

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville

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3 PM to 4 PM

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Weekend Mass



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March 02, 2025

THE EIGHTH 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. March 01	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer) St. John Dave Bowen (Craig & Shelia Lovett)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 02	OLM	Joseph, Bobby, & Bertha Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Evelyn Neill (STJ CWC) St. John Penny Schwendeman (Nobert & Shelia Schilling)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 03	OLM	No Mass St. John Allene Huck (Children)	No Mass 8: 00 AM
Tue. March 04	OLM	OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. March 05 (Ash Wed.)	OLM	Martha Huck (Betty Strahler) St. John Nick Brooker (Howard Brooker) <i>School Mass</i> St. John Pat Sisco (STJ CWC) St. John Jay Pottmeyer (Kevin & Jill Witucky)	* 6:00 PM* 8:20 AM 12:00 PM *7:00 PM*
Thurs. March 06 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	Mike Mullenix (Fagan Family) St. John No Mass	*6:00 PM* No Mass
Fri. March 07 (w Stations to follow)	OLM	No Mass St. John Bertha Pottmeyer (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass *6:00 PM*
Sat. March 08	OLM	Donna Arnold (unknown) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Bill & Roberta Dent)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 09	OLM	Jim Huck (03/10 1st. Anniv) (The Family) St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck Family) St. John Raymond & Blanche Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,571.00 (51); Offertory \$409.00; OLM Cemetery \$404.00 (17)

50/50 Winner: Ida Watts–Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/08 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach
 OLM: 03/09 (9:30 AM) Abigail Offenberger

OLM: 03/08 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily & Taylor Schaad
 OLM: 03/09 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

USHERS (Month of March)

OLM: 03/08 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
 OLM: 03/09 (9:30 AM) Jason Morris

SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
 SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Flichman

LENT GUIDELINES

During the Lenten season, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord thru prayer, reading the Scripture, and practicing certain self-control through fasting and abstinence. During Lent, there is to be no meat on Fridays for all Catholics starting at age 14; and practicing Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 should have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken sparingly at the other regular meal times if necessary, but they should combined to less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence outside the age limits include; the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, and women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, use common sense. No one should jeopardize their health by fasting.

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 14, 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	

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

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Annual Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell is on Saturday, March 22nd 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 22nd at St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Clairsville. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. For OLM ladies interested in attending, please contact CWC President, Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or DeDe Kidder at 740-632-3372 by March 9th.

OLM CHOIR

The Our Lady of Mercy Choir is looking for additional members. We generally sing at Sunday Mass and various other celebrations throughout the year. No prior experience is necessary, and you do not need to make an "every week" commitment. If you are interested, stop by the choir loft or call/text 740-336-8551.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 26th. Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Interested in helping someone get a Catholic education for those who can't afford it. You can make a donation to the Catholic school of your choice at no net cost to you. If you donate to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund (CTDSF), by April 15th, you will receive a tax receipt from the Diocese that can qualify you. To download the form, visit www.diosteub.org/ctdsf and make a check out to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund Inc.

A GOOD SEED

A tree is meant to bear fruit. But as Sirach reminds us, the quantity and quality of the fruit are determined by the way the tree has been cared for. What kinds of nutrients have fed its roots? How much light has shone down upon its leaves? Jesus' words in today's Gospel echo Sirach's observations. Like the Old Testament sage, Jesus tells his disciples that "every tree is known by its own fruit" (Luke 6:44). But he also says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good" (6:45). That means what you put into the "storehouse" of your heart and mind—what you take in to nourish yourself—eventually flows out from you, for better or worse. You might ask yourself, *How can I fill the storehouse of my heart with good? How can I nourish and cultivate myself so that I can bear the good fruit I was created to bear?* There are some obvious answers to these questions. Regular prayer can help you set down deep roots in the Lord. Committing Scripture to memory can create an environment of grace and faith that will help you produce good fruit. But there is another not-so-obvious answer: your relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ. People who share your faith can be a great help in nourishing your heart. Sisters and brothers with whom you can pray can lift you up. People whom you can join in serving the less fortunate can help you bear the fruit of compassion. Friends who speak words of blessing and encouragement can help you steer clear of gossip, resentment, or bitterness. Above all, never forget God's grace. It's God himself who created you to bear good fruit. He wants to fill you and enable your words to reveal his goodness and love, and he wants to use your friends to help you!

~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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Sunday of Lent

24: Dt 26: 4- 10 Ps 91: 1-2, 10-15

Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13

A VOCATION VIEW

Each tree is known by its fruit. What are the gifts and talents the Lord has given me? How is he asking me to use them?

(Luke 6: 39-45)

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://steubenvillevocations.com>

AMERICA RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A local Blood Drive at the parish hall of the St. Mary's Basilica, Marietta on March 10th from 12 to 6 PM. Your gift of time and blood is a selfless act of caring. Help assure that life-giving blood will be available when needed. To schedule you may call Judy McCoy at 740-516-8517; or by online visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Marietta.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES



Ash Wednesday - March 5th, St. John Church, Lowell with Service only at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 11th, Lowell United Methodist Church Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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

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

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

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



ST. BERNARD'S PASSION PERFORMANCE

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their annual Lenten performance of People of The Passion on Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

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: church_townkofc@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.

L.A.M.B. (Food Pantry)

The pantry has a new volunteer manager, and donations are now accepted both here at our church (in box at back) and also at the Food Pantry located at 309 Walnut St. on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. Volunteers are always welcomed. The Food Pantry distributes out items on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9 AM -11 AM. The following items are always needed: canned tuna, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.