

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

PASSION 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 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. March 28	OLM Bernard & Dorothy Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Lawrence & Margaret Schaad (Janet Schaad Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 29 (Palm Sunday)	OLM Daniel Strahler (Ken & Jan Long) St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers) St. John Robert Heiss (Russ Kern Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 30	OLM No Mass (Chrism Mass 2 PM at St. Mary) St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Tue. March 31	OLM Raymond Lang (Thomas Lang) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. April 01	OLM No Mass St. John Kevin Arnold (Family) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. April 02 (The Lord's Supper)	OLM Robert Gaydosik (Ed Schilling) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Todd & Katheryn Arnold) OLM/STJ Adoration after Mass until 10 PM	*6:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Fri. April 03 (Good Friday)	OLM Way of the Cross St. John Way of the Cross OLM Celebration of the Lord's Passion St. John Celebration of the Lord's Passion	*12:00 PM* *3:00 PM* *6:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Sat. April 04 (Easter Vigil)	OLM Jerry Huck (04/03) (4 yr. Annv.) (The Stalter Family) St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	*8:30 PM* *8:30 PM*
Sun. April 05 (Easter Sunday)	OLM David Bauerbach (Family) St. John James & Maglena Arnold (Family) St. John Regis & Mary Huck (Aaron Huck)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 10:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,203.00 (51); Offertory \$529.00;Easter Flowers \$246.00 (11);Votive Candles \$33.30

OLM 50/50 Winner: Anita Offenberger- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/02 (6 PM) Linda Miller
 OLM: 04/03 (6 PM) Dan Flieman, Lisa Berendts
 OLM: 04/04 (8:30 PM) Alex Bauerbach, Heather Peters,
 & Tony Offenberger
 OLM: 04/05 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/02 (6 PM) **Volunteers needed**
 OLM: 04/03 (6 PM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis
 OLM: 04/04 (8:30 PM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
 OLM: 04/05 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Vinny Huffman

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/02 (6 PM) Marlene Greene
 OLM: 04/03 (6 PM) Intention only
 OLM: 04/04 (8:30 PM) Jason Morris
 OLM: 04/05 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman

USHERS (Month of April)

SAT: Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang
 SUN: Cecil Bauerbach, Andrew Strahler



2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign
"Sharing the Peace of Christ"
Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95



OLM CWC

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

March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

BAKE SALE

The PSR Program would like to thank all of the parish members that donated baked good items for the OLM Fish Fries. It was great success due to the generosity of those who donated. Thank You!

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

A priestly ordination of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson will be Saturday, May 30th at 11 AM at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they dedicate their lives to serving God's people.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 25th. Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend- March 28th & 29th

Lowell- Saturday at 4 PM,
Sunday 9:30 AM
Churchtown- Saturday 6
PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, 11
AM



Monday, March 30th -Chrism Mass - 2 PM,
at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper,
April 02nd – 6 PM at Our Lady of Mercy,
Lowell and 7 PM at St. John the Baptist,
Churchtown**

(Adoration after Mass until 10 PM at both parishes)

**Good Friday, April 03rd - 12 PM - Way of the
Cross, 6 PM - The Passion of the Lord, at
OLM, Lowell and at STJ, Churchtown -3 PM
-Way of the Cross, 7 PM - The Passion of the
Lord**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, April 4th -
8:30 PM - At Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and
at St John the Baptist, Churchtown**

**Easter Sunday Mass, April 05th
Lowell - 9:30AM**

A STAR WILL GUIDE US

If Jesus were the star of a Hollywood movie, his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem would surely be the end of the film: a joyous celebration of the Messiah receiving the recognition and honor that he deserves. The movie would show how Jesus lived a sinless life, how he spent three years proclaiming and demonstrating that the kingdom of God was at hand, and how he trained his disciples. And in spite of some misunderstandings during his time of ministry, at last the crowds would finally acknowledge who he really was: the Son of God, the promised Messiah. The end. But as we read in today's Gospel, Palm Sunday was actually the beginning of one of the most significant weeks in history. Although it seemed as if things took a turn for the worse as the week went on—with Jesus' betrayal, abandonment, torture, and death—God's plan of salvation for the world was unfolding. In a homily on Palm Sunday, St. Bernard of Clairvaux remarked,

“How different the cries that now are calling him “King of Israel” and then in a few days' time will be saying, “We have no king but Caesar!” What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them.”

As you begin Holy Week, join the crowds in shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matthew 21:9). Then stay with Jesus all week as he prepares to suffer and die. Take some time each day to consider this one realization in today's Gospel: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (27:54). Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and died for you—and that is better than any Hollywood ending.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for March

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Cor 3: 1-4 Jn 20:1-9

A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

(Matthew 21: 1-11)

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, OH 43235)

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 McGum 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://steubenvillevocations.com>.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL & SMITTY'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

St. John School is partnering with Smitty's Pizza for a delicious fundraiser. A portion of every pizza or sub sold will support the St. John Home and School Foundation on Tuesday, April 7th from 4 PM – 9 PM. Just call any of these Smitty's locations during the fundraiser hours and mention "St. John Central Grade School; Marietta, Reno, Barlow, Belpre, and Lowell. Your order will help support the STJ students and school.

PENANCE SERVICE



Last Area Penance Services are as follow:
St. Ambrose - Little Hocking, Sunday, March 29th
at 7 PM

Additional Confession Times:

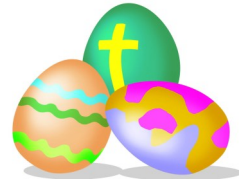
Our Lady Of Mercy, Lowell, Tuesday, March 31st at 5:30 PM
St. John the Baptist Churchtown, Wednesday, April 1st at 6 PM

What is a Plenary Indulgence?: All sin damages our relationship with God. When we go to Confession our sins are forgiven, but there is still the temporal punishment associated with sin. The Church offers us the plenary indulgence to wipe away all of that temporal punishment. Four things are necessary to receive the indulgence:

1. Go to Confession.
 2. Receive Communion.
 3. Pray three Our Fathers for the Pope's intentions. That fourth thing can be a variety of things, such as saying a rosary out loud in the church, doing Stations of the Cross in the church, or doing a holy hour in the church. You need to do all four of these things within a two week time span. You can apply the indulgence to yourself or someone who has died.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT— Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; Egg hunt will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass for children 0 –12 years old, on April 05th after the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly; and the 10 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to their parish before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt.



JOHN & BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

There are two college scholarships applications available for 2026 Graduating High School Seniors. Awards under this program are for the first year of college work at any Catholic College or University. The applicants must reside within the Diocese of Steubenville, a participating member of a Roman Catholic Parish, and meet the enrollment standards of the College/University they are planning to attend. The deadline for turn in is April 17th.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 18th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall. 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; call: 740-960-9944, website: maryshouseoh.com, or follow on Facebook; https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern.