

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

February 19, 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 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. Feb. 18	OLM Francis & Grace Huck (David Arnold Family) St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince & Shelly Stollar)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 19	OLM Pat Thieman (Betty Strahler) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker) St. John Edna Smith (Friends)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 20	OLM No Mass St. John Pat Thieman (Mary Lou Thieman & Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Feb. 21	OLM Dale & Marian Stalter (Max & Tess Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 22 (Ash Wed.)	OLM Conversion of Sinners (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John Dave Pottmeyer (Eric & Marilyn Pottmeyer) School Mass St. John Mary E. Huck (Leroy & Sophia Rauch)	9:00 AM 8:20 AM 12:00 PM
	OLM Donald Yeomans (Stephen & Jenna Huffman) St. John Tim Strahler (Family)	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thur. Feb. 23	OLM Lindsey & Eleanor Craven (Norman & Roseann Wagner) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 24	OLM No Mass St. John Vincent Huck (Clay & Katlyn Miller) w Stations to follow	6:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 25	OLM Leo & Nadine Lang (Bob & Ilene Lang) St. John Helen Miller (Patricia Henke & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 26	OLM Laurie Offerman (Nancy Huck) St. John Terry Arnold (Arnold Huck) St. John Gladys Schilling (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,898.00 (42); Offertory \$391.50; Ave Maria Cemetery \$50.00 (1);
 Diocesan Retirement Fund \$565.00 (8)

50/50 Winner: Ivan Huck - Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/25 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 02/26 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/25 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
OLM: 02/26 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/25 (9:30AM) Sue Huck
OLM: 02/26 (4 PM) Cindy Schwendeman

Usher (Month of February)

Sat. Dale Gilham, **Volunteer Needed**
Sun. Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Let us awaken and prepare our hearts for the season of prayer and penitence. Our Mass schedules for Ash Wednesday, February 22 are as follows: Our Lady of Mercy- 9 AM and 7 PM and at St. John the Baptist- 8:20 AM (School Mass), Noon, and 7 PM.

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

*Nancy Schultheis	Sandy Spindler
Paige Schultheis	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will take place at St. Stephen, Caldwell on Saturday, March 11 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dr. John Bergsma will address the theme for the day of "Living the Cardinal Virtues". All men of the Steubenville Diocese are encouraged to attend; it will be worth your while.

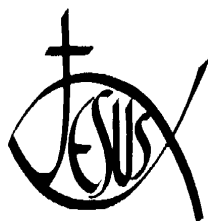
MARDI GRAS PARTY

To prepare for the Lenten season of fasting and abstinence, the Our Lady of Mercy C.W.C. is holding a Mardi Gras Dinner this Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM. The ladies of the C.W.C. will be providing the food and drinks. If you did not get a chance to sign up and plan to attend, please contact Elanda Fliehm at 740-525-3970. Please bring your favorite dessert and join in the family-friendly fun.

LENT GUIDELINES

-Ash Wednesday (OLM) Masses, 9AM and 7 PM
-Ash Wednesday (STJ) Masses, 8:20AM, 12N, 7 PM

During the Lenten season, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord thru prayer, reading the Scripture, and practicing certain self-control through fasting and abstinence. During Lent, there is to be no meat on Fridays for all Catholics starting at age 14; and practicing Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 should have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken sparingly at the other regular meal times if necessary, but they should combined to less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence outside the age limits include; the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, and women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, use common sense, no one should jeopardize their health by fasting.



A BUILDING FOR WORSHIP

For Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem was the holiest place on earth. A beautiful, gilded structure, it stood as a testament to God's faithfulness. But its splendor and holiness didn't come from its ornate decoration. It came from God's presence within. There, almighty God showed his glory. From there, he blessed his people and offered them a share in his mercy and love. So when St. Paul told the Corinthians that they were the temple of God, they would have recalled the physical Temple. But the idea that they were holy, like the Temple, must have seemed almost comical. Throughout his letter to them, Paul addresses the many weaknesses of the Corinthian church: their disordered worship, sexual immorality, immature faith, and failures to love. They didn't sound very holy at all. But Paul tells them that they aren't just like the Temple; they *are* the very temple of God—and God himself lives within them, by the Holy Spirit. How can this be? How could the all-holy God dwell amid sinful people like the Corinthians—and us, for that matter? This is the mystery of the mercy and power of God. Through the waters of baptism, God cleanses us of our sins and makes us worthy to receive his Spirit. He fills us with his own presence and makes us holy temples," set apart for him. God so desires to be close to us that he chooses to inhabit imperfect groups of imperfect people. The treasure of his presence dwells in "earthen vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7). And he dwells in you. You may not feel like a beautiful temple; you may feel more like a cracked clay pot. But what makes you holy is not your own goodness; it's Jesus himself, helping you every day, to be perfect, as he is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The First Sunday of Lent

22: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 Ps 51: 3-6,12-13,17
Rom 5: 12-19 Mt 4: 1-11

A VOCATION VIEW

The law of universal love in today's scripture is a difficult but compelling call. Answer the call for today, and try again tomorrow, and every day, for the rest of your life. This is the path of joy and peace!

(Matthew 5: 38-48)

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

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 03, March 17, March 31

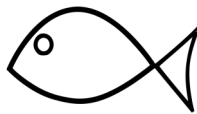
Adults - \$12.00, Children under 12 - \$6.00

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals

— Cost \$12.00 —

No need to call ahead.

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed below:



March 03- Kim Schwendeman 740-525-2769
March 17- Mark Rutter 740-706-1254
March 31- Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Feb. 19 Team #4 Derek Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

Feb. 26 Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 740-525-7925

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Canna has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Pre-Canna 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.

ST. JOHN'S CWC

St. John's CWC is holding a "Drive Thru Breakfast" at the K of C Hall, in Churchtown on Sunday, February 26, from 8 AM to 10 AM. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausage gravy/biscuit, and a drink for \$8.00. The cost for a child's breakfast, which includes pancake, bacon, scrambled eggs, and a drink for \$5.00.

GAMING FOR GOD

St. Bernard Youth Group is hosting a kid -friendly event on February 26 in St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly, from 6 to 8:30 PM, for children in grades 5th - 12th. All are invited to enjoy this faithful, fun, and food-filled event.

K OF C CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

K of C 4617, Churchtown is holding a Corn-hole Tournament on Sunday, February 26 inside of gym. Registration begins at 12:00 PM. A \$20.00 per team (bring your own partner) entry fee is required with an 60% payout to first and second place. For questions call/text Ian Alexander at 740-525-4898.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday- February 22, Service at 7 PM, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Pastor Travis Christman

Tuesday- February 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Don Archer; Soup Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 7, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Church; Supper at 6 PM , Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 24, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Pastor Travis Christman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM