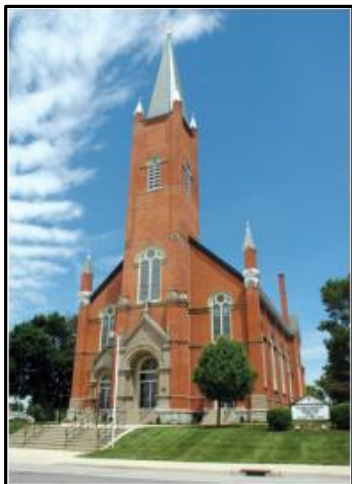


Prayer for St. John the Baptist Church Fire & Rebuilding May 29, 2025, Maria Stein, OH



Heavenly Father, we come before you with heavy hearts, grieving the loss of our sacred space to fire, yet holding onto the hope of your promise to make all things new. We ask for your comfort and peace upon our church family, strengthening us in this time of sorrow and uncertainty.

Lord, we ask that you guide us as we embark on the journey of designing and rebuilding St. John the Baptist Church. May our future church be a house of prayer for all people, reverencing the past, looking forward in hope, and above all, be pleasing to you, O Lord. Grant our leaders wisdom, vision, and grace, and unite our parish family in purpose and spirit. May this process strengthen our faith and remind us that we are building more than just brick and stone, but a sanctuary of love, hope, and worship.

We pray for the necessary resources, financial provision, and safety for all involved in the design and construction. As we lay new foundations, we ask that you, Lord, build this house so that our labor is not in vain.

Out of the ashes, let your light shine brighter than ever. May the new church be a beacon of light and hope, a place where the lost are found, and your grace is poured out for generations to come.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

