

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

Mr. David Bauerbach, Parish Council President

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, Prayer Chain

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

**Rosary: Before each weekend
Mass**

**Parish Council: October 17
at 7 PM, in the basement of
the social hall.**

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 15, 2023

THE TWENTY- EIGHTH 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 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. Oct. 14	OLM Sandy Schilling (5yr Anniv.) Her Children St. John Margaret Klinger (Ted Brooker Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 15	OLM Patricia Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family) St. John Howard Arnold (Glen & Marcia Pawloski)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 16	OLM No Mass St. John Mary Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. Oct. 17	OLM Ron Smith (Minnie Smith) St. John No Mass	5:30 PM No Mass
Wed. Oct. 18	OLM No Mass St. John James M. Barrett (Mona Barrett & Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Oct. 19	OLM Patricia Huck (Harold & Patty Michel) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Oct. 20	OLM No Mass St. John William & Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 21	OLM Marlene Huck (Clair Huck) St. John Tess Huck (Leroy & Sophia Rauch)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 22	OLM Joe Strahler (unknown) St. John Edith Brooker (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Lewis J. & Audrey Lang Family (Mona Barrett Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,770.00 (56); Offertory \$170.00; St. Vincent De Paul \$65.00 (2); Improvement Fund \$175.00 (9)
 OLM Cemetery Fund \$500.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Karen Pottmeyer – Congratulations!

NOTE OF THANKS

Father would like to extend a huge thank you to the parishioners that dedicated their time on Tuesday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; remembering that the Eucharist is the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ; Adoration of the Lord; presenting yourself before Jesus in the Eucharist; and Rosary, focusing on the life of Jesus Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 10/21 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 10/22 (9:30AM) Abby Offenberger

Altar Servers

OLM: 10/21 (4 PM) Emma & Tim Snyder
OLM: 10/22 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 10/21 (4PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 10/22 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene

USHERS (Month of October)

SAT: Tim Wittekind, John Pottmeyer
SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer Needed**

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Council) on Tuesday, October 17 at 7PM, in the basement of the social hall. Items on the agenda include: election of officers, security concerns, repairs to buildings and property, concerns of parishioners, and for the overall good of the parish. Those asked to attend: Alex Bauerbach, Richard Tornes, Michael Stehly, Stephen Huffman, Evan Schaad, and Brian Brooker.



PSR NEWS

Classes begin after Mass, Sunday, October 22. Registration information has been mailed to families of students who have attended PSR in prior years. For questions or concerns, contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We wish to extend our congratulations to Ethan & Sophia Ruble on the Baptism of their son, Hudson Kale, on October 01. May God grant your little one all the blessings of His gentle love and may Hudson Kale grow in the Lord each day.

OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Thank you.



BAD, GOOD, DON'T BE NASTY

This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the king's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond? Jesus told this parable to those chief priests and Pharisees in Jerusalem who had been seeking to destroy him (Matthew 21:45). Despite the malice he encountered from them, Jesus loved them deeply. So he told them a jarring story to warn them about the stark consequences they risked if they continued down the path of unbelief and hatred they had started on. He wanted them instead to find their way into his kingdom, just as so many "tax collectors and sinners" had done (9:11). Jesus wants *everyone* to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, "bad and good alike" (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith, and repentance—including you. And when you come, he showers you with mercy. He offers you his Bread of Life. He heals your wounds and gives you peace. Whether you are more like the chief priests or the tax collectors, he removes all of your sins and gives you a seat of honor at his banquet table. Choosing the kingdom is not just once and done. It's an ongoing vocation. Today and every day, you will encounter many invitations from the Lord. They will come through the people you interact with: will you love them as Christ does? They will come as you scan the headlines: will you intercede for all the suffering in the world? They will come as you spot opportunities to share your faith: will you witness to the Lord, whether through your words or actions? You are among the "many" who are invited (Matthew 22:14). Choose Jesus!

~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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

145: Is 45: 1, 4-6 Ps 96: 1, 3-10
1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-22

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is the shepherd who call. Pray for and increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.
(Psalm 23)

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, 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. Josh Erickson, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](#)

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

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

OCTOBER IS RESPECT OF LIFE MONTH

Each year in October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launches a new theme for the year. To help live out the call to radical solidarity, Catholics are invited to join *Walking with Moms in Need*. This process, is to help Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women to better understand, support, and respond to their needs. For more information and resources visit [USCCB.org](#). May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

SH HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Annual Halloween Masquerade Square Dance will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 7:00 to 10:30 PM in the SH Social Hall. Music by Pickin on Country. There will be refreshments, raffle, country store and prizes. Admission is \$5.00 per person with children 10 and under free.



ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Oct. 15	Team #6 Jeff Canterbury	984-4827
Oct. 22	Team #7 Brandon Wheeler	336-0350

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, please email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

TRUNK OR TREAT – K of C 4617, Churchtown is hosting their annual "Trunk and Treat" on October 27, 6 PM to 7 PM at the K of C Hall. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Meade and Tana Huck for donating the pumpkins and gourds used as decorations in the church. Their donations help to make our church beautiful and welcoming. Thank you for your kindness. It is greatly appreciated.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is coming up on October 22. The Pope reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses worldwide.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750, Lowell will hold a public steak fry on October 21, from 5 to 8 PM at the Post. Costs are: grilled steak-\$15.00, baked steak-\$10.00, chicken- \$10.00 and no meat-\$5.00. For take-out orders, call 740-896-3326.