

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

August 13, 2023

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**

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.



ASSUMPTION
OF MARY
AUGUST 15

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Aug. 12	OLM Chuck Schilling (His Children) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 13	OLM Patricia Stehly (1yr. Anniv.) (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Ruth Morris (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 14	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John John "Bill" Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	6:00 PM 5:00 PM
Tue. Aug. 15 (Assumption of Mary)	OLM Ralph & Helen Pottmeyer Family (Larry & Linda Pottmeyer) OLM Living & Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John Frank Schilling (Ed & Lois Arnold) St. John Robert Gaydosik (Edwin & Valarie Paulus)	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 AM 6:00 PM
Wed. Aug. 16	OLM No Mass St. John Dot Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)/ Judy Britton (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 17	OLM Living & Deceased of Clemence & Eulalie Huck Family (Ellen Huck) St. John Ruth Mayo (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 18	OLM No Mass St. John Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)/Mary Canterbury (Jerry Ellis Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 19	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heater Peters) St. John Gary Rauch (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 20	OLM Kenny Huck (Marilyn & Heater Peters) St. John Edith Brooker (Bill & Alberta Wesel) St. John Raymond & Blanche Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

Weekend of July 29 & 30:

OLM:\$1,556.00 (54); Offertory \$212.00; Improvement Fund \$150.00 (4); Votive \$42.80

Weekend of August 05 & 06:

OLM:\$3,838.00 (67); Offertory \$461.00; Improvement Fund \$50.00 (1); Assumption \$100.00 (1); St. John \$20.00 (1)

08/02 OLM 50/50 Winner: J.P. Reed – Congratulations!

08/09 OLM 50/50 Winner: Betty Strahler – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 08/19 (4 PM) Abby Offenberger
OLM: 08/20 (9:30AM) Sherry Wittekind

Altar Servers

OLM: 08/19 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Kasey Lang
OLM: 08/20 (9:30AM) Margret, Clara, and Emma Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

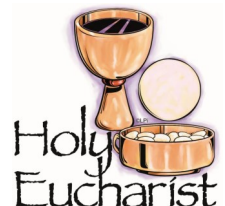
OLM: 08/19 (4PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 08/20 (9:30AM) Jason Morris

USHERS (Month of August)

SAT: Dave Walbert, **Volunteer** needed
SUN: Mike Huck, **Volunteer** needed

FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE ON VACATION

Are you traveling this summer? Check out masstimes.org and find a Catholic Church near you anywhere.



OLM CWC

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

AUGUST Committee

*Cindy Schwendeman Lois Strahler
Betty Morris Tina Long
Pauline Knoch Elanda Fliehman
Linda Phelps

NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The Pastoral Council needs the parish to elect 6 new Council members. Please prayerfully consider someone that you think would be a good person to be a part of this ministry; Martha Fliehman, Abby Offenberger, Alex Bauerbach, Jenna Huffman, Eric Fliehman, Brian Brooker, Stephen Huffman, Bri Fliehman, Evan Schaad, Michael Stehly, Richard Tornes, and Tom Fliehman. Parishioners are asked to select a total of six to serve a three-year term on the Pastoral Council.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On this Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** This means that, if we would miss going to Mass for this Feast through our own fault, we will suffer the pain of mortal sin and cannot receive the Eucharist until we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to attend any of the following Masses; a Vigil Mass is on Mon., Aug 14 at OLM at 6 PM or at St. John at 5 PM. Mass for Tues., Aug 15 at OLM 9 AM and 5 PM, and at St John at 8 AM and 6 PM.

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 (46) \$32, 500.00
Pledged to date \$35, 500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

OLM PARISH RECORD UPDATES

OLM Parish office records are in need of an update. If you have moved or have a different number, we are asking for your current contact information. Many of our parishioners have done away with their land phones and are just using cell phones. We want to update our parish roster and keep our information current. Please contact the parish office at 740-896-2207 if there are any changes. Thank you.

HIS HELPING HAND

Isn't it interesting how doubts often pop into our heads unbidden and unwanted? Peter was actually walking on water, just like Jesus. But when he took his focus off the Lord and noticed the strong wind, doubt entered his mind: Can I really do this? That's when he started to sink (Matthew 14:30). "Why did you doubt?" the Lord asks Peter after rescuing him (Matthew 14:31). That's a question we might ask ourselves at times. After all, we know how doubts can paralyze us, confuse us, or even lead us away from the Lord. And yet we are all prone to doubt. When we are suffering, we might wonder whether God loves us. If we've committed a serious sin, we might question whether God will forgive us. When we get discouraged by the evil in the world, we might doubt that God is really in control. Doubts are a natural human response to uncertainty, so we shouldn't berate ourselves for having them. Sometimes they don't even come from us; the evil one loves to plant doubts in our minds in order to shake up our faith. Whatever the case, they don't disqualify us from following Jesus. Just look at the apostle Thomas! Even a great saint like Therese of Lemieux struggled with doubts as she lay dying. The key is to deal with our doubts not by focusing on them but by calling out to the Lord as Peter did: "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30). And just as he did for Peter, Jesus will stretch out his hand to us. He will remind us of who he is: a loving, compassionate, merciful, and mighty God. He will help us recall all he has done for us. He will assure us that he will never leave us and that nothing will ever separate us from his love. You don't have to try to battle your doubts on your own. Jesus has come to save you—even from your doubts!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

118: Is 56: 1, 6-7 Ps 67: 2-8
Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 Mt 15: 21-28

A VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid; have faith and trust the Lord's call. Consider being a priest, brother, or sister.
(Matthew 14:22-23)

STEUBENVILLE SEMINARIANS

Every week in our church we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Some may wonder if those prayers are being heard. I do trust that God hears our prayers. We have received good news that the following young men will be seeking to discern a vocation in service to the Dioceses of Steubenville: Peter Stetson, Joseph Puorro, Samuel Ivkovich, Christopher McGurn, Caleb Baker, Jonathan Ruscoe, Aaron Pabin, John Paul Gan , and from our parish Riley Morris. Please continue your prayerful support for these young men as they embark upon this journey is of the utmost importance. It is through the power of prayer that those seeking the priesthood are sustained and nurtured. Let us pray that we continue to work on building a culture for vocations. If you are someone you know is interested in the religious life, please contact the Diocese of Steubenville, Office of Vocations; Fr. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ dsvocations
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website:
<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The OCIA is the normal way we bring people to our Catholic faith through weekly learning sessions. Below is a form you can fill out so that we might raise up some more people interested in the Catholic Faith and joining the church. Please return this form via the collection basket, by mail, or email for those individuals interested.

POSSIBLE OCIA CANDIDATE:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Aug. 13 Team # 5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925
Aug. 20 Team # 6 Jeff Canterbury 984-4827

AUGUST IS NATIONAL "MAKE - A -WILL" MONTH
The month which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you made a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for Our Lady of Mercy Church, Lowell or our cemeteries. Your legacy gift to Our Lady of Mercy will have a lasting impact on this ministry that will allow our mission to endure.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry next Saturday on Aug 19 from 5 to 8 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak—\$15.00, baked steak—\$10.00, grilled chicken—\$10.00, and no meat—\$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326.

Come support your local American Legion

KIDSFEST

St. John's Evangelical Church, Lowell is hosting a Family Fun Event on August 19 from Noon to 3 PM at Lowell Park on Buell Island. This event is free and open to the public. There will be face painting, a water slide, a bouncy hose, and a foam machine for all to enjoy. Volunteers are needed. If interested in helping with this event, contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-885-9439. Flyers are available at both entrances of the Church.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 20 at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$240.00 / four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles...it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God." ~St. John Damascene