

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/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



HAPPY
GRANDPARENTS
DAY!

July 30 & August 06, 2023

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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. July 29	OLM Gordon, Mildred, & Joe Strain (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John L & D of Joe & Mary Kern Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. July 30	OLM Marilyn Lang (Clair Huck) St. John Donna Klinger (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Mary E. Huck (C.J. & Claudia Jones)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. July 31	OLM No Mass St. John Jim Thieman (Ken & Julia Strahler) / Pat Thieman (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 01	OLM Hellene Willson (OLM CWC) St. John Tony & Donna Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 02	OLM No Mass St. John David Kuhn (Tom & Becky Stephen) / Patricia Gaydosik (St. Sylvester CWC)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 03	OLM Patricia Gaydosik (Tony & Kristin Offenberger) St. John James & Maglene Arnold (Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 04	OLM No Mass St. John John & Mary Lou Huck (Family) / Edith Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. Aug. 05	OLM George & Mildred Lang (Kathy Reed) St. John Ralph E. Stollar (Vince & Shelly Stollar)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 06	OLM John & Mary Lou Huck (Their Children) St. John Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Diane Arnold (Roger & Cris Baker)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 07	OLM No Mass St. John Judy Britton (Jeff & Lorinda Lang) / Rita Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 08	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Celica Cooper) St. John Helen Flieman (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 09	OLM No Mass St. John Mildred Arnold (Vincent & Allene Huck Children) / Donna Klinger (Gertrude Bradley)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 10	OLM Kee Kong (Stephen & Jenna Huffman) St. John Roger & Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 11	OLM No Mass St. John Elwin SeEVERS (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) / Edith Brooker (CWC)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 12	OLM Chuck Schilling (His Children) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 13	OLM Patricia Stehly (1yr. Anniv.) (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Ruth Morris (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$1,820.00 (58); Offertory \$342.00; Improvement Fund \$100.00 (1); St. John \$105.00 (7)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Ron Miller – Congratulations!

Lectors

OLM: 08/05 (4 PM) Heather Peters
 OLM: 08/06 (9:30AM) Dan Flieman
 OLM: 08/12 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
 OLM: 08/13 (9:30AM) Susan Huck
 OLM: 08/15 (TBA) Alex Bauerbach

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 08/05 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
 OLM: 08/06 (9:30AM) Martha Flieman
 OLM: 08/12 (9:30AM) Stephen Huffman
 OLM: 08/13 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman
 OLM: 08/15 (TBA) Joe Anderson

Altar Servers

OLM: 08/05 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, **Volunteer** needed
 OLM: 08/06 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad
 OLM: 08/12 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
 OLM: 08/13 (9:30AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis
 OLM: 08/15 (TBA) Josie Anderson, Brett Bauerbach

USHERS (Month of August)

SAT: Dave Walbert, **Volunteer** needed
 SUN: Mike Huck, **Volunteer** needed



OLM CWC

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

July Committee

*Linda Miller Marlene Walbert
Melissa Tornes Jill Kendall
Tammy Offenberger

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, at 6 PM in the social hall. After the meeting we will be cleaning the kitchen. Please plan to attend and join us in this project for our parish.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Single women, ages 18 to 35. *What is your vocation in life?* Do you have everything that the world says that you need to be happy but still long for 'something more'? Consider the Sisters of St. Benedict of Westmoreland County, Pa. located near Greensburg, Pa. They are a small community of Benedictine Nuns who try to seek God in this "school of the Lord's service" known as St. Emma Monastery. Following the centuries - old wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict, we desire to have our lives become more Christ centered, to have the Gospel as our guide. For more information, contact Sr. Maria Johanna OSB, at 724-610-7595 or email: vocations@stemma.org.

OLM PRAYER CHAIN

We would like to remind everyone about the OLM Prayer Chain. If you become aware of a parishioner or parishioners who are in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or you may call Martha Flieman at 740-984-4039 and "The Chain" will be activated. Anyone who would like to become a "link" in our chain as either a caller, or just to receive calls to say prayers for those in need, please call Martha Flieman and you will be added to the list/chain.

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

"The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!"

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (46)	\$31, 825.00
Pledged to date	\$35, 450.00

Thank you for your generosity.

2-WEEK BULLETIN

As you can see from the dates on the bulletin, this issue will cover the next 2 weeks. The parish office will be closed next week, August 01-05.

PEARLS OF GRACE OR WISDOM?

Today's Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure "buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure—this time, a pearl—but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking? Jesus seems to be saying that it's *both*. On the one hand, God in his infinite goodness pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives—treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence—in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall "on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as *we seek the Lord*. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we "sell" what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy. God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who finds the buried treasure by surprise ends up selling all he has "and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44)! Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you "sell all you have" to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won't be disappointed.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Transfiguration Of The Lord

614: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Pt 1: 16-19 Mt 17: 1-9

A VOCATION VIEW

Am I willing to sell everything I own and follow the Lord? What is precious to me ?

(Matthew 13: 44-52)

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

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 @ ds vocations
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The OCIA is the normal way we bring people to our Catholic faith through weekly learning sessions. It is our duty as Catholics to help in encouraging people to find faith and join our parishes. An active OCIA is a sign of an active parish. Below is a form you can fill out so that we might raise up some more people interested in the Catholic Faith and joining the church. Please return this form via the collection basket, by mail, or email for those individuals interested.

POSSIBLE OCIA CANDIDATE:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

July 30 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851
Aug. 06 Team #4 Alex Pottmeyer 740-885-9251
Aug. 13 Team # 5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925

ST JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL - SCRIP PROGRAM

The Scrip is easy to use. The program uses gift cards that you purchase at face value for your everyday shopping or restaurant needs through St. John School and a percentage of that is given back to the school. The gift cards would also make great gifts for birthdays and holidays. St John offers a wide variety of franchise cards either on hand, or that can be easily ordered. Please contact St John's Parish Office at 740-896-3566 on a Wednesday or Thursday morning to place an order or get more information.

ECUMENICAL HYMN SING -ALONG

Lowell Area Ecumenical Council is having an old-fashioned hymn sing along on Sunday, July 30 at 7 PM on Buell Island, Lowell. Bring a lawn chair. All are welcome.

CORN ROAST

The Lowell American Legion Post 750 is holding a Corn Roast on August 5, from 4 PM - 10 PM at the Post. There will be food, a beer garden, raffles and 50/50 drawings with cash prizes. There will be kid games for the children, so bring the whole family. This event is open to the public with music provided by Jake Binegar and Jesse Forester. Come enjoy live music and family fun while supporting your local American Legion.

KIDSFEST

St. John's Evangelical Church, Lowell is hosting a Family Fun Event on August 19 from Noon to 3 PM at Lowell Park on Buell Island. This event is free and open to the public. There will be face painting, a water slide, a bouncy hose, and a foam machine for all to enjoy. Volunteers are needed. If interested in helping with this event, contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-885-9439. Flyers are available at both entrances of the Church.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 20 at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$240.00 / four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.