

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

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 Clennen Reed (Evan and Heather Schaad)	
	SJB	11/24	11:00	A.M.	+Gary Smith (Donna Tornes and Family)	
Monday	SJB	11/25	8:00	A.M.	+Terry Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold)	
Tuesday	SJB	11/26	11:00	A.M.	Staff, Students, Family and Friends of St. John School	
					(School Mass at the Church, Meal at the School)	
Wednesday	OLM	11/26	5:00	P.M.	+Tess Huck (Charlie Tornes)	
	SJB	11/27	8:20	A.M.	+Bill Wesel Sr. (Bill and Alberta Wesel)	
Thursday	OLM	11/27	7:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (James H. Long Family)	Happy Thanksgiving
	SJB	11/28	8:00	A.M.	+Bertha Pottmeyer (Tom and Debbie Minton)	
Friday	OLM	11/28	5:00	P.M.	No Mass Today	
	SJB	11/29	8:00	A.M.	+Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman and Family)	
Saturday	OLM	11/30	4:00	P.M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)	
	SJB	11/30	6:00	P.M.	+Leora Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold)	
Sunday	SJB	12/01	7:30	A.M.	+Paul Schwendeman (Anniversary) (Family)	
	OLM	12/01	9:30	A.M.	+Donna Arnold (12/02 3 yr. Annv.) (Pat Arnold)	
	SJB	12/01	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)	

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Abby Henke, Emma Schaad	Kelly Miller	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Reese Lang	Kristen Pottmeyer	Marilyn Zoller

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,205 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$74,115 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	November 10 Group 6 \$2,583 If you are unable to work, please try to find a replacement
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> 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 Dec 29 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller	<u>C.W.C. BINGO CAKES</u> November Group D - Elaine Wells CWC meeting for November has been cancelled. See you at the Christmas Party.	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</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.

<u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND</u>	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday
Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	

BINGO

As many of you know, Russ Lang, who has graciously given his time to Bingo every Sunday for the past 7 years, is stepping down. We are in need of someone to take over as Head Bingo Operator. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory (896-3566) by December 1.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Requests for gifts will be on the giving tree. Please return gifts by December 6. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with the less fortunate. St. Vincent DePaul

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.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center.

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.

SCHOOL MASS CHANGE

St. John Central School Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 26. School Mass will be held at the church at 11:00 a.m. and the Feast will follow at the school.

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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2025 Collection envelopes will be available the first weekend 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN UP SHEET

A sign up sheet is located in the vestibule if you would like to volunteer to be an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Years Day mass. Please try to sign up before December 8.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas eve will feature the children's choir as well as our young parishioners taking part in the mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please contact Crystal Lang at (740)516-4202. Practice will be held after the 11:00 am mass on December 8th and the 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Churchtown Busy Bunch 4-H Club is taking orders for homemade noodles. All proceeds from the sale will benefit a 4-H family in Western North Carolina for Christmas that was directly affected by hurricane Helene. 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. The deadline to order is December 1. Noodles will be made that weekend. The club is also selling chances on a homemade OSU flannel blanket (Twin Size), \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be sold after each mass. The drawing will be held December 8. This is a great opportunity for "Helping Hands, Healing Hearts".

BUCKEYES FOR SALE

Washington County Exchange 4H Club is selling buckeyes for \$8 a dozen and pine cemetery pillows for \$25 each to be ready for delivery on Dec. 8th. Call or text your order to Alisha Schaad @ 740-350-5719, or Ellie Tullius @ 740-434-3064 by Dec. 1st. Profit from these fundraisers will be used to host a 4H group from Colorado in June.

K OF C 4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

St. Ambrose K of C Council is hosting this year's Fourth Degree Christmas dinner at 5:00 p.m. on December 15th. The menu will include Smoked pork shoulder, baked beans, cole slaw and cake. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing, a Fourth Degree item for raffle, and a Ladies gift exchange (\$20.00 limit). Please contact me by December 10th with how many will be attending, at 740-350-0321 or email me at rodstrahler@gmail.com. Thanks for all you do for the Knights.

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Knights of Columbus 4617 will kick off the Christmas Season with a Spread the Light of Christ event on Monday, December 9th @ 6:30 PM at 17472 OH-676, Marietta, OH 45750. 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. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to attend this family event! Also, at this time, we will present the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Children from St. John School and our area churches CCD students will create posters to promote Keep Christ In Christmas. These will be displayed at the KofC hall for the holiday season! All children Kindergarten - 8th Grade are encouraged to participate.

KOFC 4617 MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Knights of Columbus 4617 will host our Annual Members Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14. 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

On Sunday, December 15 at Noon, KofC 4617 members are invited to bring their families and children 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.





Happy Thanksgiving

Grateful
Thankful
blessed

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

Sunday, December 15

7:00 p.m. St. Ambrose, Little Hocking

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

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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*

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