

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

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**



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Council) on October 17 at 7PM, in the basement of the social hall. Items on the agenda include: election of officers, security concerns, repairs to buildings and property, concerns of parishioners, and for the overall good of the parish. Those asked to attend: Alex Bauerbach, Richard Tornes, Michael Stehly, Stephen Huffman, Evan Schaad, and Brian Brooker.

October 08, 2023

THE TWENTY- SEVENTH 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 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. Oct. 07	OLM Helene Willson (Rich Brack) St. John Tillie Kern (Charlotte Lang & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 08	OLM Living & Deceased of David Bauerbach Family (Grace Bauerbach) St. John Terry Arnold (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Don & Cheryl Miller Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 09	OLM No Mass St. John Ellen Heiss (1yr. Anniv.) (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer Family) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	No Mass 8:00 AM Noon -5:00 PM
Tues. Oct. 10	OLM Tess Huck (Max Huck Family) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. John No Mass	5:30 PM Noon -5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Oct. 11	OLM No Mass St. John Leroy Marshall (Donna Tornes Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Oct. 12	OLM Bregan Lang (John Walter) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Oct. 13	OLM No Mass St. John George & Catherine Arnold (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 14	OLM Sandy Schilling (5yr Anniv.) Her Children St. John Margaret Klinger (Ted Brooker Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 15	OLM Patricia Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family) St. John Howard Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,488.00 (55); Offertory \$318.00; St. Vincent De Paul \$538.00 (12); St. John School \$25.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Bob Byers – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 10/14 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach
 OLM: 10/15 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 10/14 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
 OLM: 10/15 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 10/14 (4PM) David Bauerbach
 OLM: 10/15 (9:30AM) Jason Morris

USHERS (Month of October)

SAT: Tim Wittekind, John Pottmeyer
 SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer Needed**

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”
 ~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (46)	\$33, 175.00
Pledged to date	\$35, 500.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Jenna Long	Susan (Mike) Huck
Amy Lang	Denise Pottmeyer
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	

PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, November 1. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751 or Heather Peters at 740-350-6972.

PSR NEWS

PSR registration for students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade will take place until Sunday, October 8. Registration information has been mailed to families of students who have attended PSR in prior years. For questions or to obtain registration information for new students, contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. Classes begin after Mass, Sunday, October 22.

ISSUE 1 AND ISSUE 2

As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and Preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and the safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It may also increase the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents. Visit www.voteohio.gov to register to vote by October 10th. Early voting begins October 11, so find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio. Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2.

OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church.



A WORTHY SEED

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest (Matthew 21:34-39). What is Jesus trying to say? It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he's doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner (Matthew 21:37-42). He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders; he is speaking to us as well. Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who *bear fruit*. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matthew 3:8). Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down" (7:19). And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people. Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:9). He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed—except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority (21:23-24). And in doing so, they bore no fruit. But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold (Matthew 13:8). So let's nurture our seed with faith-filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy. Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for October
For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue; as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
142: Is 25: 6-10a Ps 23: 1-6
Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14

A VOCATION VIEW

Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Let us present our needs to God in the form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(Philippians 4: 6-9)

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. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

LADIES SPIRIT RETREAT DAY

Come and renew your Spirit, Ladies Day of Retreat on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking. This is an opportunity to be inspired and energized about the faith, with keynote speakers; Sally Turner and Carrie Rose, uplifting music, group discussion, and time dedicated to Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

ROSARY RALLY

Catholics from across the nation are organizing Public Square Rosary Crusades to pray for the conversion of our nation. A Rosary Rally will be held locally on Saturday, October 14, at Noon at the Armory (241 Front St), Marietta. Please join us in praying for our nation and for Ohio. For any questions, contact coordinator, Sarah Laskowski, at laskowskifamily@hotmail.com or [440-897-2922](tel:440-897-2922).

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Oct. 08 Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925
Oct. 15 Team #6 Jeff Canterbury 984-4827

DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE INFERTILITY WEBINAR
The Diocese of Steubenville is offering a webinar on October 10 at 7 PM that will identify and acknowledge the grief and complex emotions associated with infertility and pregnancy loss, address their impact on our relationships and spiritual life, and offer practical suggestions for finding fruitfulness in life. There will be time for questions, sharing, and prayer. Participate on your own or as a couple. Visit: <https://springsinthedesert.org/events/>. Registration is FREE.

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be a week-long event, October 7-13, 2023, offered at the Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville. **In conjunction with this Diocesan event, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon with the Rosary recited on the hour until Mass at 5:30 PM.** St. John the Baptist, Churchtown will also have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon to 5 PM, on Monday, October 9th with the Rosary recited on the hour.

DIOCESE YOUTH RETREAT

A Catholic Youth Camp for high-school students from October 13-15. This event offers camp adventures, Mass with Bishop, talks and small group discussions, high ropes, campfires and more. Cost: \$75, located at Damascus Camp, Centerburg, OH, from October 13-15. To register, visit: <https://diosteub.org/diocesan-youth-retreat>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus 4617 Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools 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? Pope St. Paul VI wrote: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church." In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. – Romans 10:14-15 This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. The winners will receive a \$100 check from the Knights of Columbus 4617. Second place will receive \$50! 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, November 17. Any questions, please email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.