

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each
weekend Mass**

Christ
The King

November 26, 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 hospitalized, homebound, sick.

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. Nov. 25	OLM Tess Huck (Max Huck Family) St. John Pauline Zoller (Larry & Janet Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 26	OLM Linda C. Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Lois Stephen) St. John Terry Arnold (Leora Arnold Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 27	OLM No Mass St. John Fr. Charles Moran (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Nov. 28	OLM Rosalle Hoying (Stephen & Jenna Huffman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Nov. 29	OLM No Mass St. John Pat Thieman (Card Club) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Nov. 30	OLM Donna Arnold (2 yr Anniv. 12/02) (Betty Strahler) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Dec. 01	OLM No Mass St. John Paul Schwendeman (Family) 5-PM Adoration	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. Dec. 02	OLM Msgr. Donal O'Carroll (Hibernian Mass) (Ed Schilling) St. John Dave Erb (Ken Gebhart Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 03	OLM Wilford "Clare" Huck (Mark & Sandy Huck) St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,298.00 (70); Offertory \$358.00; Cemetery Fund (1) \$20.00; All Saints (1) \$10.00;
 All Souls (1) \$1000; Improvement Fund (3) \$90.00; Catholic Human Development Fund (5) \$30.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Sam Brooker – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 12/02 (4 PM) Heather Peters
 OLM: 12/03 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman
 OLM: 12/08 (6 PM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 12/02 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
 OLM: 12/03 (9:30 AM) Clara, Margret, & Emma Morris
 OLM: 12/08 (6 PM) Ross, Kate, Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 12/02 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
 OLM: 12/03 (9:30 AM) Jason Morris
 OLM: 12/08 (6 PM) Marlene Greene

USHERS (Month of December)

SAT: Tim Huck, **Volunteer needed**
 SUN: Richard Tornes, Kim Schwendeman

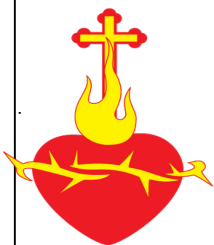
2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (49)	\$35, 475.00
Pledged to date	\$36, 600.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Jennifer Morris	Sherry Wittekind
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman	Christy Haines

The CWC will be holding its annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. During the dinner, our Secret Pals from the past year will be revealed. And then we will be drawing Secret Pals for the new year. All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Woman's Club and welcomed to attend. A sign up sheet is available at the main entrance of church until Sunday, December 3. Please contact Heather Peters with any questions at 740-350-6972.

THANK YOU

The collection for L.A.M.B. totaled \$793.11. Thank you, for your generosity for both the collection and for all of the Harvest Table items donated this Thanksgiving Season. Your generosity toward community members who are in need is greatly appreciated.



ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Our ecumenical family will gather at St. Johns Church, Lowell on December 10 at 2 PM. and travel through the Lowell area community to sing Christmas songs and carols. Music provided and a trailer with hay bales to ride on, you provide the singing voices and fun.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Martha Flieman and to the entire family on the passing of her brother, Dan Brooker, who passed away on Wednesday, November 01. May Dan be welcomed into the Lord's arms, and that Martha and her family find the Lord's grace in their time of need.

God, do not let my feelings overwhelm me. During moments of anguish, touch my heart with courage, my soul with your compassion and with your love to comfort me. Despite my pain, let me know healing is occurring. Let me hear often that you are always with me. God, today is different; I am faced with my many challenges. Help me know I am not powerless and that I am surviving. Give me hope for tomorrow. Let me believe in myself and allow others to comfort me

A DEVOTED LEADER

The kings who ruled over Israel and Judah were charged with defending their people from neighboring enemies who wanted to destroy them. Many kings had failed in this regard, which is why the people were waiting for a Messiah-King, a son of David who would again build a great nation as David had. Then along came Jesus, a Messiah who told people to love their enemies and turn the other cheek. What kind of a king was this? In today's second reading, St. Paul shows us what kind of king Jesus is—One who has conquered our true enemies: Satan, sin, and death. Jesus didn't come to win a battle between nations; instead, he came to win a cosmic battle with everlasting consequences. That's why we celebrate him today as "King of the Universe." Unlike an earthly king, Jesus did not engage his enemies with armaments of war. No, he defeated them by dying on a cross. Through his death and resurrection, he saved not just Israel but all who believe in him (1 Corinthians 15:22). Out of his great love for each one of us, Jesus offered himself up, disarming the devil and draining sin of its power. Now we are forgiven, redeemed, and given the grace to love and forgive others as he has done for us. And though we still see evil in the world, we know that Jesus will destroy "every sovereignty and every authority and power" when he comes again (15:24). Today at Mass, let's recommit ourselves to living under the reign of this great King. Let's tell him that we are ready to join him in rescuing his creation from the powers of darkness. Our King has already shown us how to do this: by offering ourselves in love to one another. Because without a doubt, love is the most powerful force in the universe!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2: Is 63: 16b-19b; 64: 2-7 Ps 80: 2-3, 15-19

1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13: 33-37

A VOCATION VIEW

What we've done to the least of our brothers and sisters, we've done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister.
(Matthew 25: 31-46)

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, 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. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>



Please think of our Seminarians this holiday season. Cards may be sent to addresses listed above.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul continues to be active in the communities we represent. Churchtown, Lowell, Beverly and Belpre; area Catholic Churches, working as a combined unit to serve the less fortunate in our communities. The Giving Tree will soon be in the back of the church. If you know of a family in need or have any questions, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

**The
Giving
Tree**

Helping Those
in Need



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Nov. 26 Team #4 Dereck Pottmeyer 740-885-9251
Dec. 03 Team #5 Robin Eichmiller 740-336-8671

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS: Guiding Your Children through Cultural Chaos

Parenting is tough! And our culture is not making it any easier. Our children are facing challenges that many of us never dreamed about when we were younger. Please join us for a special online event designed to support parents and provide them with up to date information and resources from a Catholic perspective. The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Office of Christian Formation and Schools are partnering with Family Honor, Inc, to offer a special webinar for parents. For more than 30 years Family Honor has been devoted to assisting parents in forming their children, especially in the areas of chastity and sexual integrity, through Catholic teaching and evidence-based information. The webinar will address the following topics: The Problem with Porn; Gender Identity Disorder and SSA; and Social Media: Dangers and Safeguards. Q & A will follow the presentations. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. This event is FREE but registration is required. (A recording of the webinar will be provided for each registrant even if they miss the live broadcast.) To register, go to www.familyhonor.org/chastity-programs-near-me. Questions? Please contact Joseph Schmidt (jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST—To start off the upcoming holiday season, the Knights of Columbus #4617 Churchtown will be lighting their nativity scene and building on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. At this time, they will also be announcing all the winners of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are all welcome to attend this family event.

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY— K of C Annual Members Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the K of C Hall. Doors open at 6 PM.

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY—The children's party will be held on Sunday, Dec.10. Doors will open at 12:00. Santa will be stopping by to wish all a Merry Christmas. Discreetly bring a gift for your child to the kitchen and get reimbursed \$5.00.