

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## March 12, 2023

### THE THIRD 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.

Third Sunday  
in  
**Lent**

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. March. 11</b>	<b>OLM Richard Stevens &amp; Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens)</b> St. John Bob & Francis Farley (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March. 12</b>	<b>OLM Kelton Flielman (Marilyn &amp; Heather Peters)</b> St. John Kelton Flielman (Ferris & Susan Arnold) St. John Mary E. Huck (Vincent Huck Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. March. 13</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Helen Miller (Mary Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. March 14</b>	<b>OLM Jerry Huck (Jerry Huck) **Ecumenical Service**</b> St. John No Mass	<b>*6:00 PM*</b>
<b>Wed. March. 15</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Dave & Barb Huck) School Mass	8:20 AM
<b>Thur. March. 16</b>	<b>OLM Ken Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly) w Stations to follow</b> St. John No Mass	<b>*6:00 PM*</b>
<b>Fri. March. 17</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Clarence Walter (Charlotte Lang Family) w Stations to follow	6:00 PM
<b>Sat. March. 18</b>	<b>OLM L &amp; D of Herbert Huck Families( Max &amp; Tess Huck)</b> St. John Lawrence & Margret Schaad (Larry & Janet Schaad)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March. 19</b>	<b>OLM Cheryl Brooker ( Brian Brooker)</b> St. John James Arnold (Family ) St. John Mary Zwick (Regis Huck)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

**OLM:**\$2,799.00 (50); Offertory \$520.00; Ava Maria Cemetery \$25.00 (1)

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

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 03/18 (4 PM)** Heather Peters  
**OLM: 03/19 (9:30AM)** Susan Huck

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 03/18 (4 PM)** Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis  
**OLM: 03/19 (9:30AM)** Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 03/18 (9:30AM)** Marlene Greene  
**OLM: 03/19 (4 PM)** Martha Flielman

#### USHERS (Month of March)

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

## OLM CWC

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

### March Committee

\*Debbie Misel            Angie (Tracy) Lang  
Dorothy Huck            Jenna Huffman  
Linda Pottmeyer        Denise Stehly  
Kristin Offenberger

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### **LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES**

The next Ecumenical Service will be at Our Lady Of Mercy on Tuesday- March 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM.  
**All are welcome to attend.**

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.



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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 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 17-** Mark Rutter            740-706-1254

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

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### **WOMENS' DAY**

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clairsville, OH. 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 DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 20 to make a reservation.

## HELP IS ON THE WAY

Do you think of yourself as "helpless"? "Of course not," you might reply. "I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways." But this isn't the type of "helplessness" that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He's saying that Jesus didn't wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday's Gospel, doesn't it? The story of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That's why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there (John 4:6-7). She was helpless to explain her irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up (4:16-17). And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next (4:18). But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn't wait for her to get her act together. He didn't wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her. He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don't think of yourself as "helpless." He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today.

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March

### For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

31: 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-6

Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41

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### A VOCATION VIEW

No bucket? Deep well? The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation.  
(John 4: 5-42)

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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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### MARY'S HOUSE BAG BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, March 12, at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1:00 PM, Bingo is at 2:00 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and concession stand.

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"We cannot find God in noise and agitation. Nature: trees, flowers, and grass grow in silence. The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence. What is essential is not what we say but what God tells us and what He tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence He speaks to our souls. In silence we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice. Silence of our eyes. Silence of our ears. Silence of our mouths. Silence of our minds...in the silence of the heart God will speak."

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 12 Team #7 B.J. Davis 740-819-3613

March 19 Team #8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

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### 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*"The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!"*

- St. John Chrysostom

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### SCHOLARSHIP

Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Scholarship 2023. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 19, 2023. Visit <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh80SX27> to apply. Information and a link to the application can also be found on Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the applications are available in the back of all the area churches. For any questions please call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898 or contact a K of C member via email to [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com).

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### ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their 25th Annual Lenten performance of "People of The Passion" on Sunday March 19th at 7:30 PM with door opening at 7:00 PM. This event is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

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### POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, March 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 all take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326.

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*Don't forget* to turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 12th.