

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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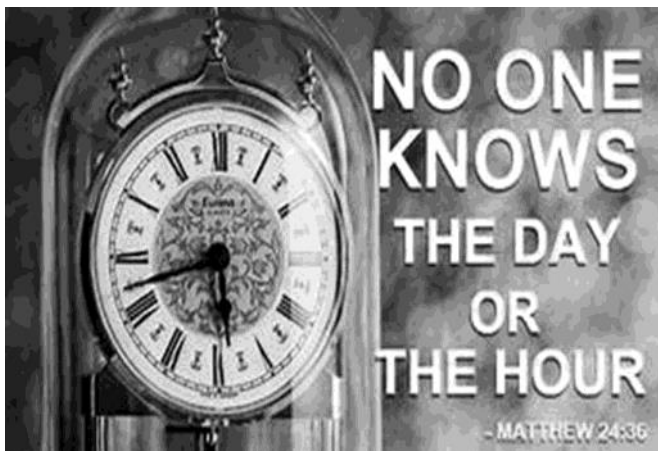
Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

**33rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2024**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	11/16	4:00	P.M.	+Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)
	SJB	11/16	6:00	P.M.	+Edith Brooker (Birthday 11/14) (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Sunday	SJB	11/17	7:30	A.M.	+Virginia Arnold (Anniversary 11/16) (Family)
	OLM	11/17	9:30	A.M.	+Robert and Lucy Long (Ken and Jan Long)
	SJB	11/17	11:00	A.M.	Living and Deceased of +Lawrence and +Loretta Hendershot Family (Mike and Marilyn Schaad)
	SJB	11/17	1:30	P.M.	People of the Parish (SEARCH closing Mass)
Monday	SJB	11/18	8:00	A.M.	+Don Wittekind (Richard and Brenda Arnold)
	SJB	11/18	7:00	P.M.	K of C Memorial Mass
Tuesday	SJB	11/19	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	11/19	5:00	P.M.	+Nelson Medley (Rick and Shelly Medley)
Wednesday	SJB	11/20	8:20	A.M.	+Dave Pottmeyer (Eric and Marilyn Pottmeyer) (School Mass)
Thursday	SJB	11/21	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today
	OLM	11/21	5:00	P.M.	Donald Bauerbauch Family (Cecil Bauerbauch)
Friday	SJB	11/22	8:00	A.M.	+Rita Shrider (Richard and Brenda Arnold)
Saturday	OLM	11/23	4:00	P.M.	+Jeri Lang (Rob and Debbie Misel)
	SJB	11/23	6:00	P.M.	+Terry Arnold (Family)
Sunday	SJB	11/24	7:30	A.M.	+Leora Arnold (Arnold Huck)
	OLM	11/24	9:30	A.M.	+Eula and Glenna Reed (Evan and Heather Schaad)
	SJB	11/24	11:00	A.M.	+Gary Smith (Donna Tormes and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Orion and Raegan Flinn	Rachel Klinger	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

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,353 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$73,940 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	November 3 Group 5 \$ 2,336 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>
Nov 17 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Nov 24 Group 8 with Russ Lang Dec 1 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Dec 8 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Dec 15 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Dec 22 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	November Group D - Elaine Wells CWC meeting for November has been cancelled. See you at the Christmas Party.	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>
Daniel 7:13-14 / Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33b-37

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

CEMETERY MEETING

There will be a Cemetery Meeting held at the Sr. Center on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of someone to dig graves. If interested, please contact Kevin Brooker.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul are set up on the altar. Please place food items (canned goods, peanut butter, mac & cheese or any non-perishables) in the boxes located on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent De Paul is taking requests for the Christmas giving tree. If you know of someone needing assistance please notify Alberta Wesel at 740-374-4428.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on November 27. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

CWC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The CWC Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday, December 12th at **5:00 p.m.** (please note time change) at The Cornerstone Restaurant in Beverly. It will be a roasted turkey dinner. It's for the women and their spouses if they would like to come. Please RSVP to Marilyn Pottmeyer by December 1 at 740-516-6248. There will also be prizes available.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2025 Collection envelopes will be available the first week of December. In order to keep costs down, if you used an envelope this past year there will be a box with your name on it. If you do not have a box and would like one, please pick up a non-addressed box. We ask that everyone please write your name down on the first envelope used and note any address changes.

SCHOOL MASS CHANGE

St. John Central School Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 26. School Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the K of C Hall with the feast to follow.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of \$10 in an envelope along with the name(s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please try to write the names so they are easily read and have your list in to the Rectory by December 15.

OCTOBER AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

YEAR	1ST MASS	2ND MASS	3RD MASS	TOTAL
2020	59	76	66	201
2021	81	94	93	268
2022	82	159	113	354
2023	78	116	99	293
2024	81	107	109	297

CONGRATULATIONS

Through the Sacraments of Initiation we welcome into our parish family Jacob Carpenter. May the Lord bless Jacob always.

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism: William Michael Pottmeyer, son of Heath and Samantha (Hanson) Pottmeyer. May God bless William and his family now and always.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, Mass will be held at 8:00 a.m. and at noon at St. John the Baptist. Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Lowell.

K OF C 4617 MEMORIAL MASS

Knights of Columbus 4617 Memorial Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the K of C hall in Churchtown.

K OF C STEELERS VS BROWNS

Browns vs. Steelers Game will be projected on a big screen on Thursday, November 21 at the K of C Hall. Admission is free and family and friends are welcome! Bring your own tailgate food and beverages to share! We will have our grills fired up! This event is outside on the back porch! Please dress accordingly! No one will be permitted inside (restrooms only). On going through the weekend, Saturday November 23rd - Sunday, November 24th- BLESSED FR. MCGIVNEY MEMBER DRIVE: COUNCIL 4617 IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS, JOIN OUR CATHOLIC MENS ORGANIZATION! Questions text/call Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749.

THANK YOU FROM 4TH DEGREE!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fourth Degree Exemplification, held on November 9th. A big thank you to Sir Knight John Rauch and Lady Susan Rauch for helping with clean-up and set up before the ceremony and for the cake for new Sir Knights, guests, and dignitaries. Also, Sir Knight Bryan Hayes for all his help behind the scenes. The Catholic Women's Club for preparing the hall and hosting a great meal for all. We couldn't have done it without you. Father David Huffman for his participation during the exemplification and making everyone feel welcomed. I would like everyone to join me in welcoming our new Sir Knights: Sir Knight J. Michael Neuhart, who joined the Barnesville Assembly. Sir Knights Michael Wells, Joshua Kocher, Benjamin Cameron, Jeremy Odell, Michael Mojarro, Terrence Petit, and Lamar Lyons, who joined our local Assembly. I would also like to thank our District Master Dean Moshier and his team for holding the exemplification. Thank you to State Warden Tony Offenberger in whose honor the exemplification was held. Again, thanks to everyone for making the day a memorable one! Rodney Strahler, Bishop Hartley Assembly 840, Faithful Navigator.

When
we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their proper place.



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

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.

Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery,

Greensburg, Pa. are inviting single women between 20-35 to join them for a weekend to experience the 1,500 year tradition of loving and service God within a monastery with God as our center, the Person for whom we rest and we rise, whom we spend hours every day in various forms of prayer. If interested or seeking more information contact Sr. Maria Johanna (724-610-7595) or email vocations@stemma.org.

PRAYERS FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for Souls in Purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from Purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners, everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

EMAIL & TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

Just a reminder, Father David will NOT send anyone texts or emails asking for money in the form of gift cards. Please be vigilant!

A Request from the Collections Team

When donating by check to more than one collection (Regular adult, candles, World Mission Sunday, All Souls Day, etc.), please write a separate check for each collection. Because we have to count and record each collection separately, we have to split up the checks by making change from cash donations, which takes extra time and creates opportunities for mistakes.



Catholic Charities of Southeastern Ohio

announced the launch of a new counseling service aimed at providing compassionate, faith-informed mental health support to the community, with a special focus on reaching the underserved and impoverished. This new venture will focus on treating anxiety, grief, trauma, depression, and offer couples therapy to individuals and families within the Diocese of Steubenville. Recognizing the growing need for mental health services, especially among the poor and vulnerable populations, Catholic Charities is partnering with Well-spring Counseling Services to deliver high-quality, professional care rooted in Christian values. This service is designed to address the emotional and psychological well-being of the entire community, with an emphasis on providing care to those who may not otherwise have access to mental health support. "This is a significant step for Catholic Charities as we expand our mission to include mental health care," said Leah Perdue, social services coordinator. "We recognize that underserved communities, particularly those struggling with poverty, often face the greatest barriers to receiving care. Our goal is to remove those barriers and ensure that every person, regardless of their financial situation, has access to the support they need for healing and hope." Perdue said, "Initially, the new counseling service will be available at our Steubenville office (located at the Sacred Heart Center of Hope, 430 Slack St.), serving residents of the Diocese of Steubenville. As the program develops, we plan to expand our outreach by offering telehealth counseling services to reach other parts of the diocese, especially rural and underserved areas, ensuring that individuals without transportation or in remote locations can still access this critical care."

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments and sponsor eligibility). Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collections envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Looking Ahead...



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

Thursday, November 28

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist



MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIGIN MARY Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

Noon St. John the Baptist

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy



PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 16

1:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist
(School Confessions at the Church)

7:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 p.m. Basilica of St. Mary

Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. St. Bernard Church



Mark Your
CALENDAR 

ANTICIPATED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

4:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy

6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

November 18, 7:00 p.m.	K of C Memorial Mass
December 9, 6:30 p.m.	K of C Spread the Light
December 12, 5:00 p.m.	CWC Christmas Dinner
December 12, 6:30 p.m.	School Christmas Program
December 14, 6:00 p.m.	K of C Christmas Party
December 15, 12:00 p.m.	K of C Kids Christmas Party
February 1-2	Blessing of Throats
March 5	Ash Wednesday
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 27, 11:00 a.m.	First Communion

Knights of Columbus 4617 – Churchtown, OH

Upcoming December 2024 Events:

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - POSTER CONTEST

Children from St. John School and our area churches CCD students will create posters for Keep Christ In Christmas (Due 11/15). These will be displayed at the KofC hall for the holiday season! Come check them out at the Spread The Light Of Christ Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing (12/09), the KofC Members Christmas Party (12/14), the KofC Children's Christmas Party (12/15)!



SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus, Churchtown, Ohio*

If weather permits, there will be an outdoor light up ceremony for our building and nativity scene. Father Gaydosik will join us for a blessing of the upcoming season. Refreshments will follow. At this time, we will also announce the winners of our Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to attend this family event.

KOFC MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Saturday, December 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown, Ohio*

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host our Annual Members Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14, 2025. Members and a guest are invited to enjoy an adult-only evening out to get in the Christmas spirit!

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Music by Sam Clark & Friends: 8:00 - 11:00 PM

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this FREE event! Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.



KOFC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 12:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown, Ohio*

KofC 4617 Members are invited to bring their families for a festive afternoon. Santa Claus will make a stop at the KofC Hall to visit individually with each child and distribute gifts! There will also be inflatables! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, please discreetly bring a wrapped gift to the kitchen area upon arrival (you will be reimbursed \$5.00/kid). Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

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