

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

April 02, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

PASSION OF THE LORD

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. 01	OLM Larry Zwick (Don & Janet Zwick) St. John Kevin Arnold (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 02 Palm Sunday	OLM Bernie Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Penny Schwendeman (Greg & Carol Antill) St. John Robert Gaydosik (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April. 03	OLM No Mass St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	8:00 AM
Tue. April. 04	OLM No Mass — Chrism Mass, St. Mary's, Marietta— St. John Special Intention	*7:00 PM* 8:00 AM
Wed. April. 05	OLM No Mass St. John Tim Strahler (Family) School Mass with Bishop Monforton	8:20 AM
Thur. April. 06 The Lord's Supper	OLM Kelton Fliehman (Tony & Kristin Offenberger) St. John Terry Arnold (Gary & Edna Arnold) OLM/STJ Adoration after Mass until 10 PM	*7:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Fri. April. 07 Good Friday	OLM / STJ Stations of the Cross OLM / STJ Celebration of the Lord's Passion	*3:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Sat. April. 08 Easter Vigil	OLM Laurie Offerman (Nancy Huck) St. John Penny Schwendeman (Family)	*8:00 PM* 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 09 Easter Sunday	OLM Kenneth Stehly (Mike & Denise) St. John L & D of Leo and Lucy Huck (Family) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM *9:00 AM*

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM: \$1,638.00 (49); Offertory \$393.00; Easter Flowers \$160.00 (8); OLM Cemetery \$10.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Dan Fliehman- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/06 (7 PM) Sherry Wittekind
 OLM: 04/07 (7PM) Susan Huck, Linda Miller
 OLM: 04/08 (8 PM) Heather Peters, Ed Schilling,
 Alex Bauerbach
 OLM: 04/09 (9:30AM) Sherry Wittekind

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/06 (7 PM) Caleb, Declan, Joel Schaad
 OLM: 04/07 (7 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
 OLM: 04/08 (8 PM) Emma & Brett Bauerbach
 OLM: 04/09 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/06 (7 PM) Tim Wittekind
 OLM: 04/07 (7 PM) Ron Miller
 OLM: 04/08 (8 PM) David Bauerbach
 OLM: 04/09 (9:30AM) Sue Huck



USHERS (Month of April)

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

SUPPORT ENVELOPES



Support envelopes are 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 Saturday, April 22 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall with happy hour starting at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. Please, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122 to volunteer to help with meal preparations, signing up of members, or if you are interested in joining the next OLM 50/50 Club Drawing. Good Luck!

PENANCE SERVICE

The last Penance Services scheduled are on Sunday, April 02 at 6 PM; St Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking and April 05 at 12:30 PM; St John's School Gym, Churchtown.

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, you may contact Judy Gilham at 740- 896-3266.

FREE

There are free copies of The Word Among Us and Living Faith booklets available at the exits of the church. They have daily devotions and readings that may help us to deepen our faith and keep God in our hearts.

BOTH FULLY DIVINE AND FULLY HUMAN

—*Who is this*, who enters the holy city “meek and riding on an ass” (Matthew 21:5)? This is “Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee” (21:11), a wonder-worker who preaches the good news of the kingdom of God. Today at Mass, we cry out with the crowd, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (21:9).

—*Who is this*, who consecrates bread and wine so that it becomes his Body and Blood and then offers himself for our forgiveness (Matthew 26:27-28)? This is Jesus, the Lamb of God, who enters our lives every time we receive him in the Eucharist.

—*Who is this*, who in the Garden of Gethsemane prays to his Father, “Let this cup pass from me,” and then surrenders to his Father's will (Matthew 26:39)? This is God incarnate, fully human and fully divine, who understands our suffering because he himself has suffered.

—*Who is this*, who refuses to defend himself when accused of blasphemy (Matthew 26:63-65)? This is the One who is “‘seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven’”(26:64), the One we will one day meet face-to-face in all his glory.

—*Who is this*, who is mocked and spat upon and hailed as “King of the Jews” (Matthew 27:29)? This is the King of the universe, and our King, too. May he reign in our lives more and more each day!

—*Who is this*, who is beaten, whipped, and crucified, and who cries out and then gives up his spirit (Matthew 27:46-50)? “This [is] truly the Son of God!” (27:54), who loved us so much that he took our sins upon himself to save us.

—*Who is this*, whose battered body is laid in a tomb (Matthew 27:60)? This is Christ the Lord, who will burst from the grave on the third day and defeat sin and death forever. May he be forever praised!

“Jesus, as I begin this Holy Week, may I come to know you ever more deeply.”

~The Word Among Us

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 EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42 Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Ps 118: 1-2,16-17, 22-23
Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9

A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord!
Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest,
deacon, brother, or sister?

(Matthew 21: 1-11)

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

Vocations to Consecrated Religious Life are a gift to the whole Church, pray that those being called to the priesthood will hear and answer that call.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend-April 01 & 02

Lowell- Saturday 4PM, Sunday 9:30AM
Churchtown- Saturday 6PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 11AM

Tuesday April 04-Christ Mass 7PM, at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

Holy Thursday April 06- 7PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper, Mass at Lowell and at Churchtown with Adoration after Mass until 10 PM

Good Friday April 07- 3PM - Stations of the Cross, **7PM - The Passion of the Lord**, At Lowell and at Churchtown

Holy Saturday April 08 - 8:00PM - The Easter Vigil Mass, At Lowell and at Churchtown

Easter Sunday April 09- Lowell- 9:30AM Mass
Churchtown 7:30AM and *9AM Mass



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 02 Team #2 Jessica Henke 740- 896-3705
April 09 NO BINGO/ Happy Easter

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION

SJC is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. The school is fully accredited, and offers a complete academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

K OF C NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members, there will be an EGG HUNT held after 9:30 AM Mass at OLM on Easter Sunday, April 09. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to the parish hall before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For information or questions, contact Tony Offenberger at 740-525-4823.

STEAK FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 478, 312 Franklin Street, Marietta, OH will host a Steak Fry benefit on Saturday, 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 run for State Warden of Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS OF LOWELL AREA

Anyone 50 years of age or older in Lowell and surrounding area is invited to attend the Lowell Senior Citizens Meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM in the basement of St. John's Evangelical Church, Lowell. These meetings are a potluck event with a \$2.00 membership fee and a brief meeting to follow. For any questions, please contact Linda Miller at 740-896-2843 or Linda Beardsley at 740-896-3077.