

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## September 17, 2023

### THE TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

Cell: 740-391-1093

**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**

**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.



CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Sept. 16	<b>OLM Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)</b> St. John Betty Pottmeyer (Erin & Sheri Pottmeyer Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 17	<b>OLM Ken &amp; Pat Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly)</b> St. John Gertrude Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski) St. John Cheryl Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 18	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Bryan Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) Earl Tornes (Stan Lang Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
Tues. Sept. 19	<b>OLM Deceased Members of Huck &amp; Seyler Families (Jim &amp; Peggy Huck)</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Wed. Sept. 20	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John James M. Barrett (Ramona Barrett Family) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
Thur. Sept. 21	<b>OLM Bregan Lang (John Walter)</b> St. John Special Intention (Grace Bauerbach)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Fri. Sept. 22	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John David Kuhn (Keith & Cindy Coss) Debbie Gaydosik (Bill & Bobbie Dent)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 23	<b>OLM Dale &amp; Marian Stalter (Max &amp; Tess Huck)</b> St. John L & D of Clarence & Hilda Arnold Family (Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 24	<b>OLM L &amp; D of Clemence &amp; Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck)</b> St. John Justine Tornes (Jerry & Melinda Treadway) St. John Mary Zwick (Bob & Peggy Byers)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

**We thank all who allowed their name to appear on the ballot for Parish council. Those chosen to serve a three year term are:** Alex Bauerbach, Richard Tornes, Evan Schaad, Michael Stehly, Brian Brooker, and Stephen Huffman.

**God Bless those who support our Parishes!**

OLM:\$2,035.00 (60); Offertory \$225.00; Improvement Fund \$145.00 (12)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Jim Gorrell – Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

**Lectors**

OLM: 09/23 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger  
 OLM: 09/24 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach

**Altar Servers**

OLM: 09/23 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder  
 OLM: 09/24 (9:30AM) Brett Bauerbach, Josie Anderson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

OLM: 09/23 (4PM) Ed Schilling  
 OLM: 09/24 (9:30AM) Joe Anderson

**USHERS (Month of September)**

SAT: Rod Heiss, **Volunteer needed**  
 SUN: Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler



**2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign**  
*“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”*

~ St. John Chrysostom

<b>Our Lady of Mercy Goal:</b>	<b>\$18, 246.00</b>
<b>Paid to date (46)</b>	<b>\$33, 175.00</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$35, 500.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## OLM CWC

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

### September Committee

Fay Heiss	Kathryn Reed
Phyllis Anderson	Jamie Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Alberta Huck

### **OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH PICNIC**

The CWC will be hosting the parish picnic on Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet is located at each entrance of the church and will be available through Sunday, September 17.



### **STATE WIDE-54-Day Rosary Novena**

Beginning Friday, September 15, Catholics across the state of Ohio will be joining in prayer for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of the dangerous constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. A 54-Day Rosary Novena will be prayed from September 15 through Election Day, November 7. For more information, please visit [www.pray54ohio.org](http://www.pray54ohio.org).

### **LADIES SPIRIT RETREAT DAY**

Come and renew your Spirit, Ladies Day of Retreat on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking. This is an opportunity to be inspired and energized about the faith, with keynote speakers; Sally Turner and Carrie Rose, uplifting music, group discussion, and time dedicated to Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Ohio March For Life is scheduled for Friday, October 06, 2023 at 11AM in Columbus. This event is to advocate and educate others of the importance of God's gift of life. For more information please visit [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org).

### **TOGETHER WE STAND FOR THE UNBORN**

### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences are given to Sue Huck and family over the passing of her mother, Karen Rohrer, on Thursday, September 7. May God's peace be with Karen and may God's grace be poured out upon Rob and Sue's family at this difficult time.



## **THE GRACE OF FORGIVENESS**

People saddled with impossible debt, desperate pleas for more time, threats of imprisonment and even torture—why did Jesus tell such an upsetting parable? To help his disciples understand the need to show mercy when someone sins against them. Peter's question started it all: "How often must I forgive?" (Matthew 18:21). It was understandable. Shouldn't there be a limit to how often we should forgive, especially repeated offenses? An honest look at ourselves might help us see the answer. How often do *we* go to the Lord asking for mercy for the same sins again and again? We would never want him to tell us we have reached our limit. Thankfully, he never does; he repeatedly forgives us. Not only does God forgive us again and again; he doesn't hold our sins against us. Remember the unforgiving servant. His entire debt was wiped out. There was nothing hanging over him. Similarly, God has pardoned every sin we have ever committed and stands ready to forgive every sin we will ever commit. Nothing is outside the scope of his mercy. He forgives us *everything*. This is the standard of mercy that Jesus calls us to imitate. It's not so different from the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us . . . as we forgive" (Matthew 6:12). Granted, today's parable is more graphic. But it shows us that God doesn't want us imprisoned in no forgiveness and tortured by resentment. He knows how hard it is to forgive. But he went so far as to give us his only Son to cleanse us and soften our hearts so that we could share that same mercy. Mercy goes beyond simply not punishing offenses. It forgives the entire debt. That's how God treats us. Let that truth change how you treat the people who offend you.

~The Word Among Us

**POPE FRANCIS**  
*Prayer Intentions for September*

**For People Living on the Margins**

We pray for those people living on the margins of society; in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of any lesser importance.

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**133: Is 55: 6-9 Ps 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a Mt 20: 1-16a**

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**A VOCATION VIEW**

We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary but freeing thought. What does God free us from? What does God free us for?

(Romans 14: 7-9)

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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.

Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum  
(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

**John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe, Joseph Puorro,  
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](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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**MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER**

Mary's House is having a Smoked Chicken & Pork Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 30, from 5 PM to 8 PM at St Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$25 per person and the menu includes: smoked chicken & pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink. There will also be a Pie Auction and a Take a Chance. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.



**ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**Sep. 17** Team #2 Jessica Henke 896-3705  
**Sep. 24** Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

**MUM SALE**

St. John Central School is currently selling mums. The cost for 8 inch pots is \$6.50 each or 5 for \$30.00 and \$30.00 for 12 inch pots. If interested in purchasing mums, please contact, Stacey Pottmeyer 304-533-6334, Sanja McCartney 330-204-4868, or Rachel Schott 740-350-8252.

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**DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be a week-long event, October 7-13, 2023, offered at Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. **In conjunction with this Diocesan event, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon with the Rosary recited on the hour until Mass at 5:30 PM. St. John the Baptist, Churchtown will also have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon to 5 PM, on Monday, October 9th with the Rosary recited on the hour.**



**FUNERAL PLANNING LUNCHEON**

Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home is hosting a free luncheon on Tuesday, September 26, from 11:30 AM to 2 PM, in the social hall of St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. This is an informative and light-hearted conversation about all the advantages of advance funeral planning. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring friends or family members. To ensure to have enough food for everyone please RSVP by calling: 740-373-1111 or emailing to [brian@cawleyandpeoples.com](mailto:brian@cawleyandpeoples.com).

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**K OF C FAMILY PICNIC**

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding a family picnic on Sunday, October 01, from Noon until 3 PM on the back patio of the K of C hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and some drinks will be provided. BYOB. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. All K of C members and their families are welcome to attend. There will be games and prizes for the kids. For any questions, text/call Derek Kern at 740-516-7219.

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**SHOP SWAP AND STROLL**

On Wednesday, September 27, from 4 PM to 8 PM on Lowell Buell Island there will be local produce, crafters, yard sale, flea market, and food vendors. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.