

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

March 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Flieman, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. March. 18	OLM L & D of Herbert Huck Families (Max & Tess Huck) St. John Lawrence & Margret Schaad (Larry & Janet Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March. 19	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John James Arnold (Family) St. John Mary Zwick (Regis Huck)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March. 20	OLM No Mass St. John Carol Glusko (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. March 21	OLM No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. March. 22	OLM No Mass St. John Mary E. Huck (Leroy & Sophia Rauch) School Mass	8:20 AM
Thur. March. 23	OLM Howard Huck (The Huck Family) w Stations to follow St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM*
Fri. March. 24	OLM No Mass St. John Pat Thieman (Card Club) w Stations to follow	6:00 PM
Sat. March. 25	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John L & D of Vince Stollar Family (Vince Stollar Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March. 26	OLM Linda Huck (Charlotte Lang) St. John John and Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Rita Schwendeman (Erin & Sharon Pottmeyer Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,737.00 (45); Offertory \$535.00; OLM Cemetery \$30.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Larry Pottmeyer- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/25 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 03/26 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/25 (4 PM) Emma & Brett Bauerbach
OLM: 03/25 (9:30AM) Josie Anderson, Clara & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/25 (9:30AM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 03/26 (4 PM) Joe Anderson

USHERS (Month of March)

SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Flichman



EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place an envelope with the name (s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Please have your envelope in by April 02.

OLM CWC

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

March Committee

*Debbie Misel Angie (Tracy) Lang
Dorothy Huck Jenna Huffman
Linda Pottmeyer Denise Stehly
Kristin Offenberger

FROM BISHOP MONFORTON

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to express my personal gratitude to those of you who responded to the 2023 Diocesan/ Parish Share Campaign - either through your financial support or through your prayers. Our parishes and ministries throughout the Diocese of Steubenville rely on your generosity to continue the Mission of the Church. Your generosity is a sign of your love for your Church and for one another. For those who were unable to complete their pledges for the DPSC last weekend, additional pledge cards are available – either in your pews or at the entrances of the church. Please take a moment to complete a card. You can drop it in the collection basket or mail it directly to the Diocese. You can also contribute to the campaign online at www.Give.Diosteub.org.

May the Lord continue to bless you and our beloved Diocese of Steubenville.

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton
Bishop of Steubenville



ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their 25th Annual Lenten performance of "People of The Passion" on Sunday March 19th at 7:30 PM with the door opening at 7:00 PM. This event is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clairsville, OH. The theme for the day is "The Seven Sorrows of Mary." Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 20 to make a reservation.

SIGHTLESS NO MORE

Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes. Notice that this man was *born* blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable. Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us. Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see" (9:7). He could see his parents and the streets of Jerusalem—as well as the mockers who disputed his healing. Best of all, he saw Jesus! And although it took time, he came to recognize Jesus as the Lord and worshipped him (9:38). Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed *you* clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome *all* your darkness. Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for March
For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

34: Ez 37: 12-14 Ps 130: 1-8
Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45

A VOCATION VIEW

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving touch.

(John 9: 1-14)

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

**LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL
LENTEN SERVICES**

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members, there will be an EGG HUNT held after 9:30 AM Mass at OLM on Easter Sunday, April 09. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to the parish hall before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For information or questions, contact Tony Offenberger at 740-525-4823.



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 19 Team #8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800
March 26 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION

SJC is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. The school is fully accredited, and offers a complete academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

K OF C NEWS

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.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 06. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

LAST LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding their last fish fry of the year on Friday, **March 31**, from 4:30 PM until 7:30 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.

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss, Tony Offenberger, at 740-525-4823.