

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

February 16, 2025

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF 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. 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. Feb. 15	OLM	Donnie Heiss (Mark and Paulie) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelby Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 16	OLM	Jerry Huck (The Stalter Family) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Gary Smith (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 17	OLM	No Mass St. John Bertha Pottmeyer (Doug & Mary Parks)	No Mass 8: 00 AM
Tue. Feb. 18	OLM	L & D of Clarence and Eulia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 19	OLM	No Mass St. John Jay Pottmeyer (Marilyn Pottmeyer Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Feb. 20	OLM	Chuck & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 21	OLM	No Mass St. John Ben Sauer (David Schaad Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 22	OLM	Darren Cheesman (Joanne Saling) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelby Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 23	OLM	Linda Huck (David Schaad Family) St. John Ella Mae Young (Kevin Brooker Family) St. John Gary Smith (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,943.00 (60); Offertory \$485.20; Priest Retirement \$300.00 (2); OLM Cemetery \$5.00 (1);
 Church Improvement \$212.00 (12)

50/50 Winner: Dan Schwendeman –Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/22 (4 PM) Heather Peters
 OLM: 02/23 (9:30 AM) Eric Flieman

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/22 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, **Volunteer Needed**
 OLM: 02/23 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/22 (4 PM) Stephen Huffman
 OLM: 02/23 (9:30 AM) Cindy Schwendeman

USHERS (Month of February)

SAT: Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**
 SUN: Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly



2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair)	Sandy Spindler
Paige Ompach	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	

2025 LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are scheduled with the fry leaders on the following:



March 14 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

March 28 – Tony Offenberger - 740-525-4823

April 11 – Kim Schwendeman - 740-525-2769

Over the past couple of years, we have spent around \$20,000 of the proceeds from the fish fries on upgrading and maintaining our church facilities and grounds. We have enclosed the back porch with garage doors, installed A/C units in the kitchen, paid for the interior of the hall to be painted, replaced the closet doors in the hall, as well as other small repairs that were needed. None of these improvements would be possible without all the help we receive during the fish fries. In the past, the Fish Fries events were considered a Men's Club function. However that is no longer the case. These fish fries are a Parish Event. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.

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.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for \$20.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and a concession stand.

FAITHFULLY BLESSED

Can you imagine telling someone without a job or a place to live, "Look at how much God has blessed you!" That's not something anyone should do, and it's not what Jesus is doing in today's Gospel. He is doing two things: he is proclaiming God's care and concern for those who are materially poor, and he is announcing blessings on "his disciples," who have "left everything and followed him" (Luke 6:20; 5:11). He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus. The Greek word that is translated as "blessed" in today's Gospel carries a number of meanings, including "happy," "fortunate," or "enjoying divine favor." So Jesus is reinforcing for his disciples that the life they have chosen is ultimately a life of happiness. He promises them "the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20). He promises them that the day is coming when they, along with all those trapped in poverty, will "laugh" and "leap for joy" (6:21, 23). He makes the same promises to you. Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you're always swimming against the current of the world. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous with your resources. He sees your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you. If this describes you in any way, then know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that he is promising you all the joys of his kingdom. And know that he is blessing you *right* now. As Jeremiah proclaimed in today's first reading, he is making you as strong as a "tree planted beside the waters" (17:8). Even if you don't feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all his promises.

~The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

81: 1 Sm 26; 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Lk 6: 27-38

Ps 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15: 45-49

A VOCATION VIEW

Saint Luke tells us today where true blessings lies – and where the fleeting rewards of the world. Blessed are we who respond to God's call: happy shall we be.

(Luke 6: 17, 20-26)

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](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Canna has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 08, 2025. Pre-Canna is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.

ST. JOHN CWC



St. John CWC is having a breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd at the K of C Hall, Churchtown from 8 AM to 10 AM. Dine in or Drive-thru is available. Adult meal includes: home fries, bacon, eggs, biscuit/sausage gravy, and drink for \$10. Kids meal includes bacon, pancakes, eggs, and drink for \$5.

K OF C NEWS

FOURTH DEGREE – There will be a Fourth Degree Meeting at the K of C Hall, Churchtown on Sunday, March 2nd at 2 PM.

SCHOLARSHIP –Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may 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 call/text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or email: churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

NOMINATION NEEDED –Knights of Columbus Council #4617 is looking for "Of the Year" Award Nominations for 2024-2025 for :Family of the Year and Knight of the Year. Please include the name (s) of your nomination and a brief explanation for their nomination. The nominee (s) need to be submitted by 6 PM, March 15th via email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com or you can text/call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold their next public steak fry on Saturday, February 15th from 5 PM 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 roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.



“How easy it is to die with Jesus on the cross—if one has lived with Jesus on the cross!” ~St. Anna Schäffer