

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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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**



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Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

January 08, 2023

The Epiphany 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 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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Jan. 07	OLM Earl & Frances Thieman by Connie Schwendeman	4:00 PM
	St. John Bernard Thieman by Mary Lou & Family	6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 08 (Epiphany of Our Lord)	OLM Kelton & Helen Flieman by Dan & Elanda Flieman	9:30 AM
	St. John Penny Schwendeman by Greg & Carol Antill	7:30 AM
	St. John Deceased Family Members by Ramona Tornes	11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 09	OLM No Mass	
	St. John Maglena Arnold by Family	8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 10	OLM Donna Arnold by Jim & Anna Schaad	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	
Wed. Jan. 11	OLM No Mass	
	St. John Gladys Schilling by Marilyn Kern & Family	8:20 AM
Thur. Jan. 12	OLM Patricia Gaydosik by Paul & Pauline Knoch	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	
Fri. Jan. 13	OLM No Mass	
	St. John Mary Huck by STJ Parish	8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 14	OLM Jerry Huck by Ed Schilling	4:00 PM
	St. John Frank Schilling by Jerry & Melinda Treadway	6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 15	OLM Donald Brooker by Tom & Martha Flieman	9:30 AM
	St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family by Family	7:30 AM
	St. John Rita Schwendeman by Family	11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,170.00 (36); Offertory \$543.05; Christmas Offering \$25.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: David Yeoman - Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 01/14 (4PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 01/15 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 01/14 (4PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 01/15 (9:30 AM) Joe Anderson

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/14 (4PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
OLM: 01/15 (9:30 AM) Josie Anderson, Emma & Brett Bauerbach



OLM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council Meeting is planned for January 17, 2023 in the Parish Hall at 6 PM. All members are asked to attend.

OLM CWC

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



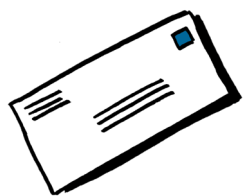
JANUARY COMMITTEE

Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Rhonda Huck
Rose Beebe

Martha Huck
Minnie Smith
Jennifer Anderson

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton celebrated a Mass for the peaceful repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and released the following statement in regards of his death "We have just lost a good and faithful shepherd who has gone to the Lord Jesus Christ and we give thanks to God for his dedicated service. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave us hope in a church throughout his care as chief shepherd."



SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes continue to be delayed this year due to supply chain and other issues. Please note your envelope number on your offering

boxes. It will be necessary to place your offerings in a blank envelope with your assigned number in the collection baskets until they arrive. If you chose to write a check, the office can look up your number for you. If there are questions, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause. Thank you for your patience.

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2022, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to (740) 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry Saturday, January 21 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.

ON THE RIGHT ROAD

Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home? To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "newborn king of the Jews" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "search diligently" for him there (2:8). What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel! On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let's follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus. When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus. When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures. When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child. The Magi were "overjoyed" when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the overflowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

64: Is 49: 3, 5-6

Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10

1 Cor 1: 1-3

Jn 1: 29-34

A VOCATION VIEW

The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What treasures do I have to give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother, or sister?
(Matthew 2:1-12)

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

SENIOR CITIZENS OF LOWELL AREA

Anyone 50 years of age or older in Lowell and surrounding area is invited to attend the Lowell Senior Citizens Meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM in the basement of St. John's Evangelical Church, Lowell. These meetings are a potluck event with a brief meeting to follow. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10 with a \$2.00 membership fee. For any questions please contact Linda Miller at 740-896-2843 or Linda Beardsley at 740-896-3077. All seniors and fresh ideas are welcome.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Jan. 08 Team #5 Kenley Schwendeman 740-525-7466
Team #6 Jeff Canterbury 740-984-4827

Jan. 15 Team #7 B.J. Davis 740-819-3613

K Of C NEWS

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. If interested, please visit <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh8oSX27> to apply. Information and a link to the application can also be found on our Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the applications will be available in the back of all the area churches. For any questions please call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898 or email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

FREE THROW CONTEST

The K of C Council #4617 Annual Free Throw Competition will be held on Sunday, January 22, at the K of C Hall/Gym, Churchtown. This event is open to ALL girls and boys ages 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2023 regardless of K of C membership status. Sign up is at 12 PM with competition to begin at 1 PM. A parent or legal guardian will need to be present at sign up. Entry is FREE. Contact Ian Alexander @ 740-525-4898 with any questions.

WINTER DRAWING

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 13 at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Tickets include: Cocktails 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:30, Drawing 7:30-9:00, Band 9:00-12:00. The GRAND PRIZE is \$4,000. Contact Dean Brooker for tickets at 740-629-4884.

O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.