

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 11, 2024

THE SIXTH 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.

World Marriage Day



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Feb. 10	OLM Larry Zwick (Eileen Schilling) St. John Ed & Anna Mae 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
Mon. Feb. 12	OLM No Mass St. John Penny Schwendeman (Jeff & Lorinda Lang)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Feb. 13	OLM Jim & Elaine Schwendeman (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 14 (Ash Wed.)	OLM Donnie Heiss (Ted Brooker) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Todd & Katheryn Arnold) <i>School Mass</i> St. John Donna Klinger (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	6:00 PM 8:20 AM 7:00 PM
Thurs. Feb. 15 (w Stations to follow)	OLM Ron Smith (1yr. Annv.) (Minnie Smith) St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM* No Mass
Fri. Feb. 16 (w Stations to follow)	OLM No Mass St. John Clarence & Juanita Zwick (Leo & Joan Huck)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 17	OLM Martha Huck (OLM CWC) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 18	OLM Grace Huck (02/19 6 yr. Annv.) (Todd & Katheryn Arnold) St. John Shirley Stollar Oliver (Vince & Shelly Stollar Family) St. John Ralph Klemm (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,953.00 (66); Offertory \$280.00; Diocese Priest Retirement \$3,510; Initial Offering \$20.00 (1); Latin America Churches \$5.00 (1); World Mission \$86.00 (11); D/PSC Rebate \$3,925.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Bill Peoples – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/17 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
OLM: 02/18 (9:30 AM) Alex Bauerbach

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/17 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 02/18 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/17 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 02/18 (9:30 AM) Jennifer Morris

Ushers (Month of February)

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

LENT GUIDELINES

During the Lenten season, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord thru prayer, reading the Scripture, and practicing certain self-control through fasting and abstinence. During Lent, there is to be no meat on Fridays for all Catholics starting at age 14; and practicing Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 should have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken sparingly at the other regular meal times if necessary, but they should combined to less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence outside the age limits include; the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, and women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, use common sense, no one should jeopardize their health by fasting.



**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

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

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 CWC President, Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 04 to make a \$25.00 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 year's 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.

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.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift of marriage and family life. 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.



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.

"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for."

-Saint Therese of Lisieux

SPIRITUAL TREATMENT FOR US ALL

A leper came to Jesus. (Mark 1:40). Jesus' disciples must have recoiled when they saw the man approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean (Leviticus 13:46). But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That's why the Book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease! So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn't he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to heal and restore all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society. Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the *pure* One who removes all of your impurity. He is the *holy* One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

~ The Word Among Us

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

First Sunday of Lent

23 Gn 9: 8–15 Ps 25: 4–9

1 Pt 3: 18–22 Mk 1: 12–15

A VOCATION VIEW

Make the story public! Tell the world what Jesus has done for you. Consider a life of preaching, teaching, and service as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother.

(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>

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.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

Looking for a good steak dinner for date night? Come to the American Legion Post 750 public steak fry on Saturday, February 17, 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. Come support your local American Legion.



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

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

Feb. 18 Team #8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale THIS WEEKEND- after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). Thank you for your support.

ST. JOHN CWC BREAKFAST

A Dine in / Drive-thru breakfast will be held at the K of C Hall, Churchtown on Sunday, February 25 from 8 AM to 10 AM. An adult meal of eggs, bacon, home fries, biscuit/sausage gravy, and a drink is \$10. A kids meal of pancakes, bacon, eggs and a drink is \$5. There will also be a bake sale sponsored by the Churchtown Busy Bunch 4-H Club. All are welcome to attend.

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 Scholarship Council 4617, Churchtown is accepting Scholarship Applications. Any senior from the area who is graduating this year may apply for the scholarship. The application must be submitted by March 15. For more information and the link to the application can be found on Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH." Facebook Page. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.