

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 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**



April 13, 2025

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 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. April 12	OLM	Darren Cheeseman (Dan & Elanda Flichman) St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 13	OLM	Jeanette Schwendeman (David & Yvonne Kincaid) St. John Shelba Kern (STJ CWC) St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 14	OLM	No Mass –* Chrism Mass, St. Mary Basilica, Marietta – * St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	*2:00 PM* 8:00 AM
Tue. April 15	OLM	Linda Huck (Bob Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. April 16	OLM	No Mass St. John Pat Sisco (Ken & Marsha Gerkin) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. April 17 (The Lord’s Supper)	OLM	Ken & Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children) OLM/STJ Adoration after Mass until 10 PM	*7:00 PM* *7:00 PM*
Fri. April 18 (Good Friday)	OLM	Stations of the Cross	*3:00 PM*
	OLM / STJ	Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	*7:00 PM*
Sat. April 19 (Easter Vigil)	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Doug & Mary Parks Family)	*8:00 PM* *8:00 PM*
Sun. April 20 (Easter Sunday)	OLM	Tina Schaad (Evan & Heather Schaad) St. John People of the Parish St. John Deceased Members of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM *9:00 AM*

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,069.00 (60); Offertory \$600.00; Easter Flowers \$40.00 (2); Easter Offering \$20.00 (1)

50/50 Winner: Courtney Stengel– Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/17 (7 PM) Linda Miller
OLM: 04/18 (7PM) Dan Flichman, Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 04/19 (8 PM) Heather Peters, Susan Huck,
 Alex Bauerbach
OLM: 04/20 (9:30AM) Eric Flichman

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/17 (7 PM) Ron Miller
OLM: 04/18 (7 PM) Intention only
OLM: 04/19 (8 PM) Jennifer Morris
OLM: 04/20 (9:30AM) Martha Flichman

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/17 (7 PM) Tim Snyder, Jackson Long
OLM: 04/18 (7 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 04/19 (8 PM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
OLM: 04/20 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

USHERS (Month of April)

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



Dear Parishioners, the question was asked why we cover the statues and crosses in our church? All throughout Lent, through prayer, penance, and fasting, the Church has directed us to participate in the life of Christ more fully, to see His presence among us more clearly as we journey to the house of the Father. The hiding of the statues and crosses is not designated to hinder that progression, but to lead us to more deeply contemplate the saving work that Christ is to accomplish. The cross returns to us on Good Friday with the great words, “Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.” The rest of the statues and images return on Easter when we meet Christ Risen from the dead. May these last days of Lent bring us to Easter joy ready to celebrate the Lord!

— Fr. David

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	

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 26th; cocktails 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.

NIGHT OF JOY

Franciscan University of Steubenville will host Night of Joy on Thursday, April 24th, from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Pope St. Paul VI Event Center of the Christ the Teacher Hall. The evening's event will be shared via livestream and will be open to an in-person audience free of charge. Night of Joy will include uplifting worship music performed by international country artist and worship leader John Paul Von Arx; a keynote presentation by Catholic author, speaker, podcaster, musician, and a Franciscan University catechetical professor, Deacon Bob Rice; as well as, spiritual reflections and Eucharistic Adoration with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University. Sponsored by Steubenville Conferences, Night of Joy, is a follow up to last year's successful Night of Hope event held during the Advent season. Steubenville Conferences plans to make Night of Hope and Night of Joy yearly events to help participants deepen their faith. For more information and to register for free for the Night of Joy livestream, please visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-joy/>.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life will be held on May 10th at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself. Lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely." – St. Catherine of Siena

ON A JOURNEY

Today we begin the holiest week of our Church year. We join the crowds and shout, "Hosanna!" as Jesus enters Jerusalem. We listen to him teach, even while people plot to kill him. We see him wash his disciples' feet and offer them his Body and Blood, despite knowing that one will betray him and the rest will abandon him. We watch as he is rejected by his people and handed over to death on a cross. It's easy to see Jesus just as an unfortunate, tragic victim of hatred and violence—and he was. But he was more than that. He freely chose to embrace his passion and death. He freely chose to offer himself as a sacrifice for our salvation. He offered no resistance to his captors, like the Suffering Servant who "gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard" (Isaiah 50:6). This week, we have the chance to accompany Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. He invites us to give him thanks and praise for his mighty deeds. He invites us to receive his Body and Blood that he freely poured out for us. And he invites us to stay awake with him, to "get up and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Luke 22:46). Like the disciples, we may not do this perfectly. But just as Jesus freely chose to offer himself for us, we can freely choose to stay close to him. We can read his word and recall all he did for us. We can sit before the Lord in prayer and participate in the liturgies of the Triduum. We can try our best to love the people around us as Jesus loved us. And if we fail, we can receive the mercy he offers from the cross: "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34).



~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Ps 118: 1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
1 Cor 5: 6b-8 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?

(Luke 19:25-40)

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 Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

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

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

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>

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, April 19th, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY—As we get closer to Easter, the Knights of Columbus are encouraging families in our parish communities to attend the Good Friday liturgy, April 18 with Mass at 7 PM at Our Lady of Mercy, St. Bernard, and St John. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us.

EASTER EGG HUNT— Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass, on April 20th after the 9 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown and the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly for children 0 –12 years old. 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. For more information or questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.



NIGHT AT THE RACES—The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 3rd. 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.

OLM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 1) When cemetery flowers (fresh cut or artificial) wilt and become weathered, please remove them from the grave. It is the responsibility of the family/ grave owner to remove any flowers after burial. Also, please remove grave blankets after the holidays, since they can kill the grass if left on the grave for a long period of time. This helps us with the care of the cemetery and makes for a neat appearance.
- 2) **No glass** containers are to be used for flowers.
- 3) Reminder of the cemetery rule that there is to be **no permanent planting of flowers and shrubs**. OLM Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to plants/shrubs planted without permission, nor are we responsible for missing arrangements. On occasion, we receive high winds which scatter artificial arrangements over the property. We are unable to tend to these items.

