

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**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**

**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

## March 16, 2025

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**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



# LENT

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Sat. March 15</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Ron Smith (2yr Anniv.) (Paul Smith )</b> St. John Donnie Wells (Tom & Elaine Wells Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 16</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Dan Brooker (Marilyn &amp; Heather Peters)</b> St. John Tim Strahler (Family) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Steve & Rachel Klinger)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. March 17</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Clarence Walter (Charlotte Lang Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. March 18</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Lenora Arnold (David and Tina Long)</b> <i>Ecumenical Service</i> St. John No Mass	<b>*7:00 PM*</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. March 19</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John James Arnold (Family) <span style="float: right;"><i>School Mass</i></span>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thurs. March 20</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Minnie Smith (Smith Family)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>*6:00 PM*</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. March 21</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Dave Bowen (Gary & Edna Arnold)	<b>No Mass</b> <b>*6:00 PM*</b>
<b>Sat. March 22</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Shawn M<sup>c</sup>Cleod (Martin &amp; Pauline Knoch)</b> St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Tom & Tammy Brooker)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 23</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Brian Stevens (Martha Stevens)</b> St. John John & Mary Lou Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Frank Schilling (Patty Finkel)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM:** \$2,098.00 (65); Offertory \$315.00; OLM Cemetery \$60.00 (2); Churches of Europe \$74.00 (9);  
Easter Flowers \$110.00 (5); DPSC \$55.00 (2); Votive Candles \$39.00

### 50/50 Winner: Tim Heiss—Congratulations!

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 03/22 (4 PM)** Sherry Wittekind  
**OLM: 03/23 (9:30 AM)** Linda Miller

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 03/22 (4 PM)** Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long  
**OLM: 03/23 (9:30 AM)** Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 03/22 (4 PM)** Tim Wittekind  
**OLM: 03/23 (9:30 AM)** Ron Miller

#### USHERS (Month of March)

**SAT:** Gary Cunningham, David Long  
**SUN:** Gregory Greene, Dan Flieman

### LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

**Tuesday- March 18<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with Fr. Dave Gaydosik; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM**

### LOWELL AREA MISSION BASKET(LAMB) DONATIONS

The following items are currently needed: chicken pouches, canned chicken, saltine crackers, graham crackers, Granola or Nutria grain bars, Poptarts, ketchup, mayo, Bbq sauce, jugs of apple juice, muffin mixes, Bisquick, boxes of pudding, canned/jarred pickles, canned olives, Vienna sausages, and canned ham. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM or in the box located in back of church. Thank you for your generous support!

### LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Lady of Mercy Church will be holding fish fries on the following Fridays from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM:

**March 28, April 11**

## OLM CWC

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

### March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

### **2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign**

***“Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.”***

~ Psalm 31:25

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.35**

Your annual Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign (DPSC) has begun and provides crucial operating funds to our parish and to your diocese. Your gift will be attributed to the parish you name. Once the parish reaches its goal, 100% of proceeds above the goal are sent to the parish to support its own programs and needs. At the diocesan level, DPSC funds enable us to: educate our seminarians (your future priests), care for our retired priests, provide a voice for news, evangelization and Church teaching, train religious educators, feed families in need, promote the sanctity of life, and much more! None of this could happen without you. Thank you for supporting your parish and your Church, and may God bless you for your generosity!

### **MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL**

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> with registration starting at 9 AM. Please mark your calendars. The theme of the Conference is “The Eucharist and the Biblical Vision of Men”. The patron of the Conference is St. Joseph, a model of virtue and a true man of God.



### **WOMENS' DAY**

DCCW Lenten day of Spirituality for ALL Women of the Diocese of Steubenville on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Clairsville. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3372.

### **COME CELEBRATE WITH EMMA**

There will be a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Emma Dunn on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:30–3:30 PM in the church social hall. Please come by to wish a Happy Birthday to Emma. No gifts, please bring a card if you wish. Refreshments will be provided.

## **A SEMBLANCE PAIR**

Picture a split screen of two images of Jesus. On the left is Jesus on Mount Tabor as the three disciples saw him, shining in all his glory (Luke 9:32). On the right is Jesus hanging on the cross in agony, his face and body covered in blood. Such a contrast can be jarring. How could the Holy One of God, transfigured and radiating his divinity, be the same One who was nailed to a cross, at the mercy of his persecutors, and completely stripped of any semblance of heavenly glory? We know the answer: Jesus willingly accepted “death, even death on a cross” to save us (Philippians 2:8). He willingly let go of any outward show of his divinity and power out of love for each of us. Today's Gospel describing the Transfiguration is a revelation of who Jesus truly is. As Luke describes it, “His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” (9:29). It's an other-worldly glimpse of Jesus, one that was hidden while he walked the earth, but a sign of how he may appear to us one day in heaven. When we think of Jesus as he was transfigured, it can make us even more grateful for what he was willing to endure for our sake. As the divine Son of God, he could have called on his angels in heaven at any moment and liberated himself from the agony of the cross. At any moment, he could have rained down fire on all those who were trying to kill him. But he didn't. He loved us so much that he let himself be tortured and crucified. He did it even for the people that had accused and sentenced him! Today, imagine yourself on Mount Tabor with Peter, John, and James. What does Jesus' face look like? How bright is his clothing? Think about what you might say to him. Above all, be sure to thank him from the bottom of your heart for being willing to die so that you might live!

~The Word Among Us

## **POPE FRANCIS**

### **Prayer Intentions for March *For Families in Crisis***

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

**30: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15      Ps 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11**

**1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12      Lk 13: 1-9**

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### **A VOCATION VIEW**

This is my beloved Son, hear him. Take some time to hear the beloved Son speak to you. What does he say?  
( Luke 9: 28-36)

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### **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](#)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or  
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>

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### **TELEHEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES**

Catholic Charities of Southeastern Ohio is now offering Professional Counseling Services via telehealth in addition to in-person counseling to individuals and couples. Our licensed counselors provide support for those struggling with trauma, grief, anxiety, depression, and relationship challenges. Sessions are confidential and professional. Catholic Charities is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need, regardless of financial situation. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact Catholic Charities at 740-314-8660 or email [catholiccharities@diosteub.org](mailto:catholiccharities@diosteub.org).

### **ECUMENICAL SERVICE REP. NEEDED**

We are still looking for a representative from OLM to be on the Lowell Area Ecumenical Council, which helps to operate the food pantry and VBS. They meet quarterly and provide guidance to the food pantry director. Time obligation is less than an hour a month. If interested, please contact Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

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### **ST. BERNARD SQUARE DANCE**

St. Bernard's Youth Group is holding a Square Dance from 7 PM to 10 PM at St. Bernard's Church social hall on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$5. Music provided by the Buckeye Travelers, concessions, and raffles throughout the evening.

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Tuesday- March 25<sup>th</sup>, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 1<sup>st</sup>, Lowell United Methodist Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the St. John Church, Lowell; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REP. NEEDED**

A St. Vincent De Paul Representative from Our Lady of Mercy is still needed. This person would help individuals who contact the church for assistance; assess their needs and how we can help, and provide assistance as needed with rent, utilities, furniture, etc. Time obligation is about an hour a week. All monies given to St. Vincent De Paul Society thru our church stays local, as we operate a cooperative with St. Bernard's, St. Ambrose, and St. John to better serve the needy in our area. If interested, please contact Sherry Wittekind for more information at 740-371-4235.

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### **CHRISM MASS ESSAY CONTEST**

The Diocese of Steubenville Vocations team is sponsoring a "Chrism Mass Essay Contest." Young men 10 years of age and older can submit a one-page essay answering the question: "Why is serving Mass important for you personally and for the whole church?" The contest winners will be invited to serve the chrism Mass for Bishop Edward M. Lohse with the seminarians on April 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. In addition, the young men will be able to join the priests and seminarians for dinner after Mass, as well as be excused from the parochial school day to experience the blessing of the sacred oils and the renewal of priestly promises. To submit your essays by email to Father Nicholas V. Ginnetti at [nginnetti@diosteub.org](mailto:nginnetti@diosteub.org). Also, essays can be mailed to the following address: Chrism Mass Essay Contest, 701 Gomber Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725. **The essay deadline, with a letter of recommendation from a parish pastor, is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**