

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Marietta, Ohio 45750-6530
Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Fr. Dale Tornes, retired



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us.

**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	09/07	4:00	P.M.	+Deanna Lang (3yr. Anniv. 08/29) (Raymond Lang)
	SJB	09/07	6:00	P.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Connie Arnold) Happy Birthday Fr. Dave!
Sunday	SJB	09/08	7:30	A.M.	+Ed Brooker (Anniversary 9/6) (Family)
	OLM	09/08	9:30	A.M.	+Ron Smith (+Minnie Smith)
	SJB	09/08	11:00	A.M.	+C. Jay Pottmeyer (Parish)
Monday	SJB	09/09	8:00	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Jerry and Melinda Treadway) +Pat Thieman (Card Club)
Tuesday	SJB	09/10	8:00	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Ed and Lois Arnold)
	OLM	09/10	5:00	P.M.	+Donnie Heiss (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
Wednesday	SJB	09/11	8:20	A.M.	+Edith Brooker (Ken and Marsha Gerken) School Mass +Richard C. Arnold (Jeff and Lorinda Lang)
Thursday	SJB	09/12	8:00	A.M.	+Roseria Brockmeier (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)
	OLM	09/12	5:00	P.M.	+David and +Mary Schilling (Ed Schilling)
Friday	SJB	09/13	8:00	A.M.	+Robert Gaydosik (Rose and Rita Dick) +Patricia Gaydosik (Helen Marie Ring)
Saturday	OLM	09/14	4:00	P.M.	+Martha Huck (Martin and Pauline Knoch)
	SJB	09/14	6:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Hilda Arnold (Shelba Arnold and Family)
Sunday	SJB	09/15	7:30	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Wedding Anniversary) (Regis Huck and Family)
	OLM	09/15	9:30	A.M.	+Greg Schilling (Lisa Schwendeman)
	SJB	09/15	11:00	A.M.	+Evelyn Neill (Norma Thieman and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Emma Schaad, Abby Henke	Jerry Smith	Jason Henke
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Callen Pottmeyer, Finn Lauchard	Janelle Sprague	Lori Hart

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$4,081 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$65,225 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	August 25 Group 3 \$1,183 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>
Sep 8 Group 5 with Robin Eichmiller Sep 15 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury Sep 22 Group 7 with Brandon Wheeler Sep 29 Group 8 with Russ Lang Oct 6 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Oct 13 Group 2 with Jessica Henke	September-October Group C-Veronica Bosner The next CWC meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 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>	
Isaiah 50:5–9a / James 2:14–18 / Mark 8:27–35	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration has begun for our Parish School of Religion. To register, please visit <https://forms.gle/9fMcMWVkykTzX9y9> to complete the form. For questions, please contact Andrea Ralston, Director, 740-350-4669.

THANK YOU!

The family of C. Jay Pottmeyer would like to thank everyone for the love and support you have shown us during this difficult time. Your kindness has truly touched our hearts and we appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, meals, and cards. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring community. God bless you all. The C. Jay Pottmeyer Family.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on September 11th and 25th. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

CWC MEETING

CWC will begin their monthly meetings on Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. Center. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

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. The K of C will hold their Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 18. More information will follow.

K OF C PATIO PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will have a Patio Picnic on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Events will start with Catholic mass at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Afterwards, on the back patio at the hall in Churchtown, we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks (BYOB). Guests should bring a salad or dessert to share! There will be games and prizes for the kids. Members, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. We will have applications for NEW MEMBERS to join! Come socialize with our community! As part of our FOOD FOR FAMILIES program, we will be collecting canned goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. We hope to see you there! For Questions Contact: Derek Kern @ 740-516-7219 or Clay Miller @ 740-336-4229.

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.

*We don't change God's message –
His message changes us.*

K OF C 4TH DEGREE MEETING

There will be a Fourth Degree meeting in September 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the Marietta Knights of Columbus hall. We have several items to discuss and this will take the place of the meeting on our boat trip in October 13, 2024. I hope everyone had a safe summer. Rod Strahler FN

WONDER OF EVE PROGRAM

We are delighted to offer again two sessions of the 'Wonder of Eve' program for teen girls and their mothers. This is a terrific "coming of age" presentation for high school-aged girls and will give participants a joyful and faithful vision of womanhood and female sexuality. Each session is stand-alone and free. Dates are Sunday September 8, at 4 p.m., Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, Sunday September 15 at 2 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ironton OH. For more info and to register: <https://www.freedomfertilitycare.com/intro>.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress for our Diocese will be held October 5-11 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. There will be 7:45 a.m. Mass followed by adoration each day from 8:15-7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Shelly Medley 740-525-6360.

PILGRIMAGE

The Knights of Columbus Athens 1716 are leading a Pilgrimage to New Haven CT from Friday October 11-Sunday October 13. Cost is \$385 including two nights at the Laquinta Inn, chartered bus transportation throughout the weekend, and two catered dinners. There is a \$100 deposit required on signup. Please contact Josh Kocher, joshburn@protonmail.com, Brett Martz bmartz@athenscatholic.org, or Call the Holy Family Center in Athens 740-592-2711. Please register by September 24 so final arrangements can be made. We have 56 seats. Let's fill this bus!

LADIES RETREAT

The St. Ambrose Ladies Retreat will be held at St. Ambrose Church on Saturday, October 5, from 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Forms are located in the church vestibule. There is a \$10 donation to help cover costs. For reservations (due before September 28) or more information: Rita Rodgers 740-423-5697 or rrdodgers2417@gmail.com; Becky Hennen 740-629-1093 or rah1097@roadrunner.com. All ladies are welcome to attend!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES:

To register for Parish School of Religion classes, please hold the camera on your phone up to the QR code and follow the link for the registration form. For questions, please contact Andrea Ralston, Director, 740-350-4669.



**Happy Birthday
Fr. Dave!!**



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

Script 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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process in which adults enter the Roman Catholic Church is known as OCIA, "The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults." Who is eligible for this process? *The Unbaptized*. The primary focus of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have had little or no religious education. *Baptized but un-catechized* are those who have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but need further catechetical instruction to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. Those *Seeking Full Communion* with the Catholic Church are baptized, practicing Christians from another Christian Tradition who seek entry, or full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. *If you know someone who might be interested, please call the parish office at 740-896-3566.*

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2024 – 2025

One of the most important aspects a parish must have to survive is a strong religious education program. Classes will begin October 6th. For information contact Andrea Ralston at 740-350-4669.

K OF C FOOTBALL CRAZR—The Football Sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season –games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period. If you would like a ticket, please see a K of C member.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS: The Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held Wednesday, October 9th – Friday, October 11th. At The Basilica of the Assumption, Marietta. Eucharistic adoration hours will be 8:15 AM – 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please mark your calendars and plan to spend an hour with Our Lord.

THE GREAT JUBILEE OF 2025 In keeping with an ancient Catholic tradition, Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." This special year offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their faith and receive divine graces. Pilgrims from around the world are encouraged to visit Rome and its four major basilicas: St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially begin with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Please join in praying for Seminarians of the Steubenville Diocese: Studying at *Sacred Heart Major Seminary* Detroit, Peter Stetson, Studying at *St. Vincent Seminary* in Latrobe Pa, Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich, Studying at the *Pontifical College Josephinum* in Columbus, Ohio: Jonathan Rusco, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, Caleb Baker, John Paul Gan, and Ryan Budd.

Do your best and let God do the rest.

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.

Murmurings by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered. "Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in the Gospel, and I think with a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also was not very accurate: Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life? Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy. We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me... And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand. In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me... Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps the Gospel shows us that this is no new thing. We see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring. The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

A **Catholic education** teaches baptized students to live in the glorious freedom of the children of God (see Romans 8:21). As students come to understand the immense privilege of baptism, they learn what it means to be temples of the Holy Spirit, partake in divine life, and embrace their vocation "through their sacrificial efforts to bring people to God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1241). It also highlights the power of grace to potentially love as God Himself loves. Naturally, such an education must be faithful to the Gospel and to the teachings of the Church, emphasizing them as the true path to human flourishing and fulfillment.



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St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion Class Dates

Classes are for grades K-8 and will be held 9-10:30 a.m. on the following Sundays at St. John Central School.
Classes are grouped as follows: K & 1st grade, 2nd Grade First Communion, 3-5 grades, and 6-8 grades.

October 6, 13, 20
November 3, 10, 17
December 1, 8, 15
January 5, 12, 19
February 2, 9, 16
March 2, 9, 16

First Holy Communion Class (meets during PSR)

For those in 2nd grade and above who have not received the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

First Reconciliation - Sunday, December 8 after the 11 a.m. mass (For PSR students only).

First Holy Communion - Sunday, April 27 at the 11 a.m. mass (For PSR & St. John Central students).

Confirmation Class

There is no confirmation class this year.

Please fill out the Parish School of Religion registration form online

<https://forms.gle/9fMcMWVkpYkTzX9y9>



**Questions? Contact Parish School of Religion Coordinator Andrea Ralston
at 740-350-4669 (call or text) or at andreabralston@gmail.com.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4617 PATIO PICNIC

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2024
12:00 NOON

BACK PORCH & PATIO

17472 State Route 676
Marietta, OH 45750

CATHOLIC MASS: **11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Churchtown, OH

LUNCH: **12:00 NOON – 3:00 PM**

HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS PROVIDED

BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE

DRINKS & WATER PROVIDED – BYOB

KIDS GAMES, HORSESHOES, CORN HOLE, & MORE!

Come Socialize with our Community!

**ALL KOFC MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR
FAMILY & FRIENDS TO THIS ALL-COMMUNITY EVENT!**

>>> We will have applications for NEW MEMBERS to join <<<

Bring CANNED GOODS to be entered to win a prize!

>>> Donations will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul <<<



For Questions Contact:

Derek Kern @ 740-516-7219 or Clay Miller @ 740-336-4229

FREE
OPEN TO KOFC
MEMBERS FAMILIES
& FRIENDS



RENEW YOUR SPIRIT LADIES RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2024
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
ST. AMBROSE CHURCH
5080 SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD
LITTLE HOCKING, OHIO

SPEAKERS:

Several ladies will share their faith stories.

ACTIVITIES:

UPLIFTING MUSIC *** LIFE CHANGING SPEAKERS *** CONFESSIONS
*** GROUP DISCUSSION *** LUNCH *** BENEDICTION *** ADORATION***

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:

Rita Rodgers 740-423-5697 drrodgers2417@gmail.com
Becky Hennen 740-629-1093 rah1097@roadrunner.com

*** In order to cover our expenses, we are requesting a \$10 donation. ***

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to St. Ambrose CWC and mail with the bottom of this form to Rita Rodgers 2417 Norris Ave. Belpre, Ohio 45714 before September 28, 2024.

Do you have a faith experience that you would like to share? (optional)

When and where did it take place _____

Please share some details of your experience. _____

We will contact you to confirm your willingness to share your experience.

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

OCTOBER 5 – 11, 2024



As a diocese, let us join Catholics around the country in adoring Jesus in the Eucharist, united to Mary our Blessed Mother, in reparation to God our Father.

LOCATIONS AND CONTACT INFO:

■ Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Marietta

10/9-11 - 7:45am Mass followed by adoration each day from 8:15am – 7pm
For more info contact Shelly Medley 740-525-6360

■ St. Joseph Church, Ironton

10/5 - Rosary & Novena Prayers with Adoration *before* 1st Saturday Mass
10/6 - Rosary & Novena Prayers with Adoration after 9am Sunday Mass
10/7 - 24 Hr Adoration beginning with Novena after 8am Mass at SJ
10/8-12 - Rosary & Novena Prayers with Adoration after 8am (9am Sat) Mass
10/13 - Rosary & Novena Prayers with Adoration after 9am Sunday Mass &
6:30pm Rosary & Novena Prayers at Shrine
For more info contact Fr. Morris: morris_wayne@yahoo.com

■ Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville

10/5 - 8:30am Opening Mass, Eucharistic-Marian Procession, Confessions, Perpetual Adoration, Hourly Rosary

10/11 - 7:00pm Closing Mass, Eucharistic Procession.

For complete schedule, see www.diosteub.org/rosary-congress

For more info contact Nellie Kuebler: 740-381-3537 Scan QR Code for adoration sign-up:

For general info about the Eucharistic Rosary Congress contact Peggy Downs: 410-596-1936

