

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



LENT

February 25, 2024

THE SECOND 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. Feb. 24	OLM Beth Brady (Linda Phelps) St. John Martha Huck (Brandon & Ashleigh Hendershot Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 25	OLM Clarence Zwick (Richard & Melissa Tornes) St. John Helen Miller (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Leora Arnold (Gary & Edna Arnold)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 26	OLM No Mass St. John Annett Bonar (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Feb. 27	OLM Ecumenical Service (With Soup Supper at 6 PM) St. John No Mass	*7:00 PM* No Mass
Wed. Feb. 28	OLM No Mass St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Tim & Marilyn Zoller)	No Mass 8:20 AM <i>School Mass</i>
Thurs. Feb. 29 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM Wilford Huck (Gary & Rose Bebee) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 01 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (STJ Parish)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 02	OLM Jerry Huck (Ken & Evelyn Arnold) St. John Mary Canterbury (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 03	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John Larry Schaad (Evan & Heather Schaad Family) St. John Allene Huck(Vincent Huck Siblings)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,235.00 (57); Offertory \$443.32; European Churches \$180.00 (18); OLM Cemetery \$40.30

OLM 50/50 Winner: Beth Bauerbach – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/02 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
OLM: 03/03 (9:30 AM) Sherry Wittekind

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/02 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 03/03 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene

Altar Servers

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

Ushers (Month of March)

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

2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism. ~ Ephesians 4:5



You may have received a letter from Bishop Bradley asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Your gifts to the DPSC brings to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including care for retired priests; seminarian formation; administrative support for Catholic schools; Catholic news and evangelization (especially through the Steubenville Register); assistance for those most in need through Catholic Charities; and much more. The DPSC also provides essential support to our parish, as 100% of all funds raised above the parish goal are returned to our parish. These funds help parishes live out the mission of the Church by providing for a wide variety of needs, such as construction or renovation projects, youth ministry programs, evangelization initiatives, and outreach programs for the poor. As we continue to discern the future direction of our diocese, it is imperative that we continue to fund the essential ministries and services so that the work of the Church can continue. Please be assured that all funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 3rd. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year's campaign.

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair)	Sandy Spindler
Paige Ompach	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	

LENTEN FISH FRY



will be holding fish fries on the

following Fridays from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

March 08, March 22.

March 08 – Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823

March 22 – Kim Schwendeman 740-525-2769

Help is needed for prep work on Wednesday, Feb.
21 at 3 PM and Thursday Feb.22 at 9 AM.

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

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals

— Cost \$12.00 —

No need to call ahead.

ONCE A WEEK CHALLENGE

Lent, as we know, is a time to actively seek ways we can grow in our relationship with the Lord. One of the best ways is by receiving the Eucharist as often as we can. The ONCE A WEEK CHALLENGE is to attend Mass during the week at least once every week this Lent.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 09 with guest speaker Dr. Alan Schreck. This year's theme "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Registration starts at 8 AM. Forms for registration at back of church or you may register online at <https://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day>. Please mark your calendars.

WOMENS' SPIRITUALITY DAY

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 16 at the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3018 by March 04 to make a \$25.00 reservation.

CARD SHOWER

A card shower is requested for Jim Huck's 90th birthday on March 03. Please wish him all the best on his special day by sending your birthday wishes and cards to Jim Huck c/o Waterview Pointe, 117 Bartlett St., Marietta, OH 45750.

A RESPLENDENT APPEARENCE

Today we hear Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration and get a snapshot of his divinity. Six days after predicting his death and resurrection, Jesus shows his glory to Peter, James, and John (Mark 8:31; 9:2-8). In a flash, the disciples' eyes are opened. They can see who Jesus truly is. He is more than a good rabbi, a miraculous healer, or a gifted preacher. He is greater than even Moses or Elijah! Jesus is *God*. Jesus' disciples didn't fully grasp their mountaintop vision or how they would need to cling to it as Jesus headed toward the cross. They didn't know how their faith would be tested or how important it was that Jesus was more than just a man. And they didn't know what Jesus meant when he said he would die and rise again. But Jesus knew. That's why he told them to keep the revelation to themselves until he "had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:9). In his transfiguration, Jesus was giving his disciples a gift to sustain them for the day of his crucifixion. On that day there would not be three tents but three crosses. Jesus would not stand between Moses and Elijah; he would hang between "two revolutionaries" (Mark 15:27). On that day they would abandon their teacher and Lord to his cruel end. But Jesus' transfiguration not only helped the disciples during his crucifixion. Even more, it foreshadowed an even greater revelation of his divinity: the resurrection! Jesus' glory was just as present on the cross as it was on the mountaintop. The disciples just couldn't see it. They needed a heavenly perspective—and so do we. That's why Jesus invites us to go up the mountain every day for a glimpse of his glory: to see Jesus, the Son of God, who will be with us always, to the end of time. So whether you're at Mass or confined to your bed, look to Jesus today. Ask him to open your eyes. Let him strengthen your faith and fill you with hope!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February:

For the Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Lent

29: Ex 20: 1-17 Ps 19: 8-11

1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25

A VOCATION VIEW

Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart?

(1 Corinthians 1: 22-25)

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

MARY'S HOUSE BAG BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 24, at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and a concession stand.

ST. BERNARD'S PASSION PERFORMANCE

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their annual Lenten performance of People of The Passion on Sunday, March 03 at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

~St. Rose of Lima

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Feb. 25 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538
March 03 Team #2 Jessica Henke 740-896-3705

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

**Tuesday- February 27, at Our Lady
of Mercy Catholic Church with Fr.**

**Dave Gaydosik; Supper at 6 PM,
Service at 7 PM**



Tuesday- March 05, at the Highland Ridge Church with
Pastor Travis Chrisman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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

ST. JOHN CWC BREAKFAST

A Dine in / Drive-thru breakfast will be held at the K of C Hall, Churchtown on Sunday, February 25 from 8 AM to 10 AM. An adult meal of eggs, bacon, home fries, biscuit/sausage gravy, and a drink is \$10. A kids meal of pancakes, bacon, eggs and a drink is \$5. There will also be a bake sale sponsored by the Churchtown Busy Bunch 4-H Club. All are welcome to attend.

LOWELL ELEMENTARY PTO

The Lowell Elementary PTO is hosting an Spring Bag Bingo on Saturday, March 2 at the school. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00 for early bird or \$25 at the door. To purchase early bird tickets or for more information contact Lowell Elementary at 740-896-2523. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, country store with local vendors, and a concession stand.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

The SEARCH weekend for the boys and girls is scheduled and coming up. If you are between 16-21 years of age and interested in attending you will need to contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763 before March 10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

K of C 4617, Churchtown – is holding a Corn-hole Tournament on 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 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. Pizza slices for \$2.00 is also available.