

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville**

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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Fr. Walter E. Heinz, Retired

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Flieman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, 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.

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

Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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. 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. Jan. 11	OLM	David Schilling (Ed Schilling) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 12	OLM	Ronald Smith (Paul Smith) St. John Gladys Schilling (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Alecia Fouss (Ted & Trina Miller)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 13	OLM	No Mass St. John Maglene Arnold (1/10) (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 14	OLM	Vincent Huck (Lisa Berendts) No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Jan. 15	OLM	No Mass St. John Rita Schwendeman (Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Jan. 16	OLM	Mildred Lang (Kathryn Reed) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Jan. 17	OLM	No Mass St. John Frank Schilling (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 18	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Tracy & Angela Lang) St. John Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 19	OLM	Tristian Sine (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John Fr. Dale Tornes (Randy & Gene Tornes Family) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,692.00 (57); Offertory \$836.75; Legacy Fund \$350.00 (4); Solemnity of Mary \$713.00 (42);
Initial Offering \$227.00 (21); OLM Cemetery \$15.00 (1); Votive Candles \$40.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Fr. Tim Shannon –Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 01/18 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
OLM: 01/19 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/18 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, **Volunteer needed**
OLM: 01/19 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 01/18 (4 PM) Tim Wittekind
OLM: 01/19 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman

USHERS (Month of January)

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Jerry Hess, **Volunteer needed**



SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please check and make sure everything is correct. If corrections are needed, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207.

*Jesus' baptism by John, symbolizing His identification with humanity,
His submission to God's will,
and the beginning of His public ministry.*

OLM CWC

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



JANUARY COMMITTEE

Rose Beebe (Chair)
Rhonda Huck
Jennifer Anderson

Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Kristin Offenberger

CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding "Cabin Fever Buster Dinner" on February 1st, from 4:30 PM to 6 PM, at the Our Lady of Mercy Church Parish Hall. The menu includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and a dessert (dine-in or carry-out available). Please contact Kathryn Reed at 740-350-3496 by January 27th to purchase a ticket. The ticket cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

LAMB (LOWELL AREA MISSION BASKET)

VOLUNTEER PANTRY MANAGER—

Are you able to give a few hours a week to directly impact the lives of individuals and families in our community facing food insecurities? Are you passionate about creating a positive impact and possess the skills to effectively manage a food pantry? If so, we invite you to join us in our mission to alleviate hunger in our community. To find out more about this opportunity, please contact Sherry Wittekind, Board Member, at 740-371-4235 or 740-885-9439. We are also looking for another board member to join from Our Lady of Mercy. We operate the food pantry as a cooperative with representatives from St John's Church, United Methodist Church, and Highland Ridge Church; churches from the Lowell Area.

DONATIONS –For your convenience, the donation box remains located at the back of the church for LAMB. Items needed are: canned chicken, canned tuna, pancake mix & syrup, and paper products. For more information, call Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

2024 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2024, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to 740- 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you

THE BEGINING OF SALVATION

If you haven't already done it, it's time to put away those Christmas decorations. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and it's traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season. That's because, at his baptism, Jesus leaves behind his "hidden years" and launches into public ministry. And he doesn't do it with a stirring speech or an impressive display of power. Instead, he asks his cousin John to baptize him. But why is this an important event? Because at his baptism, Jesus publicly embraces our human condition. The One who is without sin humbly accepts being "counted among the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). Of course, in his Incarnation, Jesus became fully man. But in his baptism, he made it clear that he was identifying himself with our full humanity, even our sin. As Pope Benedict XVI explained in his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, "Jesus inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners." By accepting baptism, Jesus accepted his coming death for the sins of all mankind. He anticipated his submission to his Father's will during the agony in the garden, and he pointed us toward his suffering and death on the cross. Just as he would in those more painful moments, Jesus began his ministry by saying yes to his mission as the Savior of the world. And what a Savior he is! He didn't hold himself aloof from us or save us from a position of power and glory. He emptied and humbled himself and submitted to a baptism he didn't need in order to bring us the salvation we did need. And by doing so, he sanctified the waters of our Baptism. Because of his humility, our sins can be washed away, and we can receive the grace to live as children of God. So don't just put away your Christmas decorations today. Make sure you celebrate your salvation as well!

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for January

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

66: Is 62: 1-5 Ps 96: 1-3, 7-10

1 Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11

A VOCATION VIEW

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Celebrate our common vocations of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons.

(Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22)

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)

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](#)

LEGACY SUNDAY

A new initiative by our Diocese to inspire parishioners to reflect on their blessings and consider how they can leave a lasting impact through legacy giving. Please think about our parish when planning out your estate. As St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, our gifts come from the same Spirit and are meant for the common good. Legacy giving allows us to continue sharing those blessings beyond our lifetime, ensuring the vibrancy and growth of our faith family.

DINNER FOR YOUNG MEN

Bishop Edward Lohse will host a dinner for young men, 10th grade and older, at Triumph of the Cross Parish Steubenville on Saturday, February 1st from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Marian Room. Bishop Lohse will share insights about priesthood and discernment. Dinner is free! Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. No RSVP needed.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, and house individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. If you have a passion for helping others, and time and talent to give, please consider becoming a St. Vincent De Paul Representative for Our Lady of Mercy. We operate a shared cooperative, with St. John, St. Bernard, and St. Ambrose, by working together to better serve the needy in our area. If interested, please contact Sherry Wittekind for more information at 740-371-4235.

K OF C NEWS

NOVENA- The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 will be holding a Novena for Life from January 16th – January 24th to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and the world. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nations. Printable/Digital prayer sheets can be found: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-novena-printable.pdf> or via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". All members of the community are welcome to join us!

SCHOLARSHIP- Any senior who is currently attending a local high school is encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2025 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check towards further education. The application must be submitted by March 15, 2025. Information and a link to the application can be found via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any question email churchtownkofc@gmail.com or call/text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, January 18, 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.