

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about.



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IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 27, 2024**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/26	4:00	P.M.	+Linda Huck (James Long Family)	
	SJB	10/26	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Luella Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	10/27	7:30	A.M.	+Edna Lang (Birthday) (Family)	
	OLM	10/27	9:30	A.M.	+Kenneth and +Patricia Stehly (Mike and Dennise Sthely)	
	SJB	10/27	11:00	A.M.	+Frank and +Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	10/28	8:00	A.M.	+Frank Schilling (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	10/29	8:00	A.M.	No Mass Today	
	OLM	10/29	5:00	P.M.	+George and + Mildred Lang (The George Lang Family)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	10/30	8:20	A.M.	+Greg Schilling (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling) Trick or Treat 6-7:30 p.m.	
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	10/31	8:00	A.M.	No Morning Mass Today	
	SJB	10/31	6:00	P.M.	+Ray and +Elizabeth Arnold Family (Family)	All Saints Day Vigil
	OLM	10/31	6:00	P.M.	+George and + Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
<b>Friday</b>	SJB	11/01	8:20	A.M.	+Jay Pottmeyer (Doug and Mary Parks) <u>School Mass</u>	All Saints Day
	SJB	11/01	12:00	P.M.	+Bertha Pottmeyer (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	11/02	4:00	P.M.	+Donnivan "Donnie" Heiss (Meade and Tana Huck)	All Souls Day
	SJB	11/02	6:00	P.M.	+Gary Rauch (Birthday) (Family)	
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	11/03	7:30	A.M.	+Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker and Family)	
	OLM	11/03	9:30	A.M.	+Robert and +Lucy Long (The Long Family)	
	SJB	11/03	11:00	A.M.	+Bob Lang (Birthday) (Family)	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Orion and Raegan Flinn	Kelly Miller	Virginia Dyar
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Veronica Bosner
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Weston Hennes, Hudson Lang	Brynlee Pottmeyer	Amanda Walters

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$2,587 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Hurricane Collection 10/20 \$ 140 Hurricane Relief Coll. To Date \$4,861	2024 Collected to date \$70,515 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	October 13 Group 2 \$1,465  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 27 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Nov 3 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller Nov 10 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Nov 17 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Nov 24 Group 8 with Russ Lang	October Group C - Veronica Bosner  November Group D - Elaine Wells	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>	
Deuteronomy 6:2-6 / Hebrews 7:23-28 / Mark 12:28b-34	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **HURRICANE COLLECTION**

We received \$140 in donations this past weekend for those affected by the hurricanes. Our total collected to date is \$4,861. Thank you for your generosity!

### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION**

The annual food collection baskets for St. Vincent De Paul will be set up soon on the altar. Please be generous and help those who are less fortunate.

### **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Mass for All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation) will be held at St. Johns on Thursday, October 31 at 6:00 p.m. (here and Lowell). Volunteer Liturgical Ministers will be needed for this Mass. Mass on the Holy Day will be held at St. John's on Friday, November 1 at 8:20 a.m. (school mass) and noon as well as 9:00 a.m. at Lowell. First Friday Adoration is cancelled for this day.

### **VETERAN'S DAY AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL**

In celebration of Veteran's Day, St. John Central School is hosting a special Mass to celebrate Veterans. The Mass will be on Friday, November 7 (please note date change), at 8:30 am at St. John the Baptist Church. Following Mass, a breakfast for the Veterans and a small program will be held. If you would like to attend, please call the school at 740-896-2697 by Wednesday, October 30.

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on October 23rd. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING**

The Senior Citizens meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Thursday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

### **CWC NOVEMBER MEETING**

The monthly CWC meeting will be held at the Sr. Center on Monday, November 11. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### **CWC BOXES OF JOY**

Our parish will be obtaining "Boxes of Joy" again this year to help children suffering from poverty feel the joy of Christmas. Look for the boxes with instruction inside in the back of church. Cost to fill each box is approx. \$30.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and acts of kindness during my recent hospital stay. God Bless you all! Barbara Huck and Family.

### **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.

### **PATRIOTIC HYMN SING**

The Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative will host a patriotic hymn sing in honor of Veterans' Day at Our Lady Mercy in Lowell on Sunday, November 10th. The sing will start at 6:00 P.M. at the church with a reception to follow in the social hall. Please plan to join us for some traditional patriotic hymns and fellowship.

### **K OF C CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**

We would like to invite your students to take part in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for all boys and girls grades K-8. Please complete and turn in by Friday, November 15, 2024. We will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer, 412-215-6470 or churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

### **K OF C 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on November 9th, 2024 at St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking, Ohio. Gather, registration, and lunch will be at 12:45. There will be an awards and reception following the Exemplification with the ceremony ending with 5:00 pm Mass. If you are interested please contact Faithful Navigator Rod Strahler at 740-350-0321.

### **K OF C - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**

The Knights of Columbus 4617 invites all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools' grades 8-12, in Washington County, Ohio, to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Essay topic: Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? The winners will receive a \$100 check from the Knights of Columbus 4617, second place will receive \$50. Mail essays and the Entry Form (or at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, November 15. Any questions please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

### **RETREAT WITH IMMACULEE**

Retreat with Immaculee will be held Nov. 15 & 16 at St. Bernard Parish in Beverly, Ohio. Immaculee's story is written in her bestselling book: Left to Tell, about Immaculee and 7 other women who were hidden in a 3'x4' bathroom for 91 days during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Africa. She used the rosary that her father gave her to endure this trial and the loss of most of her family. Nearly one million people were killed during this atrocity, but she found a way to forgive the man who murdered her family. This is an amazing opportunity to hear her story about the power to forgive almost anything by turning to the Lord. You can register online at [info@immaculee.com](mailto:info@immaculee.com) (look for retreat Beverly, Ohio). For any questions, please contact Carolyn 727-692-9310.

### **ST. MARY'S MARIETTA OKTOBERFEST**

St. Mary's Marietta Oktoberfest Fall Festival will be held at the school on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 p.m.

### **PORK, SAUERKRAUT & BOHNEN-BRIE DINNER**

St. Mary's of Immaculate Conception in Caldwell will hold a Pork, Sauerkraut & Bohnen-Brie Dinner on Sunday, November 3, 10\_30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids. Homemade noodles for sale and raffle tickets available.



### 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.

**OCIA** (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please pray for Jacob Carpenter and Jessie Simmer.

**Men discerning a vocation** often find encouragement and motivation by visiting a seminary campus. Twice during the formation year, the Pontifical College Josephinum hosts a Live-In weekend for high school juniors and seniors and college students who are interested in learning more about the seminary. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-In weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. November 7th to November 10th.

Participate in a **"Come and See" Discernment Retreat** with the *Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus* in Steubenville, Ohio from Friday, October 25-Sunday, October 27, 2024. To register or for more information, please contact the Sisters: 740-346-2625 or via email [novi-usa@hsmcj.org](mailto:novi-usa@hsmcj.org). Spend a weekend with the Lord to place your life and your vocation in His hands and allow Him to show you the beauty of Religious Consecration.

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."  
--St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Prayer for Respect Life.** Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in His incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

"Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things — to love and to be loved." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### Things Every Catholic Should Know About Soon-to-be-Saint Carlo Acutis

"I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God." —Carlo Acutis

Here are some interesting facts and details to know about this young soon-to-be-saint. An inspiration to so many, including young children and teens, Carlo died a young boy at the age of 15 after a brief battle with leukemia. May we all strive for sainthood and learn from Carlo's example!

9. Carlo wanted to utilize technology and his website to evangelize. He was inspired by Blessed Giacomo Alberione's initiatives to use the media to proclaim the Gospel.

10. During his battle with leukemia, his doctor asked him if he was suffering much pain and he responded that "there are people who suffer much more than me."

11. After Carlo's death, a traveling exhibition of the teen's Eucharistic miracles began, a brain-child of Acutis. Msgr. Raffaello Martinelli and Cardinal Angelo Comastri, who at the time was head of the Catechetical Office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, helped organize the photo exhibition in his honor. It has now traveled to dozens of countries across five continents.

12. Francesca Consolini, a postulator in the Archdiocese of Milan, thought there was reason to open Carlo's cause of beatification when the required wait of five years after his death has been met. Speaking of the young teen, Consolini said: "His faith, which was unique in such a young person, was pure and certain. It made him always be sincere with himself and with others. He showed extraordinary care for others; he was sensitive to the problems and situations of his friends and those who lived close to him and were with him day to day."

13. Carlo's cause for canonization began in 2013 and he was designated 'Venerable' in 2018. He was called 'Blessed' after Oct. 10, 2020.

14. The beatification rite of Carlo Acutis took place on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi. The chosen date was close to an important anniversary in Carlo's life; his birth to Heaven on Oct. 12, 2006.

Witnessing his beatification and seeing a young boy wearing jeans, a sweatshirt and sneakers, may we all remember we are called to be saints and strive to live like Carlo with whatever time we are given. As a young Acutis once said: "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven."