

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025



MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	01/11	4:00	P.M.	+David Schilling (Ed Schilling)	
	SJB	01/11	6:00	P.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/12	7:30	A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Steve and Pam Brooker)	
	OLM	01/12	9:30	A.M.	+Ron Smith (Paul Smith)	
	SJB	01/12	11:00	A.M.	+Alecia Fouss (Ted and Trina Miller)	
Monday	SJB	01/13	8:00	A.M.	+Maglene Arnold (Anniv. 1/10) (Family)	
Tuesday	SJB	01/14	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	01/14	5:00	P.M.	TBA	
Wednesday	SJB	01/15	8:20	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Anniv.) (Family)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	01/16	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	01/16	5:00	P.M.	TBA	
Friday	SJB	01/17	8:00	A.M.	+Frank Schilling (Birthday 1/18) (Family)	
Saturday	OLM	01/18	4:00	P.M.	TBA	
	SJB	01/18	6:00	P.M.	+Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	01/19	7:30	A.M.	Fr. Dale Tornes (Birthday 1/21) (Randy and Jean Tornes and Family)	
	OLM	01/19	9:30	A.M.	TBA	
	SJB	01/19	11:00	A.M.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family Children)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Abby Henke	Jerry Smith	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Grace and Mason Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sydney Lang, Hadleigh Pennock	Ashleigh Pennock	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Christmas Collection \$ 3,369 Total Collection last weekend \$ 4,988 Needed to meet parish needs \$ 4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$80,615 2024 Goal \$43,047 Thank you for your generosity!	December 29 Group 5 \$2,339 Thank you for all of your support of Churchtown Bingo!



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.



SNOW REMINDER

We are entering that time of year again when road conditions may not always be safe for travel. Please remember that if a Level 2 or 3 road emergency is issued by the Sheriff's Department, Masses will be cancelled for that day. When St. John School is closed due to weather, Mass and Adoration that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be rescheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. John's, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.



- January 12 PSR
- January 13 CWC Meeting beginning with Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- January 19 PSR
- January 20 No School

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

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

2024 COLLECTION STATEMENTS

If you need a copy of your collections for 2024, please call the Rectory 896-3566. Your copy can also be emailed to you if you send us an email requesting your statement.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES

Liturgical Minister schedules for February through May will be available next weekend. Please make sure to pick up a copy.

CWC MEETING

CWC will meet on Monday, January 13, at the Sr. Center. The evening will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of David Bowen, who passed away on December 31. May God welcome David into heaven and grant him eternal peace.

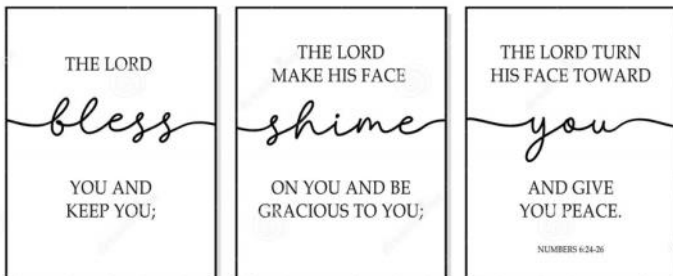
BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism, Kolbie Ann Pottmeyer, daughter of Dustin and MaKenzie Pottmeyer. Congratulations to these parents for the gift of new life.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

As we've come to the end of another year, I want to personally thank those who help to prepare the lunch for Daily Bread Kitchen, those who donate items, your monetary donations and for your prayers. We are forever grateful for the St. John's parishioners! We are feeding around 300 a week and you are definitely helping to make a difference! Hoping you Have a Blessed Happy New Year! Sheila Lovett

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta KofC hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, **January 22, 2025**. At this time we are in need of packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins and fruit cups (to put in the Takeouts). If you would like to make a donation of any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8am on Wednesday, **January 22, 2025**. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!



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.

CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding a Cabin Fever Buster Dinner on February 1, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy social hall. Menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Dine in or carry out is available. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 10. Tickets will be sold until Monday, January 27th and can be purchased by calling Kathy Reed at 740-350-3496. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Even though Roe v. Wade has been overturned, the need to witness the sacredness of human life is greater than ever. The March for Life is the largest pro-life rally in the world. It's an opportunity to give public testimony to the value of every human life, and to be inspired by the dedication of the tens of thousands of people who participate – especially the enormous numbers of young people. The March for Life will take place in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 24, 2025. Learn more at www.marchforlife.org.

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. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by the end of the day on March 15, 2025.

Please apply at <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27>

Information and a link to the application can also be found on our Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any questions text/call Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

NOVENA FOR LIFE

A Novena for Life sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4617 (please see the insert this weekend) will be held from January 16th – January 24th 2025 to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and world.

We will also post these prayer sheets each morning on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/churchtownkofc>

More information can be found at:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions or for more information!





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

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER

If you have recently moved, please call the parish office and give us your new address. Also, if you have dropped your land line and are just using your cell phone number, please give us that information as we want to keep our census current.

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 Gomer Ave. Cambridge, Ohio 43728) Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan.

A note from a Seminarian- "I would like to thank you for your support. Even with 10 seminarians discerning for the Diocese of Steubenville, there is no shortage of love and support by the good people of our diocese. God has provided abundantly. It seem that if I am willing to give everything to God, then He is willing to give me all that is necessary to love and serve Him. I want to be a good priest. Please pray for me and know of my daily prayers for you."—Sam Ivkoich, *seminarian of the Diocese of Steubenville.*

Pray for our priests: January 13—Fr. Mary Moore; Jan 14—Fr. Nicholas Ward; Jan.15—Fr. Tim Huffman; Jan 16—Nicholas Ginnetti; Jan 17—Fr. Wayne Morris; Jan 18—Fr. Bradley Greer; Jan 19—Fr. Fr. Michael Gossett

Weather ... If it Looks too Dangerous to Go Outside, Don't Go Outside. The Church does not ask you to do anything to harm your health or put yourself at risk. When the weather is bad, please use common sense. Don't do anything dangerous. Better safe than sorry.

Introducing Legacy Sunday: A New Initiative by the Diocese We are excited to announce **Legacy Sunday**, a new initiative by our Diocese to inspire parishioners to reflect on their blessings and consider how they can leave a lasting impact through legacy giving. The first **Legacy Sunday** will take place on the weekend of **Sunday, January 19th**, and will focus on our Parish, Catholic School, and Diocese for generations supporting the mission of to come. As St. Paul reminds us in *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*, our gifts come from the same Spirit and are meant for the common good. Legacy giving allows us to continue sharing those blessings beyond our lifetime, ensuring the vibrancy and growth of our faith family.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU. We are deeply grateful to all those who generously contributed their time and efforts to decorate our church so beautifully for the Christmas season. Your willingness to step away from your busy schedules is greatly appreciated. Additionally, we extend our sincere thanks to those who donated to the flower fund, as well as all the liturgical ministers whose participation helped make our Christmas celebrations truly special. Finally, we are immensely appreciative of the gifts, both physical and spiritual, provided by each of you. Your thoughtfulness and generosity do not go unnoticed.

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January 22, 2025 has been designated by the US Bishops as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Masses will be offered for this intention. Parishioners are invited to attend Mass on this day, and to consider participation in additional prayer opportunities, such as a Holy Hour, Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, etc. Learn more at www.respectlife.org/january-22.

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.



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NOVENA FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE

For each day, begin with the daily intention, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, and conclude with the Prayer of St. John Paul II.



Prayer of St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Blessed Michael McGivney, Founder of the
Knights of Columbus, **pray for us.**

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January 16th - May the tragic practice of abortion end.

January 17th - May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

January 18th - May every pregnant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

January 19th - May every father of a pre-born child lovingly support the mother of his child in welcoming new life.

January 20th - May every pregnant mother choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

January 21st - May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

January 22nd - May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

January 23rd - May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

January 24th - May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. Community members and Knights, with their families, are encouraged to pray in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena.



**Knights of
Columbus**

We will also post prayer sheets each morning on our Facebook page:
[facebook.com/churchtownkofc](https://www.facebook.com/churchtownkofc)

The particular intention of the novena is LIFE. Council #4617 will pray along with the USCCB's 9 Days for Life. Printable/Digital prayer sheets can be found:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-novena-printable.pdf>

January 16 - January 24