

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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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**

February 04, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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. Feb. 03	OLM Linda Huck (Max & Tess Huck) St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 04	OLM Kelton & Helen Flieman (Dan & Elanda Flieman) St. John Martha Huck (Connie Arnold) St. John Lewis J. & Theresa Audrey Lang (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 05	OLM No Mass St. John L & D of James & Maglena Arnold Family (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Feb. 06	OLM Donna Arnold (Unknown) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 07	OLM No Mass St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Feb. 08	OLM L & D of Clemence & Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 09	OLM No Mass St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 10	OLM Larry Zwick (Eileen Schilling) St. John Ed Brooker (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 11	OLM Anthony & Judy Gale (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John Terry Arnold (Family) St. John Gladys Schilling (Richard & Shelba Arnold)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,224.00 (65); Offertory \$322.00; St. John \$145.00 (8); Latin America Churches \$21.00 (4);
 Initial Offering \$6.00 (1); World Mission \$200.00 (1); Church Improvements \$10.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Ed Schilling– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/10 (4 PM) Abigail Offenberger
OLM: 02/11 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller
OLM: 02/14 (6 PM) Dan Flieman

OLM: 02/10 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
OLM: 02/11 (9:30 AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad
OLM: 02/14 (6 PM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

Ushers (Month of February)

OLM: 02/03 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
OLM: 02/04 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller
OLM: 02/14 (6 PM) Martha Flieman

SAT: Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**
SUN: Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

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:

February 23, March 08, March 22



Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up.



2023 TAX STATEMENTS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2023, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office
 at (740) 896-2207.

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair) Sandy Spindler
Paige Schultheis Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please plan to attend.

WOMENS' DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 16 at the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church, Marietta Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact Heather Peter, CWC President or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 04 to make a reservation.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 09 with guest speaker Dr. Alan Schreck. This years theme "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Registration starts at 8 AM. Forms for registration at back of church or you may register online at <https://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day>. Please mark your calendars.



This Sunday, we are remembering the Four Chaplains who on February 3, 1943 upon the U.S. Army Transport

(USAT) Dorchester, died at sea. The Four Chaplains: Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed Minister, all acted with heroism by tending to the wounded, helping others board lifeboats, and even giving up their own life jackets when supplies ran out. The chaplains were last seen joining arms, praying, and singing hymns as they went down with the ship. Let us pray for Christian Unity as shown by the Four Chaplains.

THANK YOU

Fr. Tornes would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, and well wishes for his recent birthday. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

Dear Friends,

Last week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout our diocese and our country. I want to share a reflection I read recently on the value of Catholic Education. An open letter to Catholic School Students: Do you know why you are going to a Catholic school? Permit me to give you a little bit of background. Your parents and grandparents are the ones who built the Catholic school educational system in our city. Your parents and grandparents saw the importance of a great education and saw the connection between their faith in God and his Church and education to assist the greater community in becoming more than just an average citizen of society and believer in Christ. A Catholic school education is now more expensive than it used to be. In previous decades, religious sisters and brothers who worked for next to nothing staffed our Catholic schools. They spent long hours to make sure the teachings of the Church and the education of the next generation was excellent. Now our teachers are mostly laywomen and men. And they deserve a living wage and to provide for their own families. Let us remember where our Catholic schools were, and where they are going. We are truly blessed to have St. John's Central Grade School available to all students who wish to have a faith-based Catholic education incorporated into all of their classes and to have the opportunities to pray, worship, and discuss God and religion freely. We are so grateful to our faculty, staff, and administration for their loving and faithful dedication to Catholic education. May God continue to bless all our efforts to support and enhance our St. John's Central School. Let us pray... *God of knowledge and faith, thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school. When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important. Thank you for my parents and grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years. Help me to be a good student and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country. Please bless all those men and women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools. Please bless my friends and teachers I learn with every day. I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus. Amen.*



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~ Father David Gaydosik

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February:

For the Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

77 Lv 13: 1–2, 44–46 Ps 32: 1–2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10: 31–11:1 Mk 1: 40–45

A VOCATION VIEW

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news?
(Mark 1: 40-45)

STEBENVILLE 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>

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 09, 2024. Pre-Cana is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.



MARY'S HOUSE BAG BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 24, 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.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Feb. 04 Team #6 Jeff Canterbury 740-984-4827

Feb. 11 Team #7 Brandon Wheeler 740-336-0350

SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale – February 10 & 11 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sales will go towards St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs at your requested Mass, it is recommended that you preorder by calling the school at (740) 896-2697. Thank you for your support.

JOHN AND BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship are for the first year at any Catholic College/University currently listed in the Cardinal Newman Society's "Newman Guide" at: <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>. Please note that this is a change from previous years. Applicants for this award must: Be a high school senior graduating in 2024; reside and be a participating member of a Roman Catholic Parish within the boundaries of the Diocese of Steubenville; meet the enrollment standards of the College/University planning to attend; and demonstrate financial need as determined by the college/university Office of Student Financial Services. Documentation to be provided by the applicant to the Selection Committee consists of: 1) the application form; and, 2) a letter of recommendation from the applicant's Pastor. Required documentation must be on file with the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools before April 1, 2024. Permission must be given by the applicant to enable the college/ university's Office of Student Financial Services to provide financial need information to the selection committee. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS.

K OF C #4617 NEWS

K of C Membership Drive on Feb 3 and Feb 4 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Lowell. We are looking for new members to join the Knight of Columbus and have set a goal of obtaining 10 new knights this year! If you are a Catholic male, 18 or older, please consider joining the most active church ministry for men in the area. For more information or to join the council, contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 visit, www.kofc.org/join.

K of C Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 10 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. For tickets contact Dean Brooker at 740-629-4884.