

WELCOME TO
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, *I need to go care about someone else*. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, *Why didn't I do that sooner?* The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

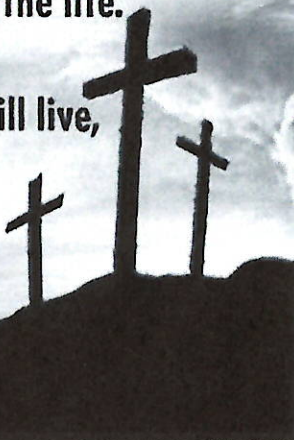
Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023


I am the resurrection and the life.

**Whoever believes in me will live,
even though he dies.**

John 11:25



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	03/25	4:00	P. M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)	
	SJB	03/25	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of the Vince Stollar Family (Vince Stollar Family)	
Sunday	SJB	03/25	7:30	A.M.	+John and +Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck and Family)	
	OLM	03/26	9:30	A.M.	+Linda Huck (Charlotte Lang)	
	SJB	03/26	11:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Erin and Sherri Pottmeyer and Family)	
Monday	SJB	03/27	8:00	A.M.	+Vincent Lang (Anniv. 3/28) (Bob and Peggy Byers)	
	SJB	03/27	7:00	P.M.	Penance Service	
Tuesday	SJB	03/28			No Mass	
	OLM	03/28	6:00	P.M.	+Patricia Huck (Mike and Zandra Francis)	
	OLM	03/28	7:00	P.M.	Penance Service	
Wednesday	SJB	03/29	8:20	A.M.	+Patricia Gaydosik (Lois Stephen)	School Mass
Thursday	SJB	03/30			No Mass	
	OLM	03/30	6:00	P.M.	+Earl and +Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman) Stations of the Cross to follow	
Friday	SJB	03/31	6:00	P.M.	+Edna Smith (Anniv.) (Jerry Smith Family) Stations of the Cross to follow	
Saturday	OLM	04/01	4:00	P. M.	+Larry Zwick (Don and Janet Zwick)	
	SJB	04/01	6:00	P.M.	+Kevin Arnold (Family)	
Sunday	SJB	04/02	7:30	A.M.	+Penny Schwendeman (Anniv.) (Greg and Carol Antill)	Palm Sunday
	OLM	04/02	9:30	A.M.	+Bernard Huck (Nancy Huck)	
	SJB	04/02	11:00	A.M.	+Robert Gaydosik (Bob and Peggy Byers)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Abby and Alex Henke	Narrator-Virginia Dyar Speaker-Eugene Huck Christ-Father, Crowd-People	Jerry Dyar
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Connor McCartney Henry Huffman	Narrator-Kelly Miller Speaker-Hugh Arnold Christ-Father, Crowd-People	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Gwen and Marcus Lang	Narrator-Kristen Pottmeyer Speaker-Jerry Smith Christ-Father, Crowd-People	Amanda Walters

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,635 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$15,780 2023 Goal \$25,341 Thank you!	March 12-Group 7 \$4,130 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u>	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u>	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u>
Mar 26* Group 8 with Russ Lang Apr 2 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Apr 9 No Bingo (Easter) Apr 16 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Apr 23 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer	March and April Group E-Susan Arnold May and June Group F-Tonia Skinner	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>			
Matthew 21:1-11	Isaiah 50:4-7	Matthew 26:14-27:66	Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on April 12th and 26th in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Senior Citizen Meeting will be held in the Sr. Center at 11:00 a.m. on April 6. Please bring a dish to share.

EASTER MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note the 11:00 a.m. mass on Easter Sunday will be held at 9:00 a.m. at St. John Church. Mass will return to 11:00 a.m. after Easter Sunday.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. John Central School is now accepting registrations for the 2023 - 2024 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. Our school is fully accredited, and we offer a complete academic program from Early Learning and Pre- Kindergarten at the preschool through K-8 at the grade school. For registration materials or additional information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be held on Sunday April 16, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

THE ANNUAL K OF C EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual KofC 4617 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 9 for children 0-12 years old, at the following times: St. John: after 9:30 a.m. mass @ St. John School; St. Bernard: after 9:30 a.m. mass @ Church; Our Lady of Mercy: after 9:30 a.m. mass @ Church. All KofC members are asked to donate 1 or 2 dozen colored-eggs or candy-filled plastic eggs. They can be put in the back of the church. For information or questions, contact Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.



EASTER PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

March 27	St. John the Baptist, Churchtown
March 28	Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell
March 29	St. Mary's, Marietta
March 30	St. Bernard, Beverly
April 2	St. Ambrose, Little Hocking (6:00 P.M.)
April 5	St. John School Gym (12:30 pm)

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (D.P.S.C.)

Please keep in mind all money sent to the Diocese will go toward our new goal of \$25,341. After our goal is met, all money sent for DPSC will be returned to our Parish. This money will not be "taxed" when it comes time for the Diocese to work up our monthly assessment total. If you would like your weekly collection to be sent to the DPSC, please list "DPSC" on the outside of your collection envelope. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host A NIGHT AT THE RACES - Saturday, May 6, at the K of C Hall. Guests should pull out their derby attire and big hats for this adults-only night of wagering on horse races, great food, drinks, and fun while supporting our building capital improvement fund. Tickets are \$35/each or \$280/table (8 people). Doors Open @ 4:00, Heavy Appetizers By BIG FOOD LITTLE KITCHEN (Katie Wainwright-Tucker) @ 5:00, and Races Begin @ 5:30. BET ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY plus 10 other races for a total of 11 horse races throughout the night. The last race of the night will be an Auction Race where individuals or groups will bid to own 1 of the 10 horses in that race. If their horse is the winner of that race, they get half of the money made off the auction portion! All guests throughout the night can bet on any of the horses in the races, bets are \$2/horse. In addition to horse racing, there will be 50/50, Just Ducky, Magic Envelope, Three Race Trifecta and more games of chance. There will also be a BIG HAT & BEST DRESSED contest. Your ticket includes the appetizers and 2 drinks + Cash Bar to follow. For tickets or information contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470. There will only be 300 tickets sold so get yours before they are gone!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass	April 4
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's, Marietta
Holy Thursday	April 6
SJB-7:00 p.m.	OLM-7:00 p.m.
Adoration after mass until 10:00 p.m.	
Stations of the Cross	April 7
SJB-3:00 P.M.	OLM-3:00 P.M.
Good Friday Service	April 7
SJB-7:00 p.m.	OLM-7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday	April 8
SJB-8:00 p.m.	OLM-8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 9
SJB-7:30 a.m.	OLM-9:30 a.m.
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Examination of Conscience

Death and time seem to belong together as the conditions under which human beings can learn faith and love. Death helps us to see what is worth trusting and loving, and to see what is a waste of time.

1. If I were to die tomorrow, have I had joy? Have I cared? Have I had the best of what was available? Have I had any idea what it is all for? Where is God in my life?
2. To what extent do I know the value and place of others in my life? Am I aware of and grateful for the roles others have played in making me, for better or for worse, who and what I am? Can I recognize the decisions of family, friends, or companions that have given me the freedom to make choices? Where is God in my life?
3. Am I capable of sacrificing my own desires, pleasures, longings, for the good of others? Can I see and be thankful for the sacrifices of others for me? Do I require praise for my self-giving, or am I willing to make mine an offering "in secret" solely for the good it can produce? Where is God in my life?
4. Who have I thought I loved? Was my motive self-giving or self-centered? When I hear the words "the joy of loving," do I think of what I can get or what I can give to others? How often have I said, in words or deeds, "No Thanks!" to someone who has said to me, "I want to love you"? Does the Golden Rule have any practical place in my life? When have I last prayed for someone who hurt me; acted kindly toward someone who offended me; desired the good for someone who hates me? Where is God in my life?
5. When I pray the Lord's Prayer, do I take seriously the words of the petition "Forgive us...as we forgive"? Am I willing to forgive others the wrongs they have done to me? Am I willing to ask forgiveness of wrongs I have done to others? Where is God in my life?

How open am I to being healed? How open am I to exploring and recognizing and admitting those places in my heart and soul that need healing? Am I humble enough to recognize the role of others in the healing process, or does my ego insist that I "do it all myself"? Where is God in my life?

Remember Our Seminarians

Studying at

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

the Pontifical College Josephinum

(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

is John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

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Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

PASTOR'S PAGE

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

- 1) Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
- 2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full, meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4) **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.**
- 5) Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life for Catholics especially during Lent.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS I want to express my personal gratitude to those of you who responded to the 2023 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign – either through your financial support or through your prayers. Our parishes and ministries throughout the Diocese of Steubenville rely on your generosity to continue the Mission of the Church. Your generosity is a sign of your love for your Church and for one another. For those who were unable to complete their pledge for the DPSC last weekend, additional pledge cards are available -in the pews or at the parish office. You can drop your pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to the diocese. You may also contribute on line at www.Give.DioSteub.org. May the Lord continue to bless you and our beloved Diocese of Steubenville. +Bishop Monforton

Question: What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer: Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121). Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

