

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

**Confessions: Saturdays-
3 PM to 4 PM**

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

September 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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. Sept. 13	OLM	Stephen Kuchyt (Todd & Katheryn Arnold) St. John Ben Sauer (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 14	OLM	David Erb (Richard & Melissa Tornes) St. John Leo Huck (Doug & Mary Parks) St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 15	OLM	No Mass St. John Mary Huck (Regis Huck) Richard Arnold (Janet Schaad Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Sept. 16	OLM	Ken & Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) Erama & Wilma M^cKibben Family (Larry & Linda Pottmeyer) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Sept. 17	OLM	No Mass St. John Judy Britton (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) (School Mass) Penny Schwendeman (Terry & Patti Miller)	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Sept. 18	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Mike & Susan Huck) Allen Gierda (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Fri. Sept. 19	OLM	No Mass St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Denny & Elaine Gerst) Leora Arnold (Vincent & Allene Huck Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 20	OLM	Beth Brady (Linda Phelps) St. John Betty Pottmeyer (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 21	OLM	Raymond & Elizabeth Arnold Family (The Family) St. John Kendrick Schwendeman (Alvin Arnold Family) St. John Evelyn Neill (Margie Stephens)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 09/20 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer

OLM: 09/21 (9:30 AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers

OLM: 09/20 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Volunteer

OLM: 09/21 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Caleb Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 09/20 (4 PM) David Bauerbach

OLM: 09/21 (9:30 AM) Jenna Huffman

USHERS (Month of September)

SAT: Rod Heiss, **Volunteer** needed

SUN: Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$3,716.00 (72); Offertory \$412.00; Legacy Fund \$161.00 (4); Votive Candles \$32.50; Improvement Fund \$10.00 (1); Gaza Collection \$773.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Raymond Lang– Congratulations!

2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

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

~ Psalm 31:25

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.00

Pledged to date \$26, 610.00

Paid to date (41) \$26,110.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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

SEPTEMBER Committee

Fay Heiss (Chair)	Phillis Anderson
Maureen Cunningham	Madison Heiss
Jamie Huck	Alberta Huck
Liz Johnson	Danielle Umstead

2025 EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

The 2025 Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 4th-13th throughout the Diocese of Steubenville! This is part of a nationwide movement of prayer, taking place concurrently in 32 dioceses throughout the country! The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National Eucharistic Revival: to renew our worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter his healing grace. Planning is already underway for this beautiful time of adoration with hourly rosaries. This is an opportunity for our diocese to come together to pray in union with others throughout the country in adoration, reparation, and intercession for all of the needs of our community and Church.

PARISH PICNIC

The CWC will be hosting the parish picnic on Sunday, September 28th at 5 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, and chips will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish. A sign up sheet is located at each entrance of the church and will be available through Sunday, September 21st. Please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 with any questions.



PSR NEWS

It's that time of year again! Registration for the 2025 to 2026 PSR classes is upon us. We are accepting students from kindergarten through 12th grade. We are continuing with some new ideas this year and pray you are able to join us. To register, contact Eric Fliehman at 740-525-1714 no later than September 21st.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is having a Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, September 13th, from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St Bernard Catholic Church Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$15 per person. Take out is available by calling 740-960-9944. Proceeds benefit Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

This verse from the Gospel of John may be the most famous passage in the whole Bible. It's especially appropriate on this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross because it's a concise summary of why the cross of Christ is central to our faith. Let's reflect on it today. *Love*. "God so *loved* the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16, emphasis added). God is a communion of three Persons, with a love and unity beyond our comprehension. Yet this triune God so desired to share his perfect love with us that the Son of God became a man. Out of that love, Jesus was willing to suffer and die on the cross—all so that he could save us. This love is so immense; it knows no bounds. It will go to any lengths and give everything to bring us into God's loving embrace. *Life*. ". . . so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal *life*" (John 3:16, emphasis added). God never wanted us to die. In Adam, we brought death upon ourselves when we turned away from God and went our own way. But on the cross, Jesus offered himself up as "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Through the shedding of his blood, Jesus conquered sin and death for everyone. This means that we can begin to experience eternal life even now. We don't have to be slaves to sin, and we don't have to fear death! When we do sin, the Holy Spirit can assure us of God's mercy and forgiveness. And now, we can look forward in hope to life everlasting in his presence. *Love and life*: this is the message of the cross. Today at Mass, gaze at the cross, and thank God for all that he has done for you in Christ Jesus, your Lord!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for September

For Our Relationship With All of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

135: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113: 1-2, 4-8

1 Tm 2: 1-8 Lk 16: 1-13

A VOCATION VIEW

God is the father with open arms. Who will preach this good news of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon; brother or sister.

(Luke 15: 1-32)

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 Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

Keep in your prayers:

Deacon Peter Stetson and Deacon Ryan Budd

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://steubenville.vocations.com>.

LADIES DAY RETREAT

St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking is hosting a Ladies Day Retreat on Saturday, October 4th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The day will include uplifting music, confessions, group discussion, and life changing speakers. Come for lunch and join with women from all over the diocese as they pray, sing, and reflect. To make a reservation or for more information please contact, Rita Rogers at drrogers2417@gmail.com, or you may call 740-423-5697 or Becky Hennen at call 740-989-2460 or email to rah1097@roadrunner.com. In order to cover costs there is a request of a \$10 donation per person.

K OF C DUELING PIANOS

K of C 4617 will be presenting Dueling Pianos on October 11th. Doors open at 5 PM followed by dinner and the show until 11 PM. Tickets are \$40 each and include prizes, dinner, drinks, and The Piano Show. For tickets or for more information contact Jeff Brooker at 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, September 20th, from 5 PM 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.

OCTOBERFEST HELP NEEDED

The Oktoberfest this year is the weekend of October 4th and 5th. This is a community event with all proceeds benefiting Buell Island Park. Our church and the K of C decided several years ago to not participate any longer, but the festival has continued and needs volunteers to work in the main food booth. There are shifts available both days, and all area residents are encouraged to help. If this festival stops occurring, the recreational opportunities at the park and youth sports will be greatly diminished. To give a few hours back to your community, please contact Courtney Stengel by text or call to 740-525-8829, you might just have fun!

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Do you know what the Seven Sorrows of Mary are? These are moments of deep suffering in Mary's life that help us reflect on her strength, faith, and compassion. They include:

1. Simeon telling Mary that Jesus would suffer.
2. Escaping to Egypt to live as refugees, to protect Jesus from King Herod.
3. Losing 12-year-old Jesus for three days, only to find Him teaching in the temple.
4. Seeing Jesus carry His cross on the way to His crucifixion.
5. Watching Jesus suffer and die on the cross.
6. Holding her lifeless Son after He is taken down from the cross.
7. Watching Jesus be buried in the tomb. Through these sorrows, Mary draws near to all who suffer. May we turn to her in our own times of grief and find peace and comfort in her loving, maternal heart.

