

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

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 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**

November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 OCIA.

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. Nov. 29	OLM	Linda Huck (Earl & Justine Tornes) St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 30	OLM	Frank & Sylvia Yeomans (David & Joanie Yeomans) St. John Hilda Gebhart (Family) St. John Richard Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family Children)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Dec. 01	OLM	No Mass St. John Paul Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Dec. 02	OLM	Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Dec. 03	OLM	No Mass St. John Mary Schwendeman (Family)	No Mass 8:30 AM
		School Mass	
Thurs. Dec. 04	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
		STJ School Program	
Fri. Dec. 05	OLM	No Mass St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	No Mass 6:00 PM
		Adoration @ 5 PM	
Sat. Dec. 06	OLM	Msgr. Donal O'Carroll & Hibernian Order (Hibernian Order) St. John Rosemary Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 07	OLM	Donnie Heiss (2nd yr. Anniv. 12/06) (Family) St. John Gladys Schilling (Family) St. John Leroy Marshall (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,746.00 (57); Offertory \$239.25; St. John School \$25.00 (2); LAMB Collection \$1,118.40;
Christmas Flowers \$40.00 (2)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Curt Loken- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 12/06 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 12/07 (9:30 AM) Dan Fliehman
OLM: 12/08 (6:00 PM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 12/06 (4 PM) Jackson Long, **Volunteer Needed**
OLM: 12/07 (9:30 AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
OLM: 12/08 (6 PM) **Volunteers Needed**

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 12/06 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 12/07 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene
OLM: 12/08 (6:00 PM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of December)

SAT: Tim Huck, **Volunteer Needed**
SUN: Richard Tornes, Kim Schwendeman

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 \$27, 710.00

Paid to date (46) \$27,210.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



OLM CWC
DECEMBER Committee

Heather Peters (Chair)
Linda Strahler
Kalyn Seese

Mary Hess
Tana Huck
Toni Gober

Christmas Dinner-The CWC Annual Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. During the dinner, our Secret Pals from the past year will be revealed. And then we will be drawing Secret Pals for the new year. All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Woman's Club and welcomed to attend. Please contact Heather Peters with any questions at 740-350-6972.

Cookie Plates- The CWC will be assembling cookie plates for parishioners and community members on Sunday, December 14th after Mass in the parish hall. Each lady of the parish is asked to donate three dozen cookies for this service project. Please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 with any questions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

St. Vincent DePaul continues to be active in the communities we represent: Lowell, Churchtown, Beverly, and Belpre. The Giving Tree will soon be in the back of the church. If you know of a family in need or have any questions, please contact Nancy Schultheis at 740-885-9605.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Below are some addresses you might like to add to your Christmas card list. Fr. Walter Heinz, 5700 Bayshore Road, Lot 244, Palmetto, FL 34221; Fr. Dale Tornes, 279 Muskingum Drive Apt. 302, Marietta, OH 45750; Fr. Tim Shannon, 7 Alfred St. Wheeling, WV 26003; Fr. Bradley Greer, 425 N. Fourth Street, Steubenville, OH 43952; Fr. Victor Cinson Jr., P.O. Box 275 Minerva, OH 44657; Fr. Tim Huffman, 425 N. Fourth Street, Steubenville, OH 43952. The family of Mildred Schwendeman have requested a Christmas card shower. Please send your Christmas greetings to Mildred Schwendeman 1027 Lakeview Dr., Beverly, OH 45715.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation on which we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Masses will be celebrated as follows: at 8:30 AM (School Mass) at St. John Central School, at 6 PM at OLM and at 7 PM at St John.

WATCHFUL WONDERS

Welcome to Advent! It's a season filled with anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's also a season of waiting and hoping for his return at the end of time. That makes Advent a time both of certainty and uncertainty. It's a time of certainty because we know for sure that Jesus came into our world over two thousand years ago. But it's a time of uncertainty because we don't know when he will return. As Jesus himself told us, "You do not know on which day your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42). But even in the midst of this uncertainty, there is one definitive fact that we can rely on right here and right now: we may not know when Jesus will come again, but we do know that "the Son of Man will come" (Matthew 24:44). He can come into our hearts each and every day. He can come and show us his love and care for us. He can heal us. He can give us new insights as we prayerfully read his word. He can bring peace amid our anxiety. And he can fan into flame our hearts' longing for him. And so every year at this time, Jesus urges us to "stay awake" (Matthew 24:42). Because even as we are waiting, he will still be present to us—and he doesn't want us to miss him! What can you expect as you look for Jesus' coming each day? He might come to you in the whisper of an urge to pray as you run errands. He might come in an anxious child who draws you out of yourself to care for them. He might come during a candlelit liturgy as he gives you the comfort and conviction that he will take care of you. So this Advent, of course prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. And of course be ready for his final coming, whenever that will be. But also be on the lookout for the ways that Jesus will come into your life every day this Advent. Because the Son of Man will indeed come!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for November

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 Is 11: 1-10 Ps 72: 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17

Rom 15: 4-9 Mt 3: 1-12

A VOCATION VIEW

Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence.

(Romans 13: 11-14)



Please think of our Seminarians this holiday season. Cards may be sent to addresses listed below.

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, John Paul Gan, William Gugala, and Aaron Pabin

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, Deacon Ryan Budd, and Caleb Baker

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>.

CEMETERY PILLOWS

Washington County Exchange 4H Club is selling Cemetery Pine Pillows for \$25/pillow and Buckeyes for \$10/dozen. To place an order, please contact 4H Advisor, Ellie Tullius at 740-434-3064.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

POSTER CONTEST- K of C 4617, Churchtown, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Wednesday, December 3rd. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ Blessing on Monday, December 8th at 7:45 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

ESSAY CONTEST- K of C 4617, Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2025 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 -word essay on: The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. **Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite Popes and why?** Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. The winner will receive a \$100 prize; the runner-up a \$50 prize. All participants should mail essays and an entry form (located in the back of the church) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or by email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 3rd. Any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST-To start off the upcoming holiday season, the Knights of Columbus #4617, Churchtown will be lighting their nativity scene and building on Monday, December 8th at 7:45 PM. At this time, they will also be announcing all the winners of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Members, parents, grandparents, and community members are all welcome to attend this family event.

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY- K of C 4617, Churchtown, Annual Members Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th at the K of C Hall. Doors open at 6 PM.

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY-The children's party will be held on Sunday, December 14th. Doors will open at 12:00 PM. Santa will be stopping by to wish all a Merry Christmas. Discreetly bring a wrapped gift for your child to the kitchen and get reimbursed \$5.00.