

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**

Parish Council: Council
Meetings will be announced.

Men's Club: Meetings will be announced.

Catholic Women's Club: Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the parish social hall.

Knights of Columbus: Meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM at the K of C Hall, Churchtown.

November 19, 2023

THE THIRTY-THIRD 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 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. Nov. 18	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Nobert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 19	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Max & Tess Huck) St. John Dave Pottmeyer (Eric & Marilyn Pottmeyer) St. John Don Wittekind (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 20	OLM No Mass St. John Deceased Members of the K of C 4716 (Memorial Mass)	No Mass 7:00 PM
Tues. Nov. 21	OLM Patricia Gaydosik (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John STJ School Thanksgiving Feast at the K of C Hall	5:00 PM 11:00 AM
Wed. Nov. 22	OLM No Mass St. John Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving	OLM For Peace (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Eunice Walter (Edith Brooker Family)	9:00 AM 8:00 AM
Fri. Nov. 24	OLM No Mass St. John Bernard "Buzz" Thieman (Mary Lou Thieman Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 25	OLM Tess Huck (Max Huck Family) St. John Pauline Zoller (Larry & Janet Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 26	OLM Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Lois Stephen) St. John Terry Arnold (Leora Arnold Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,556.00 (57); Offertory \$380.00; Cemetery Fund (2) \$70.00; All Saints (2) \$20.00;
 All Souls (1) \$2.00; Improvement Fund (7) \$78.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Jill Spindler – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 11/25 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach
 OLM: 11/26 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 11/25 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Brett Bauerbach
 OLM: 11/26 (9:30 AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 11/25 (4 PM) Heather Peters
 OLM: 11/26 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman

USHERS (Month of November)

SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
 SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

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 (48)	\$34, 400.00
Pledged to date	\$36, 150.00



Thank you for your generosity.

OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Jennifer Morris	Sherry Wittekind
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman	Christy Haines

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Service for our area will be held beginning at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 21, at the St. John Evangelical Church, Lowell. We all have much to be thankful for and it is important to thank the Lord for his goodness to us.

HARVEST TABLE

Our local food pantry (L.A.M.B.) is requesting donations of canned meats and a variety of cereals throughout the month of November. Please be generous and help to fill the Harvest Table located in front of the church with donated items for those who are struggling right here in our own community. Checks can also be sent to LAMB at P O Box 227, Lowell, OH 45744.



November-THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

It is important to pray for the souls in Purgatory as they cannot pray for themselves. Our prayers can console them in their suffering and help shorten their time there. Another practice is to offer our indulgences to them. Unless a person has been beatified or canonized by the Church, we cannot know for certain whether he or she is in Purgatory or Heaven. Therefore, we should continue to pray for our deceased family members and friends for the rest of our lives. Our prayers will either assist them if they need it, or assist other souls if the people we are praying for are already in Heaven. I like to think that the people we pray for know that we pray for them and it is another way we can stay close to them until we are, hopefully, one day reunited in Heaven. This is a good prayer to recite for All Souls, during the month of November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A JOB WELL DONE

Well done, my good and faithful servant. . . . You were faithful in small matters. (Matthew 25:23) Don't we all long to hear these words from Jesus when we meet him face-to-face? Though we stumble and fall, we put our faith in our Lord's mercy. We hope that one day, we will greet our Master with joy and confidence rather than with fear and trembling. But how can we see this hope fulfilled? Today's Gospel gives us a clue. In this parable, Jesus is doing more than giving financial advice. He's teaching us how to be ready for his return in glory. Earlier in this discourse, Jesus told two similar parables. First, he spoke of two servants who are put in charge of their master's household (Matthew 24:45-51). One is responsible and provides faithfully for his fellow servants. He is rewarded and put in charge of all his master's property. The other is lazy, selfish, and cruel to the others; he earns a severe punishment. Jesus' second parable involves two groups of women awaiting a bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13). Some are wise and bring oil; some are foolish and do not. When the bridegroom returns, only the wise women have oil to light their lamps. They are ready to greet him and enter the feast. The foolish rush off to buy oil, but in the end, they are too late to join the celebration. Now in today's parable, Jesus tries once more to show his disciples how to be ready for his return. He wants them—and all of us — to enter the feast of heaven and “share [our] master's joy” (Matthew 25:21). And that requires faithfulness. Jesus wants us to be like those servants who earned a return. He's urging us to stay alert, obey his commands, and be faithful “in small matters”(25:21). Every act of love and obedience will help us to live as children of light. Then our hearts will be ready to greet Jesus and hear him say, “Well done!”

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for November
For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

160: Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 Ps 23: 1-3, 5-6

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46

A VOCATION VIEW

To those who have, much will be given. Count your blessings. Give them away.

(Matthew 25: 14-30)

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>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry next Saturday, November 18, from 5 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.

**Come support your local
American Legion.**



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The OLM parish office will be closed next Wednesday and Thursday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you need anything, please notify Father by cell (740-391-1093) or leave a message at the church office.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Nov. 19 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614- 284-4851

Nov. 26 Team #4 Dereck Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

TAILGATE PARTY– Knights of Columbus #4617 will host a Browns vs. Steelers Football Tailgate on Sunday, November 19 with kickoff at 1 PM. The game will be projected on a big screen, outside on the back porch so please dress accordingly. **FREE ADMISSION!** All are welcome! Hot Dogs and Chips provided. Bring your own tailgate food and beverages to share! We will have our grills fired up! On going through the weekend of November 18 - 19 is Blessed Fr. McGivney member Drive: Council 4617 is looking for new members to join our Catholic men's organization, if interested please contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.



MEMORIAL MASS– A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 will be held at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown on Monday, November 20 at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST–To start off the upcoming holiday season, the Knights of Columbus #4617 Churchtown will be lighting their nativity scene and building on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. At this time, they will also be announcing all the winners of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are all welcome to attend this family event.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul continues to be active in the communities we represent. Churchtown, Lowell, Beverly and Belpre; area Catholic Churches, working as a combined unit to serve the less fortunate in our communities. It is through the generosity of our parishes that we continue to reach out to the less fortunate, offering hope and sustainability. Thank you for your help through envelope offerings, remembrance of St. Vincent at time of memorials, and The Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will soon be in the back of the church. If you know of a family in need or have any questions, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

