

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

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**

Parish Council: Council
Meetings will be announced.

Men's Club: Meetings will be announced.

Catholic Women's Club: Meetings will be
held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30
PM in the parish social hall.

Knights of Columbus: Meet on the 1st and
3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM at the
K of C Hall, Churchtown.

January 14, 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat. Jan. 13	OLM Stephanie Jackson (Unknown) St. John Donna Sturm (Anniv.) (Mona Barrett Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 14	OLM Frank & Helen Schwendeman (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Jean Tewanager Gribble (Bob and Peggy Byers) St. John Roger Schaad (Mike & Marilyn Schaad Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 15	OLM No Mass St. John Rita Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Jan. 16	OLM Jerry Huck (Glen, Darla, & Dallas Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Jan. 17	OLM No Mass St. John Frank Schilling (Jerry & Melinda Treadway) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Jan. 18	OLM George & Mildred Lang (The George Lang Family) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Jan. 19	OLM No Mass St. John Bill Seyler (Mona Barrett Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 20	OLM David Heiss (Charles & Dorothy Heiss) St. John Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 21	OLM John Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach) St. John Herb Mason (Tim Zoller Family) St. John Sandy Vanoster (Churchtown Senior Citizens)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,158.00 (63); Offertory \$343.05; Christmas Offering \$25.00 (1); Initial Offering \$85.00 (8);
 Solemnity of Mary \$85.00 (4)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Neva Kern – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/20 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
OLM: 01/21 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

OLM: 01/20 (4 PM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis
OLM: 01/21 (9:30 AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

Ushers (Month of January)

OLM: 01/20 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 01/21 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Jerry Hess, **Volunteer needed**

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes are available for pick up in the parish office. Please check and make sure the information is correct. If corrections are needed, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207 immediately. The parish office would also like to ask you to update your contact information, including cell phone numbers. If there are any address corrections or updates you may place a note in the collection basket or call the office. Thank you.

HOST: We have available at Our Lady of Mercy and St. John, a limited supply of Low-Gluten (made in accordance with Canon Law) for those with Gluten Issues. If you are in need of a Low Gluten Host, please see the priest before the Mass you attend, to arrange for this option.



OLM CWC

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

JANUARY COMMITTEE

*Rose Beebe
Rhonda Huck
Jennifer Anderson
Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Kristin Offenberger

MARDI GRAS DINNER HELP WANTED

The CWC is looking for a lady or ladies to coordinate the Annual Mardi Gras Dinner to be held on Sunday, February 11. Please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 for further details or to express interest by Monday, January 15.

CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER

A Baked Steak Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, at the Our Lady of Mercy Church Parish Hall (dine-in or carry-out available). **Ticket purchase needed for meal.** Please contact Kathryn Reed at 740-350-3496 by January 29 to purchase tickets or for any questions. The ticket cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under.

2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2023, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to (740) 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.



GAMING FOR GOD

St. Bernard Youth Group is hosting a kid -friendly event on January 21 from 6 to 8:30 PM in the St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly, for children in grades 5- 12. All are invited to enjoy this fun, faithful, and food -filled event.



Condolences to family of Martha J. Huck who passed away Monday, January 01. May the love and blessings that Martha brought to her husband, family, and friends never be forgotten. May the Lord, give strength to Virgil and his family in their time of need.

IS GOD TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli's bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord he had heard. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: "Reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:9). This same God wants to speak to us! It's not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let's take Eli's words to heart. *Speak, Lord.* God wants you to know him. He's always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. "Speak, Lord. I want to know you more." *Your servant.* Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God's plans—even if they differ from your own. "I am your servant, Lord. I'm ready to do your will." *Is listening.* It's not easy to hear God's voice when we're surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord's voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God's help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. "Quiet my heart, Lord. I'm listening for you."
~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January:

For the gift of diversity in the Church

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing “the gift of different charisms within the Christian community.”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

68: Jon 3: 1–5, 10 Ps 25: 4–9

1 Cor 7: 29–31 Mk 1: 14–20

A VOCATION VIEW

Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Listening to the Lord requires silence. Make time each day to be quiet, so that you can hear God’s call.

(1 Samuel 3; 3–10)

STEBENVILLE 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 and 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 or

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, January 20, from 5 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.

THANK YOU

The Virgil Huck family would like to thank Fr. Dale, Fr. Dave, and all the parish community for their prayers, support, and thoughtfulness at Martha's passing. God bless you all!

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Jan. 14 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

Jan. 21 Team #4 Dereck Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

K OF C NEWS

K of C Novena For Life sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4617 will be held from January 16th thru January 24th to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and world. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. Community members and Knights, with their families, are encouraged to pray in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena. The particular intention of the novena is LIFE. We will pray along with the USCCB's 9 Days for Life. Printable/Digital prayer sheets can be found: <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/9-days-novena-printable.pdf>.

We will also post these prayer sheets each morning on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/churchtownkofc>. More information can be found at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nations. All members of the community are welcome to join us! Call/text Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions or for more information.

K of C Annual Free Throw Competition is to be held Sunday, January 21 at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Sign-up will begin at noon, shooting starts at 1:00 PM. Boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2024, can participate. Parent or guardian must be present for sign in. You do not have to be a K of C Member to sign your child up to participate. Entry is FREE. Contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

K of C Scholarship Knights of Columbus Council 4617, Churchtown is accepting Scholarship Applications. Any senior who is graduating this year may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 15, 2024. More information and the application link can be found on their Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH.". Or you may apply at <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPD8oSx27>. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!