

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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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**



March 10, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. March 09	OLM Marian Stalter (Jim & Peggy Huck) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Parish)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 10	OLM Earl & Francis Thieman (Connie Schwendeman) St. John Special Intentions (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Diane Arnold (Ralph & Leora Huck Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 11	OLM No Mass St. John Jim Thieman (Eldon & Nancy Miller)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. March 12	OLM Kelton Flieman (03/11) (2 yr. Ann.) (Dan & Elanda Flieman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. March 13	OLM No Mass St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Bill & Roberta Dent) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. March 14 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM L & D Members of Herbert Huck Family (Max Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 15 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM No Mass St. John Rita Schwendeman (Mile Wolfe Family)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 16	OLM Ron Smith (03/15) (1 yr. Ann.) (Minnie Smith) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 17	OLM Dan Brooker (Tom & Martha Flieman) St. John Patty Huck (Family) St. John Clarence Walter (Charlotte Lang Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,141.00 (65); Offertory \$235.00; Churches in Europe \$1.00 (1); Rice Bowl \$149.00 (18);
 St. John School \$1.00 (1); OLM Cemetery \$26.00 (2)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Bruce Schaad – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/16 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 03/17 (9:30 AM) Abigail Offenberger

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/16 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 03/17 (9:30 AM) Martha Flieman

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/16 (4 PM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis
OLM: 03/17 (9:30 AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Ushers (Month of March)

SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Flieman

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 12, at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Dan Beals; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 19, at the St. John Church, Lowell with Kevin Lauer; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

PENANCE SERVICE

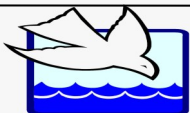
Penance Services at 7 PM are scheduled as follows:

St Bernard, Beverly - Thursday, March 14

St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday, March 18

Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell -Tuesday, March 19

St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday, March 20



2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign
“One Lord, one faith, one baptism. ~ Ephesians 4:5



OLM CWC

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

March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

WOMENS' SPIRITUALITY DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville is next Saturday, March 16 at the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding its the last fish fry for this Lenten Season on Friday, March 22 from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM.

Fry Boss - Kim Schwendeman 740-525-2769

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

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals

— Cost \$12.00 —



No need to call ahead.



OUR PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN SABLAN

St. Bernard, Beverly will be hosting a Catholic guest speaker and podcaster, John Sablan, who refers to himself as "Man on Fire", on Sunday, March 17, and Monday, March 18, at 7 PM. He will speak for about an hour each night and will focus on deepening our faith and the basics of evangelization. There will be opportunities to ask questions, meet the speaker, and purchase some of his items. For more information or questions call St. Bernard Catholic Church at 740-984-2555.

THANK YOU

Jim Huck and the Huck Family would like to thank everyone for their cards and blessings on Jim's 90th birthday celebration. *We are truly blessed.*

Daylight Savings Time this Sunday, March 10th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead.



– INTERCESSIONS FOR US – GRACE

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to "everyone who believes" in Jesus. They will have eternal life (John 3:15). They will not perish (3:16). They will not be condemned (3:18). But what does it mean to *believe in him*? We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that he is who he says he is. And it does. We agree with the truth that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge his miracles and the wisdom of his teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. As James says, "Even the demons believe that and tremble" (2:19). The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it's a decision to place our trust in someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave. St. John Henry Newman talked about the importance of our relationship with Jesus when he said, "No man will be a martyr for a conclusion" (*An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent*). But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It's a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief isn't possible without God's initial intervention. The *Catechism* puts it succinctly: "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (155). Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him. As you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March:

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

35: Jer 31: 31-34 Ps 51: 3-4, 12-15

Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33

A VOCATION VIEW

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. What can we give in return?

(John 3: 14-21)

STEBENVILLE 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 or

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

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

The "SEARCH" for Christian Ministry weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is coming up at St. John Central Grade School. Boy's weekend will be held March 15 -17 and the girl's weekend will be held March 22 -24. The deadline for applications is March 10. You can find an applications on the St. John Parish website at <https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/>. Or for more information, contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763.

STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, March 16, 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 a roll. For all take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 10 Team #3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

March 17 Team #4 Derek Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

PURSE BINGO



St. John Central School is currently selling purse bingo tickets. The purse bingo will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 7 PM at the K of C Hall,

Churchtown. Tickets are \$25 each or a table reservations for 8 people is \$40; forms are available upon request. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the school at 740-896-2697 or any St John Central Family.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

K of C 4617, Churchtown – is holding a Corn-hole Tournament this Sunday, March 10 inside the hall/ gym. Registration begins at 12 PM. A \$20.00 per team entry fee is required with an 60% payout for first and second place. Bring your own partner. For any questions, please, call or text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

K of C 4617 Scholarship, Churchtown – is accepting Scholarship Applications. One boy and one girl from the area who is gradating high school this year may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council Scholarship. The application must be submitted by March 15. The application link is <https://forms.gle/9dEuaKinPD8oSx27>. Any questions contact, Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470. Good luck to all applicants!

K of C 478, Marietta -will be hosting a 4th Degree meeting on Sunday, March 17 at 2 PM. This is an important meeting as they will be discussing the approval of new members. All 4th Degree Members are encouraged to attend.

K of C 4617, Churchtown - will host a Disaster Preparedness Community Event on Monday, March 18 at 6 PM. The topics of conversation will be Fire Safety, Active Shooters at Church and Schools, Natural Disaster Planning, Community Outreach, and how we all can help! Presenters will include: the Watertown Volunteer Fire Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department. All are welcome to attend this FREE event. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

K of C 15569, Little Hocking, – will be holding fish fries each Friday during lent at the St. Ambrose Church Hall from 5 PM to 7 PM. Cost of fish dinner \$13.00 and includes piece of cod, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, green beans, roll, dessert, and drink. Cheese pizza slices for \$2.00 is also available.