

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

April 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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 Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**

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. April. 15	OLM Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (The Paul Bauerbach Family) St. John Donna Klinger (Rick Canterbury)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 16	OLM Earl & Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman) St. John Ralph & Pauline Zoller (Larry & Janet Schaad) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April. 17	OLM No Mass St. John Clarence Walter (Edith Brooker & Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. April. 18	OLM Rom Smith (Jim & Peggy Huck) St. John Vincent Huck (Ralph & Leora Huck)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. April. 19	OLM No Mass St. John Glenn Smith (Jerry Smith & Family)	<i>School Mass</i> 8:20 AM
Thur. April. 20	OLM Shirley Morris (Unknown) St. John Edna Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. April. 21	OLM No Mass St. John Amy Smith (Jerry Smith & Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. April. 22	OLM Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family) St. John Bernard & Joanne Strahler (Children)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 23	OLM Alexis Rogers Davis (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John Albert Henke (Patricia Henke & Family) St. John Judy Britton (Michael & Margaret Wolfe)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$1,517.00 (46); Offertory \$497.00; Easter Offering \$773.00 (40); Good Friday \$257.00 (22); OLM Cemetery \$20.00 (1); Initial Offering \$20.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$135.00 (10); St. John \$20.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Debbie Misel- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/22 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
 OLM: 04/23 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/22 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
 OLM: 04/23 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/22 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
 OLM: 04/23 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of April)

SAT: Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang
 SUN: Cecil Bauerbach, **Volunteer**

SUPPORT ENVELOPES



Support envelopes remain available for pick up at the back of the church. There have been no changes this year, so please check the number and address on the box. If there are any corrections, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207 or place a note in the collection basket. Thank you for your patience and your support!

OLM CWC

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

April Committee

Sandy Wagner	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Maureen Cunningham	Tonya Arnold
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	Nancy Huck

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign



"The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!"

~ St. John Chrysostom

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal:
\$18, 246.00**

By supporting the D/PSC, we promote the Church's call to give thanks both on a diocesan level and on a parish level. All monetary contributions over the set goals will be returned to the parish.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on next Saturday, April 22, at OLM Parish Hall starting at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM.

OPEN HOUSE

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its Annual Open House Tour Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Guided tours of the buildings, the chapels, and grounds as one of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy. Tours will highlight the extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. To register online and select your preferred tour time slot by April 19, please visit: apps.pcj.edu/openhouse. Last year, this event brought a record number of guests to our beautiful campus. We are looking forward to opening our doors once again and sharing Josephinum College with both familiar friends and new visitors!

[Reminding us of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina:] **"I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy".** At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: **'You have not offered me the thing that is truly yours.'** What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: **'My daughter, give me your failings'**. We, too, can ask ourselves: 'Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?' Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy. —Pope Francis

Catholic Opposition to the Proposed Constitutional Amendment in Ohio

On February 28, 2023, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a letter about the proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution on abortion. They wrote: "In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children." The full text of the letter can be found here: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org: Ohio Bishops Issues Letter on Abortion Ballot Initiative>. The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of the proposed amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments. The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of the proposed amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments. The proposed amendment is radical and dangerous. It not only seeks to legalize abortion up to the point of birth, but it will also eliminate parental consent for abortions, remove health standards for abortion clinics, and ensure taxpayer funding of abortions. Furthermore, the ambiguous language of the proposed amendment will open the door to a wide number of problematic procedures for minors without parental consent (including gender-transition surgeries) and prevent state agencies from giving needed oversight for businesses and organizations offering controversial medications and treatments.

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

46 Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Ps 16: 1-2, 5-11

1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe. What will it take for me to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life.?

(John 20: 19-31)

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>

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, please contact Judy Gilham at 740- 896-3266.

Lord, I desire to trust in your divine Mercy to the extent that there is no doubt in my heart and mind that You will bestow upon me this precious gift of love. Help me to trust in Your Mercy because of Your infinite goodness. Jesus, I love you and I trust in You. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 16 Team # 3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4251
& Team # 4 Derek Pottmeyer 304-533-6334
Alex Pottmeyer 304-989-0729
April 23 Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925

TEACHING POSTIONS/ REGISTRATION

There are openings for a Full-Time Certified First, Third, and Fourth Grade Teacher, as well as a Fifth - Eighth Grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Interested applicants should call the school office at 740-896-2697 or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623. St. John School is still accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

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STEAK FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 478, Marietta will host a Steak Fry benefit on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5:30 –7:30 PM. Meals will include steak (chicken), baked potato, salad, roll, and a dessert all for only \$20.00. Meals by reservation only. Please contact Matt Miller by April 25; text or call 330-243-5500 or email milom2210@gmail.com. All proceeds to benefit Tony Offenberger running for State Warden of the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 06. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is having a Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Friday, April 21, from 4:30 PM to 7 PM, in the St. James Catholic Church Social Hall, McConnelsville. The meal cost is \$15.00 per person and includes baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, a roll, and a dessert. To purchase your dinner tickets, call 740-960-9944.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry Saturday, April 15 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.