

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

March 05, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. David Bauerbach, Parish Council President

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**

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. March. 04	OLM Ralph Long (Edwin & Grace Long) St. John Ralph Klemm (Mike & Marilyn Schaad) w Bishop Monforton	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March. 05	OLM Hellene Willson (Rich Brack) St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John Diane Arnold (Terry & Rose Marie Ellis)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March. 06	OLM No Mass St. John Nick Brooker (Howard Brooker)	8:00 AM
Tue. March 07	OLM Living & Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Wed. March. 08	OLM No Mass St. John Earl Tornes (Jeff & Lorinda Lang) School Mass	8:20 AM
Thur. March. 09	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) w Stations to follow St. John No Mass	* 6:00 PM *
Fri. March. 10	OLM No Mass St. John Francis Arnold (Schwendeman Family) w Stations to follow	6:00 PM
Sat. March. 11	OLM Richard Stevens & Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens) St. John Bob & Francis Farley (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March. 12	OLM Kelton Fliehman (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Kelton Fliehman (Ferris & Susan Arnold) St. John Mary E. Huck (Vincent Huck Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,253.00 (43); Offertory \$653.00; Churches of Europe \$201.00 (15);
 Ava Maria Cemetery \$10.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Evan Saling- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/11 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 03/12 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/11 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
OLM: 03/12 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/11 (9:30AM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 03/12 (4 PM) Jason Morris

USHERS (Month of March)

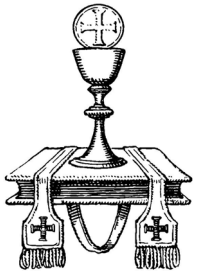
SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Fliehman

OLM CWC

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

March Committee

*Debbie Misel Angie (Tracy) Lang
Dorothy Huck Jenna Huffman
Linda Pottmeyer Denise Stehly
Kristin Offenberger



2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”

- St. John Chrysostom

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 12, 2023. We are called to take an active part in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. Through your participation in the DPSC, you share in this work. Your gift to the DPSC helps to educate our seminarians (your future priest), care for retired priests, offer administrative support for Catholic Schools, train Catechists, fund youth ministry activities, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching (especially through the Steubenville Register), promote the sanctity of life, assist those most in need through Catholic Charities, and so much more. Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contributions.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 7, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 24, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Pastor Travis Christman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM



GOD THINKS YOU HAVE MERIT

We often forget that, before the Lord called him, Abram was a pagan. That means that, like everyone else around him, he worshipped false gods whose stories were steeped in the selfishness, violence, and pettiness of the world. So imagine Abram's surprise when he encountered the one true God! He was unlike any other "gods" Abram had already worshipped. There was a selfless quality about the way the Lord spoke to him. He didn't ask Abram to perform elaborate sacrifices; he didn't command him to go into battle on his behalf; he didn't even threaten to kill him if he didn't obey him. Instead, the Lord was totally invested in Abram, not himself. He promised to "bless" Abram even before Abram had done a single thing for him (Genesis 12:2). All God wanted was for Abram to leave home, that place of violence and selfishness, and travel to a new land where he and his descendants could begin a new, grace-filled life. Just as he did for Abram, God wants to bless you— simply because he loves you. He's not concerned with how much you sacrifice to him. He isn't calculating your reward based on the number of good deeds you perform for him. He doesn't "need" anything from you at all. He just wants to help you leave whatever "places" of sin, violence, and selfishness are in your heart so that you can receive his blessings. All he wants is for you to experience life in the promised land, the kingdom of his beloved Son. In a world that is so often based on the give-and-get transactions of business contracts and self-serving relationships, God's calling can be hard to believe. It can seem too good to be true. But it is true! Your heavenly Father loves you for who you are. He simply wants to bless you. Will you embrace his call and enter his promised land?

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Lent

28: Ex 17: 3-7 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9

Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, celibate lover's of God's people.

(Genesis 12: 1-4)

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:

Peter Stetson John Paul Gan
Jonathan Ruscoe Christopher McGurn
Sam Ivokovich

LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding fish fries on the following Fridays from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

March 17, March 31

Adults - \$12.00, Children under 12 - \$6.00

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals
— Cost \$12.00 —

No need to call ahead.

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed below:



March 17- Mark Rutter 740-706-1254
March 31- Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 05 Team #6 Jeff Canterbury 740-984-4827

March 12 Team #7 B.J. Davis 740-819-3613

MARY'S HOUSE BAG BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, March 12, at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1:00 PM, Bingo is at 2:00 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and concession stand.



MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will take place at St. Stephen, Caldwell on Saturday, March 11 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dr. John Bergsma will address the theme for the day of "Living the Cardinal Virtues". All men of the Steubenville Diocese are encouraged to attend; it will be worth your while.

WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clairsville, OH. The theme for the day is "The Seven Sorrows of Mary." Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 20 to make a reservation.

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Canna has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, next Saturday, March 11, 2023. Pre-Canna is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, March 18, 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 all take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326.