

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

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**Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence**

**Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired**

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

**Confessions: Saturdays -  
3 PM to 4 PM**

**Rosary: Before each weekend  
Mass**

## April 07, 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**Baptisms:** Parents are to schedule the baptism of their child at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired date arrangements.

**Confirmation:** To be confirmed you must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the RCIA.

**Marriages:** Couples intending to be married at OLM must contact Fr. David at least 6 months in advance of the intended wedding date.

**Sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation:** Must be at least 16 years old; be an active Catholic who has been confirmed, and lead a life that is in harmony with the faith.

**Visitation of Sick or Homebound:** Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093, or the Parish Office at 740-896-2207, when someone is hospitalized, homebound, sick.

**St. John Central Elementary School - (740) 896-2697:** Mrs. Karen Pottmeyer, **Principal.** The Central Catholic Grade School is a combination of the parishes of: St. John the Baptist, Churchtown; Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell, St. Ambrose, Little Hocking; and St. Bernard, Beverly.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. April 06</b>	<b>OLM Lucy Stengel (Mike &amp; Susan Huck)</b> St. John Martha Huck (Doug & Mary Parks)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. April 07</b>	<b>OLM Patricia Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly)</b> St. John Penny Schwendeman (Family) St. John Gladys Schilling (Rosemary Heiss Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. April 08</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Richard Arnold (Charlotte Lang Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tues. April 09</b>	<b>OLM Jim Huck (Sherry, Andy, &amp; Anne Jones)</b> St. John Mary Lou Binegar (Norma Thieman Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Wed. April 10</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Vincent & Allene Huck (Children) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thurs. April 11</b>	<b>OLM Charles Higgins Jr. (Frank &amp; Stacy Leeper)</b> St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Fri. April 12</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Evelyn Neill (Parish)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. April 13</b>	<b>OLM Linda Huck (Hugh &amp; Kelly Arnold)</b> St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. April 14</b>	<b>OLM Arthur &amp; Helen Perry (Ron &amp; Linda Miller)</b> St. John Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Leora Arnold (Arnold Huck)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,150.00 (48); Offertory \$258.00; Good Friday \$390.00 (28); Easter Offering \$940.00 (41);  
 St. John \$70.00 (6); Rice Bowl \$5.00 (1); Easter Flowers \$50.00 (1)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Wayne Isner – Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lectors</b></p> <p><b>OLM: 04/13 (4 PM)</b> Alex Bauerbach  <b>OLM: 04/14 (9:30AM)</b> Eric Flieman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Altar Servers</b></p> <p><b>OLM: 04/13 (4 PM)</b> Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long  <b>OLM: 04/14 (9:30 AM)</b> Ross, Kate, &amp; Ashton Schultheis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b></p> <p><b>OLM: 04/13 (4 PM)</b> David Bauerbach  <b>OLM: 04/14 (9:30AM)</b> Cindy Schwendeman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>USHERS (Month of April)</b></p> <p><b>SAT:</b> Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang  <b>SUN:</b> Cecil Bauerbach, <b>Volunteer</b></p>

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" ([USCCA](#)). The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are: **counseling the doubtful** (Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way); **instructing the ignorant** (Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith); **warning the sinner** (Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ); **comforting the sorrowful** (Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference); **forgiving injuries** (Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God); **bearing wrongs patiently** (Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit); **praying for the living and the dead** (Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care).

## OLM CWC

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Woman's Club.

### April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

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### OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 27 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. Contact Dan Flichman at 740-236-0122 to volunteer to help with meal preparations, signing up of members, or if you are interested in joining the next OLM 50/50 Club Drawing.

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### SERVICES NEEDED

Is the Lord calling you to serve? Do you want to serve the Church more? Are you interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Server for Mass? If you are, please call Father Dave at 740-391-1093 or the parish office at 740-896-2207 to be added to the schedule.

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### OLM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 1) When cemetery flowers (fresh cut or artificial) wilt and become weathered, please remove them from the grave. It is the responsibility of the family/grave owner to remove any flowers after burial. Also, please remove grave blankets after the holidays, since they can kill the grass if left on the grave for a long period of time. This helps us with the care of the cemetery and makes for a neat appearance.
- 2) **No glass** containers are to be used for flowers.



Reminder of the cemetery rule that there is to be **no permanent planting of flowers and shrubs**. OLM Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to plants/shrubs planted without permission, nor are we responsible for missing arrangements. On occasion, we receive high winds which scatter artificial arrangements over the property. We are unable to tend to these items.

## MERCY

(RELIEF and AID)

Why wasn't Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he didn't believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself. Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In his great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that he had truly risen—so much so that he may have come back especially for him. The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' mercy, from his healing of people who were blind or sick to his compassion for those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was his self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. "Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy." That's the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (*Diary*, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they have strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth! No matter how long we've followed Jesus, we are all in need of his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of his mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

~ The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

### *Prayer Intentions for April:*

#### **For the Role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**47: Acts 3: 13–19 Ps 4: 2–4, 7–9**

**1 Jn 2: 1–5a Lk 24: 35–48**

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## A VOCATION VIEW

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for me to respond to God's call?

**(John 20: 19-31)**

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## **STEUBENVILLE SEMINARIANS**

The following men are in formation for ordination to the sacred Priesthood for service in the Diocese of Steubenville. Please remember them in your prayers.

Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum (7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)  
**John Paul Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker**

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary (2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

**Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn, and Sam Ivkovich**

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations  
Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director  
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or  
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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## **LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)**

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, please contact Judy Gilham at 740- 896-3266.

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*Lord, I desire to trust in your divine Mercy to the extent that there is no doubt in my heart and mind that You will bestow upon me this precious gift of love. Help me to trust in Your Mercy because of Your infinite goodness. Jesus, I love you and I trust in You. Amen.*

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### **Bingo Group Work Schedule**

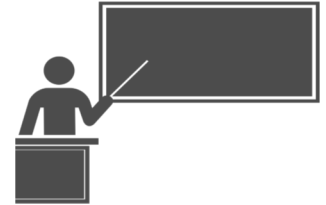
**April 07** Team 6 Jeff Canterbury 740-984-4827  
& Team 7 Brandon Wheeler 740-336-0350  
**April 14** Team 8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

## **TEACHERS NEEDED**

St. John Central School is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year; a Full-Time First Grade Teacher, and a Full-Time Fifth-Eighth Grades Math and Science Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions.

Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697

(school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.



## **ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION**

SJC is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. The school is fully accredited, and offers a complete academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

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## **ST MARY BASILICA SPRING FESTIVAL**

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta is hosting a Spring Festival from 11 AM to 6 PM on April 21. There will be a variety of kids games and raffles for all to enjoy including a Spaghetti Dinner, featuring Monsignor Luciana's famous sauce. Cost of tickets are \$15.00 for an adult, \$12.00 for a child (includes kid games) and 3 and under are free. To purchase advance tickets, contact Matt Miller at 330-243-5500.

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## **NIGHT AT THE RACES**

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 04. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

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## **POST 750 STEAK FRY**

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, April 20, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak -\$15.00, baked steak - \$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.