

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

August 20, 2023

THE TWENTIETH 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**

Parish Council: Council Meetings will be
announced.

Men's Club: Meetings will be announced.

Catholic Women's Club: Meetings will
be held the first Tuesday of the month at
6:30 PM in the parish social hall.

Knights of Columbus: Meet on the 1st
and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM
at the K of C Hall, Churchtown.

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

Sat. Aug. 19	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Gary Rauch (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 20	OLM Kenny Huck (Marilyn & Heather 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
Mon. Aug. 21	OLM No Mass St. John Cheryl Brooker (Mary Brooker Family) / Justine Tornes (Jerry & Melinda Treadway)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 22	OLM Terry Arnold (David & Tina Long) St. John Dave Pottmeyer (Russ & Bettina Lang)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 23	OLM No Mass St. John <i>School Mass</i> James M. Barrett (Romona Barrett & Family)/ Thurman Warnock (Regis Huck)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Aug. 24	OLM The Smith & Benson Families (Ron & Minnie Smith) St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 25	OLM No Mass St. John Harry Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) Kelton Fliehman (Connie Arnold)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 26	OLM Bernard ‘Buzzard’ Brooker (3 yr. Anniv.) (Julia Brooker) St. John Carl Lang Sr. (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 27	OLM Linda Huck (4 yr. Anniv.) (Ray & Lois Strahler) St. John Edith Brooker (Bill & Alberta Wesel) St. John L & D Lewis J. & Audrey Lang (Romona Barrett & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$2,212.00 (65); Offertory \$327.00; Improvement Fund \$105.00 (7); Assumption \$507.00 (34);
 St. John \$20.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Bri Fliehman – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 08/26 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 08/27 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 08/26 (4 PM) Tim & Emma Snyder
OLM: 08/27 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 08/26 (4PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 08/27 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene

USHERS (Month of August)

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

50/50 HALL CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the 50/50 weekly drawings. Because of your generosity, \$4,500 has been made available to the hall fund for needed upkeep and repairs to our parish hall. Thank you!

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 Flielman
Linda Phelps

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.

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 Flielman, Abby Offenberger, Alex Bauerbach, Jenna Huffman, Eric Flielman, Brian Brooker, Stephen Huffman, Bri Flielman, Evan Schaad, Michael Stehly, Richard Tornes, and Tom Flielman. Parishioners are asked to select a total of six to serve a three-year term on the Pastoral Council.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers at Mary's
Altar this weekend are in
loving memory of

Bernard Brooker

by Julie Brooker

ALL ARE WELCOME

Did you notice a theme in today's readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God's "house," will become a house of prayer "for all peoples," wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church—God's house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy. Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don't belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the "all peoples" whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

- Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.
- Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober—and who introduced her to the Lord.
- Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus' forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus' heart breaks for those who don't yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who do know him. That's us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don't have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us.

~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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

121: Is 22: 19-23 Ps 138: 1-3, 6,8
Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20

A VOCATION VIEW

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. As a church, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

(Isaiah 56:6-7)

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>

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains located at the back of the church for LAMB. Items needed: cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, bags of noodles, gravy, and paper products. For more information, call Judy Gilham at 740-896-3266.



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Aug. 20 Team # 6 Jeff Canterbury 984-4827
Aug. 27 Team # 7 Brandon Wheeler 336-0350

St. John Central School is starting next week on Wednesday, August 23. The School Mass time for Wednesday is 8:20 AM. For those wishing to attend. *Dear Lord, As our children begin a new school year, let us pray that you will keep them and our teachers, school administrators, bus drivers, school support staff, friends and classmates in your care.*

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.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance For Loss of a Child: It is a terrible thing to lose a child or a grandchild. Whether by accident, miscarriage, or some other tragedy, you can turn to the Lord for comfort and healing. Bishop Monforton will offer two Masses of Remembrance. One on Saturday, September 09 at 10 AM at St. Agnes Church, Mingo Junction and the other on Saturday, October 28 at 9 AM at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome to attend.

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There is gathering of the faithful to pray for the Lord to intercede for your family, our nation, and the Catholic Church. This event will have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and around the clock Hourly Rosary. This week long event; October 7-13, 2023 will be offered at Triumph of the Cross/Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, St. Joseph, Ironton, and locally at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. For more information on how to participate at the Marietta location contact Shelly at 740-525-6360.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

This Wednesday, August 23, from 4 PM to 8 PM on Lowell Buell Island there will be a local community event. Food, local produce, crafters, yard sale, and flea market vendors are welcome. Set-up for the event starts at 2 PM. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.