

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## MAY 07, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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**

**Parish Council:** Council Meetings will be announced.

**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.

**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

<b>Sat. May 06</b>	<b>OLM Donna Arnold (Larry &amp; Linda Pottmeyer)</b> St. John George Brooker (Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 07</b>	<b>OLM Raymond &amp; Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker)</b> St. John Neil Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. May 08</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Margaret Klinger (David Schaad Family)	8:00 AM
<b>Tue. May 09</b>	<b>OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)</b> St. John Mary Huck (Regis Huck)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Wed. May 10</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Tom & Elaine Wells)	<i>School Mass</i> 8:20 AM
<b>Thur. May 11</b>	<b>OLM Kenneth Huck (Martin &amp; Pauline Knoch)</b> St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern & Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Fri. May 12</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman & Family)	8:00 AM
<b>Sat. May 13</b>	<b>OLM Linda Huck (Paul &amp; Freda Huck)</b> St. John Lawrence & Margaret Schaad (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 14</b>	<b>OLM Living &amp; Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b> St. John Marie P. Schwendeman (Schwendeman Family) St. John Mildred Arnold (Children of Vincent & Allene Huck)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,845.00 (58); Offertory \$253.00; Legacy Fund \$240.00 (10)

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

OLM: 05/13 (4 PM) Heather Peters  
 OLM: 05/14 (9:30AM) Abigail Offenberger

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 05/13 (4 PM) Kasey Lang, Jackson Long  
 OLM: 05/14 (9:30AM) Margaret, Clara, & Emma Morris

#### Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/13 (4 PM) Ed Schilling  
 OLM: 05/14 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris

#### USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, Volunteer  
 SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

### 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”*

~ St. John Chrysostom

<b>Our Lady of Mercy Goal:</b>	<b>\$18, 246.00</b>
<b>Paid to date</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>
<b>Pledged to date (34)</b>	<b>\$30,750.00</b>



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 CWC

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

### May Committee

\*Marilyn Peters  
Martha Flieman  
Jan Long  
Kelly Lang

Lisa (Damian) Huck  
Ruth Skinner  
Michelle Long

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### RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life will be held on May 20 at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please

contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!

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### JOURNEY TO ITALY

Join Fr. Tom Nelson, of Noble County Catholic Churches, on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 1-12, 2024. Stops include Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Montecassino, and Rome. For the discount price of \$4,989.00 per person to be enjoyed by those paying with Cash or Check (based on a minimum of 30 participants with double occupancy). For more information contact Maggie McDaniel: by email at: [maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com](mailto:maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com) or call: (419) 290-8782. Or for a full itinerary visit <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/>. There is some information on a flyer located at the back of the church.

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### ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Catholic Church, ST. RT 145 Lower Salem/ Harriettsville, OH will hold its Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 14, 2023 from 11AM to 2PM. Adults \$13.00 and Children (10 and under) \$5.00. Dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Dine-in and Carry-out available. For more information contact, Debbie Biehl at 740-373-2882.



## HOME SWEET HOME

What's your dream home? Maybe it's a beachfront villa or a cabin on a picturesque mountainside. Maybe it's a castle high on a hill or a modern apartment in a bustling city. Each of us has a different picture of what is ideal. When Jesus told his disciples that he was returning to the Father in today's Gospel, he said he was going to prepare a place for them. And just as it is with our dream homes, those heavenly abodes aren't one size fits all. In fact, there's one that is made just for you! Does this mean each one of us gets our own personal "dream home" in heaven? Yes and no. Heaven isn't a resort filled with personalized vacation homes. But it is very real, and it's a place where each of us receives the deep rest and refreshment we need. The *Catechism* tells us that heaven is "the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (1024). That means that Jesus has each of us in mind as he prepares to bring us to our perfect dwelling place. He knows us through and through. He knows our deepest yearnings. He knows what makes for our ultimate happiness. And he is preparing a place suited just for us. But that "place" is so much more than a dwelling. It's where we will find God himself, the One who quenches every thirst and satisfies every longing. Nothing that we currently experience could add to the happiness that we will know when we see the Lord, our God, face-to-face! We will be with him fully and without hindrance. Our eyes will be opened to the beauty and holiness and power of God, and that vision will take our breath away. Jesus promised to take us to himself so that where he is, there we also may be (John 14:3). In his presence, everything is fulfilled. And that makes heaven infinitely better than a dream home!

~ The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

### Prayer Intentions for May

#### For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

##### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

55 Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Ps 66: 1-7, 16, 20

1 Pt 3: 15-18

Jn 14: 15-21

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#### A VOCATION VIEW

Don't let your hearts be troubled. The Lord shows the way, just ask him.

(John 14:1-12)

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#### 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**

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

**Peter Stetson, Christopher McGurn, and Sam Ivkovich**

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

May 07 Team #7 B.J. Davis 819-3613  
May 14 Team #8 Russ Lang 336-0800

### TEACHING AIDE POSITION

There is an opening for a Full-Time Pre-School Aide at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Interested applicants, must be 18 years or older with a high school diploma and willing to complete the annual state training requirements. If interested or for more information, call the school office at 740-896-2697 or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623.

### ST. JOHN GOLF OUTING

St John's Annual Athletic Booster Golf Outing is set for Saturday, June 03 at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, Ohio. A four man scramble with a cost of \$65/person, \$260/team. This is 18 Holes w/ cart along



with a dinner and raffle to finish. If you are interested in registering a team or if you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Kristin Pottmeyer at (304) 989-0729.

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### OLM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 1) When cemetery flowers (fresh cut or artificial) wilt and become weathered, please remove them from the grave. It is the responsibility of the family/grave owner to remove any flowers after burial. Also, please remove grave blankets after the holidays, since they can kill the grass if left on the grave for a long period of time. This helps us with the care of the cemetery and makes for a neat appearance.
- 2) **No glass** containers are to be used for flowers.
- 3) Reminder of the cemetery rule that there is to be **no permanent planting of flowers and shrubs**. OLM Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to plants/shrubs planted without permission, nor are we responsible for missing arrangements. On occasion, we receive high winds which scatter artificial arrangements over the property. We are unable to tend to these items.

