

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**



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

November 12, 2023

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN 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. Nov. 11	OLM Ken & Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 12	OLM Bernard Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Nelson Hendershot (Schwendeman Family) St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince Stollar Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 13	OLM No Mass St. John Katherine Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Nov. 14	OLM Ronald Smith (Paul Smith) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Nov. 15	OLM No Mass St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Nov. 16	OLM Tristan Sine (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Nov. 17	OLM No Mass St. John Virginia Arnold (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 18	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Nobert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 19	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Max & Tess Huck) St. John Dave Pottmeyer (Eric & Marilyn Pottmeyer) St. John Don Wittekind (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,068.00 (60); Offertory \$161.00; Cemetery Fund (2) \$30.00; All Saints (4) \$50.00;
 All Souls (7) \$135.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Anna Medley – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 11/18 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
 OLM: 11/19 (9:30 AM) Abigail Offenberger

Altar Servers

OLM: 11/18 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
 OLM: 11/19 (9:30 AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 11/18 (4 PM) Sue Huck
 OLM: 11/19 (9:30 AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of November)

SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
 SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (48)	\$34, 400.00
Pledged to date	\$36, 150.00

“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”

~ St. John Chrysostom

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Jennifer Morris	Sherry Wittekind
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman	Christy Haines

November-THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Catholics believe Purgatory is a way that God shows His love. He wants to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the full joys of Heaven. This Month of All Souls, think about devoting some time every day to praying for the dead. We too will more than likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity towards All Souls will ensure that they will remember us when we are before the throne of God and in the most need of prayers. It is kind of a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month. This is a good prayer to recite for All Souls, during the month of November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HARVEST TABLE

Our local food pantry (L.A.M.B.) is requesting donations of canned meats and a variety of cereals throughout the month of November. Please be generous and help to fill the Harvest Table located at front of the church with donated items for those who are struggling right here in our own community. There will be a second collection for this weekend of Nov 11 & 12 for the pantry. Checks can also be sent to LAMB at P O Box 227, Lowell, OH 45744.



JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

The special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the diocese. For those couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage and have registered with the parish office. This Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Bradley at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 19 at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta.

TIME TO SHAPE UP

In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them. Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast. What a shame! These young women seriously needed to reexamine their priorities! As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course we want to go! That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). But it's not about going to a store to stock up on supplies. Staying awake means looking at how we spend our time and making sure that we're putting the Lord first and cultivating our love for Jesus, our Bridegroom. Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
157: Prv 31: 10-13, 30-31 Ps 128: 1-5

1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25: 14-30

A VOCATION VIEW

Oil and time: light and patience- requirements for discipleship. Keep your eyes open! In time, you will see what you are called to do. (Matthew 25: 1-13)

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 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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will soon be in the back of the church. If you know of a family in need or have any questions, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

**LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

A Thanksgiving Service for our area will be held beginning at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 21, at the St. John Evangelical Church, Lowell. We all have much to be thankful for and it is important to thank the Lord for his goodness to us.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry next Saturday, November 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 take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. **Come support your local American Legion.**

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Nov. 12 Team #2 Jessica Henke 896-3705
Nov. 19 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614- 284-4851

SCHOOL GALA

St. John Central School "Casino Night" is to be held November 18 at 5:00 PM in the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$100 (admits two people) and include entry in the drawing and dinner. To purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Pottmeyer at 304-989-0729.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS- A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 will be held at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown on Monday, November 20 at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.



ESSAY CONTEST- The Knights of Columbus 4617 Churchtown invites all Catholic students in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2023 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme. All participants should mail essays and an entry form to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, Nov. 17. Any questions or concerns, please email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POSTER CONTEST- The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. If any children are interested, entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Friday, November 17. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall, Churchtown throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or by email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

TAILGATE PARTY- Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Browns vs. Steelers Football Tailgate on Sunday, November 19 with kickoff at 1 PM. The game will be projected on a big screen, outside on the back porch so please dress accordingly. **FREE ADMISSION!** All are welcome! Hot Dogs and Chips provided. Bring your own tailgate food and beverages to share! We will have our grills fired up! On going through the weekend of November 18 - 19 is Blessed Fr. McGivney member Drive: Council 4617 is looking for new members to join our Catholic men's organization, if interested please contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.