

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

March 26, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



FIFTH SUNDAY
In 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 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. March. 25	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John L & D of Vince Stollar Family (Vince Stollar Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March. 26	OLM Linda Huck (Charlotte Lang) St. John John and Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Rita Schwendeman (Erin & Sharon Pottmeyer Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March. 27	OLM No Mass St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	8:00 AM
Tue. March 28	OLM Patricia Huck (Mike & Zandra Francis) St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM*
Wed. March. 29	OLM No Mass St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Lois Stephen) School Mass	8:20 AM
Thur. March. 30	OLM No Mass Stations of the Cross only St. John No Mass	*6:30 PM*
Fri. March. 31	OLM No Mass St. John Edna Smith (Jerry Smith Family) <i>w Stations to follow</i>	6:00 PM
Sat. April. 01	OLM Larry Zwick (Don & Janet Zwick) St. John Kevin Arnold (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April. 02 Palm Sunday	OLM Bernie Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Penny Schwendeman (Greg & Carol Antill) St. John Robert Gaydosik (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless Those Who Support Our Parish!

OLM:\$1,018.00 (37); Offertory \$349.50; Easter Flowers \$20.00 (1); Ave Cemetery \$20.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Martha Stevens- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/01 (4 PM) Heather Peters, Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 04/02 (9:30AM) Dan Flieman, Tony Offenberger

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/01 (4 PM) Ross, Kate, & Aston Schultheis
OLM: 04/02 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/01 (4 PM) Fay Heiss
OLM: 04/02 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene

USHERS (Month of April)

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



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please place your envelope with the name (s) of who you would like to remember and drop it in the collection basket.

ENVELOPES ARE IN AND LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH!!!

OLM CWC

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

March Committee

*Debbie Misel Angie (Tracy) Lang
Dorothy Huck Jenna Huffman
Linda Pottmeyer Denise Stehly
Kristin Offenberger

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

"The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!"

~ St. John Chrysostom

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$18, 246.00

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.

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Services at 7 PM are scheduled as follows:

St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday,
March 27

**Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell - Tuesday,
March 28**

St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday,
March 29

St Bernard's, Beverly - Thursday,
March 30

St Ambrose, Little Hocking - at **6 PM** Sunday,
April 02

We hope to have at least three area priests available for confessions.

THANK YOU

To All of Our Lady of Mercy Parish,
Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for all your prayers, get well cards, calls, and visits to Tess during her recent illness. May God bless you all.

~ Max and Tess Huck ~



CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Minnie Smith and her family and to the entire family of Ron Smith, who passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

May the many blessings that Ron brought to his wife, family, our parish, and our community never be forgotten. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

EMPATHY NOT SYMPATHY

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this? Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them. Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was "deeply troubled" (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times. The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve. If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for March

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

38: Is 50:4 -7 Ps 22: 8-9, 17-24

Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 26:14 —27:66

A VOCATION VIEW

Untie him, and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother.

(John 11: 1-45)

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:

Peter Stetson

John Paul Gan

Jonathan Ruscoe

Christopher McGurn

Sam Ivokovich

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend-April 01 & 02

Lowell- Saturday at 4PM, Sunday 9:30AM

Churchtown- Saturday 6PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 11AM

Tuesday April 04-Christm Mass 7PM, at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

Holy Thursday April 06- 7PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper, Mass at Lowell and at Churchtown with Adoration after Mass until 10 PM

Good Friday April 07- 3PM - Stations of the Cross, **7PM - The Passion of the Lord**, At Lowell and at Churchtown

Holy Saturday April 08 - 8:00PM - **The Easter Vigil Mass**, At Lowell and at Churchtown

Easter Sunday April 09-

Lowell- 9:30AM Mass

Churchtown 7:30AM and *9AM Mass



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

March 26 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 740-749-3538

April 02 Team #2 Jessica Henke 740- 896-3705

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION



SJC is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. St. John Central has been providing a quality education for our students for over 60 years. The school is fully accredited, and offers a complete academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For more information, please call the school office at 740-896-2697.

LAST OF LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 28, at the Highland Ridge Church with Pastor Travis Christman; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM.

K OF C NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members, there will be an EGG HUNT held after 9:30 AM Mass at OLM on Easter Sunday, April 09. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to the parish hall before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt. For information or questions, contact Tony Offenberger at 740-525-4823.

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.

LAST LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding their last fish fry of the year on Friday, **March 31**, from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

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

Drive Thru Pickup for All To-Go Meals

— Cost \$12.00 —

No need to call ahead.

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss, Tony Offenberger, at 740-525-4823.