

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

**6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.


The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8).

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	02/15	4:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Mark and Paulie)
	SJB	02/15	6:00	p.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Anniversary) (Shelba Arnold and Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/16	7:30	a.m.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
	OLM	02/16	9:30	a.m.	+Jerry Huck (The Stalter Family)
	SJB	02/16	11:00	a.m.	+Gary Smith (Donna Tornes and Family)
Monday	SJB	02/17	8:00	a.m.	+Bertha Pottmeyer (Doug and Mary Parks)
Tuesday	SJB	02/18	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	02/18	5:00	p.m.	+Living and Deceased of Clarence and Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck)
Wednesday	SJB	02/19	8:20	a.m.	+Jay Pottmeyer (Birthday) (Marilyn Pottmeyer and Family) School Mass
Thursday	SJB	02/20	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	02/20	5:00	p.m.	+Chuck and +Sandy Schilling (Their Children)
Friday	SJB	02/21	8:00	a.m.	+Ben Sauer (David Schaad Family)
Saturday	OLM	02/22	4:00	p.m.	+Darren Cheesman (Joanne Saling)
	SJB	02/22	6:00	p.m.	+Patricia Sisco (Parish)
Sunday	SJB	02/23	7:30	a.m.	+Fr. Charles Moran (CWC)
	OLM	02/23	9:30	a.m.	+ Linda Huck (David Schaad Family)
	SJB	02/23	11:00	a.m.	+Ella Mae Young (Birthday) (Kevin Brooker Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Morgan and Baylee Warner	Eugene Huck	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Conner McCartney, Keegan Pottmeyer	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Maycee and Brenlee Lang	Reese Lang	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>		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.
Total Collection last weekend \$ 3,865	2025 Goal \$41,330		
Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750	2025 Collected to Date \$ 7,235		
Thank you for your generosity!	Thank you so much for your generosity!		

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

<p>Saint Bernadette of Lourdes February 18</p> <p>Gracious God, the incorruptible body of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, though she died in 1879, remains undeteriorated, a testament to her holiness and Your desire to protect our bodies from destruction. Because of her compassion, which she learned from life-long sicknesses and mistreatments, I ask her to intercede for all the people I know who have illnesses and diseases, all those who have asked me to pray for them as they hope for healing, and my own need to be healthy. Lord God, help us to grow in holiness so that our souls are purified and our bodies may testify to Your loving goodness. Saint Bernadette, pray for us. Amen.</p>	<p><i>what's happening this week ...</i></p> <p>February 16 PSR at the School February 17 No School at St. John's February 23 CWC Breakfast at the K of C Hall February 23 Mary's House Bingo at St. Bernards Social Hall</p>
<p>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</p> <p>1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38</p>	

CWC BREAKFAST

The Churchtown CWC is having a breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd at the Churchtown K of C Hall. Serving time is 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Dine in or Drive-thru. Adult meal includes bacon, eggs, home fries, biscuit/sausage gravy, and drink for \$10. Kids meal includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, and drink for \$5. All are invited to attend.



BAKE SALE

Churchtown Busy Bunch 4-H Club will hold a bake sale at the Catholic Women's Club Breakfast. We are also taking orders for homemade noodles. All proceeds from the sale will support community service projects and club activities. Noodles are \$7 for a one-gallon bag. To order, call Melinda Treadway 740-629-1452, Alberta Wesel 740-525-4429, Tisa Medlin 740-525-1949 or Tracie Roush 740-350-7916. Noodles will be available for pickup at the breakfast.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Please remember to go to 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.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

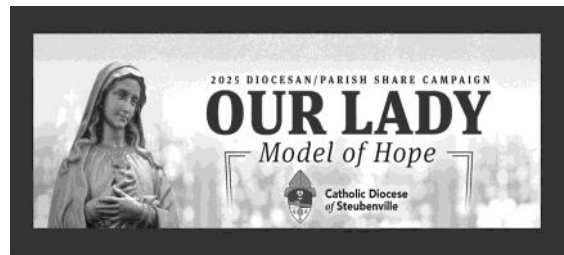
St. Ambrose Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be served on Sunday, February 16th, 2025, from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Eat in or carry out. Adult meals will be \$13, with children ages 6 to 10, \$8, 5 and under free. Raffleing beautiful Queen size quilt-tickets are \$5. Many more raffles prize available at \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!!!

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 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.

MARY'S HOUSE BINGO FUNDRAISER

A bingo fundraiser for Mary's House will be held on Sunday, February 23 (please note date change) at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.) at the St. Bernard Social Hall. 20 games for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the door only. There will be a 50/50 raffle, concession stand and raffle.



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. The DPSC also provides essential support to our parishes, as 100% of all funds raised above the parish goal are returned to the parish. These funds help parishes live out the mission of the Church by providing for a wide variety of needs, such as construction or renovation projects, youth ministry programs, evangelization initiatives, and outreach programs for the poor. As we continue to discern the future direction of our diocese, it is imperative that we continue to fund the essential ministries and services so that the work of the Church can continue. Please be assured that all funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 2nd. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year's campaign.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the recent Diocese of Steubenville Priest Retirement Fund. Our parish collected \$5,165. Our priests do so much for all of our parishioners and we are very thankful for their service.





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. 16-Fr. Martin Hollar; Feb. 17- Fr. David Huffman; Feb. 18- Fr. William Cross; Feb. 19- Msgr. Donald Horak; Feb. 20- Msgr. Michael Campbell; Feb. 21- All Priests; Feb. 22- Fr. Robert Gallagher; Feb. 23- Fr. Walter Heinz.

Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund.

Instead of giving all of your money to the state of Ohio, you can help someone get a Catholic education who can't afford it. This is not just a deduction, but a credit that is taken directly from the tax that you owe Ohio. By donating to the Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund (CTDSF) you can make a donation to the Catholic school of your choice at no net cost to you. If you file individually you can donate up to \$750, or up to \$1,500 if you file a joint return. If you do this by April 15 th , 2025, you will receive a tax receipt from the diocese that qualifies you to subtract that amount from the money that you owe the state of Ohio. Download the form at www.diosteub.org/ctdsf, make a check out to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund Inc. and the diocese will send you a receipt.

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 financial advisor for information on how you to 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.

Engaged couples are invited to attend a Marriage Preparation Workshop on Saturday, March 8th from 9:00am-3:00pm St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville Ohio in Marian Hall. This workshop will cover many marriage-related topics including: Communication, Marriage as a Sacrament, Finances, Sexuality and Natural Family Planning. At the close of the workshop, the couple's engagement will be blessed, and they will receive a certificate of completion. The workshop fulfills the diocesan requirements for Marriage Preparation. Please call 740-695-9993 for more information or to register.

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The Diocese of Steubenville continues its annual **Lenten Men Day of Renewal** on Saturday, March 22 at St. Stephen's Church, 1036 Belford St. in Caldwell off Exit 25 on I-77, a half hour north of Marietta or a half hour south of I-70. This Conference will be the fourteenth Men's Day since 2010. Doors open for Registration and coffee at 9 am. The main program will begin with a welcome at 9:45 am, continuing through the Mass at 4 pm 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, a model of virtue and a true man of God.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available for your church contributions. If you are interested, please visit our church website at www.stjohnchurchtown.com and click on the online giving link. You will need to create an account and schedule your recurring gifts. All monies received will be credited to your contribution account.

SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or the Parish Office at 740-896-3566, when someone is homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot attend mass due to being confined to home and would like to receive communion, please contact the Rectory 740-896-3566.