

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM at the K of C  
Hall, Churchtown.

## **Mailing Address**

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**Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207**

## **January 19, 2025**

### **THE SECOND 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 con-  
firmed, 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

<b>Sat. Jan. 18</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Gary Pottmeyer (Tracy &amp; Angela Lang)</b> St. John Lorraine Henke (Mary Brooker & Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Tristian Sine (Jason &amp; Jennifer Morris)</b> St. John Fr. Dale Tornes (Randy & Gene Tornes Family) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Jan. 20</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Ben Sauer (STJ CWC)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Jan. 21</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Bob Peters (Marilyn Peters)</b> <b>No Mass</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 22</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John David Bowen (Parish)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Jan. 23</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Don Holmes (Debbie Misel)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Jan. 24</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Richard C. Arnold (Connie Arnold)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Jan. 25</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Ida Huck (Jim &amp; Peggy Huck)</b> St. John Larry Schaad (1st Anniv.) (Janet Schaad Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Earl Tornes (Richard &amp; Melissa Tornes)</b> St. John Mary Emge (Parish) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

#### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM:** \$2,021.00 (52); Offertory \$325.00; Solemnity of Mary \$25.00 (1); Initial Offering \$25.00 (3);  
 Christmas Offering \$25.00 (1); St. John School \$25.00 (1); Church Improvement \$120.00 (7)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Steve Weber –Congratulations!**

#### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

##### Lectors

**OLM: 01/25 (4 PM)** Shelly Medley  
**OLM: 01/26 (9:30 AM)** Eric Flieman

##### Altar Servers

**OLM: 01/25 (4 PM)** Tim Snyder, Jackson Long  
**OLM: 01/26 (9:30 AM)** Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris

##### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 01/25 (4 PM)** Heather Peters  
**OLM: 01/26 (9:30 AM)** Jenna Huffman

##### USHERS (Month of January)

**SAT:** Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman  
**SUN: Volunteers needed**

#### SUPPORT ENVELOPES



Support envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please check and make sure everything is correct. If corrections are needed, please notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207.

#### 2024 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2024, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to 740- 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you

## OLM CWC

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

### JANUARY COMMITTEE

Rose Beebe (Chair)  
Rhonda Huck  
Jennifer Anderson

Sandy Huck  
Heather Schaad  
Kristin Offenberger



### **CABIN FEVER BUSTER DINNER**

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is holding "Cabin Fever Buster Dinner" on February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30 PM to 6 PM, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Parish Hall. The menu includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, coleslaw, and a dessert (dine-in or carry-out available). Please contact Kathryn Reed at 740-350-3496 by January 27<sup>th</sup> to purchase a ticket. The ticket cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

### **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. (It's actually a good time).

### **MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO**

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## **ONE LORD OF ALL**

In today's Gospel, John tells how Jesus rescued a wedding reception by changing water into wine. This was Jesus' first miracle, and John tells us that when the disciples saw Jesus do it, they "began to believe in him" (John 2:11). Of course they began to believe in him! Jesus had just done something that seemed impossible. How could they not be moved? Not only did Jesus reveal his ability to perform miracles, but he revealed his concern for the father of the bride, who was about to be humiliated before all his guests. But John also makes it clear that this was the *beginning* of the disciples' journey of faith, not the end. That journey would include times when they trusted in Jesus' power and his compassion—like when they decided to stay with him after everyone else walked away (John 6:60-69). And it would include times when fear, pride, or sin caused them to doubt him—as Peter did when he denied knowing the Lord (18:15-18, 25-27). Like the disciples, we, too, are on a journey of faith marked by highs and lows. We all have times when we trust that Jesus can do what seems impossible—and we have times when we fail to trust in his power and compassion. Take this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for instance. Throughout the week, believers from all Christian traditions will come together to pray for an end to divisions in the body of Christ. It takes faith to join with people whose traditions and worship look different from ours and pray that God will make us one. We may think that unity is impossible, even for God. Or we may personally not want to extend Jesus' compassion and care to those who are divided from us. Jesus can do the impossible! So let's believe his promises. Let's take a step of faith and join with our brothers and sisters this week in praying, "*Lord, make us one!*" ~The Word Among Us

## **POPE FRANCIS**

### ***Prayer Intentions for January***

#### **FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

##### **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**69: Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19: 8-10, 15**

**1 Cor 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

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#### **A VOCATION VIEW**

You are filled with the Spirit! What is your gift? What is your ministry? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing power. Pray to know how God wants you to use your gifts.

**( 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11)**

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

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#### **LEGACY SUNDAY**

A new initiative by our Diocese to inspire parishioners to reflect on their blessings and consider how they can leave a lasting impact through legacy giving. Please think about our parish when planning out your estate. As St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, our gifts come from the same Spirit and are meant for the common good. Legacy giving allows us to continue sharing those blessings beyond our lifetime, ensuring the vibrancy and growth of our faith family.

## **DINNER FOR YOUNG MEN**

Bishop Edward Lohse will host a dinner for young men, 10<sup>th</sup> grade and older, at Triumph of the Cross Parish Steubenville on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Marian Room. Bishop Lohse will share insights about priesthood and discernment. Dinner is free! Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. No RSVP needed.

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#### **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.

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#### **K OF C NEWS**

**NOVENA-** The Knights of Columbus Council 4617 will be holding a Novena for Life from January 16<sup>th</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup> to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and the world. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nations. Printable/Digital prayer sheets can be found: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-novena-printable.pdf> or via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". All members of the community are welcome to join us!

**ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION** – Is set for Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Sign-up will begin at 1 PM, shooting starts at 2 PM. Boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2025, can participate. Parent or guardian must be present for sign in. You do not have to be a K of C Member to sign your child up to participate. Entry is FREE. Contact Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470 with any questions.

**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 email [churchtownkofc@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownkofc@gmail.com) or call/text Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.