

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville**

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

Parish Council Members:

Richard Tornes, Michael Stehly,
Brian Brooker, Evan Schaad,
Stephen Huffman, Alex
Bauerbach

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

Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

February 23, 2025

THE SEVENTH 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. Sunday

Visitation of Sick or Homebound: Please call Father Gaydosik at 740-391-1093, or the Parish Office at 740-896-2207, when someone is hospitalized, homebound, sick.

St. John Central Elementary School - (740) 896-2697: Mrs. Rebecca Hilverding, 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. Feb. 22	OLM	Darren Cheesman (Joanne Saling) St. John Patricia Sisco (Parish)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 23	OLM	Linda Huck (David Schaad Family) St. John Fr. Charles Moran (STJ CWC) St. John Ella Mae Young (Kevin Brooker Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 24	OLM	No Mass St. John Helen Miller (Mary Brooker Family)	No Mass 8: 00 AM
Tue. Feb. 25	OLM	Clarence Huck (Heather Peters) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 26	OLM	No Mass St. John Jerry Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Feb. 27	OLM	Charles Higgins Jr. (Frank & Stacy Leeper) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 28	OLM	No Mass St. John Edith Brooker (Dave & Barbra Huck)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. March 01	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer) St. John Dave Bowen (Craig & Shelia Lovett)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 02	OLM	Joseph, Bobby, & Bertha Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Evelyn Neill (STJ CWC) St. John Penny Schwendeman (Nobert & Shelia Schilling)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,090.00 (60); Offertory \$343.00; Priest Retirement \$250.00 (1); OLM Cemetery \$44.00 (3)

50/50 Winner: Linda Miller—Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 03/01 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger	OLM: 03/01 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 03/02 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman	OLM: 03/02 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Josie Anderson
OLM: 03/05 (6 PM) Volunteer	OLM: 03/05 (6 PM) Aaron, Emily & Taylor Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of March)
OLM: 03/01 (4 PM) Heather Peters	SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
OLM: 03/02 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene	SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Flichman
OLM: 03/05 (6 PM) Cindy Schwendeman	

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent: a day of repentance, is March 5th. Mass times here at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church at 6 PM and at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 8:20 AM (School Mass), Noon, and 7 PM. Ashes are not a sacrament, but they are a symbol of repentance and mortality.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding fish fries on the following Fridays from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

March 14, March 28, April 11



Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up.



OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair)	Sandy Spindler
Paige Omspach	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 22nd with registration starting at 9 AM. Please mark your calendars. The theme of the Conference is "The Eucharist and the Biblical Vision of Men". The patron of the Conference is St. Joseph, a model of virtue and a true man of God.

L.A.M.B. (Food Pantry)

The pantry has a new volunteer manager, and donations are now accepted both here at our church (in box at back) and also at the Food Pantry located at 309 Walnut St. on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. Volunteers are always welcomed. The Food Pantry distributes out items on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9 AM -11 AM. The following items are always needed: canned tuna, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Bernard Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and a concession stand.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 26 Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flichman at 740-236-0122.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Interested in helping someone get a Catholic education for those who can't afford it. By donating to the Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund (CTDSF), you can make a donation to the Catholic school of your choice at no net cost to you. If you donate by April 15th, you will receive a tax receipt from the Diocese that can qualify you. To download the form visit www.diosteub.org/ctdsf and make a check out to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund Inc. and the diocese will send you a receipt.

HAVE MERCY

Whether it's the celebrity on TV or the disheveled person in the store or even the person we work with whose food choices are different from ours, we can find it so easy to pass judgment on people. And if we're honest, it may even seem like a very acceptable thing to do! But in his sermon to the crowds, Jesus is very clear: "Stop judging. . . . Stop condemning" (Luke 6:37). So what should we do instead? The line that immediately precedes this passage gives us the answer: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Consider the mercy of God our heavenly Father. When you catch yourself judging another person, think about the love that God has for you: he sent his Son to die for you when you didn't deserve it—when you didn't even ask for it! Or recall all those instances when you didn't get "what you deserved" in your life. Maybe you spoke harshly to someone, and they spoke kindly back to you, or maybe your boss at work chose to overlook the fact that you were late on a project. Mercy flowed out to you, just as God's mercy extends to each and every person in the world. When you run into "sinners" today, consider the Father's mercy and then share it generously. Speak kindly in response to harsh words. Bless the person you disagree with. Forgive the aggressive driver in the next lane. Jesus promises that if you offer mercy to those around you, "Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High" (Luke 6:35). God is the perfect judge. We can trust him to do his job. He knows when to be merciful, and he knows when to bring correction. He doesn't need our help! Instead, we can be merciful, we can forgive, and we can glorify our heavenly Father as we do.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

84: Sir 27: 4-7 Ps 92: 2-3, 13-16

1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord calls us to merciful as our God is merciful.
The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to
priesthood and religious life.

(Luke 6: 27-38)

STEBENVILLE 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)

**Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley
Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker**

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations
Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](#) or
Diocesan Vocation Website: [http://steubenvillevocations.com](#)



PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within
the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled
at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday,
March 08, 2025. Pre-Cana is a class and consultation
requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of
marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register,
contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.

OLM CHOIR

The Our Lady of Mercy Choir is looking for additional
members. We generally sing at Sunday Mass and
various other celebrations throughout the year. No
prior experience is necessary, and you do not need to
make an "every week" commitment. If you are
interested, stop by the choir loft or call/text 740-336-
8551.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday - March 5th, St. John Church, Lowell
with Service only at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 11th, Lowell United Methodist Church
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

**Tuesday- March 18th, at Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church with Fr. Dave Gaydosik; Supper at
6 PM, Service at 7 PM**

Tuesday- March 25th, Highland Ridge Church; Supper
at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 1st, Lowell United Methodist Church;
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 8th, at the St. John Church, Lowell;
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

ST. JOHN CWC

St. John CWC is having a breakfast this Sunday,
February 23rd at the K of C Hall, Churchtown from 8
AM to 10 AM. Dine in or Drive-thru is available. Adult
meal includes: home fries, bacon, eggs, biscuit/sausage
gravy, and drink for \$10. Kids meal includes bacon,
pancakes, eggs, and drink for \$5.

K OF C NEWS

FOURTH DEGREE – There will be a Fourth Degree
Meeting at the K of C Hall, Churchtown on Sunday,
March 2nd at 2 PM.

SCHOLARSHIP – Any high school senior who is
currently attending a local high school may apply for the
Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2025 Scholarship.
One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The
scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check
towards further education. The application must be
submitted by March 15, 2025. Information and a link to
the application can be found via Facebook Page:
"Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any
question call/text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or
email: church_townkofc@gmail.com.

NOMINATION NEEDED –Knights of Columbus
Council #4617 is looking for "Of the Year" Award
Nominations for 2024-2025 for :Family of the Year and
Knight of the Year. Please include the name (s) of your
nomination and a brief explanation for their nomination.
The nominee (s) need to be submitted by 6 PM, March
15th via email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com or you
can text/call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or
Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.