

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**

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.

October 29, 2023

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. Oct. 28	OLM Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang) St. John Mary Luella Arnold (Schwendeman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 29	OLM Terry Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 30	OLM No Mass St. John Harold Gebhart (Ken Gebhart Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Oct. 31	OLM Darren Cheeseman (Scott & Lisa Hart Family) St. John People of the Parish	5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 01 (All Saints)	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barret Family) <i>School Mass</i>	9:00 AM 8:20 AM
	OLM John Karol Morris (7 yr. Anniv.) (Tony & Kristin Offenberger) St. John Mary Canterbury (Chris Lang Family)	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thurs. Nov. 02 (All Souls)	OLM Souls in Purgatory (Jason & Jennifer Morris) <small>Rosary in Cemetery to Follow</small> ~ Rosary at the Ava Maria Cemetery~ St. John Caroline Sue Saffell (Patricia Henke Family) <small>Rosary in Cemetery to Follow</small>	5:00 PM Noon 8:00 AM
Fri. Nov. 03	OLM No Mass St. John Howard & Edna Dyar (Family) With Adoration	No Mass **6:00 PM**
Sat. Nov. 04	OLM Dorothy Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Kelton & Helen Flichman (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 05	OLM Kelton & Helen Flichman (Dan & Elanda Flichman) St. John Rita Shrider (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Fr. Charles Moran (Parish)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,584.00 (61); Offertory \$242.42; World Mission(4) \$35.00; Cemetery Fund (1) \$25.00;
 All Souls (1) \$70.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Ray Strahler – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 11/01 (6 PM) Linda Miller
 OLM: 11/04 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
 OLM: 11/05 (9:30AM) Dan Flichman

Altar Servers

OLM: 11/01 (6 PM) Margret, Clara, & Emma Morris
 OLM: 11/04 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
 OLM: 11/05 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 11/01 (6 PM) Ron Miller
 OLM: 11/04 (4 PM) Tim Wittekind
 OLM: 11/05 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman

USHERS (Month of November)

SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
 SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

2023 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

Our Lady of Mercy Goal:	\$18, 246.00
Paid to date (48)	\$34, 400.00
Pledged to date	\$36, 150.00



“The Eucharist is a Fire that Inflames Us!” ~ St. John Chrysostom



Thank you for your generosity.

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Jenna Long	Susan (Mike) Huck
Amy Lang	Denise Pottmeyer
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	



PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, November 1. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751 or Heather Peters at 740-350-6972.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary's House will be holding their annual Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 5, starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM), at St Bernard Social Hall, Beverly. The cost is 20 games for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the door only. A raffle, 50/50 drawing, and concession stand are available.

CATHOLIC INFERTILITY MINISTRY

Infertility can be a painful and isolating experience, challenging our faith and bringing up complex emotions of grief and loss, but it is not a path that you have to walk alone. If you have experienced primary or secondary infertility and are looking to grow closer to the Lord and build a community with others walking this path, please join us for Arise, a small women's group using materials published by Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 AM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, beginning November 4 in the Lower Sargus Hall at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wintersville, OH. To register or for more information, contact bmrjuliano@gmail.com or mreister@franciscan.edu.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

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

John Karol Morris.

By Jason and Jennifer Morris



WHY FIGHT

You shall love the Lord. . . . You shall love your neighbor. (Matthew 22:37, 39) Why are these two commandments the greatest? Because they encapsulate everything that God had spoken to Moses and the Israelites. As Jesus told the Pharisees, "The whole law and the prophets depend" on them (Matthew 22:40). As important as these two commandments are, however, we might be tempted to think they're impossible to follow. That's because too often, we associate love only with warm and fuzzy feelings. But love goes beyond emotion and is sometimes even independent of it. In other words, it's not so much what we feel as how we act. Today's first reading shows us that to love our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable among us, we must act justly toward them (Exodus 22:20-26). These laws, given to Moses by God himself, may have been what Jesus had in mind when he was talking to the Pharisees that day. Jesus knew that in order to love someone, we don't have to necessarily feel an emotional connection. We don't even have to know them personally. But we do need to care for them and make sure they are being treated justly. The same is true in our relationship with the Lord. We might be going through a dry spell in our prayer time. Maybe we don't even have the desire to pray. But when we make time to be with Jesus, whatever our feelings at that moment, we are loving him. Each day, whether you wake up feeling energetic and cheerful or tired and cross, you will be presented with opportunities to love God and your neighbor in concrete ways. Don't pass them up! By itself, each specific action you take might not seem particularly noteworthy. Maybe you don't feel any love as you do them. But in fact, when you extend yourself for another time and again, you are doing exactly what God has called you to do.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS
Prayer Intentions for October
For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue; as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
151: Mal 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131: 1-3
1 Thes 2:7b-9,13 Mt 23: 1-12

A VOCATION VIEW

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. It's a big world, in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life...
(Matthew 22: 34-40)

STEBENVILLE 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>

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God Our Father, we thank you for your calling of men and women to serve your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

November 1 -- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, November 1, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. That means that, if we are going to miss Mass for this Feast through our own fault, we will suffer the pain of mortal sin and cannot receive the Eucharist until we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following Mass times available: Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 6 PM- OLM & STJ; Wednesday, Morning of Nov. 1, at 8:30 AM- STJ; 9AM -OLM; Evening of Nov. 1, at 6 PM - OLM; 7 PM- STJ.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Oct. 29 Team #8 Russ Lang 336-0800
Nov. 05 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 749-3538

SCHOOL GALA

St. John Central School "Casino Night" is to be held November 18 at 5:00 PM in the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Tickets are \$100 (admits two people) and include entry in the drawing and dinner. To purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Pottmeyer at 304-989-0729.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

ESSAY CONTEST- The Knights of Columbus 4617 Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2023 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. - Romans 10:14-15 This contest encourages today's youth to connect to their community and their faith. Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. The winners will receive a \$100 check from K of C 4617. All participants should mail essays and an entry form to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, November 17. Any questions or concerns, please email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POSTER CONTEST- Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. If any children are interested, entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Friday, November 17. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ blessing on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall, Churchtown throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or by email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

For your convenience, the 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.



Vote NO – To Stop Abortion through Nine Months

Tuesday, November 7th the rights and safety of women, children, and parents are on the ballot. Issue 1 not only puts women at risk and threatens parental rights, but this extreme amendment also allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The vague language of Issue 1 endangers preborn children and Catholics cannot be silent when the most vulnerable are in harm's way.

Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 because it endangers children by...

- **Allowing abortion through all nine months** by using the overly broad term “health” to permit painful, late-term abortions. In U.S. law, “health” includes age, as well as psychological, emotional, or physical well-being, so an abortion providing-physician could justify an abortion in the third trimester by citing a woman’s age or emotional well-being.
- **Leaving preborn children without protection** by giving abortion providers the ability to determine on a “case by case” basis when a preborn child is protected by state laws. If abortion-providing physicians can decide when a preborn child is viable, this allows the same clinician to sidestep regulations and end the lives of potentially viable children.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every human being deserves protection, love, and care – especially the most vulnerable. This Tuesday, to defend the preborn from painful, late-term abortions and to protect children in the womb, Vote NO on Issue 1.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to find your polling location or be sure to postmark your absentee ballot no later than November 6th.



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