

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207**

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**



## March 03, 2024

### THE THIRD 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.

**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

<b>Sat. March 02</b>	<b>OLM Jerry Huck (Ken &amp; Evelyn Arnold)</b> St. John Mary Canterbury (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 03</b>	<b>OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)</b> St. John Larry Schaad (Evan & Heather Schaad Family) St. John Allene Huck( Vincent Huck Siblings)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. March 04</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Melvin Ledger (Vincent Huck Siblings)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tues. March 05</b>	<b>OLM Living &amp; Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. March 06</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Nick Brooker (Howard Brooker) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thurs. March 07</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	<b>OLM Linda Huck (Jim &amp; Cindy Schwendeman)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. March 08</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Edith Brooker (The Bowling Team)	<b>No Mass</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sat. March 09</b>	<b>OLM Marian Stalter (Jim &amp; Peggy Huck)</b> St. John Richard C. Arnold (Parish)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 10</b>	<b>OLM Earl &amp; Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman)</b> St. John Special Intentions (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Diane Arnold (Ralph & Leora Huck Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM:** \$1,398.00 (59); Offertory \$361.00; Rice Bowl \$15.00 (1); OLM Cemetery \$396.00 (22)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Shelly Medley – Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM:** 03/09 (4 PM) Shelly Medley  
**OLM:** 03/10 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM:** 03/09 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer  
**OLM:** 03/10 (9:30 AM) Jason Morris

#### Altar Servers

**OLM:** 03/09 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder  
**OLM:** 03/10 (9:30 AM) Margret, Clara, and Emma Morris

#### Ushers (Month of March)

**SAT:** Gary Cunningham, David Long  
**SUN:** Gregory Greene, Dan Flieman

### LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 05, at the Highland Ridge Church with Pastor Travis Chrisman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM  
Tuesday- March 12, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Dan Beals; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM  
Tuesday- March 19, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

### PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Services at 7 PM are scheduled as follows:  
St Bernard, Beverly - Thursday, March 14  
St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday, March 18  
**Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell -Tuesday, March 19**  
St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday, March 20



**2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign**  
*“One Lord, one faith, one baptism. ~ Ephesians 4:5*



## 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	

**CWC MEETING** – The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Please plan to attend.



### **LENTE 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 08, March 22**

**March 08** – Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823  
**March 22** – Kim Schwendeman 740-525-2769

Fry Boss is asking for help with prep work on Wednesday, March 06 at 3 PM and Thursday, March 07 at 6 PM.

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

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals

— Cost \$12.00 —

No need to call ahead.

### **PRE-CANNA**

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 09. Pre-Cana 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.

### **MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL**

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 09 with guest speaker Dr. Alan Schreck. This years theme "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Registration starts at 8 AM. Forms for registration at back of church or you may register online at <https://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day>. Please mark your calendars.

### **WOMENS' SPIRITUALITY DAY**

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 16 at the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 04 to make a \$25.00 reservation.

## **A LIMELIGHT FOR GOoD**

...*Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* (1 Corinthians 1:24) The words roll off our tongues so easily. Of course Jesus is God's wisdom and power! He's the Son of God, after all. But what do these words mean? Today's readings can help us. First, there's Jesus as the *wisdom* of God. The story of the Ten Commandments in the first reading shows us that God's commands are nothing more—and nothing less—than a revelation of his own divine wisdom. They reveal how he wants his children to live: by loving God and one another. This is the wisdom that Jesus lived out perfectly. In everything he said and did, he showed us what it is like to love God completely and to pour ourselves out in love for the people around us. And nowhere is this revealed more powerfully than when he laid down his life on the cross! As for Jesus being the power of God, what could be more astounding than his promise in today's Gospel to rebuild the "temple of his body" after three days (John 2:21)? Imagine the kind of power it took for Jesus' crucified, lifeless flesh to come back to life! Imagine the power that transformed his body into something radiant and glorious! That was a work that only God, by his own mighty power, could do! These are not just historical facts. The power and wisdom of God are present today—and they're yours in Christ! Every act of love, forgiveness, and generosity that you perform demonstrates his wisdom to a world lost in folly. Every time you pray in confident intercession, every time you rely on God's grace to say no to temptation, and every time you lay down your life to care for someone, you are revealing the power of God. That's right. *You* can be God's revelation to this world!

~ The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

### *Prayer Intentions for March:*

#### **For the New Martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

**32: Chr 36: 14–16, 19–23 Ps 137: 1–6**

**Eph 2: 4–10 Jn 3: 14–21**

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### A VOCATION VIEW

Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart?

**(1 Corinthians 1: 22-25)**

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### **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](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

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

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### **ST. BERNARD'S PASSION PERFORMANCE**

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their annual Lenten performance of People of The Passion on Sunday, March 03 at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

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### **LOWELL ELEMENTARY PTO**

The Lowell Elementary PTO is hosting an Spring Bag Bingo on Saturday, March 2 at the school.

Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00 for early

bird or \$25 at the door. To purchase early bird tickets or for more information, contact Lowell Elementary at 740-896-2523. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, country store with local vendors, and a concession stand.

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### **Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**March 03** Team #2 Jessica Henke 740-896-3705

**March 10** Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

### **PURSE BINGO**

St. John Central School is currently selling purse bingo tickets. The purse bingo will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 7 PM at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$25 each or a table reservations for 8 people are \$40; forms are available upon request. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the school at 740-896-2697 or any St John Central Family.

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### **SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY**

The "SEARCH" for Christian Ministry weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is coming up at St. John Central Grade School. Boy's weekend will be held March 15 -17 and the girl's weekend will be held March 22 -24. The deadline for applications is March 10 . You can find an applications on the St. John Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>. Or for more information, contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**K of C 4617, Churchtown** – is holding a Corn-hole Tournament on Sunday, March 10 inside the hall/ gym. Registration begins at 12 PM. A \$20.00 per team entry fee is required with an 60% payout for first and second place. Bring your own partner. For any questions, please, call or text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

**K of C 4617 Scholarship, Churchtown** – is accepting Scholarship Applications. One boy and one girl from the area who is gradating high school this year may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council Scholarship. The application must be submitted by March 15. The application link is <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPD8oSx27>. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

**K of C 478, Marietta** will be hosting a 4th Degree meeting on March 17 at 2 PM. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing the approval of new members. All 4th Degree Members are encouraged to attend.

**K of C 15569, Little Hocking**, – will be holding fish fries each Friday during lent at the St. Ambrose Church Hall from 5 PM to 7 PM. Cost of fish dinner \$13.00 and includes piece of cod, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, green beans, roll, dessert, and drink. Cheese pizza slices for \$2.00 is also available.