

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. David Bauerbach, Parish Council President

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flichman, Prayer Chain

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

Rosary: Before each weekend

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

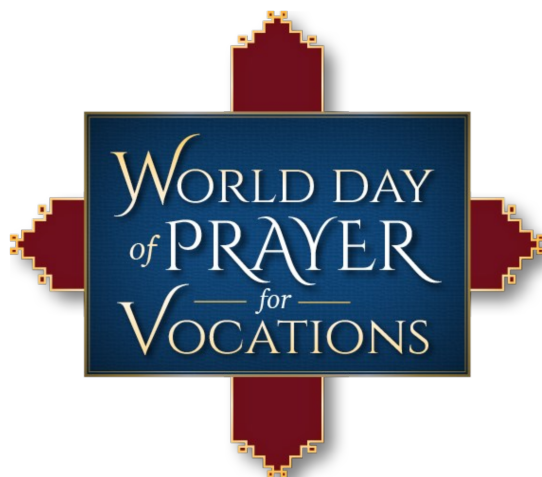
Confirmation: To be confirmed you must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the RCIA.

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 homebound, sick, or hospitalized.

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. April. 29	OLM Chuck & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John Alice Lang (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 30	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (The Huck Family) St. John Vincent Huck (Children) St. John Mary E. Huck (Chris & Jenny Semon)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. May 01	OLM No Mass St. John Pat Thieman (Card Club)	8:00 AM
Tue. May 02	OLM No Mass St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold & Family)	8:00 AM
Wed. May 03	OLM No Mass St. John Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury & Family) <i>School Mass</i>	8:20 AM
Thur. May 04	OLM Stephanie Jackson (Unknown) St. John Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang & Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. May 05	OLM No Mass St. John Terry Arnold (Larry & Janet Schaad)	8:00 AM
Sat. May 06	OLM Donna Arnold (Larry & Linda Pottmeyer) St. John George Brooker (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 07	OLM Raymond & Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John Neil Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$1,491.00 (55); Offertory \$255.15; Catholic Home Mission \$65.00 (6); Initial Offering \$10.00 (1)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

<p style="text-align: center;">Lectors</p> <p>OLM: 05/06 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger OLM: 05/07 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Altar Servers</p> <p>OLM: 05/06 (4 PM) Emma & Brett Bauerbach OLM: 05/07 (9:30AM) Kate, Ross, and Ashton Schultheis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Eucharistic Ministers</p> <p>OLM: 05/06 (4 PM) Stephan Huffman OLM: 05/07 (9:30AM) Martha Fliehman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">USHERS (Month of May)</p> <p>SAT: Todd Arnold, Volunteer SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long</p>

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign
“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”
 ~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Pledged to date (32)	\$30,000.00
Paid to date	\$22,750.00



By supporting the D/PSC, we promote the Church’s call to give thanks both on a diocesan level and on a parish level. All monetary contributions over the set goals will be returned to the parish.

OLM CWC

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

April Committee

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

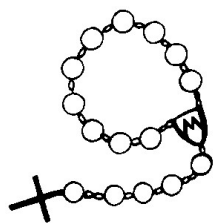
The next CWC Meeting is at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 2 in the parish hall. Come with any of your spring cleaning tips, tricks, or hack you would like to share with the others ladies of the parish. All are welcome.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a special thanks to the teachers of PSR for giving their time and talents to help deepen the faith of the youth of our parish. Michelle Long, Kindergarten and First Grade, Nancy Schultheis, Second Grade and Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator and 7 - 12 Grades Teacher. We wish all teachers and students a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life will be held on May 20 at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!



REST IN PEACE

Let us pray for the repose of Bishop Gilbert Sheldon who passed away on Monday, April 24, 2023. Bishop Sheldon, originally from the Cleveland area

began his career as a priest in 1953 and served many of the faithful in the area of Cleveland. He was consecrated on June 11, 1976 as a bishop and continue to serve the Diocese of Cleveland until assigned to the Diocese of Steubenville in April 02, 1992. Bishop Sheldon faithfully served the diocese until his retirement in August 06, 2002. May our Lord bless him in eternity and may he be greatly rewarded for his many years of faithful service to our diocese and his people of faith.

NOTHING HERE BUT GREEN PASTURES

Shepherds know that their sheep need to feed on good lush pasture to grow and flourish. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows what we need to flourish as well, so he promises that we will "find pasture" in him (John 10:9). On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let's take some time to follow Jesus into the "verdant pastures" promised in the responsorial psalm (Psalm 23:2). Start by closing your eyes and taking some deep, calming breaths. Then picture Jesus in front of you, staff in hand. Let him look on you with loving eyes and a gentle smile. Stay with this image for a few minutes, and then watch as he turns and beckons you to follow him. Where is he leading you? Into the fertile pastures that lie deep in your soul, that place where he abides. In this place of beauty and stillness, you quiet your mind and let the tension drain out of you. You lie down in the soft grass and let it cushion your head (Psalm 23:2). *My dear child*, Jesus tells you, *let nothing disturb you. I have everything in hand*. After a time, Jesus leads you by the hand to a small lake nearby. You recognize the "restful waters" that the psalmist speaks of (Psalm 23:2). Jesus urges you to cup your hands and take a long drink. The water is cool, refreshing, and sweet to the taste, and you keep drinking. Finally, you feel completely rested and satisfied. The Lord has restored your soul (23:3). The Good Shepherd came so that you "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). This life grows and deepens in prayer. It's Jesus' own life in you. So let him lead you each day to the rich pastures where he is waiting for you. There you will find refreshment, restoration, and peace.

~ **The Word Among Us**

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

52 Acts 6: 1-7

Ps 33: 1-5, 18-19

1 Pt 2: 4-9

Jn 14: 1-12

A VOCATION VIEW

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Traditionally on Good Shepard Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today of all days, pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Invite someone you know to consider life of leadership in the church.

(John 10:1-10)

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

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

Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn, and Sam Ivkovich

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 30 Team #6 Jeff Canterberry 984-4827
May 07 Team #7 B.J. Davis 819-3613

SCHOOL PLAY

St. John Central School presents Disney's The Lion King, Jr. The school play will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Marietta High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6 PM. All are welcome.

TEACHING AIDE POSITION

There is an opening for a Full-Time Pre-School Aide at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Interested applicants, must be 18 years or older with a high school diploma and willing to complete the annual state training requirements. If interested or for more information, call the school office at 740-896-2697 or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623.



TEACHING POSITIONS/ REGISTRATION

There are openings for a Full-Time Certified First, Third, and Fourth Grade Teacher, as well as a Fifth - Eighth Grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Interested applicants should call the school office at 740-896-2697 or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623. St. John School is still accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

ITALIAN SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on April 30, 2023 from 11AM to 2PM; Cost is \$13.00 for a Meal Ticket. Eat-in or Carry - Out is available. There will be a chance to win a beautiful king size quilt made by the St. Ambrose Quilting Club as well as raffle baskets for various prizes. Any questions call Kathy Reis at 740-885-9441 or Becky Hennen at 740-629-1093.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Catholic Church, ST. RT 145 Lower Salem/ Harriettsville, OH will hold its Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 14, 2023 from 11AM to 2PM. Adults \$13.00 and Children (10 and under) \$5.00. Dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Dine-in and Carry-out available. For more information contact, Debbie Biehl at 740-373-2882.