

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the 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

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

October 04, 2026

TWENTY – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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, or 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. Oct. 03	**OLM**	**Karen Belcher (David & Joanie Yeomans)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 04	**OLM**	**Jerry Huck (Joe & Carol Lang)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Ed & Donna Klinger (Steve & Rachel Klinger Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 05	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Fr. Mark Moore (Bob & Peggy Byers)/ Herman Huck (Vincent Huck Siblings)	8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 06	**OLM**	**L & D Members of Stephen & Jenna Huffman)**	**5:00 PM**
		Tammy Welch (Unknown)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Oct. 07	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Fr. Charles Moran (Bill & Alberta Wesel)/Andrew & Peggy Brooker (Tim & Judy Best) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Oct. 08	**OLM**	**Linda Huck (Martin & Pauline Knoch)**	**5:00 PM**
		Gary Pottmeyer (Keith, Tina, and Tami)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Oct. 09	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family)/ Family (Mona Barrett)	8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 10	**OLM**	**Jake, Poke, & Sis (Debbie Misel)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Fred Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 11	**OLM**	**Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Frank & Gladys Schilling (Children)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,557.00 (61); Offertory $405.00; World Mission $5.00 (1); St. John $97.00 (6);
St. Vincent De Paul $5.00 (1); DPSC rebate $3,050.00

OLM 50/50 Winner – Teri Carpenter– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 10/10 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
10/11 (9:30AM) Dan Fliehman

Altar Servers: 10/10 (4 PM) Vinny Huffman, Grace & Faith Johnson
10/11 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers: 10/10 (4 PM) Heather Peters
10/11 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene

USHERS (Month of October)
SAT: Volunteers needed
SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer**

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign "Sharing the Peace of Christ"

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: $22,179.00 Pledged to date: $27,540.00 Paid to date (39): $27,540.00

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Thank you!

OCTOBER IS RESPECT OF LIFE MONTH

As part of Respect of Life Month, there will be a Life Chain event scheduled for Sunday, October 4th, from 2 PM to 3 PM on Washington Boulevard near the former Middleton Doll Factory, Belpre: and on St. Rt. 60; near Greenleaf on Muskingum Dr., Marietta and south of city limits near Beverly.

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Susan (Mike) Huck (Chair) Denise Pottmeyer
Jenna Long Amy Lang
Kay Offenberger Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore

PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies and noodles through Thursday, October 29th. Frozen chicken pies are $14 each. Noodles are $8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

PSR IS STARTING UP

PSR classes will start next Sunday, October 11th following the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. PSR Guidelines and student info forms are available at the back entrance to the church, if you have not completed a form please fill them out and return them to your child's instructor. We are also seeking a teacher and pray that someone will answer the call to help educate the youth of our parish in the ways of the faith. For questions, to register your child, or inquire about the teaching position, please contact Eric Fliehman at 740-525-1714**.**

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please join us; October 3rd –10th for a powerful week at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wintersville, OH for continuous Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosaries; praying for our Diocese and the needs of the world, opportunities for confession, additional 5:15 PM Masses, and Marian procession. On October 7th at 6 PM, guest speaker Matthew Leonard will give a talk entitled "Hail Mary; the Biblical Back Story of the Rosary." The week entails a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For questions please text 410-596-1936 or to sign up for a holy hour visit https://signup.com/go/PBPCxyV**.**

FILL A BABY BOTTLE-Change a Life

We are being asked to participate in a fundraiser to support **Mary's House**. Mary's House provides shelter, support, and job training for women who have chosen to give life to their babies. **Here's How It Works: Take a bottle** from the entrance of the church and bring it home with you. **Fill the bottle** with change, cash, or a check. **Return the bottle to the church by October 25th.** Every contribution, no matter the amount, can make a difference in the life of a mother and her baby. Thank you for helping us support mothers, strengthen families, and change lives!

GOD'S LOVE:

Is a True Example of Love and Devotion

As we consider today's Gospel, we might be struck by the extravagant patience of the landowner. He carefully prepares a vineyard and leases it to tenants to cultivate the crops. But at harvest time, the tenants refuse to give him the produce. The first servants he sends to collect the crops are beaten and killed. A second wave of servants are treated the same way. And finally, when the landowner sends his son, the tenants kill him in an attempt to seize the vineyard for themselves! What more could he have done? The landowner's actions certainly don't seem like the best way to run a business. But they do help us understand the loving perseverance of our heavenly Father. He holds nothing back in his attempts to bring his people back to himself. His love is relentless! We can see this relentless love again in today's first reading. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God depicts Israel as a "vineyard" (5:7). He speaks about tenderly cultivating and preparing the land so that his people could produce a bountiful "crop" of righteousness (5:2). And when they produced only "wild grapes," he sent Isaiah to call them back to him. Then, over time, he sent Jeremiah and Ezekiel and more and more prophets to speak his word to them. No matter what happened, the Lord never gave up on them. God never gives up on us, either. He cares for us even when we ignore him, even when we reject him, even when we are not fruitful. He is always extending mercy to us and giving us another chance. So welcome him in today. Let his love sweep you off your feet. Let it inspire you to respond with faith and trust to his invitation to return.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

142: Is 25: 6-10a Ps 23: 1-6

Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14

VOCATION VIEW

Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Let us present our needs to God in the form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(Philippians 4:6-9)

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, 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: Caleb Baker and Newly Ordained Priests, Father Peter Stetson and Father 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.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. "Bust some see feel on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold." Let your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 9th-11th. At the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phone and focus only on each other. To apply or check out other weekend dates available visit wwme.org. Early registration is recommended.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

Offering a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass in our area will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, which is married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend, please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 9th.

K OF C NEWS

PATIO PINIC- Knights of Columbus 4617 will have a Patio Picnic on Sunday, October 11th from 11 AM until 3 PM. Events will start with a Catholic Mass at 11 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Churchtown. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks (BYOB) will be provide. Guests should bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be games and prizes for the kids. K of C Members, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. We will have applications for new members to join if interested. As part of our Food for Families Program, we will be collecting canned goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. We hope to see you there! For any questions contact: Derek Kern at 740-516-7219 or Clay Miller at 740-336-4229.

DUELING PIANOS – K of C 4617 will be presenting Dueling Pianos on October 17th. Doors open at 5 PM followed by dinner and the show until 11 PM. Tickets are $50 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.

"SEARCH"

The Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is set with "Girls" weekend on Friday, November 6th –Sunday, November 8th; and "Boys" weekend will be Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School, Churchtown, and is open to all denominations. The deadline for applications will be October 30th for girls, and November 13th for the boys. For an application please visit https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/ or for more information, please contact Alana Henry 440-539-3763