

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

Cell: 740-391-1093

**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.

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**Social Hall and Rental:** 740-896-2207

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

## February 05, 2023

### 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 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

<b>Sat. Feb. 04</b>	<b>OLM Raymond &amp; Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker)</b> St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman & Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 05</b>	<b>OLM Joe &amp; Ida Huck Family (Greg &amp; Marlene Greene)</b> St. John Mary E. Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang & Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM
<b>Mon. Feb. 06</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Mildred Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold)	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Feb. 07</b>	<b>OLM Living &amp; Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 08</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Mary E. Huck (Tim & Marilyn Zoller) School Mass	8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Feb. 09</b>	<b>OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 10</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Edward Brooker (Steve and Pam Brooker)	8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Feb. 11</b>	<b>OLM Mac Cawley (Edwin &amp; Grace Long)</b> St. John Patricia Thieman (STJ Parish)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 12</b>	<b>OLM Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck)</b> St. John Annette Bonar (Richard & Brenda Arnold) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Don & Cheryl Miller)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

**God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!**

**OLM: \$1,260.00 (34); Offertory \$464.00; Votive Candles \$33.75**

**50/50 Winner: Matt Cheeseman - Congratulations!**

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

**Lectors**

**OLM: 02/11 (4 PM)** Tony Offenberger  
**OLM: 02/12 (9:30AM)** Dan Flieman

**Altar Servers**

**OLM: 02/11 (4 PM)** Tim & Emma Snyder  
**OLM: 02/12 (9:30AM)** Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**OLM: 02/11 (4 PM)** Sherry Wittekind  
**OLM: 02/12 (9:30AM)** Ron Miller

**Usher (Month of February)**

**Sat.** Dale Gilham, **Volunteer Needed**  
**Sun.** Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

**2022 TAX STATEMENTS**

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2022, 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.



### **FEBUARY COMMITTEE**

\*Nancy Schultheis  
Paige Schultheis  
Cathy Lawrence  
Mollie Huffman

Sandy Spindler  
Jody Huck  
Sarah Hunter

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.



### **SUPPORT ENVELOPES**

Support envelopes continue to be delayed this year due to supply chain and other issues. We ask that you place your offerings in a blank envelope with your name and /or assigned number into the collection baskets until they arrive. If you choose to write a check, the office can look up your number for you. If there are questions, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause. Thank you for your continued patience.

### **AVA MARIA CEMETERY**

Ave Maria Cemetery was established in 1866 by Archbishop John Purcell of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is located on Maria Road, right off Waterford Road between Lowell and Churchtown. Since the closure of the Ave Maria Parish in 1919, the cemetery has been under the care of Our Lady of Mercy Church. At this time we are asking for donations for this designated fund to continue to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery and four acres of grounds. Donations for this fund may be sent to the Ave Maria Cemetery Fund c/o Our Lady of Mercy Church, 5001 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell OH 45744.

## **ILLUMINATING MERCY**

How are our good deeds like a shining light? And why do they bring glory to God? A key to understanding Jesus' words lies in today's first reading from Isaiah. The reading describes what have come to be called the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, giving to the poor (Isaiah 58:7, 10). By performing these works, we imitate our heavenly Father, whose mercy knows no bounds. So when people see these "good deeds" (Matthew 5:16), they see how God loves them: with generosity, mercy, and faithfulness. We believe that God himself reaches out to people through our actions. He is helping us display a "family likeness" to him, and it points anyone who sees us back to him. In a broader way, our works of mercy can also contribute toward the kind of society that reflects God's priorities. How? The mercy we show people changes our own hearts. We see other people as beloved children of God, and that affects the way we act. And people notice. When, for instance, we sacrifice a night out so that we can give time or money to the needy, our corner of the world begins to look a little more like God's kingdom. When his generosity starts to overcome our selfishness or materialism, we help the people around us see that something different, something better, is possible. And, as Isaiah says, our "light shall break forth like the dawn" (58:8). What concrete ways can God show his mercy through you? Start at your parish. It likely has programs to serve the poor or reach out to those in need. Maybe you could work at a homeless shelter or even start an outreach like serving lunches at a soup kitchen. Get involved, and let the light of God's likeness shine forth.

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

76: Sir 15: 15-20

Ps 119: 1-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Cor 2: 6-10

Mt 5: 17-37

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### A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to be the light in the world. Put your lamp on a stand and not under a bushel basket! Let your light shine before all so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to God. Consider the priesthood or religious life.

(Matthew 5: 13-16)

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### 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:

Peter Stetson

John Paul Gan

Jonathan Ruscoe

Christopher McGurn

Sam Ivokovich

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### MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal is back after a three year COVID break and will take place at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell on Saturday, March 11 starting at 9:00 AM. Please mark your calendar.

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### FUNERAL CHOIR

Music is integral to Christian worship; including the funeral rites. To help serve this need, we would like to organize a funeral choir that can serve both parishes. No prior choir experience is needed, just a willingness to pray for the deceased and assist in comforting their family. Funerals are generally held on weekday mornings at 10 AM, but you are welcome to join even if your availability is limited. Please call or text Evan and Heather Schaad if you are interested, at 740-336-0969.

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

Feb. 05 Team #2 Jessica Henke 740-896-3705

Feb. 12 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

### SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale – February 11 & 12 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.

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### K Of C NEWS

#### WINTER DRAWING

The Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Winter Cash Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 11 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.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 Scholarship 2023. One boy and one girl will be selected from this area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 19, 2023. Visit <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPDh80SX27> to apply. Information and a link to the application can also be found on Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Printed copies of the applications are available in the back of all the area churches. For any questions please call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898 or contact a K of C member via email to [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com).

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### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.