

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27–36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be.

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## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,  
DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU,  
BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, PRAY  
FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU.

LUKE 6:27-28

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**MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE**



<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	02/22	4:00	p.m.	+Darren Cheesman (Joanne Saling)	
	SJB	<b>02/22</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>+Patricia Sisco (Parish)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	<b>02/23</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Fr. Charles Moran (CWC)</b>	
	OLM	02/23	9:30	a.m.	+Linda Huck (David Schaad Family)	
	SJB	<b>02/23</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Ella Mae Young (Birthday) (Kevin Brooker Family)</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	<b>02/24</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Helen Miller (Mary Brooker and Family)</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	<b>02/25</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
	OLM	02/25	5:00	p.m.	+Clarence Huck (Heather Peters)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	<b>02/26</b>	<b>8:20</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Jerry Heiss (Bill and Alberta Wesel)</b>	<b>School Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	<b>02/27</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
	OLM	02/27	5:00	p.m.	+Charles Higgins (Frank and Stacy Leeper)	
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	<b>02/28</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Edith Brooker (Dave and Barbara Huck)</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	03/01	4:00	p.m.	+Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer)	
	SJB	<b>03/01</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>+Dave Bowen (Craig and Sheila Lovett)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	<b>03/02</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Evelyn Neill (CWC)</b>	
	OLM	03/02	9:30	a.m.	+Joseph, +Bobby, and +Bertha Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)	
	SJB	<b>03/02</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>+Penny Schwendeman (Norbert and Shelia Schilling)</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Coletyn Dyar, Weston Hennes	Janelle Sprague	Jerry Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hudson and Sydney Lang	Angie Henniger	Tonia Skinner

<b><u>COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>DPSC</u></b>	
Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,281	2025 Goal \$41,330	 <p>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.</p>
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750	2025 Collected to Date \$ 7,465	
Thank you for your generosity!	Thank you for your generosity!	

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

<p align="center"><b>Saint Anne Line February 27</b></p> <p>Holy God, *Saint Anne Line (c. 1563-1601) converted to Catholicism at a time when people were arrested for this. She fearlessly helped others survive the persecutions, and her home became a rallying point for Catholics. Fully aware of the possible cost to her life, she hid a priest and held Mass in her home, but was arrested and hanged for it. I ask her to pray for the converts in my church, the converted Catholics of the world, and those being called by God to become Catholic. Help them grow in true faith. Help also all those who have fallen away from the Catholic Church; may they return with zeal. Saint Anne Line, pray for us. Amen.</p>	<p><i>what's happening this week ...</i></p> <p>February 23 CWC Breakfast and 4-H Bakesale at the K of C Hall                  February 23 Mary's House Bingo at St. Bernards Social Hall                  February 28 Parish Directory Picture Taking at the Sr. Center                  March 1 Parish Directory Picture Taking at the Sr. Center                  March 2 Parish Directory Picture Taking at the Sr. Center</p>
<p><b>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</b></p> <p>Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13 / Luke 4:1-13</p>	

### PARISH DIRECTORY

Please remember to go to [stjohnchurchtown.com](http://stjohnchurchtown.com) to sign up for a time slot to have your picture taken for the directory. If you are unable to schedule online, please call Emma Brooker at 740-350-2688. Pictures will be taken on February 28, March 1 and 2 at the Sr. Center.

### SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

“SEARCH” for Christian Ministry weekend retreats for youth sophomore - age 21 is up coming. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School. Boy’s weekend will be held March, 7th-9th. Girl’s weekend will be held March, 28th-30th. Deadline for applications will be by March 3rd for boys, and March 24th for girls. You can find applications on St. John’s Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>. Please contact Alana Henry for more information at 440-539-3763.

### CEMETERY MEETING

There will be a Cemetery Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center. All are invited.

### PRE-CANA

A Pre-Canan Session has been scheduled for Saturday, March 8th, at the Basilica in Marietta. Couples planning to be married any time this year should register for this class by calling the parish office, 740-373-3643. Pre-Canan is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

### MEN’S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Diocese of Steubenville Men’s Day of Renewal will be held March 22 at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell. Doors open at 9 a.m. for registration and coffee. The main program will begin with a welcome at 9:45 a.m., continuing through with the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m. to fulfill the Sunday obligation. The theme of the conference is “The Eucharist and the Biblical Vision of Men.” The patron of the conference is St. Joseph.

### K OF C SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Knights of Columbus Council #4617 is happy to announce that our 2025 Scholarship Application is now open! Any senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Scholarship. The application must be submitted by the end of the day on March 15, 2025. Any questions text/call Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

### K OF C NEWS: NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 are looking for "Of the Year" Award Nominations for 2024-2025. The following are needed: Family of the Year and Knight of the Year. Please include the name(s) of your nomination and a brief explanation for their nomination. These can be emailed to [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com) or you can text/call Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470. Please submit your nominations by 6:00 pm on March 15, 2025.

### K OF C FOURTH DEGREE

There will be a Fourth Degree meeting at the Churchtown K of C hall on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00p.m. I hope to see you there. SK Rodney Strahler FN, Bishop Hartley Assembly 840.

### DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (DPSC)

You may have received a letter from Bishop Lohse asking you to consider your contribution to this year’s Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign (DPSC). Your gifts to the DPSC bring to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including seminarian formation; care for retired priests; administrative support for Catholic schools; Catholic news and evangelization (especially through the Steubenville Register); promotion of the sanctity of life; training for catechists; youth ministry activities; assistance for those most in need through Catholic Charities; and much more. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 2nd. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year’s campaign.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive on Monday, March 10 from Noon-6:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary Social Hall in Marietta. Call Judy McCoy 740-516-8571 to schedule a time for your donation of blood. You can also register online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Marietta.

### PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

The Annual Performance of People of the Passion will be held on Sunday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernard’s Church in Beverly. This is not recommended for infants or toddlers. Mark your calendar now to attend.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Mass will be held at St. John’s on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 8:20 a.m. (School Mass), Noon and 7:00 p.m. Volunteers (altar servers, lector and a eucharistic minister) will be needed for the 7:00 p.m. mass at St. Johns. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup>. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.



### MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at 6:00 p.m. every Friday at St. Johns (morning mass will be cancelled that day) and every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.





### 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

### Ancient Order of Hibernians

James Farly, President

### 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:** Feb. 23– Fr. Walter Heinz; Feb. 24–Fr. Jack McCoy; Feb. 25–Msgr. Tony Giannamore; Feb. 26–Fr. Anthony Batt; Feb. 27–Fr. Edward Maxfield; Feb.28–Fr. Chester Pabin; March 1–Fr. Dan Heusel.

Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and faith. Fill them, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)** are a Tax-Saving Way for Retirees To Donate to Charity If you are age at least age 70 ½, IRS rules for 2025 state you can transfer up to \$108,000 directly from your Traditional IRA to a Section 501(c)(3) organization charity. The amount transferred directly to the charity, by your trustee, will not be taxable to you, so it will reduce your total income and tax liability for the year. If you are age 73 or above, the amount transferred may be considered part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Contact your tax advisor or your financial advisor for information on how you might use this ruling to benefit your personal financial situation, while supporting a charity you value such as St. John the Baptist Church and/or St. John Central School.

**Old Palm** - Any one have palm from year past, you can drop them off at the church and we will use them for lent ashes.

**2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign** goal for St. John the Baptist Church –Churchtown is **\$41,330.60**. Our goal for last year was \$43,048.00. Our Lady of Mercy—Lowell is **\$21,945.35**.

Thank you for your past support and you are asked to continue to support your parish and our diocese.

**St. John the Baptist -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.* (We wish to thank Andrea Ralston for her five years of faithful service and wish her God Speed in her next adventure.)

### Mowing Bids

At St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy we are seeking bids for mowing the church grounds and our cemeteries. Inquiries should contact the parish office.

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**Married love** differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." *USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life.*

**A thought:** My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Jake to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Jake chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life. This kind of thing happens in the Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too. So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to do worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch. - *Father John Muir.*

**Chrism Mass Essay Contest**—young men age 10 thru College are asked to submit a one-page-long essay answering the question: "Why is serving at Mass important for you personally and for the whole Church? All entries are due by March 31st with a letter of recommendation from your pastor, submitted to Chrism Mass Essay Contest, 701 Gomber Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Contest Prizes will include: Serve the Chrism Mass for Bishop Lohse with the Diocesan Seminarians and Dinner with the priests and seminarians. You will experience the blessing of the Sacred oils and the Renewal of Priestly Promises at the Basilica in Marietta.

### ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

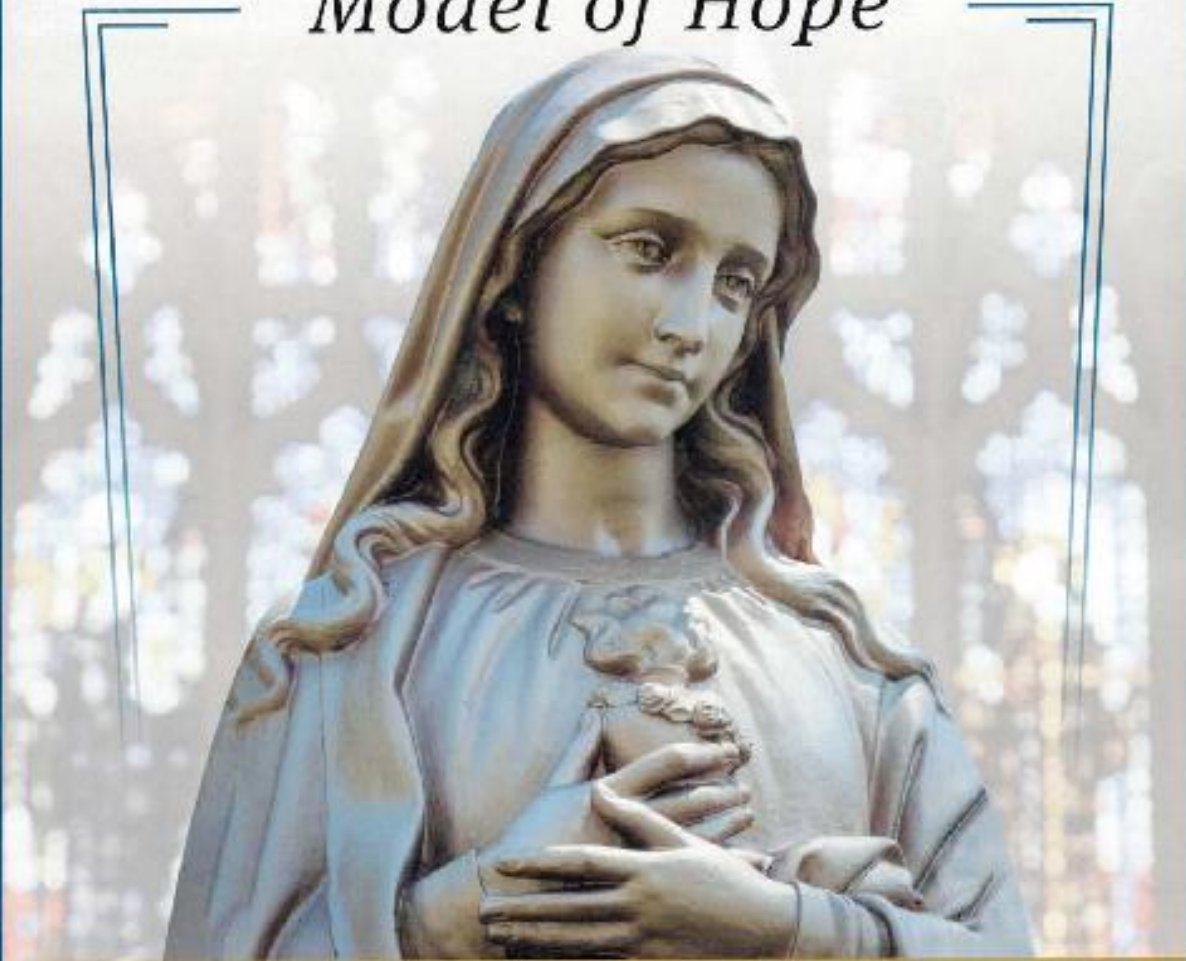
Enrollment information and the link to register online for the 2025-26 school year is open. For more information please contact the school.

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2025 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

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 all who hope in the Lord.”***  
*(Psalm 31:25)*



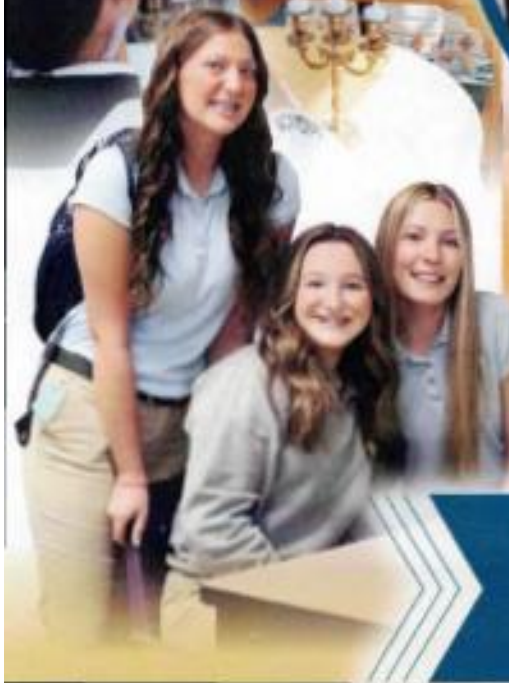
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 • SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH (LITTLE HOOKING) • OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH (LOWELL) • SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (MAVERNN) • SAINT MARY CHURCH (MORNING)  
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**March 2nd is Pledge Sunday  
For the DPSC.**

