

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## September 10, 2023

### THE TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

Cell: 740-391-1093

**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 Flichman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend  
Mass**

**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.

**HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY**

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Sept. 09	<b>OLM Sidney &amp; Ruth Schneider Family (Larry &amp; Linda Pottmeyer)</b> St. John Margaret Klinger (CWC)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 10	<b>OLM Jeannette Schwendeman (5yr Annvi.9/9) (Lisa Schwendeman)</b> St. John Vincent & Allene Huck (Children) St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 11	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Penny Schwendeman (Kenley Schwendeman Family) People of the Parish	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
Tues. Sept. 12	<b>OLM Tony Pottmeyer (Larry &amp; Linda Pottmeyer)</b> St. John Edith Brooker (David Schaad Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Wed. Sept. 13	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Irene Abele (Edith Brooker Family) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
Thur. Sept. 14	<b>OLM John &amp; Marie Schilling (Ed Schilling)</b> St. John Mary Zwick (Vincent & Allene Huck Children)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Fri. Sept. 15	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Judy Britton (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) Mary E. Huck (Regis Huck & Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 16	<b>OLM Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)</b> St. John Betty Pottmeyer (Erin & Sheri Pottmeyer Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 17	<b>OLM Ken &amp; Pat Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly)</b> St. John Gertrude Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski) St. John Cheryl Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,778.30 (60); Offertory \$228.00; Improvement Fund \$100.00 (1); Legacy Fund \$100.00 (1);  
Votive Candles \$43.64

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Bill Burkhart – Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

OLM: 09/16 (4 PM) Ed Schilling  
 OLM: 09/17 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 09/16 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang  
 OLM: 09/17 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

#### Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 09/16 (4PM) Heather Peters  
 OLM: 09/17 (9:30AM) Jenna Huffman

#### USHERS (Month of September)

SAT: Rod Heiss, **Volunteer** needed  
 SUN: Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler

### 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“The Eucharist is a Fire that  
Inflames Us!”*

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	<b>\$18, 246.00</b>
Paid to date (46)	<b>\$32, 500.00</b>
Pledged to date	<b>\$35, 500.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## OLM CWC

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

### September Committee

Fay Heiss	Kathryn Reed
Phyllis Anderson	Jamie Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Alberta Huck

### **OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH PICNIC**

The CWC will be hosting the parish picnic on Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet is located at each entrance of the church and will be available through Sunday, September 17.

### **STATE WIDE-54-Day Rosary Novena**

Beginning Friday, September 15, Catholics across the state of Ohio will be joining in prayer for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of the dangerous constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. A 54-Day Rosary Novena will be prayed from September 15 through Election Day, November 7. For more information, please visit [www.pray54ohio.org](http://www.pray54ohio.org).

### **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.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Ohio March For Life is scheduled for Friday, October 06, 2023 at 11AM in Columbus. This event is to advocate and educate others of the importance of God's gift of life. For more information please visit [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org).

### **TOGETHER WE STAND FOR THE UNBORN**

### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences are extended to the family of Tess Huck who passed away on Friday, August 25, 2023. May the many blessings that Tess brought to her family and friends never be forgotten. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



## **LIGHT OF MINE, LET IT SHINE**

Think of your faith as a flame in your heart. It is first and foremost a gift from God, but it won't burn brightly unless you feed it. Without a fuel source, it will die out. We all know how to nourish our faith: with prayer, the sacraments, and God's word. But there's another "fuel" we can't do without, and that is good works. Today's second reading is a stark reminder that our faith isn't just between the Lord and us. We are part of a body, the body of Christ, united through Jesus' death and resurrection. So when we are loving our neighbor, we are also loving the Lord, and that makes our flame of faith grow larger and burn more intensely. We know that God calls us to care for our brothers and sisters in need—it's one of the ways we respond to the love he has already poured into our hearts. But in the day-to-day busyness and challenges of life, it's easy to become focused only on our own issues. It sometimes takes a deliberate effort to think beyond ourselves and our immediate families. That's partly because we often don't "see" the poor among us. But that doesn't mean they don't exist or don't need our help. You are probably already performing many good deeds. Perhaps you are supporting a favorite charity, making meals for a shelter, or reaching out to a lonely neighbor. But whatever you are doing, ask Jesus from time to time if there is something more or different you should consider. As you pray, he may spark an idea for a new way to serve at your parish or move you with compassion to support people suffering in a country half a world away. Above all, he will be pleased that you care for the needs that are on his heart and that you are doing all you can to keep the flame of faith alive in your own.

~The Word Among Us

**POPE FRANCIS**  
*Prayer Intentions for September*

**For People Living on the Margins**

We pray for those people living on the margins of society; in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of any lesser importance.

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**130: Sir 27: 30-28:7 Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12**  
**Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35**

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**A VOCATION VIEW**

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(Matthew 18: 15-20)

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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.

Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum  
(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

**John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe, Joseph Puorro,  
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**

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Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations  
Fr. Josh Erickson, 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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**MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER**

Mary's House is having a Smoked Chicken & Pork Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 30, from 5 PM to 8 PM at St Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost

is \$25 per person and the menu includes: smoked chicken & pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink. There will also be a Pie Auction and a Take a Chance. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.



**ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**Sep. 10** Team #1 Jeff Brooker 749-3538  
**Sep. 17** Team #2 Jessica Henke 896-3705

**MUM SALE**

St. John Central School is currently selling mums. The cost for 8 inch pots is \$6.50 each or 5 for \$30.00 and \$30.00 for 12 inch pots. If interested in purchasing mums, please contact, Stacey Pottmeyer 304-533-6334, Sanja McCartney 330-204-4868, or Rachel Schott 740-350-8252.

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**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 Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. For more information about participating at the Marietta location, contact Shelly at 740-525-6360. **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.**

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**MASS FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD**

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance For Loss of a Child: It is a terrible thing to lose a child or a grandchild. Whether by accident, miscarriage, or some other tragedy, you can turn to the Lord for comfort and healing. Bishop Monforton will offer a Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, October 28 at 9 AM at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome to attend.

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**POST 750 STEAK FRY**

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, September 16, 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.**

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**SHOP SWAP AND STROLL**

On Wednesday, September 27, from 4 PM to 8 PM on Lowell Buell Island there will be a local community event. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.