

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Steubenville

## April 23, 2023

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor**

Cell: 740-391-1093

**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. April. 22	<b>OLM Clarence &amp; Gertrude Huck (The Family)</b> St. John Bernard & Joanne Strahler (Children)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 23	<b>OLM Alexis Rogers Davis (Jason &amp; Jennifer Morris)</b> St. John Albert Henke (Patricia Henke & Family) St. John Judy Britton (Michael & Margaret Wolfe)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April. 24	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Margaret Klinger (STJ Parish)	8:00 AM
Tue. April. 25	<b>OLM Jerry Huck (The Paul Bauerbach Family )</b> St. John Frank Schilling (Jerry & Melinda Treadway)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Wed. April. 26	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Dave Erb (Ken Gebhart Family)	<i>School Mass</i> 8:20 AM
Thur. April. 27	<b>OLM Mary Nicholson( Jason &amp; Jennifer Morris)</b> St. John James & Maglene Arnold (Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
Fri. April. 28	<b>OLM No Mass</b> St. John Gladys Schilling (Patty Finkle)	8:00 AM
Sat. April. 29	<b>OLM Chuck &amp; Sandy Schilling (Their Children)</b> St. John Alice Lang (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 30	<b>OLM Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)</b> St. John Vincent Huck (Children) St. John Mary E. Huck (Chris & Jenny Semon)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,416.00 (55); Offertory \$182.00; Easter Offering \$55.00 (2); Solemnity of Mary \$7.00 (1);  
 Improvement Fund \$25.00 (10)

**50/50 Winner: Tom Fliehman- Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

OLM: 04/29 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer  
 OLM: 04/30 (9:30AM) Abigail Offenberger

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 04/29 (4 PM) Kasey Lang, Jackson Long  
 OLM: 04/30 (9:30AM) Margaret, Clara, and Emma Morris

#### Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/29 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind  
 OLM: 04/30 (9:30AM) Ken Long

#### USHERS (Month of April)

SAT: Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang  
 SUN: Cecil Bauerbach, **Volunteer**



### 2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

**“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!”**

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	<b>\$18,246.00</b>
Pledged to date (32)	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
Paid to date	<b>\$22,750.00</b>

By supporting the D/PSC, we promote the Church’s call to give thanks both on a diocesan level and on a parish level. All monetary contributions over the set goals will be returned to the parish.

## OLM CWC

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

### April Committee

Sandy Wagner	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Maureen Cunningham	Tonya Arnold
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	Nancy Huck



### **SUPPORT ENVELOPES**

Support envelopes will soon be removed from the back of the church so be sure to pick them up. There have been no changes

this year, so please check the number and address on the box. If there are any corrections, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207 or place a note in the collection basket. Thank you for your patience and your support!

### **FIRST COMMUNION AT OLM**

This important event in the life of our youth and our parish will take place at the 9:30 AM Mass next week, April 30. Please pray for our First Communicants: Jaxzen Anderson and Alexa Hunter, as they make their final preparation for receiving our Lord for the first time.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Relay for Life will be held on May 20 at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!

### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to David Arnold over the death of his brother, Charles M. Arnold, who passed away on Sunday April 16, may Charles be welcome into the Lord's arms, and may the Lord's grace give strength to Dave and his family in their time of need.



## **HAVE A LITTLE FAITH**

In today's familiar Gospel, a disciple named Cleopas and his companion walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were leaving Jerusalem, a place of disappointment and dashed hopes, where their Master had suffered and died. But on that path of sadness and doubt, Jesus spoke and "opened the Scriptures" to them, even though they failed to recognize him (Luke 24:32). Patiently, Jesus explained how all the Scriptures pointed to him. Step-by-step, the risen One brought their faith back to life. Perhaps the women's story of an empty tomb could be true! Could this have been God's plan all along? Slowly, their grief-stricken hearts grew warm; they hungered to hear more. "Stay with us," they pleaded (Luke 24:29). And once he broke the bread, their eyes were opened: they knew it was Jesus. Today the same Jesus who walked the road to Emmaus will be speaking to *you* through the Scriptures at Mass. These aren't just wise words from a gifted teacher or an ancient book. It is Jesus himself, the living Word of God, speaking to you. He will meet you wherever you are: whether you're just starting out in your journey of faith or you've been following him for years. Whether you have questions or you're sure of what you believe, Jesus will still open his word to you. He loves to stir your heart! Don't you want the hope that comes from hearing Jesus speak his words? Don't you want more confidence that he will speak to you through his words? And don't you want deeper faith that he is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the altar? Jesus wants this even more than you do! Open your heart to the Lord; listen as he speaks through his word. He will not disappoint.

~ The Word Among Us

## POPE FRANCIS

### Prayer Intentions for April

#### For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

49 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-6

1 Pt 2: 20b-25 Jn 10: 1-10

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#### A VOCATION VIEW

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. How do I recognize Jesus? Am I being called to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?

(Luke 24: 13-35)

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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**

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. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @dsvocations

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

Diocesan Vocation Website:

<http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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#### ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Church Annual Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 14 at the social hall in Harriettsville, Ohio. Dinners will include chicken & ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and beverages. A raffle, craft table, and carry-out will also be available.

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*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."*

~ [John Paul II](#)

## ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

### Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 23 Team #5 Michelle Schwendeman 525-7925

April 30 Team #6 Jeff Canterberry 984-4827

### SCHOOL PLAY

St. John Central School presents Disney's The Lion King, Jr. The school play will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Marietta High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6 PM. All are welcome.

### TEACHING POSITIONS/ REGISTRATION

There are openings for a Full-Time Certified First, Third, and Fourth Grade Teacher, as well as a Fifth - Eighth Grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher at St. John Central School (Churchtown). Interested applicants should call the school office at 740-896-2697 or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623. St. John School is still accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

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### OPEN HOUSE

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its Annual Open House Tour Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023; there will be guided tours of the buildings, chapels, and the grounds. Josephinum is one of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy. Tours will highlight the extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. To register online and select your preferred tour time slot, please visit: [apps.pcj.edu/openhouse](https://apps.pcj.edu/openhouse). Last year, this event brought a record number of guests to our beautiful campus. We are looking forward to opening our doors once again and sharing Josephinum College with both familiar friends and new visitors!

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### K OF C NEWS

#### STEAK FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 478, Marietta will host a Steak Fry benefit on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5:30 -7:30 PM. Meals will include steak (chicken), baked potato, salad, roll, and a dessert all for only \$20.00. Meals by reservation only. Please contact Matt Miller by April 25; text or call 330-243-5500 or email [milom2210@gmail.com](mailto:milom2210@gmail.com). All proceeds to benefit Tony Offenberger running for State Warden of the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

#### NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 06. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.