

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

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Flieman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

Parish Council Members:

Richard Tornes, Michael Stehly,

Brian Brooker, Evan Schaad,

Stephen Huffman, Alex

Bauerbach

March 09, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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. Sunday

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. Rebecca Hilverding, 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.



LENT

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. March 08	OLM	Donna Arnold (unknown) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Bill & Roberta Dent)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 09	OLM	Jim Huck (03/10 1st. Anniv) (The Family) St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Raymond & Blanche Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 10	OLM	No Mass St. John Kelton Fliehman (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	No Mass 8: 00 AM
Tue. March 11	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Wed. March 12	OLM	No Mass St. John Genevieve Leun (Janet Crum)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. March 13 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	Gilbert Huck (Ben & Lisa Berndts) St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM * No Mass
Fri. March 14 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	No Mass St. John Ben Sauer (Ed & Lois Arnold)	No Mass *6:00 PM*
Sat. March 15	OLM	Ron Smith (2yr Anniv.) (Paul Smith) St. John Donnie Wells (Tom & Elaine Wells Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 16	OLM	Dan Brooker (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Tim Strahler (Family) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Steve & Rachel Klinger)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,066.00 (60); Offertory \$356.00; OLM Cemetery \$140.00 (3); Churches of Europe \$20.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Jim Gorrell–Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 03/15 (4 PM) Heather Peters	OLM: 03/15 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Volunteer
OLM: 03/16 (9:30 AM) Eric Fliehman	OLM: 03/16 (9:30 AM) Clara, Emma, & Zach Morris
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of March)
OLM: 03/15 (4 PM) Sue Huck	SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
OLM: 03/16 (9:30 AM) Martha Fliehman	SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Fliehman

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 14, March 28, April 11

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up.

LAMB (LOWELL AREA MISSION BASKET)DONATIONS

The following items are currently needed: chicken pouches, canned chicken, saltine crackers, graham crackers, Granola or Nutria grain bars, Poptarts, ketchup, mayo, Bbq sauce, jugs of apple juice, muffin mixes, Bisquick, boxes of pudding, canned/jarred pickles, canned olives, Vienna sausages, and canned ham. Donations can be dropped off in the box located in back of church; or at the food pantry on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM; or at the pantry drop box. **Please remember** to consider the temperature when leaving items in the outdoor drop box. Thank you for your generous support!



OLM CWC

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

March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

"Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord."

~ Psalm 31:25

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.35

Your annual Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign (DPSC) has begun and provides crucial operating funds to our parish and to your diocese. Your gift will be attributed to the parish you name. Once the parish reaches its goal, 100% of proceeds above the goal are sent to the parish to support its own programs and needs. At the diocesan level, DPSC funds enable us to: educate our seminarians (your future priests), care for our retired priests, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching, train religious educators, feed families in need, promote the sanctity of life, and much more! None of this could happen without you. Thank you for supporting your parish and your Church, and may God bless you for your generosity!

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 22nd with registration starting at 9 AM. Please mark your calendars. The theme of the Conference is "The Eucharist and the Biblical Vision of Men". The patron of the Conference is St. Joseph, a model of virtue and a true man of God.

WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 22nd at St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Clairsville. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact CWC President, Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3372 by March 9th.

COME CELEBRATE WITH EMMA

There will be a 90th Birthday Celebration for Emma Dunn on Saturday, March 22nd, from 1:30–3:30 PM in the church social hall. Please come by to wish a Happy Birthday to Emma. No gifts, please bring a card if you wish. Refreshments will be provided.

INTERNAL CONFLICT

THERE IS HELP

Well, that's one way for the devil to try to trip Jesus up! Get him to doubt his Father's love and care for him. *Come on, Jesus! You're the Son of God. You don't need to punish yourself like this. Look, here are some rocks you could use! Or, Son of God? No one will ever believe you—you look like an everyday carpenter. If you want followers, you need to do something dramatic. I know! How about jumping off the roof of the Temple? That will draw people to yourself much more quickly!* But as tempting as all this must have been, Jesus could see through the devil's twisted logic. Being the Son of God isn't about special perks and privileges. It isn't about never going hungry or never being able to walk out the front door without being met by admirers. It's about being like your Father: pouring yourself out to lift up the wounded. It's about loving everyone selflessly, even if it means giving up your life on a cross. As a child of God, you, too, will encounter temptations this Lent. You may be tempted to hold a grudge, to treat someone poorly, or to break your Lenten resolutions—or to commit any number of sins. But no matter what you face, it's founded on some version of the lie that the devil tried to use on Jesus. It's the false notion that God is holding something back from you, so you'll need to bend some rules—or break them—so you can get what you think you need. As the old saying goes, "Forewarned is forearmed." So when you find yourself wanting to justify sin, recognize the voice of the tempter and stand firm. When you find yourself doubting God's goodness, label those thoughts as coming from our enemy, the accuser. And run to Jesus for help. He knows exactly how to overcome the devil!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March *For Families in Crisis*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Lent

27: Gn 15: 5- 12, 17-18 Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14

Phil 3: 17—4:1 Lk 9: 28b -36

A VOCATION VIEW

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. (Luke 4: 1-13)

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)

Maximilian Kolbe 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

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

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://steubenville.vocations.com>

TELEHEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES

Catholic Charities of Southeastern Ohio is now offering Professional Counseling Services via telehealth in addition to in-person counseling to individuals and couples. Our licensed counselors provide support for those struggling with trauma, grief, anxiety, depression, and relationship challenges. Sessions are confidential and professional. Catholic Charities is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need, regardless of financial situation. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact Catholic Charities at 740-314-8660 or email catholiccharities@diosteub.org.

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH EVENTS

PEOPLE of THE PASSION PERFORMANCE - on Sunday, March 16th at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

SQUARE DANCE - from 7 PM to 10 PM at St. Bernard's Church social hall on Saturday, March 22nd. Cost is \$5. Music provided by the Buckeye Travelers, concessions, and raffles throughout the evening.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 11th, Lowell United Methodist Church
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 18th, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with Fr. Dave Gaydosik; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 25th, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 1st, Lowell United Methodist Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 8th, at the St. John Church, Lowell; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM



CHRISM MASS ESSAY CONTEST

The Diocese of Steubenville Vocations team is sponsoring a "Chrism Mass Essay Contest." Young men 10 years of age and older can submit a one-page essay answering the question: "Why is serving Mass important for you personally and for the whole church?" The contest winners will be invited to serve the chrism Mass for Bishop Edward M. Lohse with the seminarians on April 14th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. In addition, the young men will be able to join the priests and seminarians for dinner after Mass, as well as be excused from the parochial school day to experience the blessing of the sacred oils and the renewal of priestly promises. To submit your essays by email to Father Nicholas V. Ginnetti at nginnetti@diosteub.org. Also, essays can be mailed to the following address: Chrism Mass Essay Contest, 701 Gomber Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725. **The essay deadline, with a letter of recommendation from a parish pastor, is due by March 31st.**

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Are you approaching the end of your fertile years and trying to use NFP? Are you struggling to apply fertility rules? Could you use some encouragement? Bring a charting method you use (or wish to use) and talk about it with Heather Keimig, an experienced NFP teacher, in-person at Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville or via Google Meet. These are two cumulative classes and will be on Tuesday, March 18th and Tuesday, April 1st from 6:30-8:30 PM. Google Meet login is available upon request. Heather Keimig, can be reached at 301-233-2210 or teamkeimig@gmail.com.