

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 02, 2025

THE PRESENTATION 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. Feb. 01	OLM	Patricia Huck (01/31) (3yr. Anniv.) (Harold Jr. & Patty Micheal) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Anniv) (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 02	OLM	Jeri Lang (OLM CWC) St. John L & D Of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Alecia Strahler Fouss (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 03	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Tue. Feb. 04	OLM	Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 05	OLM	No Mass St. John Pat Sisco (Parish)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Feb. 06	OLM	Richard Bruce Smith (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 07	OLM	No Mass St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang Family) Adoration 5:00 PM	No Mass 6:00 PM
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

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,363.00 (67); Offertory \$388.00; Christmas Offering \$1.00 (1); St. John School \$175.00 (9);
 Latin Churches \$36.00 (3); Church Improvement \$25.00 (2); DPSC Rebate \$2,300.00

50/50 Winner: Rick Medley –Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 02/08 (4 PM) Abigail Offenberger
OLM: 02/09 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/08 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 02/09 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 02/08 (4 PM) Sherry Wittekind
OLM: 02/09 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of February)

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

DIOCESAN RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Throughout their lives, our priests have dedicated themselves to guiding us in faith, serving our parishes, and attending to our spiritual needs. They have been there for us in our moments of joy, sorrow, and growth. Now, it is our turn to support them in their time of retirement. Your generosity helps to ensure that our retired priests receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and His people. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the Priest Retirement Collection on the weekend of February 8th and 9th. Thank you for your support of those who have given so much for us.

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

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please plan to attend.



FOUR CHAPLAIN SUNDAY

This Sunday, we are remembering the Four Chaplains whom on

February 3, 1943 upon the U.S. Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester, died at sea. The Four Chaplains: Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed Minister, all acted with heroism by tending to the wounded, helping others board lifeboats, and even giving up their own life jackets when supplies ran out. The chaplains were last seen joining arms, praying, and singing hymns as they went down with the ship. Let us pray for Christian Unity as shown by the Four Chaplains.

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."



INSIGHT ABOUT FORESIGHT

Mary and Joseph must have replayed this scene in their minds many times. When they presented their newborn son to the Lord in the Temple, they hadn't expected a man named Simeon to prophesy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and "a sign that will be contradicted" (2:32, 34). But how and when would these things happen? And how would a sword pierce Mary's heart (2:35)? The couple left the Temple "amazed," but then returned to Nazareth and resumed their ordinary day-to-day lives (Luke 2:33, 39). Just like their neighbors, they worked, enjoyed Shabbat dinners, and attended synagogue each week. And while the question of what would ultimately happen to Jesus must have hung over them, they knew that God had given them a mission: to raise his Son. They couldn't let their concerns about his future deter them from doing what was required in the present, even when it involved the most mundane chores and duties. Do you often wonder—and even worry—about the future? You might ask yourself, "How will my life and those of my loved ones unfold over time? Will I be able to accomplish what I think God is calling me to do? Will my loved ones be safe and happy? Will I live a long and healthy life?" Whatever your concerns, however, like Mary and Joseph, don't let them prevent you from doing what God is calling you to do right now—today. That work might look pretty routine from your point of view, but it's nevertheless important in God's eyes. Today, on this feast of the Presentation, take some time to surrender any worries you might have about the future to the Lord. Ask for the grace to focus on the responsibilities right in front of you, and trust that God will be with you, no matter what the future holds.

~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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

75: Is 6: 1-8 Ps 138: 1-8

1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 5:1-11

A VOCATION VIEW

Before you were formed in the womb, God knew you.
Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord.
Do not be afraid to hear God's call!

(Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19)

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 or

Diocesan Vocation Website: [http://](http://steubenvillevocations.com)

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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.

INFERTILITY RETREAT

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville is offering a Catholic infertility Retreat to support couples carrying the cross of infertility. The retreat will be on Saturday, Feb. 8th from 2 PM -8 PM at Franciscan University in Steubenville. Come with your spouse or on your own to be supported, hear inspiring reflections, have opportunities for group sharing, and experience friendship with others on this same path. In addition to talks, the retreat will include time for prayer in adoration, praise and worship, an optional art walk, and dinner. To registrar go to <https://diosteub.givecloud.co/infertility-retreat>. For any questions, please contact Bernadette at bmrjuliano@gmail.com and/or Meg at mreister@franciscan.edu.

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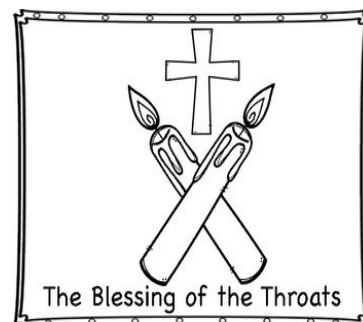
Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2025 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check towards further education. The application must be 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: church_townkofc@gmail.com.



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.

On February 3rd, is the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste and the custom of blessing of the throat of the faithful.



The Blessing of the Throats