

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**



April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. April 20	OLM Alfred Tornes (Ricard & Melissa Tornes) St. John Donna Klinger (Tom & Martha Flichman)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 21	OLM Nathan Heiss (Charlie & Dorothy Huck) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (STJ CWC) St. John Amy Smith (Jerry Smith Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 22	OLM No Mass St. John Glen Smith (Jerry Smith Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. April 23	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Josh & Elizabeth Moore) St. John Albert Henke (Mary Brooker Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. April 24	OLM No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (David Schaad Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. April 25	OLM Robert & Lucy Long (The Long Family) St. John Frank Schilling (Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. April 26	OLM No Mass St. John Penny Schwendeman (STJ Card Club)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. April 27	OLM Clarence & Gertrude Huck Family (The Family) St. John Mary Canterbury (Charlotte Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 28	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family) St. John L & D of John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,529.00 (72); Offertory \$282.00; Improvement Fund \$148.00 (1);
 Ave Maria Cemetery \$10.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Terry Schwendeman– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/27 (4 PM) Ed Shilling
OLM: 04/28 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/27 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang
OLM: 04/28 (9:30 AM) Clara, Margret, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/27 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
OLM: 04/28 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of April)

SAT: Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang
SUN: Cecil Bauerbach, **Volunteer**



2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

~ Ephesians 4:5

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$21,074.00
Pledged to date	\$21,350.00
Paid to date (33)	\$13,600.00

Thank you for your generosity



OLM CWC

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

April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

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. For questions, to volunteer, or to sign up, contact Dan Flichman at 740-236-0122.

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Diocese of Steubenville presents Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799 per person, double occupancy (single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

INTERESTED IN PERMANENT DIACONATE

Join Deacon Mark Erste, Director of Diaconal Ministries, his wife, and other interested men and their wives to an Information Session to find out more about the life of a Deacon. This event is to be held Saturday, May 10 at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, OH from 10 AM to 2:30 PM (Lunch will be provided). RSVP (so we have enough food!) to Deacon Mark at 740-512-4135 by May 8.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

If you would like to learn more about Natural Family Planning, the McNamaras will be teaching the Couple to Couple League Method of NFP on April 23, May 21, and June 18. These classes are cumulative and held at the Franciscan University, Steubenville, in the Conference Room of the JPII Library from 4:45 PM to 8 PM. You must be preregistered for the course by visiting www.ccli.org. This course is open to any couple seeking to gain an understanding of their fertility.

The vocation is truly a treasure that God places in the hearts of some men, chosen by Him and called to follow Him in this special state of life.

~Pope Francis

THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD

This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children's books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn't sit by passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn't flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even "lays down his life for the sheep" (10:11). We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the "shepherds" of Israel. In the previous chapter of John's Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus' miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God's people, yet these shepherds both rejected him themselves and prevented their "sheep" from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does. Jesus is not just "the" good shepherd; he is *your* good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For you. Today, rejoice that your good shepherd is guarding and protecting you. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to "steal and slaughter and destroy" you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April:

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

53: Acts 9: 26-31 Ps 22: 26-32

1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

A VOCATION VIEW

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst.

(1 John 3: 1-2)

STEUBENVILLE SEMINARIANS

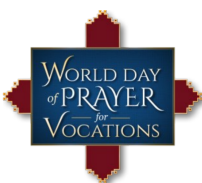
Studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum
(7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235-1499)

**John Paul Gan, 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>



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Steubenville. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 21 Team 1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538
April 28 Team 2 Jessica Henke 740-896-3705

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, April 20, from 5 PM 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.

ST MARY BASILICA SPRING FESTIVAL

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta is hosting a Spring Festival from 11 AM to 6 PM on April 21. There will be a variety of kids games and raffles for all to enjoy: including a Spaghetti Dinner, featuring Monsignor Luciana's famous sauce. Cost of tickets are \$15.00 for an adult, \$12.00 for a child (includes kid games) and 3 and under are free. To purchase advance tickets, contact Matt Miller at 330-243-5500.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 04. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 4 from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. James Catholic Church Hall, McConnelsville, OH. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: maryshouseoh.com, or follow on Facebook; https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

The Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of May, June, July, and August 2024 at Lowell's Buell Island Park, Lowell from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This event features: flea market and yard sale vendors, craft vendors, farm market vendors, and food truck vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Donations are welcomed and go to the upkeep and maintenance of Lowell's Buell Island Park. The first Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for May 1 and has the monthly theme of Summer Safety. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.