

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

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**



LENT

April 06, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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. Sunday

Visitation of Sick or Homebound: Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093, or the Parish Office at 740-896-2207, when someone is hospitalized, homebound, sick.

St. John Central Elementary School - (740) 896-2697: Mrs. Rebecca Hilverding, 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. April 05	OLM	Dale & Margie Arnold (Arnold Family) St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 06	OLM	Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John Rowan Lee Seese (Jeff & Charlene Canterbury Family) St. John Ruth Lang (Ron & Monica Lang)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 07	OLM	No Mass St. John L & D of Fred & Rosemary Heiss Family (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. April 08	OLM	Mary Beth Ryder (Unknown) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. April 09	OLM	No Mass St. John Penny Schwendeman (Lenora Arnold Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. April 10 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	John & Marie Schilling (Ed Schilling) St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM* No Mass
Fri. April 11 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	No Mass St. John Rayleen Heiss (Ron & Monica Lang)	No Mass *6:00 PM*
Sat. April 12	OLM	Darren Cheeseman (Dan & Elanda Fliehman) St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 13	OLM	Jeanette Schwendeman (David & Yvonne Kincaid) St. John Shelba Kern (STJ CWC) St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,645.00 (33); Offertory \$438.00; Improvement Fund \$ 50.00 (3); Easter Flowers \$45.00 (3);
Rice Bowl \$107.00 (6); St. John \$347.00 (20); Catholic Relief \$102.00 (7); OLM Cemetery \$50.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Debbie Misel– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 04/12 (4 PM) Shelly Medley	OLM: 04/12 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 04/13 (9:30 AM) Alex Bauerbach Abby Offenberger	OLM: 04/13 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of April)
OLM: 04/12 (4 PM) David Bauerbach	SAT: Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang
OLM: 04/13 (9:30 AM) Ken Long	SUN: Cecil Bauerbach, Andrew Strahler

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Margaret Morris, Emma Morris, and Joel Schaad whom have received the Sacrament of Confirmation . We all pray that as Confirmed Catholics, they will be God-centered “adults” helping us to show the great values of the Lord to others.

LAST LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding its' last fish fry for this Lenten Season on Friday, **April 11th** from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM.



2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign
“Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.”
 ~ Psalm 31:25



OLM CWC

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

April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Services are as follows:

St. Ambrose, Little Hocking - Sunday, April 6th
at 6 PM

St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday,
April 7th at 1 PM with School and again at 7 PM

**Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell - Tuesday, April
8th at 7 PM**

St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday, April
9th at 7 PM

St Bernard, Beverly - Thursday, April 10th at
7 PM

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 26th. Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Fliehm at 740-236-0122.

NIGHT OF JOY

Franciscan University of Steubenville will host Night of Joy on Thursday, April 24th, from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Pope St. Paul VI Event Center of the Christ the Teacher Hall. The evening's event will be shared via livestream and will be open to an in-person audience free of charge. Night of Joy will include uplifting worship music performed by international country artist and worship leader John Paul Von Arx; a keynote presentation by Catholic author, speaker, podcaster, musician, and a Franciscan University catechetical professor, Deacon Bob Rice; as well as, spiritual reflections and Eucharistic Adoration with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University. Sponsored by Steubenville Conferences, Night of Joy, is a follow up to last year's successful Night of Hope event held during the Advent season. Steubenville Conferences plans to make Night of Hope and Night of Joy yearly events to help participants deepen their faith. For more information and to register for free for the Night of Joy livestream, please visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-joy/>.

A note from Father:

The recent released Diocesan report paints a discouraging picture for our Diocese, our parishes and our schools, but why?

Every one of us has had to face difficult times, and while we keep looking for an easy solution, usually there was no instant answer that would solve our problem. That then means that we must suffer and work even harder for the desired outcome that we want. So what do we want? If we want everything to stay the way it is, then we are living a fantasy.

Everyday things are changing, people die and are born. Nothing stays 100% static. Let us look at our ancestors, in building St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy Churches; did they have to suffer and sacrifice to build the legacy that we live in? Yes. Our ancestors gave of themselves because they had a dream of a better tomorrow rooted in the faith they shared.

Now what does the report tell us. It tells us that we have a lot of work to do. This is not just a financial issue; it is a people issue. We need to invite all, fallen away Catholic, unchurched, neighbors and friends to come and experience the joy that we have in living out a Sacramental life in our Church communities. If we do not desire to grow our communities, then the future that the report described will come about, and we can start asking ourselves, "When do we need to close..."

To me the report states that there are issues beyond my control that I simply have to live with, but there is a lot that I can do. This doing begins with not being negative. Our communities must continue to work hard, and to invite, and to celebrate the gift that we have. Yes, none of us can control the future, but we can control how we let the future control our outlook. Our Hope is in Jesus Christ, for without him we all would be dead in sin, and hopeless in life.

~ Fr. David Gaydosik

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

37: Lk 19: 28-40 38: Is 50:4-7

Ps 22: 8-9, 17-24 Phil 2: 6-11

Lk 23: 1-49



A VOCATION VIEW

What am I racing after: fame, fortune, or a life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line?

(**Philippians 3: 8-14**)

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.

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

Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations
Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](#) or
Diocesan Vocation Website: [http://steubenvillevocations.com](#)

ECUMENICAL SERVICE REP. NEEDED

We are still looking for a representative from OLM to be on the Lowell Area Ecumenical Council, which helps to operate the food pantry and VBS. They meet quarterly and provide guidance to the food pantry director. Time obligation is less than an hour a month. If interested, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- April 8th, at the St. John Church, Lowell;
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

NEW MEMBERS- What does charity mean to you? Does this mean going to volunteer your time for a local organization? Does this mean volunteering your time and talents to your local Catholic Church? Does it mean supporting the local veterans who gave their lives to our country? Or does it mean all of that and more? The Knights of Columbus can help you with continuing to fulfill that journey. Want to be a part of that? Go to [kofcoho.org](#) and click on Join Us. For more information contact any Council 4617 member; Grand Knight, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470, or email [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](#). A Knight will also be in the back of the church this weekend, for questions, to pass out information cards or applications.

GOOD FRIDAY—As we get closer to Easter, the Knights of Columbus are encouraging families in our parish communities to attend the Good Friday liturgy, April 18 with Mass at 7 PM at Our Lady of Mercy, St. Bernard, and St John. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us.



EASTER EGG HUNT— Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass, on April 20th after the 9 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown and the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly for children 0 –12 years old. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to their parish before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For more information or questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

NIGHT AT THE RACES—The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 3rd. 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.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, April 19th, from 5 PM 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.