

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

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.

September 03, 2023

THE TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN 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 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. Sept. 02	OLM Bernie Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John David Kuhn (Justin & Denise Nahvi Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 03	OLM Preston Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Edward Brooker (Family) St. John Cindy Heiss Bosner (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 04	OLM Tristan Sine (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John Frank Schwendeman (Schwendeman Family) Terry Arnold (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	9:00 AM 8:00 AM
Tues. Sept. 05	OLM Living & Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John Pat Thieman (Card Club)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Sept. 06	OLM No Mass St. John Irene Abele (Charlotte Lang Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Sept. 07	OLM Gloria Norris (Mark & Sandy Huck) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Larry & Connie Richter)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Sept. 08	OLM No Mass St. John Earl Thieman (Evelyn Neill) Tim Strahler (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 09	OLM Sidment & Ruth Schneider Family (Larry & Linda Pottmeyer) St. John Margaret Klinger (CWC)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 10	OLM Jeannette Schwendeman (5yr Annvi.9/9) (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Vincent & Allene Huck (Children) St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,672.00 (61); Offertory \$252.00; Improvement Fund \$15.00 (1); Legacy Fund \$89.00 (8);
 Assumption \$15.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Dan Fliehman – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors OLM: 09/09 (4 PM) Heather Peters OLM: 09/10 (9:30AM) Linda Miller Eucharistic Ministers OLM: 09/09 (4PM) Sue Huck OLM: 09/10 (9:30AM) Ron Miller	Altar Servers OLM: 09/09 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder OLM: 09/10 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris USHERS (Month of September) SAT: Rod Heiss, Volunteer needed SUN: Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler
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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)	\$32, 500.00
Pledged to date	\$35, 500.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

September Committee

Fay Heiss	Kathryn Reed
Phyllis Anderson	Jamie Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Alberta Huck

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Please plan to attend.

NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL CANADIATES

YOUR VOTE COUNTS. There are ballots and pencils in the pews for you to decide whom you want to represent you in the Parish Council. Just place your vote in the orange container at the back of the church. The Pastoral

Council needs the parish to elect 6 new Council members to serve a

three-year term on the Pastoral Council. The nominated are: Martha

Flielman, Jenna Huffman, Evan Schaad, Michael Stehly, Eric Flielman, Brian Brooker, Stephen Huffman, Tom Flielman, Alex Bauerbach, Bri Flielman, Richard Tornes, and Abby Offenberger.



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH PICNIC

The CWC will be hosting the parish picnic on Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be provided. Each attending family is asked to bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet is located at each entrance of the church and will be available through Sunday, September 17.

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be a week-long event, October 7-13, 2023, offered at Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. For more information about participating at the Marietta location, contact Shelly at 740-525-6360. **In conjunction with this Diocesan event, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon with the Rosary recited on the hour until Mass at 5:30 PM. St. John the Baptist, Churchtown will also have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon to 5 PM, on Monday, October 9th with the Rosary recited on the hour.**

AMEND MY MIND

Isn't that the way these things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like! So it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 22). When he hears Jesus predict his coming death, Peter becomes upset. In a flash, he loses his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he means, he tries to tell Jesus what he should and should not do. And that passionate response earns Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23). So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). We *can* change. We *can* learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does" (Matthew 16:23). For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self-giving love, not self-preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22), or to turn the other cheek (5:39), or to choose not to be served "but to serve" (20:28), or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult. Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We *can* be transformed!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for September

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those people living on the margins of society; in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of any lesser importance.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

127: Ez 33: 7-9 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9

Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20

A VOCATION VIEW

If you wish to follow Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow. Are you courageous enough to follow as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

(Matthew 16: 21-27)

STEUBENVILLE SEMINARIANS

Though money donations are never turned down by seminarians, it is the fact that they are not alone and that people are praying for them that they truly need; people whom they may have never met. I encourage you to simply keep this list and maybe once in a while send them a note. At Sacred Heart in Detroit; Peter Stetson, Samuel Ivkovich, Christopher McGurn; 2701 W. Chicago Blvd Detroit, MI 48206 at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus; John Paul Gan, Jonathan Rusco, Joseph Puorro, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker 7625 N High St Columbus, OH 43235. If you or someone you know is interested in the religious life, please contact the Diocese of Steubenville, Office of Vocations; Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director.

Vocation links: Twitter @ ds vocations

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or

Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, September 16, from 5 to 8 PM at the Post in Lowell. **Come support your local American Legion.**

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

On Wednesday, September 27, from 4 PM to 8 PM on Lowell Buell Island there will be a local community event. Food, local produce, crafters, yard sale, and flea market vendors are welcome. Set-up for the event starts at 2 PM. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Sep. 03 Team # 8 Russ Lang 336-0080
Sep. 10 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 749-3538

MUM SALE

St. John Central School is currently selling mums. The cost for 8 inch pots is \$6.50 each or 5 for \$30.00 and \$30.00 for 12 inch pots. If interested in purchasing mums, please contact, Stacey Pottmeyer 304-533-6334, Sanja McCartney 330-204-4868, or Rachel Schott 740-350-8252.

STATE WIDE-54-Day Rosary Novena

Beginning Friday, September 15, Catholics across the state of Ohio will be joining in prayer for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of the dangerous constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. A 54-Day Rosary Novena will be prayed from September 15 through Election Day, November 7. For more information, please visit www.pray54ohio.org.



MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is having a Smoked Chicken & Pork Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 30, from 5 PM to 8 PM at St Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$25 per person and the menu includes: smoked chicken & pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink. There will also be a Pie Auction and a Take a Chance. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.

LADIES SPIRIT RETREAT DAY

Come and renew your Spirit, Ladies Day of Retreat on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking. This is an opportunity to be inspired and energized about the faith, with keynote speakers; Sally Turner and Carrie Rose, uplifting music, group discussion, and time dedicated to Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance For Loss of a Child: It is a terrible thing to lose a child or a grandchild. Whether by accident, miscarriage, or some other tragedy, you can turn to the Lord for comfort and healing. Bishop Monforton will offer two Masses of Remembrance. One on Saturday, September 09 at 10 AM at St. Agnes Church, Mingo Junction and the other on Saturday, October 28 at 9 AM at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome to attend.