

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

September 24, 2023

THE TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

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**

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. Sept. 23	OLM Dale & Marian Stalter (Max & Tess Huck) St. John L & D of Clarence & Hilda Arnold Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 24	OLM L & D of Clemence & Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) St. John Justine Tornes (Jerry & Melinda Treadway) St. John Mary Zwick (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 25	OLM No Mass St. John Mary Canterbury (Leroy & Sophia Rauch) Judy Britton (Ted & Trina Miller)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Sept. 26	OLM Peters Family (Marilyn & Heater Peters) St. John Rita Schwendeman (Ken & Cindy Pottmeyer)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Sept. 27	OLM No Mass St. John L & D of Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett Family)	No Mass <i>School Mass</i> 8:20 AM
Thur. Sept. 28	OLM Walter Lang (Ed Schilling) St. John Frank Schilling (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Sept. 29	OLM No Mass St. John Diane Arnold (Chris & Jenny Semon) Jim Thieman (Eldon & Nancy Miller)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 30	OLM Linda Huck (Jean Tornes) St. John Donna Klinger (Steve & Rachel Klinger Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 01	OLM Terry Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John William & Elizabeth Schilling (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

We thank all who allowed their name to appear on the ballot for Parish council. Those chosen to serve a three year term are: **Alex Bauerbach, Richard Tornes, Stephen Huffman, Evan Schaad, Michael Stehly, Brian Brooker.**

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,144.00 (50); Offertory \$317.00; Immaculate Heart \$83.00 (9)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Sam Brooker – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 09/30 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
 OLM: 10/01 (9:30AM) Dan Flieman

Altar Servers

OLM: 09/30 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang
 OLM: 10/01 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 09/30 (4PM) Tim Wittekind
 OLM: 10/01 (9:30AM) Martha Flieman

USHERS (Month of October)

SAT: Tim Wittekind, John Pottmeyer
 SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer Needed**

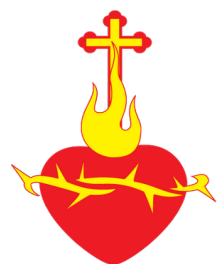


2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign
“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (46)	\$33, 175.00
Pledged to date	\$35, 500.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

September Committee

Fay Heiss	Kathryn Reed
Phyllis Anderson	Jamie Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Alberta Huck

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH PICNIC

The CWC will be hosting the parish picnic this Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 PM.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish.



MARCH FOR LIFE

The Ohio March For Life is scheduled for Friday, October 06, 2023 at 11AM in Columbus. The Knights of Columbus councils from Churchtown, Marietta, and statewide have chartered a deluxe bus. The bus departs at 7:30 AM from the old Regal Theater Parking lot, Marietta, and returns at 5:30 PM. A bagged lunch will be provided. Reserve your seat and join the fight for Ohio's parental rights and the right to be born. A suggested donation of \$25 per seat is requested. If you cannot attend and would like to donate, or need a seat, please contact Ben Rutherford, ben.rutherford@kofc.org or 304-834-2099; or Matt Miller milom2210@gmail.com or 330-243-5500.

TOGETHER WE STAND FOR THE UNBORN

LADIES SPIRIT RETREAT DAY

Come and renew your Spirit, Ladies Day of Retreat on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking. This is an opportunity to be inspired and energized about the faith, with keynote speakers; Sally Turner and Carrie Rose, uplifting music, group discussion, and time dedicated to Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

A PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY PRAYER

Lord, please help all priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
AMEN.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Jesus told this parable to help us better understand how generous and merciful God is. But the seeming unfairness of the landowner's decision can still leave us feeling a bit unsettled. We might react differently, however, when we consider the lives of two people who, like the workers in this parable, came to the vineyard later in life. Felix Leseur was raised Catholic in nineteenth-century France but lost his faith in medical school and became an atheist. His wife, Elisabeth, on the other hand, grew closer to God and began praying fervently for her husband's conversion. After her death at the age of forty-seven, Felix began reading her diary. The deep faith he saw there touched him, and he returned to the Lord at the age of fifty-six and eventually became a priest. St. Angela of Foligno was born in 1248 to a wealthy family in Umbria, Italy. Married at a young age, she reveled in the worldly life and all its trappings. But a series of natural disasters and an ongoing war led her to reexamine her priorities. At the age of thirty-seven—considered midlife for that time—she sought the Lord's mercy in Confession. Then after the premature deaths of her husband, mother, and two children, she gave up all her possessions and became a lay Franciscan. When we hear about people like Felix and Angela, we don't begrudge them the heavenly reward they are now enjoying. It doesn't matter that they came later to the vineyard. God and his angels in heaven still rejoiced, and so should we anytime we hear of someone turning to God later in life. God is always inviting people to "go into my vineyard" (Matthew 20:4). Today at Mass, pray for the people you know who have not yet accepted his invitation. May they one day receive the reward he so graciously has in store for them!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for September

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those people living on the margins of society; in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of any lesser importance.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

136: Ez 18: 25-28 Ps 25: 4-9

Phil 2: 1-5 Mt 21: 28-32

A VOCATION VIEW

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother, or sister.

(Mark 94: 30-37)

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, Joseph Puorro,
Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker**

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](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is having a Smoked Chicken & Pork Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 30, from 5 PM to 8 PM at St Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$25 per person and the menu includes: smoked chicken & pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink. There will also be a Pie Auction and a Take a Chance. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Sep. 24 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851
Oct.01 Team #4 Derek Pottmeyer 740- 885-9251

St. John Central School Gala Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 18 at the K o f C Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM. This year's theme is "Casino Night". Tickets are \$100 each (admits 2 people) and includes entry in drawings (with over \$3,500 in prizes). Please contact Kristin (304) 989-0729 or Brandy Pottmeyer (304) 533-4803 for tickets.

K OF C FAMILY PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding a family picnic on Sunday, October 01, from Noon until 3 PM on the back patio of the K of C hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and some drinks will be provided. BYOB. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. All K of C members and their families are welcome to attend. There will be games and prizes for the kids. For any questions, text/call Derek Kern at 740-516-7219.

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be a week-long event, October 7-13, 2023, offered at Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. **In conjunction with this Diocesan event, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon with the Rosary recited on the hour until Mass at 5:30 PM. St. John the Baptist, Churchtown will also have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon to 5 PM, on Monday, October 9th with the Rosary recited on the hour.**



STATE WIDE-54-Day Rosary Novena

The 54-Day Rosary Novena continues to be prayed from September 15 through Election Day, November 7, as Catholics across the state of Ohio are joining in prayer for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of the dangerous constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. For more information, please visit www.pray54ohio.org.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

On Wednesday, September 27, from 4 PM to 8 PM on Lowell Buell Island there will be local produce, crafters, yard sale, flea market, and food vendors. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.