

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

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

PASSION 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 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. March 23	OLM Tess Huck (Lillian Schilling) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Raymond Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 24 Palm Sunday	OLM Richard & Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens) St. John Leora Arnold (Larry & Nora Huffman) St. John Edna Smith (Ann.) (Jerry Smith Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 25	OLM No Mass St. John Penny Schwendeman (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. March 26	OLM / STJ No Mass – Chrism Mass, St. Mary Basilica, Marietta –	*2:00 PM*
Wed. March 27	OLM No Mass St. John John Huck Sr. (Arnold Huck) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. March 28 (The Lord’s Supper)	OLM Robert & Lucy Long (The Long Family) St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers) OLM/STJ Adoration after Mass until 10 PM	*7:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Fri. March 29 Good Friday	OLM / STJ Stations of the Cross OLM / STJ Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	*3:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Sat. March 30 Easter Vigil	OLM Darren Cheeseman (Cathy Cheeseman Family) St. John James & Maglena Arnold (Family)	*8:00 PM* 8:00 PM
Sun. March 31 Easter Sunday	OLM Special Intentions (Stephen & Jenna Huffman) St. John Vincent Huck (Vincent Huck Family) St. John Edna Smith (Jerry Smith Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM *9:00 AM*

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,453.00 (59); Offertory \$332.00; Rice Bowl \$210.00 (2); Catholic Relief \$5.00 (7);
Easter Flowers \$486.00.00 (23); Cemetery Fund \$30.00 (2); Votive Candles \$39.59

OLM 50/50 Winner: Dan Fliehm – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/28 (7 PM) Sherry Wittekind
OLM: 03/29 (7PM) Alex Bauerbach, Linda Miller
OLM: 03/30 (8 PM) Heather Peters, Ed Schilling,
Alex Bauerbach
OLM: 03/31 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

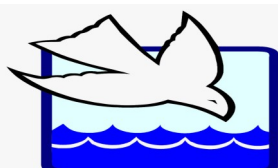
OLM: 03/28 (7 PM) Caleb, Declan, Joel Schaad
OLM: 03/29 (7 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 03/30 (8 PM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris
OLM: 03/31 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/28 (7 PM) Tim Wittekind
OLM: 03/29 (7 PM) Jennifer Morris
OLM: 03/30 (8 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 03/31 (9:30AM) Stephen Huffman

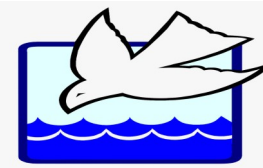
Ushers (Month of March)

SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Fliehm



2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism. ~ Ephesians 4:5



OLM CWC

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

March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday March 26 -Chrism Mass - 2 PM,
at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

Holy Thursday March 28 -7 PM - Mass of
the Lord's Supper, Mass at Lowell and at
Churchtown with Adoration after Mass until 10
PM

Good Friday March 29 - 3 PM -
Stations of the Cross, **7 PM - The
Passion of the Lord**, At Lowell and
at Churchtown

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass,
March 30 - 8:00PM - At Lowell and
at Churchtown

Easter Sunday Mass, March 31-
Lowell- 9:30AM
Churchtown 7:30AM and *9AM Mass



PENANCE SERVICE

The last Penance Services scheduled:

Monday- 03/25

Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy (3-3:30 PM)
Confessions at St. John the Baptist (5-6 PM)

Wednesday- 03/27

Confessions at St. John the Baptist (3-3:30 PM)
Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy (5-5:30 PM)

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual
Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 27
from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy
Parish Hall. Please contact Dan Flieman at 740-
236-0122 to volunteer to help with meal prepara-
tions, signing up of members, or if you are interest-
ed in joining the next OLM 50/50 Club Drawing.

THANK YOU

To everyone who has supported us during Jim's
illness and recent death, we would like to express
our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many
acts of kindness, sympathy, and huge outpouring
of love during this difficult time continue to be a
comfort to us. ~ The Family of Jim Huck.

HIGHS AND LOWS

The two Gospel readings today can give us an emotional whiplash. As Mass begins, we hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We may even wave our own palm branches and join the crowd in shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9). Then, in the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Mark's passion account. Once again, we join our voices with the crowd—but this time, we cry out, "Crucify him!" (15:13). How jarring! Why does the Church have us play a role in both of these readings as we begin Holy Week? It's all for one purpose: so that we can grasp more fully what Jesus did for the crowds back then—and for us. As we will see throughout Holy Week, he accepted the suffering set before him and freely offered himself for his people, regardless of how they responded. Whether they acclaimed or condemned him, he loved them just the same. And that's how he loves us. Jesus is not put off by our fickleness. That's good news! Because if we're honest, we can all recognize times when our own commitment to the Lord and our love for him has wavered. When life is going well, it's not so hard to praise him. But it can be another story altogether when danger threatens or sadness darkens our outlook. So allow these passages to motivate you to pay attention to this final week in Christ's life. Acknowledge the inconstancy of your own love for Jesus and ask him to strengthen you. But don't stop there! Open your heart to the liberating truth that Jesus loves you even when you stray. Look at the cross and believe that he held you close to his heart throughout his passion, death, and resurrection. May the Lord pour out graces on us all during this most holy week of the year!

~ **The Word Among Us**

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March:

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Ps 118: 1-2, 16-23

Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9

A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord. Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

(Mark 11: 1-10)

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>

FREE

There are free copies of The Word Among Us booklets available at the exits of the church. They have daily devotions and readings that may help us to deepen our faith and keep God in our hearts.

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, please contact Judy Gilham at 740- 896-3266.



“Why did you suffer for me, dear Jesus? For love! The nails...the crown...the cross...all for the love of me!”. - **St. Gemma Galgani**

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 24 Team #5 Robin Eichmiller 740-336-8671

March 31 NO BINGO/ Happy Easter

TEACHERS NEEDED

St. John Central School is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year; a Full-Time First Grade Teacher, and a Full-Time Fifth-Eighth Grades Math and Science Teacher. Certified teachers are needed for these positions. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION

SJC is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. The school is fully accredited, and offers a complete academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY -K of C 4617 is encouraging all Knights and their families in each parish to attend the Good Friday liturgy on Friday, March 29. Despite Good Friday's central nature in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. Putting their faith into action, the Knights of Columbus 4617 is encouraging Knights and their families to participate and educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death, reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us.

EASTER EGG HUNT– Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass, on March 31 after the 9 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown and the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly for children 0 –12 years old. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to their parish before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For more information or questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.



NIGHT AT THE RACES – Knights of Columbus 4617 will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 04. Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.



THE DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE

OFFICE OF THE APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

March 17, 2024
St. Patrick/5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners:

Last month, I published a video discussing the situation in the Diocese of Steubenville. I would like to re-emphasize that message here today.

In the brief time I have been here, *I have grown to love the generous, faithful people here in the Diocese of Steubenville.* I am so honored to be your bishop. Even during this time of uncertainty, as our Diocese is being examined to determine our future viability as an independent Local Church, *our priests and people continue to focus our primary attention on our Faith lives and advancing the mission of the Church.*

Though the Holy Father has asked me to be here “temporarily” until that determination has been made, I have been assured many times that there is no foregone conclusion to this process. That means that *we must continue to maintain the strength and vitality* of our Diocese to the absolute best of our ability.

One of the most distressing “low points” of our recent history had to do with serious financial mismanagement, which brought a halt to the Cathedral Renovation project, and which has resulted, understandably, in a loss of trust and respect by many within the Body of Christ in our Diocese. *I truly apologize, in the name of the Church, for the hurt, pain, and sense of betrayal you experienced because of that sinful and illegal activity.*

I want to assure you that the problems with financial mismanagement have been corrected, and that the proper “checks and balances” have been put into place to ensure that this never happens again. Furthermore, new efforts at financial transparency have been implemented as evidenced by the complete financial audits being published on the diocesan website for everyone’s review. (Visit www.diosteub.org and click on “Diocesan Financial Audits”).

As we go through this “discernment period” in our Diocese’s history and are uncertain what the outcome of that process will be, there may very well be a mindset among many of our people to not support the DPSC; to wait and see, or to donate your charitable support elsewhere. However, *if that takes place, wouldn’t that contribute to the classic “self-fulfilling prophecy,” giving evidence that our Diocese is unable to sustain itself financially?*

I take this occasion to ask you to do just the opposite. I ask you to *show your support*---both financially and prayerfully---and to be *actively engaged* in the practice of your Faith! I ask this of you primarily because it is essential for each of our spiritual lives to do so, but also because it will give actual and tangible evidence that our Diocese is a strong and vibrant Local Church---spiritually, temporally, and charitably---one that can continue to thrive and faithfully further the mission of the Church, the Body of Christ that is truly One, by proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do, and to all those we serve in His Name.

The DPSC provides essential funding for our diocesan budget. *Please keep in mind that all funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the diocese of Steubenville to serve our Local Church.*

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Mother, continue to intercede for all of us, and inspire us all to do what she asks of each of us: to love her Son Jesus and His Holy Church.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley
Apostolic Administrator of Steubenville

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