

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## February 26, 2023

### THE FIRST 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 Flichman, 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.



# LENT

# Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. Feb. 25</b>	<b>OLM Leo &amp; Nadine Lang (Bob &amp; Ilene Lang)</b> St. John Helen Miller (Patricia Henke & Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 26</b>	<b>OLM Laurie Offerman (Nancy Huck)</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Arnold Huck) St. John Gladys Schilling (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Feb. 27</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Feb. 28</b>	<b>OLM Pat Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. March. 01</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Donna Klinger (CWC)	School Mass 8:20 AM
<b>Thur. March. 02</b>	<b>OLM Patricia Gaydosik (Tony &amp; Kristin Offenberger) w Stations to follow</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri. March. 03</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Allene Huck (Children) w Stations to follow	6:00 PM
<b>Sat. March. 04</b>	<b>OLM Ralph Long (Edwin &amp; Grace Long)</b> St. John Ralph Klemm (Mike & Marilyn Schaad) w Bishop Monforton	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March. 05</b>	<b>OLM Hellene Willson (Rich Brack)</b> St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John Diane Arnold (Terry & Rose Marie Ellis)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

**God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!**

**OLM:**\$1,383.00 (44); Offertory \$403.00; Diocesan Retirement Fund \$20.00 (1) and \$20.00

**50/50 Winner: Rhonda Huck - Congratulations!**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

**Lectors**

**OLM: 03/04 (4 PM)** Tony Offenberger  
**OLM: 03/05 (9:30AM)** Sherry Wittekind

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**OLM: 03/04 (9:30AM)** Heather Peters  
**OLM: 03/05 (4 PM)** Tim Wittekind

**Altar Servers**

**OLM: 03/04 (4 PM)** Kasey Lang , Jackson Long  
**OLM: 03/05 (9:30AM)** Ross, Kate, & Aston Schultheis

**USHERS (Month of March)**

**SAT:** Gary Cunningham, David Long  
**SUN:** Gregory Greene, Dan Fliehman

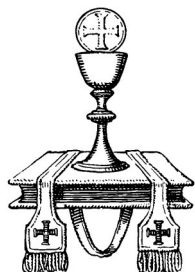
## OLM CWC

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

### FEBUARY COMMITTEE

\*Nancy Schultheis  
Paige Schultheis  
Cathy Lawrence  
Mollie Huffman

Sandy Spindler  
Jody Huck  
Sarah Hunter



### 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”*

- St. John Chrysostom

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 12, 2023. We are called to take an active part in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. Through your participation in the DPSC, you share in this work. Your gift to the DPSC helps to educate our seminarians (your future priest), care for retired priests, offer administrative support for Catholic Schools, train Catechists, fund youth ministry activities, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching (especially through the Steubenville Register), promote the sanctity of life, assist those most in need through Catholic Charities, and so much more. Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contributions.

### MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will take place at St. Stephen, Caldwell on Saturday, March 11 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dr. John Bergsma will address the theme for the day of "Living the Cardinal Virtues". All men of the Steubenville Diocese are encouraged to attend; it will be worth your while.

### WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25. 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 the OLM Parish Office or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 20 to make a reservation.

## LOVE, MERCY, AND FAVOR... GRACE

We know what the first sin was: Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. But do you know what the first temptation was? "You will be like gods" (Genesis 3:5). This is the temptation that has always plagued humanity. Like gods, we want to be in control. We want to decide what's right and wrong. We want the power, honor, and glory that belong only to the Lord. This is the same temptation that Jesus conquered in his battle with Satan in the desert. In today's Gospel, the devil tries to tempt Jesus to rebel against his Father's plan. He taunts Jesus, saying, "If you are the Son of God . . ." (Matthew 4:3, 6). In other words, *If you are really who you claim to be, don't wait for your Father's permission. Go ahead and act like God!* But Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6). Though he was God incarnate, he submitted to his Father's will each and every day. Finally, he undid that first sin of Adam when he offered himself on the cross to save us (Romans 5:12, 15). This Lent, ask the Spirit to help you recognize where you are being tempted to rebel against God. It may be something subtle, like persisting in a bad habit. Or it may be something more obvious, like resisting God's will in a difficult situation. Don't get discouraged if you see signs of rebellion. Instead, let the words of St. Paul in today's second reading encourage you: through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have all received an "abundance of grace" (Romans 5:17). That grace can help you overcome any temptation—including the temptation to be your own god! This Lent, just keep asking for God's grace, and trust that it will never run out.

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### The Second Sunday of Lent

**25: Gn 12: 1-4a      Ps 33: 4-5, 18-22**

**2 Tm 1: 8b-10      Mt 17: 1-9**

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### A VOCATION VIEW

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Who will proclaim that word to us? Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

(Matthew 4: 1-11)

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### 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

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### LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding fish fries on the following Fridays from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

#### March 03, March 17, March 31

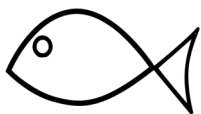
Adults - \$12.00, Children under 12 - \$6.00

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 listed below:



**March 03-** Kim Schwendeman 740-525-2769

**March 17-** Mark Rutter 740-706-1254

**March 31-** Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

**Feb. 26** Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 740-525-7925

**March 05** Team #6 Jeff Canterberry 740-984-4827

### THANK YOU

The staff, students, and families of St. John Central School would like to thank our four area churches-- St. Bernard, St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. John the Baptist--for all their help and support during our annual Sub Sale. The sale was a huge success; we made and sold 3,000 subs again this year. This success is due to all of your support and we truly appreciate how our area church communities responded to the St. John School Sub Sale. Thanks again!

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### 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 11, 2023. 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.

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### ST. JOHN'S CWC

St. John's CWC is holding a "Drive Thru Breakfast" at the K of C Hall, in Churchtown on Sunday, February 26, from 8 AM to 10 AM. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausage gravy/biscuit, and a drink for \$8.00. The cost for a child's breakfast, which includes pancake, bacon, scrambled eggs, and a drink for \$5.00.

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### GAMING FOR GOD

St. Bernard Youth Group is hosting a kid -friendly event on February 26 in St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly, from 6 to 8:30 PM, for children in grades 5th - 12th. All are invited to enjoy this faithful, fun, and food-filled event.

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### LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- February 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Don Archer; Soup Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 7, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

**Tuesday- March 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Church; Supper at 6 PM , Service at 7 PM**

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