

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**



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Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

January 29, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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. Jan. 28	OLM Chuck & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John Mary Canterbury (Ken & Jackie Gebhart)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 29	OLM Patricia Huck (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Donna Klinger (Ray Strahler) St. John People of the Parish	9:30 AM 7:30 AM
Mon. Jan. 30	OLM No Mass St. John Emmet Brooker (Mary Brooker & Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 31	OLM Marian “Huck” Stalter (Max & Tess Huck) (With Bishop Monforton) St. John Staff & Students of St. John School	5:00 PM 8:20 AM
Wed. Feb. 01	OLM No Mass St. John Nick Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	8:20 AM
Thur. Feb. 02	OLM Nathan Heiss (Ken & Sandy Spindler) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 03	OLM No Mass St. John No Mass	
Sat. Feb. 04	OLM Raymond & Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 05	OLM Joe & Ida Huck Family (Greg & Marlene Greene) St. John Mary E. Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,220.00 (45); Offertory \$392.00

50/50 Winner: Cindy Schwendeman - Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/04 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 02/05 (9:30AM) Sherry Wittekind

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/04 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang
OLM: 02/05 (9:30AM) Kate & Ross Schultheis, Josie Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/04 (4 PM) Marlene Greene
OLM: 02/05 (9:30AM) Joe Anderson

Usher (Month of January)

Sat. Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
Sun. Jerry Hess, Riley Morris

2022 TAX STATEMENTS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2022, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office at (740) 896-2207.

OLM CWC

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



JANUARY COMMITTEE

Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Rhonda Huck
Rose Beebe

Martha Huck
Minnie Smith
Jennifer Anderson

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is celebrated this week, January 29 - February 4, 2023. The theme is "*Catholic Schools. . . Faith. Excellence Service...*" Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor, therefore, enriching society by leading by an example of faith and love. St. John Central School combines Catholic faith and teachings with high standards for student achievement and academic excellence. The school provides a safe and welcoming environment for students to learn to respect themselves and others. The students are instilled with the knowledge that values service to God and their communities as they prepare to become productive Christian leaders and citizens. The school is centrally located in Churchtown and welcomes children, kindergarten through 8th grade.

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes continue to be delayed this year due to supply chain and other issues. We ask that you place your offerings in a blank envelope with your name and /or assigned number into the collection baskets until they arrive. If you choose to write a check, the office can look up your number for you. If there are questions, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause. Thank you for your continued patience.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Stephen Kuchyt**
By: Todd & Katheryn Arnold



SOFT HEARTED

If someone called you meek, would you consider it a compliment or an insult? Are you being described as humble and patient or overly submissive and weak? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus called the meek "blessed," so clearly, he thought it was something worth striving for. He also called himself "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). And he was: he was submissive, but only to the will of his heavenly Father. This is what it means to be meek: to bend our will to God's. This kind of meekness requires strength, not weakness, and a willingness to trust and obey the Lord. In today's first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, it seems that meekness was exactly what the people of Jerusalem were lacking. The northern kingdom of Israel had already been overrun by the Assyrians just a generation or two before Zephaniah wrote these words. A similar fate awaited the southern kingdom because they were worshipping other gods and breaking the Lord's commandments. And who would survive the "day of the Lord's anger" (Zephaniah 2:3)? Only a "remnant" of people "humble and lowly," who would observe God's laws and seek "justice" and "humility" (2:3; 3:12). They would be blessed for their willingness to be meek before the Lord. And so will we. When we follow God's commandments, even when our passions and desires push us in the opposite direction, we will enjoy freedom from sin. When we seek the Lord's will in all that we do—especially when we are faced with an important decision—we will feel peaceful and secure that we are following the right path. Is there an area in your life that you are struggling to submit to the Lord? If so, repent and ask for the grace to give it to him. And even if you don't see the blessings right away, believe that they will come, just as Jesus promised.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

73: Is 58: 7-10

Ps 112: 4-9

1 Cor 2: 1-5

Mt 5: 13-16

A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who....take a good look at the beatitudes. These are the gifts of spiritual leaders. Encourage them wherever you see them growing.

(Matthew 5: 1-12)

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:

Peter Stetson

John Paul Gan

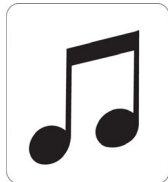
Jonathan Ruscoe

Christopher McGurn

Sam Ivokovich

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



FUNERAL CHOIR

Music is integral to Christian worship; including the funeral rites. To help serve this need, we would like to organize a funeral choir that can serve both parishes.

No prior choir experience is needed, just a willingness to pray for the deceased and assist in comforting their family. Funerals are generally held on weekday mornings at 10 AM, but you are welcome to join even if your availability is limited. Please call or text Evan and Heather Schaad if you are interested, at 740-336-0969.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Jan. 29 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538

Feb. 05 Team #2 Jessica Henke 740-896-3705

SUB SALE



St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale – February 11 & 12 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sales will go towards St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs at your requested Mass, it is recommended that you preorder by calling the school at (740) 896-2697. Thank you for your support.

K Of C NEWS

WINTER DRAWING

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 11 at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Tickets include: Cocktails 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:30, Drawing 7:30-9:00, Band 9:00-12:00. The GRAND PRIZE is \$4,000. For tickets contact Dean Brooker at 740-629-4884.

SCHOLARSHIP

Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Scholarship 2023. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 19, 2023. Visit <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh80SX27> to apply. Information and a link to the application can also be found on Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the applications are available in the back of all the area churches. For any questions please call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898 or contact a K of C member via email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

Heavenly Father, Your light shines brightly in your children. You have inspired us to do good deeds in your name. Bless all Catholic schools and all who work to make your will known in the world. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

