

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Good News!

By: FR. JOSEPH JUKNALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After "the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses," some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that "outsiders" may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life

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**26TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	09/28	4:00	P.M.	Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	09/28	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	09/29	7:30	A.M.	+Joseph Lori (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
	OLM	09/29	9:30	A.M.	+Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	09/29	11:00	A.M.	+Richard and +Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family Children)
<b>Monday</b>	SJB	09/30	8:00	A.M.	+Herb Mason (Bruce Lang Family) +Frank Schilling (Patty Finkel)
<b>Tuesday</b>	SJB	10/01	8:00	A.M.	+William and +Elizabeth Schilling (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
	OLM	10/01	5:00	P.M.	+Gordon, +Mildred, and + Joe Strain (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJB	10/02	8:20	A.M.	+Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad) <span style="float:right">School Mass</span> +Richard C. Arnold (Jerry and Melinda Treadway)
<b>Thursday</b>	SJB	10/03	8:00	A.M.	+Martha Huck (Ryan Tornes Family)
	OLM	10/03	5:00	P.M.	+Nathan Paul Huck (Lisa Berdets)
<b>First Friday</b>	SJB	10/04	6:00	P.M.	+Larry and +Jackie Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling) +Larry Schwendeman (Bob and Peggy Byers) <span style="float:right">Adoration 5-6:00 p.m.</span>
<b>Saturday</b>	OLM	10/05	4:00	P.M.	+Tess Huck (OLM CWC)
	SJB	10/05	6:00	P.M.	+Larry and +Jackie Arnold (Larry and Nora Huffman)
<b>Sunday</b>	SJB	10/06	7:30	A.M.	+Bob and +Edna Lang (Wedding Anniversary (Family)
	OLM	10/06	9:30	A.M.	+Robert and +Lucy Long (The Long Family)
	SJB	10/06	11:00	A.M.	+Leroy Marshall (Birthday 10/11) (Sue Tornes)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Hudson and Sydney Lang	Rachel Klinger	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Adalyn and Eli Eichmiller	Robin Eichmiller	Arnold Huck
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hadleigh Pennock, Emi Lauchard	Angie Henniger	Tonia Skinner

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>D.P.S.C.</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$2,894 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750  Thank you for your generosity!	2024 Collected to date \$66,675 2024 Goal \$43,047 <small>This includes all monies sent directly to the Diocese.</small> Thank you for your generosity!	September 15 Group 6 \$616  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 29 Group 8 with Russ Lang Oct 6 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Oct 13 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Oct 20 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Oct 27 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	September-October Group C-Veronica Bosner  The next CWC meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 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>
Genesis 2:18–24 / Hebrews 2:9–11 / Mark 10:2–16 or 10:2–12  Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

### **DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS**

In conjunction with the Diocesan Eucharistic Rosary Congress on October 5-11, St. John will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, October 7, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. Our Lady of Mercy will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, October 8, from 2:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. and Mass will be at 5:00 p.m.

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The Holy Name Society met on Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. Stan Lang motioned to dissolve the Society and it was seconded by Dan Huck. By unanimous vote the motion passed. The funds of the Society will be placed in the Highland Fund for the future church projects. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. (Stan had a ballgame to watch ☺).

### **EUCHRE**

Euchre will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sr. Center on October 9th and 23rd. Euchre is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING**

The Churchtown Senior Citizens will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3 at the Sr. Center in Churchtown. Maggie Whittaker from Shriver's Hospice will be the speaker for the day. She will be open to any question about hospice care. What is hospice care? Who is eligible? Who will pay? All of your hospice questions can be answered. Please feel free to join us. Please bring a covered dish to share. Meat will be provided. Please RSVP to Doris Brooker at 896-2291 or 740-525-8000 so we can be sure to have enough meat to cover all those who attend.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

The liturgical minister schedule for October through January are located in the church vestibule. Please make sure to stop by and take one home.

### **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. 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. 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.



### **K OF C MEMBERS BOAT TRIP**

Fourth Degree Assembly 840 is having a boat trip for all Knights of Columbus members. The trip will be onboard the Valley Gem, departing from under the Washington Street bridge in Marietta at 4:00 p.m. on October 13th, returning at 6:00 p.m. The cost, including dinner, will be \$35.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing onboard. Come join us for a relaxing trip on the river. Please contact Ken Offenberger at 740-350-4967 or 740-373-2947 by October 9th, to reserve your spot. Assembly 840 Faithful Navigator Rodney R Strahler.

### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

The St. Johns group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out Takeout Lunches, at the Marietta K of C Hall in Marietta, on Wed., October 2. 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 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2. Monetary donations can be put in the collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

### **BENEFIT DINNER**

Mary's House is holding a Benefit Dinner on Saturday, October 19th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. This event will be held at the K of C 4617 Hall, Churchtown. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes your entry, meal, and an entry for a chance to win a prize. There will also be a Take a Chance Drawing and auctions throughout the evening. For tickets, please contact Mary's House at 740-960-9944. All proceeds go to Mary's House, a home to serve pregnant women eighteen years and older, in a desire to save children by fostering the sanctity of life.

### **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES**

This celebration will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 12:00 noon Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass will honor those couples whose 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2023 or 2024. To register, please contact your Pastor by October 11, 2024.

### **ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL**

St. Stephen Catholic Church in Caldwell will be holding their Parish Social on October 13 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. There will be Bingo and a Country Store as well as door prizes. Everyone is welcome.



**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



**What's Happening at St. John Central School  
From Mrs. Becky Hilverding, Principal**

October is a busy month! We will pray the Rosary every Monday in honor of Our Lady, beginning Oct. 2nd. Join us for the **Blessing of the Animals** on Oct. 4th at 1:45 p.m. **School pictures** will be taken on Oct. 15th & 16th. On Oct. 9th, students will wear **orange** in support of a parent battling leukemia. **Fire Prevention Day** is Oct. 18th, and we are gearing up for Trick or Treat Night and our exciting **Polar Express** event in December!

Construction is progressing on the new **office area**, and **security doors** will soon be in place. We are excited to announce that **registration** for next school year begins in January, as we plan to bring back our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes. Feel free to stop by for a tour anytime, and stay tuned for details on an open house once our upgrades are complete!



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

You are invited to join the students and staff at St. John School to pray the Rosary at the Shrine, every Monday at 8:20 a.m. through the month of October. The CWC will also be praying the Rosary in church at 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday through October.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Blessing of the Animals is In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. A Blessing of the Animals will be held at St. John School on Friday, October 4, 1:45 p.m. at the school.

**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. 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.

