

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 17, 2024

THE FIFTH 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.


Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Mon. March 18	OLM No Mass St. John James Arnold (Ann. 3/19)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. March 19	OLM Darren Cheeseman (Greg & Marlene Greene) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. March 20	OLM No Mass St. John Larry Schaad (Tom Wells Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. March 21 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM Gilbert Paul Huck (Lisa Berendts) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 22 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM No Mass St. John Francis Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 23	OLM Tess Huck (Lillian Schilling) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Raymond Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	OLM Richard & Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens) St. John Leora Arnold (Larry & Nora Huffman) St. John Edna Smith (Ann.) (Jerry Smith Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,865.00 (61); Offertory \$220.00; Churches in Europe \$10.00 (1); Rice Bowl \$90.00 (2);
 Catholic Relief \$78.00 (7); Easter Flowers \$55.00 (3)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Rachel Heldman – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/23 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 03/24 (9:30 AM) Tony Offenberger,
Palm Sunday Eric Flieman

OLM: 03/23 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
OLM: 03/24 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

Ushers (Month of March)

OLM: 03/23 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 03/24 (9:30 AM) Cindy Schwendeman

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

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

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. 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	

LAST 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
All Help is greatly appreciated.

Adults - \$12.00, Children under 12 - \$6.00
Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals
— Cost \$12.00 —
No need to call ahead.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend- March 23 & 24

Lowell- Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM
Churchtown- Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, 11 AM

Tuesday March 26 -Chrism Mass - 2 PM,
at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

Holy Thursday March 28 -7 PM - Mass of
the Lord's Supper, Mass at Lowell and at Church-
town with Adoration after Mass until 10 PM

Good Friday March 29 - 3 PM - Stations of the
Cross, **7 PM - The Passion of the
Lord,** At Lowell and at Church-
town

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass,
March 30 - 8:00PM** - At Lowell and
at Churchtown

Easter Sunday Mass, March 31-
Lowell- 9:30AM
Churchtown 7:30AM and *9AM Mass



CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Peggy Huck and to
the entire family of Jim Huck, who passed away
on Sunday, March 10, 2024. May the
many blessings that Jim brought to
his wife, family, and our parish com-
munity never be forgotten. Eternal
rest grant unto him, O Lord.



THE LORD WILL RAISE YOU UP

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being "lifted up" (3:14). Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM" (8:28). Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death. This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified—and brought glory to his Father's name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit"—our salvation—is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death. Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever. Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

~ 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

37: Mk 11: 1–10 Ps 22: 8–9, 17–20, 23–24

Phil 2: 6–11 Mk 14: 1–15:1-39

A VOCATION VIEW

We should like to see Jesus. Where and how do we see Jesus? Pray for a clear vision of Jesus in the Body of Christ that surrounds us: in the poor, the outcast, and the suffering. Pray for the grace to stand with them.

(John 12: 20-33)

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](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or

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

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.

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, please contact Judy Gilham at 740- 896-3266.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

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

March 24 Team #5 Robin Eichmiller 740-336-8671

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. Must be 18 or older. 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 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT–

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass, on March 31 after the 9 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown and the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly for children 0 –12 years old. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to their parish before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For more information or questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.



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.