

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it.

**27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**


OCTOBER 6, 2024

*Therefore what
God has joined
together, let no
one separate*

Mark 10:9



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	10/05	4:00	P.M.	+Tess Huck (OLM CWC)	
	SJB	10/05	6:00	P.M.	+Larry and +Jackie Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)	
Sunday	SJB	10/06	7:30	A.M.	+Bob and +Edna Lang (Wedding Anniversary (Family))	
	OLM	10/06	9:30	A.M.	+Robert and +Lucy Long (The Long Family)	
	SJB	10/06	11:00	A.M.	+Leroy Marshall (Birthday 10/11) (Sue Tornes)	
Monday	SJB	10/07	8:00	A.M.	+Fr. Charles Moran (Bill and Alberta Wesel) +Bertha Pottmeyer (CWC)	
Tuesday	SJB	10/08	8:00	A.M.	+Anna Mae Brooker (Betsy Lang)	OLM (10/8): Eucharistic Adoration from 2:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.
	OLM	10/08	5:00	P.M.	+Jerry Huck (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
Wednesday	SJB	10/09	8:20	A.M.	+Robert Davis (Richard and Brenda Arnold) +Jay Pottmeyer (Dave and Barb Huck)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	10/10	8:00	A.M.	+Tillie Kern (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
	OLM	10/10	5:00	P.M.	+Patricia Stehly (Mike and Denise Stehly)	
Friday	SJB	10/11	8:00	A.M.	+Lorene Huffman (Anniv. 10/14) (Larry and Nora Huffman) +George and +Catherine Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	
Saturday	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)	
Sunday	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)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby Henke, Emma Schaad	Eugene Huck	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney, Owen Henry, Keegan Pottmeyer	Kelly Miller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Janelle Sprague	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$4,425 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$66,945 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	September 22 Group 7 \$ 0 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 6 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker 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>	
Wisdom 7:7–11 / Hebrews 4:12–13 / Mark 10:17–30 or 10:17–27	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

OUR SNOWBIRD IS FLYING THE COUP FOR THE WINTER

Fr. Walter will be heading back to Florida next weekend for the winter (pending no more storms). His address is: 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Please keep him in your prayers. Beginning October 14, Mass will not be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays at St. Johns. If you previously scheduled a mass for one of those dates, it will be scheduled to the next available date.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

In conjunction with the Diocesan Eucharistic Rosary Congress on October 5-11, St. John will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, October 7, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. Our Lady of Mercy will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, October 8, from 2:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. and Mass will be at 5:00 p.m.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on October 9th and 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.

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.

K OF C TRUNK OR TREAT

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will again host Churchtown's Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the K of C Hall. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048! If you need electricity, please plan to park closer to the right side of the building for access to outlets. We recommend showing up with your treats at least 20-30 minutes early so that you have time to set up your trunk. For those of you that would like to pass out candy but forgo the trunk decorating, please feel free to set up under the back porch! There will be pizza, chips, and beverages for a donation in which we will donate all proceeds to a local charity as part of the K of C Helping Hands Program! If you have any questions, you can contact Jessica Pottmeyer on Facebook or text her at 740-336-1048. We are looking forward to having another fun filled trunk or treat with you all!

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.

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.

CEMETERY MEETING

A Cemetery meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center

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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.



LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00 p.m., stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! Life Chain locations will be on State Route 60 just south of the city limits in Beverly, Ohio. Life Chain in Marietta will be in front of Greenleaf Landscapes. Signs will be provided. Pray and sing silently! You will be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

K OF C MEMBERS BOAT TRIP

Fourth Degree Assembly 840 is having a boat trip for all Knights of Columbus members. We will board the Valley Gem at 4:00 p.m. on October 13th, returning at 6:00 p.m. The cost, including dinner, will be \$35.00 per person. Please contact Ken Offenberg at 740-350-4967 or 740-373-2947 by October 9th, to reserve your spot.

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. To register, please contact your Pastor by October 11, 2024.

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL

St. Stephen Catholic Church in Caldwell will be holding their Parish Social on October 13 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. There will be Bingo and a Country Store as well as door prizes. Everyone is welcome.

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. For additional information, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, Director of the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, at jschmidt@diosteub.org or by phone 740-516-9270.



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

“Who are you, my God, and who am I?” An early Franciscan brother overheard St. Francis of Assisi mutter these words as he knelt in prayer, filled with wonder at the mystery of our Creator and our identity in him. As Catholics, we spend our entire lives uncovering deeper answers to these two questions. The more we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, the better we come to know him. The more we bask in his love, the easier it becomes to see ourselves as beloved. As we realize the incredible mystery of who we are and the beauty of who we were made to be, we are moved to respond in love as missionary disciples!

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville, Sunday, November 10, 2024.

12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta, Msgr. J. Michael Campbell, Celebrant. A reception will follow each Mass. For couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2022 or 2023. To register, please contact the parish office. R.S.V.P. by October 11, 2024.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE LORD? Are you being called to serve the Lord? Now is a good time to begin encouraging young men and women to serve Jesus and His Church. If you or someone you know is interested in ordained ministry or the life of a Consecrated/Religious community, please contact Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti at 740-432-7609.

OUR SEMINARIANS Please Pray for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese 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.

Faithful Citizenship: "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. . . The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do." -- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 13.*

PRAYING THE ROSARY

You are invited to join the students and staff at St. John School to pray the Rosary at the Shrine, every Monday at 8:20 a.m. through the month of October. The CWC will also be praying the Rosary in church at 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday through October.

Pope Francis at his general audience on Wednesday, Sept. 25 in St. Peter's Square. While modern technology has many positive resources to appreciate, he noted, it also gives the devil an opportunity to tempt us, "and many people fall for it."

Pope Francis offered advice for avoiding sin when tempted by the devil, including not to believe in superstition or to become involved with occultism, spiritualism, astrologers, sellers of spells and amulets, and satanic sects, which are prevalent despite modern society's denial of the existence of Satan. He also said, when temptation hits, to ask the Virgin Mary for help, and to immediately send the devil away — "do not dialogue with the demon." "Be careful because the devil is clever, but we Christians, thank God, are smarter than he is," the Pope reminded. Quoting from a Father of the Church, Saint Caesarius of Arles, Francis said, "after Christ on the cross, defeated forever the power of the 'ruler of this world,' the devil ... 'is bound, like a dog on a chain; he cannot bite anyone except those who, defying the danger, go near him... He can bark, he can urge, but he can bite only those who want.'" While it is true, the pontiff continued, that the devil is present and working in extreme forms of evil and wickedness in human history, do not be discouraged.

"The final thought must be, also in this case, of trust and safety," he said. "Christ overcame the devil and gave us the Holy Spirit to make His victory our own. The very action of the enemy can turn to our advantage, if with God's help we make it serve our purification." He concluded by encouraging everyone to ask the Holy Spirit for help, using words from the hymn, "Veni Creator": "Drive far away our wily Foe, And Thine abiding peace bestow; If Thou be our protecting Guide, No evil can our steps betide."

LIFE-CHAIN

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! On October 5th between 2-3pm. Bring your whole family, water, lawn chairs, strollers, umbrellas or whatever! Rain or shine! Pray and sing silently! Respond with a smile to signs of approval. Ignore signs of disapproval! Marietta participants will meet on State Route 60 in front of Greenleaf Landscapes.

Mark you Calendar - St. Mary's Marietta Oktober Fall Festival will be held at the school on Sunday, October 27th. 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 PM.

