

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

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**

December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 hospitalized, homebound, sick.

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. Dec. 23	OLM L & D Members of Lawrence Schaad Family (Evan & Heather Schaad) St. John Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 24	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John Judy Britton (Dave & Veronica Bosner) St. John Herb Mason (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Sun. Dec. 24 (Vigil)	OLM Cecil Offenberger (The Grandchildren) w Music St. John Edith Brooker (Charlotte Lang Family) OLM Earl & Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman) St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern & Family)	4:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Mon. Dec. 25 (Christmas)	OLM Robert & Lucy Long (Ken & Jan Long) St. John Vincent & Allene Huck (Family)	9:00 AM 8:00 AM
Tues. Dec. 26	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Hugh & Kelly Arnold) St. John Special Intention	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Dec. 27	OLM No Mass St. John Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Dec. 28	OLM Charles & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John Special Intention	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Dec. 29	OLM No Mass St. John Charles Schilling (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Dec. 30	OLM Tess Huck (Ed Schilling) St. John Lawrence Schaad (Larry & Janet Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 31	OLM Kelton & Helen Flieman (Dan & Elanda Flieman) St. John Leora Arnold (Bill & Alberta Wesel) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Sun. Dec. 31	OLM Dorothy Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Mary Huck (Regis Huck Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Mon. Jan. 01 (Solemnity)	OLM Darren Cheeseman (Tom & Martha Flieman) St. John Paul Schwendeman (Family)	9:00 AM 8:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,892.00 (60); Offertory \$299.25; Immaculate Conception (2) \$35.00; Religious Retirement (2) \$320.00; Christmas Flowers (5) \$170.00; Christmas Offering (1) \$25.00; Ava Maria Cemetery (1) \$2.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Cathy Rauch– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 12/30 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
 OLM: 12/31 (9:30 AM) Abigail Offenberger
 OLM: 12/31 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
 OLM: 01/01 (9 AM) Volunteer needed

Altar Servers

OLM: 12/30 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
 OLM: 12/31 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis
 OLM: 12/31 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
 OLM: 01/01 (9 AM) Volunteer needed

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 12/30 (4 PM) Sue Huck
 OLM: 12/31 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene
 OLM: 12/31 (4 PM) Beth Bauerbach
 OLM: 01/01 (9 AM) Volunteer needed

USHERS (Month of December)

SAT: Tim Huck, Volunteer needed
 SUN: Richard Tornes, Kim Schwendeman

The 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign concludes December 31, 2023.

Thank you for your generosity!

OLM CWC

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

DECEMBER COMMITTEE

*Heather Peters	Linda Strahler
Tana Huck	Kalyn Seese
Mary Hess	Toni Gober

CWC MEETING

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please plan to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please check and make sure everything is correct. If corrections are needed, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207 immediately. The parish office would also like to ask you to update your contact information, including cell phone numbers. If there are any address corrections or updates you may place a note in the collection basket or call the office. Thank you.

2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2023, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to (740) 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.

HOST: We have available at Our Lady of Mercy and St. John, a limited supply of Low-Gluten (made in accordance with Canon Law) for those with Gluten Issues. If you are in need of a Low Gluten Host, please see the priest before the Mass you attend, to arrange for this option.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are given to family of Donivan "Donnie" Heiss Sr. whom passed away on Wednesday, December 06. May the love and blessings that Donnie brought to his family and friends never be forgotten. May the Lord show his grace to his wife Fay and their family in their time of need.



SACRIFICE AND TOTAL DEDICATION

May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38) Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known. Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members. Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him. But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort. Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for December

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Gn 15:1-6;1-3 Ps 105: 1-6, 8-9

Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2: 22-40

A VOCATION VIEW

Mary received and responded to the Lord’s will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God’s messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them.
(Luke 1: 26-38)

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. Nicholas V. Ginnetti , Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>



Please think of our Seminarians this holiday season. Cards may be sent to addresses listed above.

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 09, 2024. Pre-Cana is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary’s Basilica’s office at 740-373-3643.

“ Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God and a great act of faith toward other human beings.”

ST. JOHN’S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Dec. 24 No BINGO (Merry Christmas)

Dec. 31 No BINGO (Happy New Year)

STEUBENVILLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Dioceses is offering a 10% discount on “Building a Eucharistic Marriage” a webinar that teaches couples seven habits to enrich your marriage though Christ the Eucharist. Please, visit www.eucharisticmarriage.org and enter the code STEUBENVILLEDDIOCESE2023.

K OF C NEWS

K of C Scholarship Knights of Columbus Council #4617, Churchtown is accepting Scholarship Applications. Any senior who is gradating this year may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 15, 2024. More information and the application link can be found on their Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH.". Or you may apply at the link: <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPD8oSx27>. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

K of C Annual Free Throw competition is to be held Sunday, January 21 at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Sign-up will begin at noon, shooting starts at 1:00 PM. Boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2024, can participate. Parent or guardian must be present for sign in. You do not have to be a K of C Member to sign your child up to participate. Entry is FREE. Contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

OLM PSR CLASSES

Because of the Holiday Season, there will be No PSR Classes for the next two weekends. PSR Classes will resume Sunday, January 7 after Mass.





2023
Our Lady of Mercy
Christmas Flower Memorials



Memory/Honor of:

- *Stephen Kuchyt, Kenny Kuchyt, Grace Huck, Charlie Arnold
- *David N. Bauerbach & Family
- *John & Marie Bauerbach, Donald & Jean Bauerbach,
Charles & Mary Rhoades, James Bauerbach, David Bauerbach
- *Hurd & Mary Louise Pitt, Ray & Joanna Pitt,
Francis & Louise Offenberger
- *Vincent & Allene Huck, Harry & Emma Berendts
- *Bernard Brooker, Mary & Raymond Brooker,
Clem & Lucy Brooker
- *Howard Dunn, Deceased Members of Engle Families,
Deceased Members Dunn Families
- *Our Parents
- *Living & Deceased of the Flichman & Brooker Families
- *John Huck Sr., Mary Lou Huck, Ross Green, Josh Frum,
Meriem Greene, Patty Huck, Jeffery Brockmier, Steven Greene
- *Members of Walter Huck & Paul Bauerbach Families
- *Harold Huck, Betty June & Louis Huck, Lucy Stengel
- *Joe & Ida Huck Family, Robert & Anne Seyler Family
- *Tess Huck, Deceased Members of Herbert & Clare Huck Family
- *Bernard & Dorothy Huck, Bernie & Linda Huck, Terry Huck,
Laurie Offerman
- *Karen Rohrer, Mural & Willa Nichols, Richard & Leora Rohrer,
Margaret McIntyre, Robert & Anna Seyler, Joe & Ida Huck,
Pam Eichmiller, Ronnie & Mary Jane Eichmiller
- *Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hashman, Mr. & Mrs. Carol Huck
- *Carolyn Rush, Lauren Payne
- *Herbert & Clara Huck, Frank & Helen Schwendeman
- *Deceased Members of the Stephen & Jenna Huffman Family
- *Robert & Lucy Long, Margaret & Virgil Grooves
- *The Medley Family
- *Lloyd & Evelyn Miller, Art & Helen Perry
- *Cecil Offenberger, Francis & Louise Offenberger
- *Charles & Sandy Schilling, Harold "Sonny" Offenberger Jr.
- *Deceased Members of John & Elinor Paul Families
- *Bob, Francis, Hilda, & James Peters
- *Ralph & Helen Pottmeyer
- *Tina Schaad, Lawrence & Margret Schaad, Roger Schaad,
Ted Hatfield, Beverly, Jerome, William, & Robert Haggerty
- *John and Marie Schilling, David & Mary Schilling,
Howard Schilling, Charles & Sandra Schilling, Rose Mary Yost,
Leander Stehle, Mary Elizabeth Schilling, Charles Huggins Jr.
- *Deceased Members of the Schwendeman & Schweikert Families
- *Sue Newton

By:

- Todd & Katheryn Arnold
- Grace Bauerbach
- Cecil Bauerbach

- Brian & Angela Bennett

- Lisa Berendts
- Julia Brooker

- Emma Dunn

- Dan & Elanda Flichman
- Tom & Martha Flichman
- Greg & Marlene Greene

- Charles & Dorothy Huck
- Irene, Susan, & Mike Huck
- Jim & Peggy Huck
- Max Huck
- Nancy Huck

- Rob & Sue Huck

- Robert & Alberta Huck
- Tim & Jody Huck
- Virgil & Martha Huck
- Stephen & Jenna Huffman
- Ken & Jan Long
- Rick & Shelly Medley
- Ron & Linda Miller
- Kay Offenberger
- Tony & Kristin Offenberger
- John & Elinor Paul
- Marilyn & Heather Peters
- Gary & Denise Pottmeyer
- Bruce Schaad

- Ed Schilling

- Jim & Cindy Schwendeman
- Terry & Audrey Schwendeman



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- *Ken & Pat Stehly, Melinda Tornes, Garret Tornes,
Bernard Pottmeyer, Darren Cheesman
- *Clarence & Gertrude Huck
- *Eugene Lang, Ray Skinner, My Parents
- *Gene & Rita Fulton
- *Donald Yeomans, J. Gordon & Anna Smiley, Robert L. Kurucz,
Frank & Sylvia Yeomans, Raymond & Iris Whitaker, Bob Durbin,
Richard Greten, Joseph & Veronica Kurucz

By:

- Mike & Denise Stehly

- Their Family
- John Walter
- Keith & Sandy Wagner
- David & Joanie Yeomans

Donations given by:

- **David & Tina Long
- **Leroy & Ruth Skinner

**Evan & Heather Schaad

Thank you for your generosity!