

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/In Residence

Fr. Dale Tornes, Retired

Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Ms. Heather Peters, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flichman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

Parish Council: Council
Meetings will be announced.

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.

April 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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. Karen Pottmeyer, **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. April 27	OLM Clarence & Gertrude Huck Family (The Family) St. John Mary Canterbury (Charlotte Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 28	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family) St. John L & D of John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 29	OLM No Mass St. John Helen Miller (Patricia Henke Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tues. April 30	OLM Mary Louis Pitt (Ed Schilling) St. John Margret Klinger (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. May 01	OLM No Mass St. John Edith Brooker (Martha Stevens) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. May 02	OLM Howard & Patricia Huck (Harold & Patty Micheal) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Fri. May 03	OLM No Mass St. John Larry Schaad (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	No Mass * 6:00 PM*
Sat. May 04	OLM Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family) St. John Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury & Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 05	OLM Robert Kurucz (Stephen & Jenna Huffman) St. John Evelyn Neill (Churchtown Sr. Citizens) St. John Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang & Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,933.00 (56); Offertory \$295.00; Legacy Fund \$20.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Sandy Gerst– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/04 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
 OLM: 05/05 (9:30 AM) Alex Bauerbach

OLM: 05/04 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Emma Snyder
 OLM: 05/05 (9:30 AM) Ross, Kate, & Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers

USHERS (Month of May)

OLM: 05/04 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
 OLM: 05/05 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman

SAT: Todd Arnold, Volunteer
 SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long



2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

~ Ephesians 4:5

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,074.00

Pledged to date \$21,350.00

Paid to date (33) \$13,600.00

Thank you for your generosity



OLM CWC

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

April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Diocese of Steubenville presents Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21. Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799 per person, double occupancy (single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

INTERESTED IN PERMANENT DIACONATE

Join Deacon Mark Erste, Director of Diaconal Ministries, his wife, and other interested men and their wives to an Information Session to find out more about the life of a Deacon. This event is to be held Saturday, May 10th at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, OH from 10 AM to 2:30 PM (Lunch will be provided). RSVP (so we have enough food!) to Deacon Mark at 740-512-4135 by May 8th.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

The Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of May, June, July, and August at Lowell's Buell Island Park from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The May 1st Shop Swap and Stroll has the monthly theme of Summer Safety. Come, shop, dine, and meet with individuals from the community.

STH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Catholic Church, Harriettsville will hold its Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 12th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Cost is Adults \$15.00 and Children (10 and under) \$7.00. Dinner includes chicken and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, home-made noodles, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Dine- in or Carry- out (in basement) available. For more information, contact Debbie Biehl at 740-373-2882.

DWELLING IN FAITH

Have you ever heard of snake oil salesmen? They sell a product that they promise will solve all of our problems, cure all of our ills, and guarantee a happy life. It's a tempting offer. But we know deep down that the salesman's promises are empty. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we can come to him and ask for whatever we want. Does that mean that, like a snake oil salesman, he is promising to give us whatever we desire, even if it's riches, fame, or power? Not at all. When Jesus makes this promise, he begins by saying "If you remain in me and my words remain in you" (John 15:7). That's the key: abiding in Jesus. He wants us to be like branches that are constantly fed and sustained by a vine. That means staying connected to him so that he can feed us and form us (15:5). The closer we are to Jesus and the more we let his words shape us, the more our hearts can become like his. Our desires and dreams start to reflect his desires and dreams for us. As a result, it's more likely that we'll be "asking" according to God's will. Of course, this doesn't happen overnight. Even as we strive to align ourselves with God's will, we should still keep bringing our needs or desires to Jesus. We should always come to him with the confidence of children who trust in their loving father. After all, we have a good God who wants to give us good things. But in the end, prayer is not an exercise in trying to get *him* to bend to *our* will. It's a process of freely embracing his will. Jesus is promising us that we can ask and receive as we align ourselves with him and hold onto his words. He himself will dwell within us and lead us to our heavenly Father. And that's not an empty promise!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April:

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

56: Acts 10: 25–26, 34–35, 44–48 Ps 98: 1-4

1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17

A VOCATION VIEW

If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you.

Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(John 15: 1-8)

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)

**John Paul 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, Christopher McGurn, and
Sam Ivkovich**

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>

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 4th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. James Catholic Church Hall, McConnellsville, OH. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes:

baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; website: maryshouseoh.com, or follow on Facebook; https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern, or call: 740-960-9944.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

April 28	Team 2	Jessica Henke	740-896-3705
May 05	Team 3	Ryan Lauchard	614-284-4851

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our diocese will celebrate with the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage. Our celebration begins on Friday, June 21st from 6 PM to 7 PM with a "Sing-Spiration" at Fort Steuben's Berkman Amphitheater followed by a procession from the Fort to the historic St. Peter's Church at 7:30 PM concluding with prayer, meditation, and Benediction. Then Saturday, June 22nd, Father Roger Landry of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, which will pass through Steubenville, and is currently the [only priest committed to walking the entirety of one of the four routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage](#) will be the speaker during the 6 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour at Holy Family Church, Steubenville. This weekends diocesan event will conclude on Sunday, June 23rd with "Put Out into the Deep" on the Ohio River. The Eucharistic Procession with both the Diocese of Steubenville and Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia starts the celebration with Mass at 10 AM with Bishop Paul J. Bradley at Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville. Then the procession will take place after Mass to the float, followed by a motorcade to the Steubenville marina. The Sternwheeler and boater-cade will then move down the Ohio River to Bellaire. All Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic organizations are invited to participate in the procession, with His Excellency Bishop Paul Bradley. It is an honor for our Diocese of Steubenville to host the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrims who have been traveling from the East, much like the Magi (sans camels!). Come and join them in proclaiming that Jesus Christ is REAL and PRESENT in the Holy Eucharist. Anyone who participates in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage or attends the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be granted this special remittance of temporal punishment associated with confessed sins (under the usual conditions of an indulgence). That means every stop along the nationwide Pilgrimage route and the Congress event itself are now even greater opportunities for grace. For more information or a copy of the mapped route visit: www.diosteub.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 4th. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.