

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

July 23, 2023

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

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**

Parish Council: Council Meetings will be
announced.

Men's Club: Meetings will be announced.

Catholic Women's Club: Meetings will
be held the first Tuesday of the month at
6:30 PM in the parish social hall.

Knights of Columbus: Meet on the 1st
and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM
at the K of C Hall, Churchtown.

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. July 22	OLM Harold & Mildred Offenberger (The Family) St. John David Kuhn (Jerry & Virginia Dyar)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. July 23	OLM L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family (The Family) St. John L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger (The Family) St. John Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. July 24	OLM No Mass St. John Ben Brooker (Family) & Edna Lang (Evelyn Neil)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. July 25	OLM Bregan Lang (John Walter) St. John James M. Barrett (Vince & Shelly Stollar)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. July 26	OLM No Mass St. John Mary Canterbury (Jeff & Lorinda Lang) & Donna Sturm (Bob & Peggy Byers)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Thur. July 27	OLM Jerry Huck (Tim & Jody Huck) St. John Fr. Virgil Reischman (Parish)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. July 28	OLM No Mass St. John Margaret Klinger (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer Family) & People of the Parish	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. July 29	OLM Gordon, Mildred, & Joe Strain (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John L & D of Joe & Mary Kern Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. July 30	OLM Marilyn Lang (Clair Huck) St. John Donna Klinger (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Mary E. Huck (C.J. & Claudia Jones)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,395.00 (56); Offertory \$512.0; Ave Maria \$150.00 (2); Improvement Fund \$20.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Gary Pitt – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 07/29 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
OLM: 07/30 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 07/29 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
OLM: 07/30 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 07/29 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman
OLM: 07/30 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of July)

SAT: Terry Schwendeman, Bruce Schaad
SUN: Tom Flichman, Pat Lang

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (46)	\$31, 825.00
Pledged to date	\$35, 450.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

July Committee

*Linda Miller Marlene Walbert
Melissa Tornes Jill Kendall
Tammy Offenberger

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Single women, ages 18 to 35. *What is your vocation in life?* Do you have everything that the world says that you need to be happy but still long for 'something more'? Consider the Sisters of St. Benedict of Westmoreland County, Pa. located near Greensburg, Pa. They are a small community of Benedictine Nuns who try to seek God in this "school of the Lord's service" known as St. Emma Monastery. Following the centuries - old wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict, we desire to have our lives become more Christ centered, to have the Gospel as our guide. For more information, contact Sr. Maria Johanna OSB, at 724-610-7595 or email: vocations@stemma.org.

TIDY UP

In order to keep the appearance of the grounds nice Volunteers are needed to do some weed control of flower beds and grounds. If interested call the parish office at 740-896-2207.



5 STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION

- ⇒ Examine your conscience.
- ⇒ Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
- ⇒ Confess your sins.
- ⇒ Resolve to amend your life.
- ⇒ After your confession do the penance that your priest assign

Confessions are scheduled for Saturday evenings from 3:00 to 3:45 PM and by appointments.

SENIOR CITIZENS OF LOWELL AREA

Anyone 50 years of age or older is invited to come to the Lowell Senior Citizens potluck meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the basement of the St. John's Evangelical Church, Lowell. There is a \$2.00 Membership Fee.

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST: Issue 1

On July 12th, a meeting with all the priests of the Diocese about the upcoming ballot issue on abortion in Ohio. This meeting strictly focused on our mandate as Catholics to protect Life. In this meeting there were presentations about Issue 1 which we will be asked to vote on August 8, and the voting issue on the November ballot that would legalize abortion for all 9 months of pregnancy with **no parental consent or notification**. If this issue passes, it was communicated that children will also be able to begin to gender transition **without parental consent**. It is important as Catholics that we make a stand. The August 8 special election will have one issue only. It is a proposed Ohio Constitution amendment to require a 60% + 1 vote to amend the Constitution. As it stands now, the Ohio Constitution can be amended with only 50% + 1 vote. The speakers at the meeting communicated that if Issue 1 does not pass, it is likely that the abortion issue will pass in November, and that there could be more radical ballot initiatives to follow. I encourage everyone to research and to vote on issue 1. Pope Francis reminds us that we are called to bring Jesus everywhere: "An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it." The dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by the proposed Ohio Constitutional amendment, to be voted on in the November 7th election, attempting to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protection for preborn children and women. As Catholics, we cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. Please review all the resources on numerous platforms, including the Catholic Conference of Ohio, which is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy. This conference is working diligently with the dioceses across Ohio to equip Catholics with the resources necessary to learn about the proposed amendment and take action to oppose it in November 2023, <https://www.ohiocathconf.com>.

~ **Father Dave**

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

109: 1 Kgs 3: 5,7-12 Ps 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13:44-52

A VOCATION VIEW

Yeast which a woman kneaded...Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light.

(Matthew 13: 24-43)

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)

John Paul Gan and Jonathan Ruscoe

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. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ dsvocations
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the normal way we bring people to our Catholic faith through weekly learning sessions. It is our duty as Catholics to help in encouraging people to find faith and join our parishes. An active RCIA is a sign of an active parish. Below is a form you can fill out so that we might raise up some more people interested in the Catholic Faith and joining the church. Please return this form via the collection basket, by mail, or email for those individuals interested.

POSSIBLE RCIA CANDIDATE:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

July 23 Team #2 Jessica Henke 896-3705
July 30 Team #3 Brandon Wheeler 336-0350

TEACHER NEEDED

St. John is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year a Full-Time Certified Fourth Grade Teacher. For interested applicants, please contact Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) or Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) for additional information.

ST JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL - SCRIP PROGRAM

The Scrip is easy to use. The program uses gift cards that you purchase at face value for your everyday shopping or restaurant needs through St. John School and a percentage of that is given back to the school. The gift cards would also make great gifts for birthdays and holidays. St John offers a wide variety of franchise cards either on hand, or that can be easily ordered. Please contact St John's Parish Office at 740-896-3566 on a Wednesday or Thursday morning to place an order or get more information.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 20 at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$240.00 / four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

CORN ROAST

The Lowell American Legion Post 750 is holding a Corn Roast on August 5, from 4 PM - 10 PM at the Post. There will be food, a beer



garden, raffles and 50/50 drawings with cash prizes. There will be kid games for the children, so bring the whole family. This event is open to the public with music provided by Jake Binegar and Jesse Forester. Come enjoy live music and family fun while supporting your local American Legion.

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains located at the back of the church for LAMB. Items needed: cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, call Judy Gilham at 740-896-3266.