

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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**

## **Respect of Life Sunday**

There will be a Life Chain event scheduled for this Sunday, October 01 from 2 PM to 3 PM on St. Rt. 60 south of city limits near Beverly, near Greenleaf on Muskingum Dr. in Marietta, and near Fruth Pharmacy on Washington Blvd. in Belpre.



## October 01, 2023

### THE TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN 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 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. Sept. 30</b>	<b>OLM Linda Huck (Jean Tornes)</b> St. John Donna Klinger (Steve & Rachel Klinger Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Oct. 01</b>	<b>OLM Terry Huck (Nancy Huck)</b> St. John William & Elizabeth Schilling (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Oct. 02</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Edith Brooker (Tom & Tammy Brooker) Judy Britton (Ted & Trina Miller)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tues. Oct. 03</b>	<b>OLM Living &amp; Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. Oct. 04</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Larry & Jackie Arnold (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Oct. 05</b>	<b>OLM Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (Tom &amp; Melody Tucker)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Oct. 06</b>	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Mary Huck (Jeff & Lorinda Lang) Adoration 5:00 Jim Thieman (Eldon & Nancy Miller)	<b>No Mass</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sat. Oct. 07</b>	<b>OLM Helene Willson (Rich Brack)</b> St. John Tillie Kern (Charlotte Lang & Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Oct. 08</b>	<b>OLM Living &amp; Deceased of David Bauerbach Family (Grace Bauerbach)</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Don & Cheryl Miller Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,925.00 (67); Offertory \$192.00; Immaculate Heart \$10.00 (1); St. Vincent De Paul \$23.00 (2); St. John School \$126.00 (8)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Paul Henderson – Congratulations!**

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Council) on October 17 at 7PM, in the basement of the social hall. Items on the agenda include: election of officers, security concerns, repairs to buildings and property, concerns of parishioners, and for the overall good of the parish. Please plan to attend.

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 10/07 (4 PM)** Sharon Pottmeyer  
**OLM: 10/08 (9:30AM)** Linda Miller

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 10/07 (4 PM)** Emma & Tim Snyder  
**OLM: 10/08 (9:30AM)** Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 10/07 (4PM)** Ed Schilling  
**OLM: 10/08 (9:30AM)** Jenna Huffman

#### USHERS (Month of October)

**SAT:** Tim Wittekind, John Pottmeyer  
**SUN:** Ron Miller, **Volunteer Needed**



### 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 (46)</b>	<b>\$33, 175.00</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$35, 500.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## OLM CWC

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

### October Committee

Jenna Long	Susan (Mike) Huck
Amy Lang	Denise Pottmeyer
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	

### **PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES**

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, November 1. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

### **PSR NEWS**

PSR registration for students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade will take place until Sunday, October 8. Registration information has been mailed to families of students who have attended PSR in prior years. For questions or to obtain registration information for new students, contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. Classes begin after Mass, Sunday, October 22.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Ohio March For Life is scheduled for Friday, October 06, 2023 at 11AM in Columbus. The Knights of Columbus councils from Churchtown, Marietta, and statewide have chartered a deluxe bus. The bus departs at 7:30 AM from the old Regal Theater Parking lot, Marietta, and returns at 5:30 PM. A bagged lunch will be provided. Reserve your seat and join the fight for Ohio's parental rights and the right to be born. A suggested donation of \$25 per seat is requested. If you cannot attend and would like to donate, or need a seat, please contact Ben Rutherford, [ben.rutherford@kofc.org](mailto:ben.rutherford@kofc.org) or 304-834-2099; or Matt Miller [milom2210@gmail.com](mailto:milom2210@gmail.com) or 330-243-5500.

### **TOGETHER WE STAND FOR THE UNBORN**

### **OCTOBER COUNTS**

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you.



## **A ENLIGHTENED CHOICE**

It wasn't an unusual beginning for a story. In Jesus' time, rabbis often used stories with two sons who respond to their father—and by extension, to God—in two different ways. So when Jesus told the chief priests and elders this parable, it didn't seem so different. Here, a father tells his sons to go work in his vineyard and gets two different answers. But ironically, despite their different responses, each son teaches us something similar about the free will that God has given us. The first son, who immediately said no to his father but afterwards went to work, teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's "no" wasn't the final answer for him; he thought better of his initial response and went on to do his father's will. The second son, who immediately said yes but did not do what his father wanted, *also* teaches us that it's always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's yes sounded like an obedient response to his father, but in the end, something made him change his mind and turn that "yes" to a "no." Jesus' parable tells us that changing your mind can work both ways. That's the blessing of free will that Ezekiel also describes in today's first reading. Imagine! God loves us so much that he gives us this freedom, even when it might mean—like that second son—that we turn away from him. But Ezekiel assures the Israelites of God's promise: when someone turns from wickedness and toward the Lord, they will receive mercy (Ezekiel 18:27-28). And that can happen no matter how long ago we have turned away from the Lord. So take heart! It's never too late to use your free will as God intended. If there's a way that you've turned from the Lord, be like the first son in Jesus' parable and return to him with all your heart.

~The Word Among Us

**POPE FRANCIS**  
**Prayer Intentions for October**  
**For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue; as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**139: Is 5: 1-7 Ps 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20**

**Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43**

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**A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to the priesthood or religious life.  
(Philippians 2: 1-11)

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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, Joseph Puorro, 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**

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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](#)

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**LADIES SPIRIT RETREAT DAY**

Come and renew your Spirit, Ladies Day of Retreat on October 14 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking. This is an opportunity to be inspired and energized about the faith, with keynote speakers; Sally Turner and Carrie Rose, uplifting music, group discussion, and time dedicated to Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided.

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**ROSARY RALLY**

Catholics from across the nation are organizing Public Square Rosary Crusades to pray for the conversion of our nation. A Rosary Rally will be held locally on Saturday, October 14, at Noon at the Armory(241 Front St), Marietta. Please join us in praying for our nation and for Ohio. For any questions, contact coordinator, Sarah Laskowski, at [laskowskifamily@hotmail.com](mailto:laskowskifamily@hotmail.com) or [440-897-2922](tel:440-897-2922).

**ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**Oct. 01** Team #4 Derek Pottmeyer 740- 885-9251  
**Oct. 08** Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925

St. John Central School Gala Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 18 at the K o f C Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM. This year's theme is "Casino Night". Tickets are \$100 each (admits 2 people) and includes entry in drawings (with over \$3,500 in prizes). Please contact Kristin (304) 989-0729 or Brandy Pottmeyer (304) 533-4803 for tickets.

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**K OF C FAMILY PICNIC**

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding a family picnic on Sunday, October 01, from Noon until 3 PM on the back patio of the K of C hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and some drinks will be provided. BYOB. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. All K of C members and their families are welcome to attend. There will be games and prizes for the kids. For any questions, text/call Derek Kern 740-516-7219. The Knights of Columbus 4617 will be collecting canned goods or monetary donations, to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society at this event. If you cannot attend and would still like to make a donation there will be a box on the back porch, for the remainder of the week. Thank you for your support!

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**DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be a week-long event, October 7-13, 2023, offered at Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. In conjunction with the Diocesan event, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon with the Rosary recited on the hour until Mass at 5:30 PM. St. John the Baptist, Churchtown will also have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon to 5 PM, on Monday, October 9th with the Rosary recited on the hour.



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**STATE WIDE-54-Day Rosary Novena**

The 54-Day Rosary Novena continues to be prayed from September 15 through Election Day, November 7, as Catholics across the state of Ohio are joining in prayer for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of the dangerous constitutional amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. For more information, please visit [www.pray54ohio.org](http://www.pray54ohio.org).