

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**A Parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville**

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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

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

Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

January 05, 2025

THE EPIPHANY 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. Jan. 04	OLM	Jerry Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Martha Huck (Virgil Huck Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 05	OLM	Ken Stehly (01/06 -1 yr. Annv.) Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Edith Brooker (Terry & Patti Miller) St. John Ted DeWitt (Charlotte Lang Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 06	OLM	No Mass St. John Margret Klinger (Alvin Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 07	OLM	Stephanie Jackson (Unknown) No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. Jan. 08	OLM	No Mass St. John Bertha Pottmeyer (Philomena Pottmeyer) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Jan. 09	OLM	Linda Huck (Hugh & Kelly Arnold) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Jan. 10	OLM	No Mass St. John Gladys Schilling (Steve & Pam Brooker)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 11	OLM	David Schilling (Ed Schilling) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 12	OLM	Ronald Smith (Paul Smith) St. John Gladys Schilling (Steve & Pam Brooker) St. John Alecia Fouss (Ted & Trina Miller)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,1339.00 (51); Offertory \$310.00; Legacy Fund \$162.00 (7)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Hallie Gandor—Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 01/11 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 01/12 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/11 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 01/12 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 01/11 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 01/12 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of January)

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Jerry Hess, **Volunteer needed**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany (The Twelfth Night) marks a visit to the baby Jesus by the Magi (the three Kings or Wise Men). The word “Epiphany” comes from Greek and means “manifestation.” It celebrates ‘the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ’.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. The three kings—named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. They represented Arabia, Europe, and Africa. According to Matthew 2:11, they offered symbolic gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh.

The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus’ birth, the frankincense his divine birth; gold representing his royal standing; and myrrh his mortality.

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 1st, from 4:30 PM to 6 PM, at the 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 27th 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.

LAMB (LOWELL AREA MISSION BASKET)

DONATIONS –For your convenience, the donation box remains located at the back of the church for LAMB. Items needed are: canned chicken, canned tuna, pancake mix & syrup, and paper products. For more information, call Sherry Wittekind at 740-371-4235.

VOLUNTEER PANTRY MANAGER–

Are you able to give a few hours a week to directly impact the lives of individuals and families in our community facing food insecurities? Are you passionate about creating a positive impact and possess the skills to effectively manage a food pantry? If so, we invite you to join us in our mission to alleviate hunger in our community. To find out more about this opportunity, please contact Sherry Wittekind, Board Member, at 740-371-4235 or 740-885-9439. We are also looking for another board member to join from Our Lady of Mercy. We operate the food pantry as a cooperative with representatives from St John's Church, United Methodist Church, and Highland Ridge Church; churches from Lowell Area.



PSR IS BACK IN SESSON!

"I PLAYED MY BEST FOR HIM"

Little Drummer Boy

"We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar." This popular Christmas carol is appropriate for today's feast of the Epiphany. But were they "three"? Were they "kings"? Matthew only tells us that "magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem" (2:1). He doesn't say how many they were, and he definitely doesn't say anything about them being kings. The reason we may think they were kings is because of today's first reading, which tells the people of Jerusalem, "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (Isaiah 60:3). And we usually think there were three of them because they offered Jesus three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. So although we don't know their names, how many they were, or their countries of origin, we do know the most important thing: when they found the child Jesus, they "prostrated themselves and . . . offered him gifts" (Matthew 2:11). Let's ponder the gifts that we might offer our King today:

- Gold is a precious metal that represents wealth. What is your *gold*? Maybe it's the time you offer to serve him, or it's your money that you can share with the poor.
- Frankincense was a gift of worship. You can offer him the *frankincense* of the prayers and praises that rise from your heart to the throne of the Lord Almighty.
- The myrrh is a perfume that foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The *myrrh* you can offer are the times you sacrifice yourself to care for your family or those closest to you.

On this feast day, bring your precious gifts to the Lord. Offer him everything you have. Pour out your life before him and pay him homage. Jesus is pleased with every gift that you have for him.

~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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 Ps 104: 1b-4, 24-30

Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

A VOCATION VIEW

This is National Vocation Awareness Week.

Celebrate our common vocations of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons.

(Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22)

STEUBENVILLE 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>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, January 18, 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 a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

St John School will no longer be holding Bingo.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR –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. Our volunteer members – known as Vincentians – are women and men who are compelled by their Catholic Christian faith to serve those who are suffering and in need. Everything from rental assistance and homelessness prevention; to thrift stores and food pantries; to disaster recovery and charitable pharmacies, we share our time and treasure with those who need help and hope. We believe EVERYONE deserves a fair chance at a bright future, regardless of income or life circumstances. 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.

Wise Men
Seek Him Still

