

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville**

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Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:
Evan and Heather Schaad

**Confessions: Saturdays-
3 PM to 4 PM**

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

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

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January 26, 2025

THE THIRD 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. Sunday

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. Rebecca Hilverding, 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. 25	OLM	Joe & Ida Huck (Jim & Peggy Huck) St. John Larry Schaad (1st Anniv.) (Janet Schaad Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 26	OLM	Earl Tornes (Richard & Melissa Tornes) St. John Mary Emge (Parish) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 27	OLM	No Mass St. John Gladys Schilling (Jeff & Lorinda Lang)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 28	OLM	Donnie Heiss (Mark & Paulie) No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Jan. 29	OLM	No Mass St. John Ella Mae Young (Dave & Veronica Bosner) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Jan. 30	OLM	Leora Arnold (Meade & Tana Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Jan. 31	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass *No Mass*
Sat. Feb. 01	OLM	Patricia Huck (01/31) (3yr. Anniv.) (Harold Jr. & Patty Micheal) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Anniv)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 02	OLM	Jeri Lang (OLM CWC) St. John L & D Of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Alecia Strahler Fouss (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,328.00 (48); Offertory \$239.00; Initial Offering \$5.00 (1); Church Improvement \$20.00 (1);
St. John School \$20.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Kari Bauerbach Atha –Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/01 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 02/02 (9:30 AM) Sherry Wittekind

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/01 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 02/02 (9:30 AM) Josie Anderson, Kate & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/01 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 02/02 (9:30 AM) Joe Anderson

USHERS (Month of January)

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Volunteers needed

LAST WEEK FOR SUPPORT ENVELOPES



This is the last week for you to grab your support envelopes from the back of the church. If you do not pick them up, you will need to call the parish office to get them. Please check and make sure everything is correct on your envelopes. If corrections are needed, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207.

2024 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2024, 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

OLM CWC

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

JANUARY COMMITTEE

Rose Beebe (Chair)
Rhonda Huck
Jennifer Anderson

Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Kristin Offenberger



CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding "Cabin Fever Buster Dinner" on February 1st, from 4:30 PM to 6 PM, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Parish Hall. The menu includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and a dessert (dine-in or carry-out available). Please contact Kathryn Reed at 740-350-3496 by January 27th to purchase a ticket. The ticket cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

INFERTILITY RETREAT

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville is offering a Catholic infertility Retreat to support couples carrying the cross of infertility. The retreat will be on Saturday, Feb. 8th from 2 PM -8 PM at Franciscan University in Steubenville. Come with your spouse or on your own to be supported, hear inspiring reflections, have opportunities for group sharing, and experience friendship with others on this same path. In addition to talks, the retreat will include time for prayer in adoration, praise and worship, an optional art walk, and dinner. To registrar go to <https://diosteub.givecloud.co/infertility-retreat>. Please contact Bernadette at bmrjuliano@gmail.com and Meg at mreister@franciscan.edu with any questions.

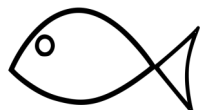
2025 LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are scheduled with the fry leaders as follows:

March 14 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

March 28 – Tony Offenberger - 740-525-4823

April 11 – Kim Schwendeman - 740-525-2769



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 above. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.

LIBERTY OVER ALL

If you could sum up Jesus' mission in just a few words, you might say that he came to set us free. That's what he told the townspeople in the Nazareth synagogue as he read from the prophet's scroll: he had been sent "to proclaim liberty to captives" and "to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18; see Isaiah 61:1). The people listening to Jesus that day might have thought back to the time when their ancestors were released from Babylonian captivity, or perhaps they envisioned one day being freed from Roman oppression. But Jesus had something much greater in mind. He came to set us free from sin and death itself, and from everything that prevents us from living the abundant life he came to give us. So what would you like to be set free from right now? Perhaps worry has you tied up in knots, casting a shadow over everything you say or do. Maybe it's fear that keeps you awake at night or stops you from taking that next step in following the Lord. You could be feeling discouraged about the state of the world or the state of your family. Or perhaps you're fighting a compulsion that leads you into sin. We often accept these things as an inevitable part of living as fallen people in a fallen world. But that kind of thinking discounts the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. He died and rose so that you could be set free from anything that steals your peace and joy! Today take some time to examine your heart. Is there anything holding you captive? If so, let it go by offering it up to the Lord. Then make an act of faith by telling Jesus that you believe his proclamation to the people of Nazareth. Through his death and resurrection, he really has let the oppressed go free—and that includes every one of us!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

524: Mal 3: 1-4 Ps 24: 7-10

Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2:22-40

A VOCATION VIEW

The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord" Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

(Luke 1: 1-4, 14-21)

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)

Maximilian Kolbe 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

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and a concession stand.

DINNER FOR YOUNG MEN

Bishop Edward Lohse will host a dinner for young men, 10th grade and older, at Triumph of the Cross Parish Steubenville on Saturday, February 1st from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Marian Room. Bishop Lohse will share insights about priesthood and discernment. Dinner is free! Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. No RSVP needed.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is celebrated this week, January 26th - February 1st. St. John Central School, Churchtown combines Catholic faith and teachings with high standards for student achievement and academic excellence; all in a safe and welcoming environment. Students are instilled with the knowledge of value of service as they prepare to become productive Christian citizens and leaders in their communities. We consider, St. John Central School, a wonderful place to learn and to continuously grow in faith.

K OF C NEWS

ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION

– For this Sunday, January 26th at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Sign-up begins at 1 PM, shooting starts at 2 PM. Boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2025, can participate. Parent or guardian must be present for sign in. You do not have to be a K of C Member to sign your child up to participate. Entry is FREE. Contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.



SCHOLARSHIP– Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2025 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check towards further education. The application must be submitted by March 15, 2025. Information and a link to the application can be found via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any question call/text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or email: churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Bernard Church, Beverly is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, January 30th, from 12 PM -6 PM in the their parish hall. This is a great opportunity to come to the aid of another by giving them the gift of life. Sign up online at www.RedCrossBlood.org.