

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

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

## February 12, 2023

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

Cell: 740-391-1093

**Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired**

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. David Bauerbach, Parish Council President

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flichman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend  
Mass**



**WORLD MARRIAGE  
DAY!**

**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

<b>Sat. Feb. 11</b>	<b>OLM Mac Cawley (Edwin &amp; Grace Long)</b> St. John Patricia Thieman (STJ Parish)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 12</b>	<b>OLM Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)</b> St. John Annette Bonar (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Don & Cheryl Miller)	<b>9:30 AM</b>
		7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Feb. 13</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Leora Arnold)	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Feb. 14</b>	<b>OLM L &amp; D of Clemence &amp; Euliala Huck Family (Ellene Huck)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 15</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Betty Pottmeyer (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer Family) School Mass	8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Feb. 16</b>	<b>OLM Patricia Huck (Gary &amp; Rose Beebe)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 17</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Feb. 18</b>	<b>OLM Francis &amp; Grace Huck (David Arnold Family)</b> St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince and Shelly Stollar)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 19</b>	<b>OLM Pat Thieman (Betty Strahler)</b> St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM

### God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$2,425.00 (50); Offertory \$399.00; Initial Offering \$10.00 (1);  
 Diocesan Retirement Fund \$1,935.00 (23) and \$526.00 (Collection)

**50/50 Winner: Tom Offenberger - Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 02/18 (4 PM)** Alex Bauerbach  
**OLM: 02/19 (9:30AM)** Sherry Wittekind  
**OLM: 02/22 (TBA)** Linda Miller

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 02/18 (9:30AM)** David Bauerbach  
**OLM: 02/19 (4 PM)** Tim Wittekind  
**OLM: 02/22 (TBA)** Stephen Huffman

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 02/18 (4 PM)** Emma & Brett Bauerbach  
**OLM: 02/19 (9:30AM)** Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis  
**OLM: 02/22 (TBA)** Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

#### Usher (Month of February)

**Sat. Dale Gilham, Volunteer Needed**  
**Sun. Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly**

### LENTEN FISH FRIES



Our Lady of Mercy Church Lenten Fish Fries is set for **Friday, March 03, March 17, and March 31**. Help is needed and appreciated. Please mark your calendars.



## OLM CWC

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

### FEBUARY COMMITTEE

\*Nancy Schultheis  
Paige Schultheis  
Cathy Lawrence  
Mollie Huffman

Sandy Spindler  
Jody Huck  
Sarah Hunter



### OFFICER ELECTIONS

The CWC will soon be conducting the election of new officers. All ladies of the parish are members of the CWC and are welcome to hold an office. Participation is encouraged for all women 18 years and over who are willing to put God's words into action through involvement and participation. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall.

### MARDI GRAS PARTY

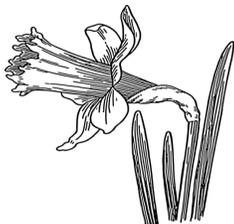
To prepare for the Lenten season of fasting and abstinence, the Our Lady of Mercy C.W.C. is holding a Mardi Gras Dinner on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM. The ladies of the C.W.C. will be providing the food and drinks. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church or you may contact Elanda Fliehman at 740-525-3970. Please bring your favorite dessert and join in the family-friendly fun.

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift of marriage and family life. 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 11, 2023. 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.

### REST IN PEACE

Condolences are given to Elaine Arnold on the passing of her brother, Kenneth Francis Huck, on Wednesday, February 01. May the Lord give strength to Elaine and her whole family in their time of need.



## BUILDING PARADISE

What would our world be like if everyone lived out the teachings that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel? It would be a world where people work out their differences peacefully. Where husbands and wives are always faithful to one another. Where no one tells a lie or engages in dishonest deals. Such a world might seem impossible, but this is the world that God has always intended for his people. It's the kingdom that Jesus announced was "at hand" at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:2). It's the kingdom that he ushered in by his death and resurrection. If it seems hidden in some ways, that's because it's still under construction! We won't experience it fully until Jesus comes again. But that doesn't mean we can't at least begin to experience God's kingdom today. In fact, God is calling us to *build* the kingdom. How? We can begin by taking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint for our lives. He calls us to pray and not worry about our daily needs. To care for the poor. To forgive as God has forgiven us. To love our enemies. To turn the other cheek. When we do these things, we make God's kingdom visible. Because Jesus' teachings can be challenging, we might try to make excuses for ourselves or think that only the Saints can obey them. But the more we try to live out Jesus' words, the more his Spirit fills our efforts with his divine grace—and the more we come to realize that it doesn't depend only on us, but also on God's power within us. Today at Mass, ask the Lord how you might bring God's kingdom to the places where you live and work. Rely on his teachings to guide you and the Spirit to empower you. Above all, stay alert, because opportunities to build the kingdom of God will surely come your way.

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

79: Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18 Ps 103: 1-4, 8-13

1 Cor 3: 16-23 Mt 5: 38-48

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### A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord has a plan for each one of us: we have the ability to say yes or no. Don't be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood or religious life.

(1 Corinthians 2: 6-10)

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### 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

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### LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER

Let us awaken and prepare our hearts for the season of prayer and penitence. Our Mass schedules for Ash Wednesday, February 22 are as follows: Our Lady of Mercy- 9 AM and 7 PM and at St. John the Baptist- 8:20 AM (School Mass), Noon, and 7 PM.

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### LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday- February 22, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Pastor Travis Christman; Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- February 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Don Archer; Soup Supper at 6 PM , Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 7, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM , Service at 7 PM

**Tuesday- March 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Church; Soup Supper at 6 PM , Service at 7 PM**

Tuesday- March 24, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Pastor Travis Christman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

Feb. 12 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851  
Feb. 19 Team #4 Derek Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

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### OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ramona Tornes at her home on 2358 Watertown Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 on March 5 from 1-4 PM. Cards may be sent if unable to attend.

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### K Of C NEWS

#### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

K of C 4617, Churchtown is holding a Corn-hole Tournament on Sunday, February 26 inside of gym. Registration begins at 12:00 PM. A \$20.00 per team (bring your own partner) entry fee is required with an 60% payout to first and second place. For questions call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

#### 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](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com).

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### NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "**Marriage...one flesh, given and received**" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine: as real flesh and blood. For additional information or resources, visit <https://www.usccb.org/.../marriage-and.../national-marriage-week>.