

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

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Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 22, 2023

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN 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. Oct. 21	OLM Marlene Huck (Clair Huck) St. John Tess Huck (Leroy & Sophia Rauch)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 22	OLM Joe Strahler (unknown) St. John Edith Brooker (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 23	OLM No Mass St. John Mary E. Huck (Debbie Huck)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Oct. 24	OLM George & Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John No Mass	5:30 PM No Mass
Wed. Oct. 25	OLM No Mass St. John L & D of Clarence & Hilda Arnold (Arnold Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Oct. 26	OLM No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Fri. Oct. 27	OLM No Mass St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 28	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John Mary Luella Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 29	OLM Terry Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,587.00 (63); Offertory \$210.01; Improvement Fund \$32.00 (2); Immaculate Heart \$10.00 (1); St John \$20.00 (1); D/PSC Rebate \$3,050.00; Votive Candles \$41.75

OLM 50/50 Winner: Jill Spindler – Congratulations!

FAREWELL TO BISHOP MONFORTON

A reception for Bishop Jeffery Monforton is on Saturday, October 28, after the 5:30 PM Mass, in the basement of St. Mary's Basilica Church, Marietta. Everyone is welcome to thank him for what he has done for the Steubenville Diocese and wish him well on his new assignment by Pope Francis.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 10/28 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 10/29 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

OLM: 10/28 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 10/29 (9:30AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 10/28 (4PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 10/29 (9:30AM) Stephen Huffman

USHERS (Month of October)

SAT: Tim Wittekind, John Pottmeyer
SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer Needed**



2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (48)	\$34, 400.00
Pledged to date	\$36, 150.00



“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!” ~ St. John Chrysostom

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Jenna Long	Susan (Mike) Huck
Amy Lang	Denise Pottmeyer
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	

PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, November 1. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751 or Heather Peters at 740-350-6972.

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 or miscarriage or some other tragedy, you can turn to the Lord for comfort and healing. A Mass of Remembrance is scheduled for next Saturday, October 28 at 9 AM at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All parishioners of the dioceses are invited to attend.



SH HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Annual Halloween Masquerade Square Dance will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 7:00 to 10:30 PM in the SH Social Hall, Harriettsville. Music by Pickin on Country. There will be refreshments, raffle, country store and prizes. Admission is \$5.00 per person with children 10 and under free.

PSR NEWS

Classes begin after Mass, this Sunday, October 22. For questions or concerns, contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary's House will be holding their annual Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 5, starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM), at St Bernard Social Hall, Beverly. The cost is 20 games for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the door only. A raffle, 50/50 drawing, and concession stand are available.

OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you.

OBLIGED

In first-century Palestine, taxes were a painful reminder that God's people were living under the oppressive rule of a foreign power. So when the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech" (Matthew 22:15), the hot-button topic of taxation seemed like a clever strategy. If Jesus supported paying taxes, he would come across as disloyal to the Jews. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebelling against Rome. Jesus' reply makes an important point for both first-century Jews and for us today: we can, and should, meet both our civic and religious obligations. What "belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21)? In other words, what are our civic duties? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "It is the duty of citizens to contribute . . . to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom" (2239). This includes a moral obligation "to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country" (2240). What about our religious obligations? What exactly "belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21)? Our entire selves! Regardless of nationality or citizenship, we are all made in the image of the living God (Genesis 1:26-27). So while we pay our taxes and cast our vote to fulfill our political obligations, we give to God what belongs to him—and that involves the surrender of our entire lives. Participating wholeheartedly at Mass is a wonderful way to offer to God what belongs to him. Today, as you set aside other activities to listen to the word of God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, reflect on what he has given you. Then invite him to show you how to surrender to him even more—of your time, treasure, dreams, and of all the people you hold dear.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for October
For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue; as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

148: Ex 22: 20-26 Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40

A VOCATION VIEW

What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift?

(Matthew 22: 15-21)

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, 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**

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

CATHOLIC INFERTILITY MINISTRY

Infertility can be a painful and isolating experience, challenging our faith and bringing up complex emotions of grief and loss, but it is not a path that you have to walk alone. If you have experienced primary or secondary infertility and are looking to grow closer to the Lord and build a community with others walking this path, please join us for Arise, a small women's group using materials published by Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 AM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, beginning November 4 in the Lower Sargus Hall at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wintersville, OH. To register or for more information, contact bmrjuliano@gmail.com or mreister@franciscan.edu.

'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'
(cf. Lk 24:13-35)

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Oct. 22 Team #7 Brandon Wheeler 336-0350
Oct. 29 Team #8 Russ Lang 336-0800

SCHOOL GALA

St. John Central School "Casino Night" is to be held November 18 at 5:00 PM in the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$100 (admits two people) and include entry in the drawing and dinner. To purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Pottmeyer at 304-989-0729.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

TRUNK OR TREAT – K of C 4617, Churchtown is hosting their annual "Trunk and Treat" on October 27, 6 PM to 7 PM at the K of C Hall. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048.

ESSAY CONTEST– The Knights of Columbus 4617 Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2023 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. – Romans 10:14-15 This contest encourages today's youth to connect to their community and their faith. Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. The winners will receive a \$100 check from K of C 4617. All participants should mail essays and an entry form to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, November 17. Any questions or concerns, please email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POSTER CONTEST– Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. If any children are interested, entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Friday, November 17. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall, Churchtown throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or by email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.