Lou Huck, Charles Tewanger, Jean Tewanger Gribble, Jim Gribble, Terry Arnold, Axel Huck

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Deceased members of the Knaus and Sharrer Families

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Matt Hilverding Family

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Family of Howard Arnold
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Howard and Mae Lang, Howard and Grace Strahler, Ron and Dianna Strahler, Tim Strahler, Marvin Jones, Dave Davis, Lauren Payne

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Jay Pottmeyer, Joan Smith, Bob and Betty Pottmeyer, Dave Pottmeyer Family and Friends

Deceased of Francis A. and Louise Schilling and Harold and Wanda Keller Families Martha Huck, Ralph Schott, Alecia Fouss, Tyler Miller

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Pat Sisco, John McGuire, Margaret McGuire, Frances McGuire, Mary McGuire, Leon and Charlotte Sisco

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Frank and Gladys Schilling, Elmer and Mary Treadway

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Deceased Family and Friends

William (Billy) Heiss, Raleen Heiss, Gary Edwards

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