

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**



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February 09, 2025

THE FIFTH 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. 08	OLM	Betty Schott (Ed Schilling) St. John Margaret Klinger (Alvin Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 09	OLM	Deceased Members of John & Elinor Paul Family (John & Elinor Paul) St. John Ed Brooker (Family) St. John L & D of James & Maglene Arnold Family (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 10	OLM	No Mass St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Eileen Miller)	No Mass 8: 00 AM
Tue. Feb. 11	OLM	Terry Arnold (Donna Wagner) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 12	OLM	No Mass St. John Donnie Wells (Tom Wells Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Feb. 13	OLM	Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 14	OLM	No Mass St. John Shirley Stollar Oliver (Vince & Shelly Stollar Family)	No Mass 6:00 PM
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

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,834.00 (66); Offertory \$357.00; Initial Offering \$10.00 (1); St. John School \$25.00 (1); Latin American Churches \$60.00 (5); Church Improvement \$20.00 (1); Priest Retirement \$2,061.00 (9+)

50/50 Winner: Jim Schwendeman –Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/15 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach
OLM: 02/16 (9:30 AM) Dan Flieman

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/15 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 02/16 (9:30 AM) Margret, Emma, Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/15 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 02/16 (9:30 AM) Ken Long

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 Omspach	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "**Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!**"

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.

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 08, 2025. Pre-Cana 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your our generosity and support to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection that helps to ensures that our 30 retired priests of our Diocese receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and His people. If you have not yet contributed, you may put it in an envelope marked Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund and place in the regular collection or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!

YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE MERIT IN HIS EYES

How would you feel if *you* saw the Lord? Amazed? Afraid? Even ashamed? That's what happened to Isaiah in today's first reading. He beheld almighty God, seated on his heavenly throne, with angelic beings shouting, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!" (6:3). Overwhelmed, Isaiah cried, "Woe is me!" and confessed that he was unworthy to stand before the Lord (6:5). Peter had a similar experience in today's Gospel. Weary from a long, unsuccessful night of fishing, he was cleaning his nets when Jesus told him, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Peter must have grumbled as he cast his empty nets yet again. But once he saw the miraculous catch of fish, Peter fell to his knees, pleading, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (5:8). How wonderful that God didn't leave Peter and Isaiah in their fear and shame! Instead, he called them closer! God touched Isaiah and cleansed him of his sin. Even more, God invited him to speak to his people. And Jesus patiently reassured Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid," and welcomed him to join in his mission of "catching men" (Luke 5:10). He will do the same for you. Today, you have the chance to see the Lord—at Mass, as you ponder his word, or as you gaze upon the beauty of this natural world. In the brightness of his glory, you may become more aware of your darkness and sinfulness. But you will also realize that God is far more holy and loving than you have ever imagined. He will offer you his mercy and invite you to follow him more closely. Whenever you feel inadequate or afraid in God's presence, remember Isaiah and Peter. Don't allow those feelings to hold you back or paralyze you or make you feel disqualified from following Jesus. He loves you perfectly. He is so holy, so merciful, so good. You don't have to be afraid.

~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

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

78: Jer 17: 5-8 Ps 1: 1-6

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 5:17, 20-26

A VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid! If the Lord is calling you to ordained or religious life. Jesus calls and leads the way.

(Luke 5: 1-11)

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://](http://steubenvillevocations.com)

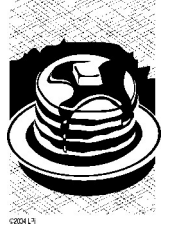
steubenvillevocations.com

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.

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

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 15 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 roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.

A PRAYER FOR MARRIAGES

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Amen.