

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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 Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**

January 22, 2023

THE THIRD 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.

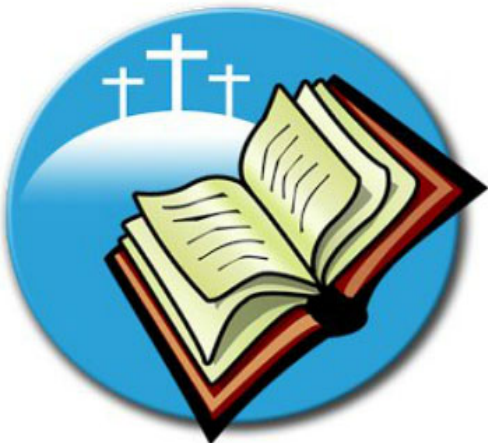
Confirmation: To be confirmed you must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the RCIA.

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

Sat. Jan. 21	OLM Terry Arnold (David & Tina Long) St. John Roger Schaad (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 22 (With Bishop Monforton)	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family) St. John Mildred Arnold (The Children of Vincent & Allen Huck)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 23	OLM No Mass St. John Mary E. Huck (James Zwick Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 24	OLM Larry Zwick (Joe & Diane Zwick) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Wed. Jan. 25	OLM No Mass St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Donna Tornes & Family)	8:20 AM
Thur. Jan. 26	OLM Bernard Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Fri. Jan. 27	OLM No Mass St. John Judy Britton (Stan Lang & Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 28	OLM Chuck & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John Mary Canterbury (Ken & Jackie Gebhart)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 29	OLM Patricia Huck (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Donna Klinger (Ray Strahler) St. John People of the Parish	9:30 AM 7:30 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,205.00 (42); Offertory \$355.00

50/50 Winner: Sandy Wagner- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 01/28 (4 PM) Susan Huck
OLM: 01/29 (9:30AM) Tony Offenberger

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 01/28 (4 PM) Fay Heiss
OLM: 01/29 (9:30AM) Jenna Huffman

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/28 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
OLM: 01/29 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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.



JANUARY COMMITTEE

Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Rhonda Huck
Rose Beebe

Martha Huck
Minnie Smith
Jennifer Anderson

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!**

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

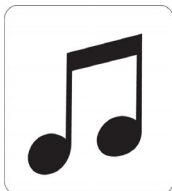
Support envelopes continue to be delayed this year due to supply chain and other issues. Please note your envelope number on your offering boxes. It is now necessary to place your offerings in a blank envelope with your name and /or assigned number in the collection baskets until they arrive. If you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

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. All area youth in grades 5th -12th are invited to come and enjoy this spiritual, fun, and food -filled event.

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.



A LITTLE ENLIGHTEN READING

Can you imagine how exciting it was for Peter and his friends as they followed Jesus from town to town? Hearing him preach so often, seeing him perform so many miracles, watching people's lives change so dramatically—no wonder they left their nets and became his disciples! But what about those times when there were no crowds—when they were traveling between towns or on those days when Jesus took a break? What were those “in-between” days like? They were probably even more exciting! Those were the days when the disciples had Jesus all to themselves. They could ask him questions about what he had taught the crowds. They could listen to him explain his parables, pray with him, and experience for themselves the new relationship with his heavenly Father that he had proclaimed. It's possible that these were the days that really changed their lives. Today is Sunday of the Word of God, a day when we celebrate the power and the grace contained in God's word in Scripture. This is the word that the disciples heard day in and day out, and it can change us just as it changed them. It can comfort us, convict us, and lift our hearts to heaven. It can bring us to our knees in humble repentance, and it can lift us to our feet in joyful worship. Do you want to experience God's word coming to life in you? Then imitate the apostles. Spend time with Jesus and immerse yourself in his word. Ask him questions about what you read there, and listen prayerfully for his answers. It takes time, patience, and perseverance, but the reward is well worth the effort. Like the apostles, you'll come to know Jesus personally as the One whose love lasts forever and whose mercy never ends!

~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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

70: Zep 2: 3;3: 12-13 Ps 146: 6-10

1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 5: 1-12a

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News?

(Matthew 4:12-23)

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

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.

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

Jan. 29 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538

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.

K Of C NEWS

FREE THROW CONTEST

The K of C Council #4617 Annual Free Throw Competition will be held this 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.

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 our 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 email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com.