

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

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Mr. David Bauerbach, Parish Council President

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Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend  
Mass**

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

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

## January 15, 2023

### THE SECOND 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.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**CHRISTIAN  
UNITY**

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. Jan. 14</b>	<b>OLM Jerry Huck by Ed Schilling</b> St. John Frank Schilling by Jerry & Melinda Treadway	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 15</b>	<b>OLM Donald Brooker by Tom &amp; Martha Flieman</b> St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family by Family St. John Rita Schwendeman by Family	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Jan. 16</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Special Intentions by Grace Bauerbach	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Jan. 17</b>	<b>OLM Jill Gates by Stephen &amp; Jenna Huffman</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 18</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Loraine Henke by Patricia Henke & Family	8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Jan. 19</b>	<b>OLM L &amp; D of David Bauerbach Family by Grace Bauerbach</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 20</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Terry Arnold by Ed & Lois Arnold	8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Jan. 21</b>	<b>OLM Terry Arnold by David &amp; Tina Long</b> St. John Roger Schaad by Mike & Marilyn Schaad	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 22</b>	<b>(With Bishop Monforton) OLM Deanna Lang by Raymond Lang</b> St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family by Family St. John Mildred Arnold by The Children of Vincent & Allen Huck	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$1,942.00 (40); Offertory \$441.00; Christmas Offering \$20.00 (1);  
 Immaculate Conception \$10.00 (1)

**50/50 Winner: Evan Schaad - Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 01/21 (4PM)** Sharon Pottmeyer  
**OLM: 01/22 (9:30AM)** Linda Miller

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 01/21 (4PM)** Ed Schilling  
**OLM: 01/22 (9:30AM)** Martha Flieman

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 01/21 (4PM)** Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis  
**OLM: 01/22 (9:30 AM)** Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris



### OLM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council Meeting is planned for this Tuesday, January 17 in the Rectory/Parish House at 6 PM. All members are asked to attend.

## OLM CWC

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



### JANUARY COMMITTEE

Sandy Huck  
Heather Schaad  
Rhonda Huck  
Rose Beebe

Martha Huck  
Minnie Smith  
Jennifer Anderson

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### SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes continue to be delayed this year due to supply chain and other issues. Please note your envelope number on your offering boxes. It is now necessary to place your offerings in a blank envelope with your name and /or assigned number in 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.

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### 2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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### GAMING FOR GOD

St. Bernard Youth Group is hosting a kid -friendly event on January 22 in St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly, from 6 to 8:30 PM, for children in grades 5th - 12th. All are invited to enjoy this faithful, fun, and food -filled event.

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### CONDOLENCES

**Condolences** are given to the family of Ken Stehly, who passed away on Friday, January 06. May the love and blessings that Ken brought to his family and friends never be forgotten. Pray that his family may find the Lord's grace in their time of need.



## SACRIFICIAL LAMB

When you hear John the Baptist call Jesus the "Lamb of God," you might picture a cute baby sheep leaping in a pasture or happily resting on its shepherd's shoulders. But that can be confusing. How can Jesus be that kind of lamb? Israelites in Jesus' time would have understood what John was getting at. They would likely have called to mind the feast of Passover. Each year during that feast, every Jewish family slaughtered and ate an unblemished lamb in remembrance of God bringing his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). They might also have thought about Isaiah's song of the Suffering Servant, who, like a lamb, silently allowed himself to be led to the slaughter while he bore the guilt of us all (Isaiah 53:6-7). Finally, they might have remembered when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. As Isaac prepared the wood for the sacrifice, he asked why there was no sheep to offer. Abraham replied, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8). John likely had all this in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God: Jesus was the sacrifice, provided by God, who would silently offer his life to redeem us all. Contemplating Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us an infinite number of reasons to worship him. We can praise him for delivering us from enslavement to sin. We can ponder what he silently bore to redeem us. We can bow to him as the perfect sacrifice, provided for us by God himself. Jesus is so much bigger, so much more committed to us, so much more glorious in his mercy than we could ever imagine! At Mass today, we will be invited to "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." How happy we are to be called to his supper, to behold him and to receive him in the Eucharist!

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January

### For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

67: Is 8: 23-----9:3 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17 Mt 4: 12-23

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### A VOCATION VIEW

From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a sister, brother, or priest. Think about it!

(1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

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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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### 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.

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### POST 750 STEAK FRY



American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry Saturday, January 21 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.

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

Jan. 15 Team #7 B.J. Davis 740-819-3613

Jan. 22 Team #8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

### 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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### 2022 Diocesan

#### Parish Share Campaign \*\*Final Report\*\*

Our Lady of Mercy Goal	\$19,060.00
Pledged & paid (51 Families)	\$37,230.00

By supporting the D/PSC we continue to serve God and his people throughout Southeastern Ohio. All money over the goals will be returned to the parishes. **Thank you for your generous support!**

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### K of C NEWS

#### FREE THROW CONTEST

The K of C Council #4617 Annual Free Throw Competition will be held on Sunday, January 22, at the K of C Hall/Gym, Churchtown. This event is open to ALL girls and boys ages 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2023 regardless of K of C membership status. Sign up is at 12 PM with competition to begin at 1 PM. A parent or legal guardian will need to be present at sign up. Entry is FREE. Contact Ian Alexander @ 740-525-4898 with any questions.

#### 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. Contact Dean Brooker for tickets at 740-629-4884.