

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207**

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**

## January 28, 2024

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. Jan. 27</b>	<b>OLM Stephen Kuchyt (Todd &amp; Katheryn Arnold)</b> St. John Betty Becker (Mona Barrett Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 28</b>	<b>OLM James W. Healy (Jim &amp; Peggy Huck)</b> St. John Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Don & Cheryl Miller)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Jan. 29</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Herb Mason (Eldon & Nancy Miller)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tues. Jan. 30</b>	<b>OLM Patricia Huck (2yr Annv. 01/31) (Beverly Michel)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. Jan. 31</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Bill Seyler (Mona Barrett Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thurs. Feb. 01</b>	<b>OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Feb. 02</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Frank Schilling (Jerry & Melinda Treadway)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Feb. 03</b>	<b>OLM Linda Huck (Max &amp; Tess Huck)</b> St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Feb. 04</b>	<b>OLM Kelton &amp; Helen Flieman (Dan &amp; Elanda Flieman)</b> St. John Martha Huck (Connie Arnold) St. John Lewis J. & Theresa Audrey Lang (Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM:** \$1,135.00 (46); Offertory \$245.25; Initial Offering \$18.00 (1); Solemnity of Mary \$5.00 (1);  
 Church Improvements \$10.00 (1)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Jim Gorrell– Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

#### Altar Servers

**OLM:** 02/03 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer  
**OLM:** 02/04 (9:30 AM) Sherry Wittekind

**OLM:** 02/03 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang  
**OLM:** 02/04 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

#### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Ushers (Month of February)

**OLM:** 02/03 (4 PM) Ed Schilling  
**OLM:** 02/04 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene

**SAT:** Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**  
**SUN:** Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

**Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund Collection** – Firstly, thank you for your generous response to last year's first annual collection for this purpose! It was a great start toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Plan. The collection, which is distinct from the collection for retired religious, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit, will be taken up on the weekend of February 3 & 4. Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. Thank you!

### 2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2023, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to (740) 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.

## OLM CWC

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

### JANUARY COMMITTEE

\*Rose Beebe                      Sandy Huck  
Rhonda Huck                     Heather Schaad  
Jennifer Anderson               Kristin Offenberger

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday,  
February 6 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please  
plan to attend.

### **CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER**

A Baked Steak Dinner will be held on Saturday,  
February 3, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, at the Our  
Lady of Mercy Church Parish Hall (dine-in or  
carry-out available). **No tickets will be sold at the  
door: tickets must be purchased in advance.**  
Please contact Kathryn Reed at 740-350-3496 by  
January 29 to purchase tickets or for any questions.  
The ticket cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for  
children 10 and under.

### **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:



### **February 23, March 08, March 22**

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:

**February 23** - Mark Rutter            740-706-1254  
**March 08** - Tony Offenberger        740-525-4823  
**March 22** - Kim Schwendeman       740-525-2769

### **WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS**



The flowers at Mary's Altar  
this weekend are in loving  
memory of **Stephen Kuchyt.**

By: Todd & Katheryn Arnold

## **INCOMING MESSAGE**

Addressing the Israelites as they are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses recalls what happened when God was about to give them the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. God announced his presence with lightning, thunder, a deafening shofar blast, and menacing dark smoke (Exodus 20:18-19). Terrified, the people backed away, saying, "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord!" (Deuteronomy 18:16). They begged Moses to go and bring God's word back to them! Now, knowing he was not going to be with them much longer, Moses promises that God will send them someone to take his place, "a prophet like me... to whom you shall listen" (Deuteronomy 18:15). What a relief! God promises they will never have to endure the trauma of hearing him directly. And so it was. In every generation, God raised up prophets for the people. Deborah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah: these and others heard God directly and proclaimed what they heard. But now, through Jesus, the living "Word" of God, everything has changed. By destroying sin and death, he has opened the pathway for us sinners to come before the all-holy God. Now, every single person can know God personally. Every single person can hear his voice—in Scripture, through the Church, and most important, in the depths of their hearts. You don't ever have to be afraid of coming into God's presence! In fact, he is already present in you! Through his Spirit, he is urging you to call out to him, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:15). He is waiting to receive you with open arms, to wash you clean in his mercy, and to fill your heart with his joy and consolation. Your heavenly Father has a message that he wants to speak to you today—a message meant only for you. So quiet your heart, calm your fears, and listen.

~The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

### *Prayer Intentions for January:*

#### **For the gift of diversity in the Church**

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing “the gift of different charisms within the Christian community.”

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**74: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 Ps 147: 1-6**

**1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39**

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### A VOCATION VIEW

People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

**(Mark 1: 21-28)**

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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, 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](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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### **LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)**

Items needed: cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more info you may call Judy Gilham (896-3266).

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### **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 09, 2024. 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 CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

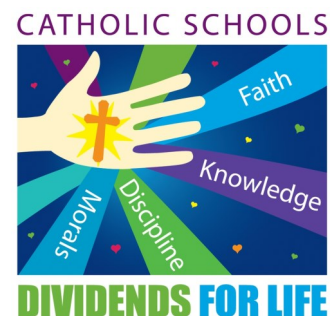
### **Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**Jan. 28** Team #5 Robin Eichmiller 740-336-8671

**Feb. 04** Team #6 Jeff Canterbury 740-984-4827

### **NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

National Catholic Schools Week is celebrated this week, January, 28 - February 3. St. John Central School combines Catholic faith and teachings with high standards for student achievement and academic excellence. All in a safe and welcoming environment, students learn to respect themselves and others. They are instilled with the knowledge of value of service as they prepare to become productive Christian citizens and leaders in their communities. They are centrally located and welcome guests to come and visit our school in Churchtown, OH at any time--no appointment necessary! We consider, St. John Central School, as a place to learn and to continuously grow in faith.



### **SUB SALE**

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale – February 10 & 11 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sales will go towards St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs at your requested Mass, it is recommended that you preorder by calling the school at (740) 896-2697. Thank you for your support.

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### **K OF C #4617 NEWS**

**K of C Winter Cash Drawing** will be held on Saturday, February 10 at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Tickets include: Cocktails 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:30, Drawing 7:30-9:00, Band 9:00-12:00. The GRAND PRIZE is \$4,000. For tickets contact Dean Brooker at 740-629-4884.

**K of C Scholarship** is accepting applications. Any area high school senior who is graduating this year may apply. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check. The application must be submitted by March 15. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!