

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Cell: 740-391-1093

Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

**Confessions: Saturdays-
3 PM to 4 PM**

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

Parish Council Members:

Richard Tornes, Michael Stehly,
Brian Brooker, Evan Schaad,
Stephen Huffman, Alex
Bauerbach

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.

November 17, 2024

THE THIRTY-THIRD 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 con-
firmed, and lead a life that is in harmony with the
faith. Sunday

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. Rebecca Hilverding, 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. Nov. 16	OLM	Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John Edith Brooker (Charlotte Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 17	OLM	Robert & Lucy Long (Ken & Jan Long) St. John Virginia Arnold (Family) St. John L & D of Lawrence & Loretta Hendershot Family (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 18	OLM	No Mass St. John Don Wittekind (Richard & Brenda Arnold)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Nov. 19	OLM	Nelson Medley (Rick & Shelly Medley) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Nov. 20	OLM	No Mass St. John David Pottmeyer (Eric & Marilyn Pottmeyer) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Nov. 21	OLM	Donald Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Nov. 22	OLM	No Mass St. John Rita Shrider (Richard & Brenda Arnold)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 23	OLM	Jeri Lang (Rob & Debbie Misel) St. John Terry Arnold (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 24	OLM	Eula & Glenna Reed (Evan & Heather Schaad) St. John Leora Arnold (Arnold Huck) St. John Gary Smith (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,938.00 (53); Offertory \$316.00; Human Development \$5.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$68.00 (5);
St. John \$25.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Rhonda Huck—Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 11/23 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach	OLM: 11/23 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 11/24 (9:30AM) Abigail Offenberger	OLM: 11/24 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of November)
OLM: 11/23 (4 PM) David Bauerbach	SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
OLM: 11/24 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman	SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach



2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

~ Ephesians 4:5

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21, 074.00
Paid to date (52) \$43, 150.00
Pledged to date \$43, 150.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OCTOBER COUNTS

The numbers are the average based on the October Weekend Mass Attendance sheets. This count includes adults, children, and infants. Thank you to the ushers for helping to complete this report.

YEAR	2024	ATTEND	185
YEAR	2023	ATTEND	231
YEAR	2022	ATTEND	218
YEAR	2021	ATTEND	196

OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Kathy Reed (Chair)
Sherry Wittekind
Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman

Jennifer Morris
Debbie Mankins
Christy Haines

NOVEMBER

MONTH FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

As Catholics, we believe Purgatory is a way that God shows His love. He wants to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the full joys of Heaven. This Month of All Souls, think about devoting some time every day to praying for the dead. We too will more than likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity towards All Souls will ensure that they will remember us when we are before the throne of God and in the most need of prayers. It is kind of a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month. This is a good prayer to recite for All Souls, during the month of November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice [Job 1:5], why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them

-St. John Chrysostom

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul continues to be active in the commu-

nities we represent: Lowell, Churchtown, Beverly, and Belpre. All area Catholic Churches, working as a combined unit to serve the less fortunate in our communities. The Giving Tree will soon be in the back of the church. If you know of a family in need or have any questions, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

PRIORITIZE, WHAT REALLY MATTERS

When will "those days" come (Mark 13:24)? When will we see the final tribulations that lead up to Jesus' return? Many early Christians expected to see them in their own lifetime. Even today, some think the end is approaching when they hear of wars, pandemics, earthquakes, and other disasters. But as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, only our heavenly Father knows when that day will come (13:32). What is certain, though, is that there *will* be an end. After a period of great distress and tribulation, Jesus will come "to judge the living and the dead," as we proclaim in the Creed. We hope to be one of "his elect" whom the angels gather from the ends of the earth (Mark 13:27). But the images in today's first reading and the Gospel can still frighten us. Yet instead of making us feel afraid of the future, these readings should influence the choices we make today. The truth is, we can't presume on God's mercy forever. As St. Paul wrote, "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Now is the time to turn to the Lord. To follow him the best we can. To ask for forgiveness every time we detect sin in our lives. *Now* is the time to live in a way that makes us ready to meet the Lord whenever he comes again. So don't procrastinate! Offer him your day each morning in prayer. Receive the sacraments as often as you can—there's grace available to you every time you do. Call that needy friend today, not tomorrow, and ask how you can serve her. The Lord will give you all the grace you need to be ready to meet him face-to-face. It's so easy to let other things take priority in our lives and push out the time and energy we need to devote to our relationship with God. Don't let that happen! No matter when the end times come, Jesus wants you to follow him now so you can be with him forever in eternity.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for November

For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

161: Dn 7: 13-14 Ps 93: 1-2, 5

Rv 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33b-37

A VOCATION VIEW

As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it. But who will claim God's reign? Consider a life of service as a priest or a deacon.

(1Thessalonians 5: 1-6)

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)

Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

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>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry next Saturday, November 16th, from 5 to 8 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak -\$15.00, baked steak -\$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. **Come support your local American Legion.**



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Nov. 17 Team 7 Brandon Wheeler 740-336-0350
Nov. 24 Team 8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS– A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #4617 will be held at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown on Monday, November 18th at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

TAILGATE PARTY– Knights of Columbus 4617 will host a Browns vs. Steelers Football Tailgate on Thursday, November 21th with kickoff at 8:15 PM. The game will be projected on a big screen, outside on the back porch so please dress accordingly. **FREE ADMISSION!** All are welcome! Bring your favorite tailgate foods and beverages to share! We will have our grills fired up! On going through the weekend of November 23 - 24 is Blessed Fr. McGivney member Drive: Council 4617 is looking for new members to join our Catholic men's organization, if interested please contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749.

POSTER CONTEST- K of C 4617, Churchtown, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. 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 15th. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ Blessing on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

ESSAY CONTEST– K of C 4617, Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2024 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? 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 winner will receive a \$100 prize; the runner-up a \$50 prize. All participants should mail essays and an entry form (located in back of church) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or by email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Friday, November 15th. Any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.