

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mailing Address

5001 Lowell Hill Road
Lowell, Ohio 45744
740-896-2207

olm.churchlowell@gmail.com

Website: olmlowell.com

Find us on Facebook: [olmchurch.lowell](https://www.facebook.com/olmchurch.lowell)

Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

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

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.

November 05, 2023

THE THIRTY-FIRST 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. 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
Mon. Nov. 06	OLM No Mass St. John Eunice Walter (Edith Brooker Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Nov. 07	OLM Living & Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Nov. 08	OLM No Mass St. John Ralph E. Stollar (Vince Stollar Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. Nov. 09	OLM Charles Higgins Jr. (Ed Schilling) St. John For All Veterans <i>School Mass</i>	5:00 PM 8:30 AM
Fri. Nov. 10	OLM No Mass St. John Gertrude Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 11	OLM Ken & Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 12	OLM Bernard Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Nelson Hendershot (Schwendeman Family) St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vince Stollar Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$2,487.00 (61); Offertory \$364.00; World Mission (1) \$15.00; Cemetery Fund (19) \$283.00;
 All Saints (32) \$352.00; All Souls (14) \$303.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Kenny Offenberger – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 11/11 (4 PM) Heather Peters
 OLM: 11/12 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman

Altar Servers

OLM: 11/11 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
 OLM: 11/12 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 11/11 (4 PM) Beth Bauerbach
 OLM: 11/12 (9:30 AM) Jenna Huffman

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.

NOVEMBER Committee

Jennifer Morris	Sherry Wittekind
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman	Christy Haines

OLM PRAYER CHAIN

We would like to remind everyone about the OLM Prayer Chain. If you become aware of a parishioner or parishioners who are in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or you may call Martha Flieman at 740-984-4039 and "The Chain" will be activated. Also, anyone who would like to become a "link" in our chain as either a caller, or just to receive calls to say prayers for those in need, please call Martha Flieman and you will be added to the list/chain.

HARVEST TABLE

Our local food pantry (L.A.M.B.) is requesting donations of canned meats and a variety of cereals throughout the month of November. There will be a second collection taken up for the week-end of Nov 11 & 12 for the pantry. Checks can also be sent to LAMB at P O Box 227, Lowell, OH 45744. Please be generous and help to fill the Harvest Table located at front of the church with donated items for those who are struggling right here in our own community.



November-THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Catholics 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.

PAIRING UP

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them (Matthew 23:4). But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you" (11:29). Isn't a yoke—a contraption made of iron and hardwood—a burden as well? Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different—and much more attractive! First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God" (Matthew 15:6). They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfill" the word of God (5:17). It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbor (22:34-40). Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them (Matthew 23:4). By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden. Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit. So come to Jesus today. Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

154: Wis 6: 12-16 Ps 63: 2-8

1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25: 1-13

A VOCATION VIEW

In You, Lord, I have found my peace, Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker? (Psalm 131)

STEUBENVILLE SEMINARIANS

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 5-11, a week-long celebration to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer, education, and support of those who are considering religious life.

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.

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Nov. 05 Team #1 Jeff Brooker 749-3538
Nov. 12 Team #2 Jessica Henke 896-3705

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

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 20 at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

ESSAY CONTEST—The Knights of Columbus 4617 Churchtown invites all Catholic students 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? Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme. 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, Nov. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

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.

Go to the poor: you will find God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. The kingdom of God is peace in the Holy Spirit; He will reign in you if your heart is at peace.