

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 Fliehm, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehm, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

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

**Rosary: Before each-
Weekend Mass**

Christ
The King

November 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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. 22	OLM	Msgr. Lawrence Luciana St. John Bill Wesel Sr. (Bill Jr. & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 23	OLM	L & D of John Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach) St. John Robert Heiss (David & Dottie Schaad) St. John Larry Schaad (Steve & Rachel Klinger)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 24	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Tue. Nov. 25	OLM	Tess Huck (Leroy & Sophia Rauch) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service St. John Thanksgiving Program	5:00PM *7:00PM* *11:00 AM
		School Mass	
Wed. Nov. 26	OLM	Jim W. Healy (Jim & Peggy Huck) St. John Ron Lang (Ed & Lois Arnold)	5:00 PM *6:00 PM
Thurs. Nov. 27	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	No Mass *8:30 AM
Fri. Nov. 28	OLM	No Mass St. John Howard & Mae Lang (Tony Lang & Christy Nicholas)	No Mass 8:00 AM
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



Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 11/29 (4 PM) Lisa Berendts	OLM: 11/29 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 11/30 (9:30 AM) Eric Fliehman	OLM: 11/30 (9:30 AM) Caleb Schaad, Kate & Ashton Schultheis
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of November)
OLM: 11/29 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman	SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
OLM: 11/30 (9:30 AM) Martha Fliehman	SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,488.00 (59); Offertory \$387.00; All Saints \$80.00 (2); Improvement Fund \$30.00 (2)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Jan Long- Congratulations!

OCTOBER COUNTS

The numbers are the average based on the October Weekend Mass Attendance sheets. This count includes adults, children, and infants. Thank you to the ushers for helping to complete this report.

YEAR	2025	ATTEND	256
YEAR	2024	ATTEND	231
YEAR	2023	ATTEND	231
YEAR	2022	ATTEND	218

OLM CWC

NOVEMBER Committee

Kathy Reed (Chair)
Debbie Mankins
Christy Haines

Jennifer Morris
Beth Bauerbach
Cathy Cheeseman

The CWC will be holding its annual Christmas Dinner 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. A sign up sheet is available at the main entrance of church until Sunday, November 31st. Please contact Heather Peters with any questions at 740-350-6972.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Lowell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday, November 25th, at 7 PM. All parishioners, as well as the public, are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for all the Christian Communities of Lowell to join together in prayer; to offer gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings we have received.

LAMB THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The Lowell Food Pantry is preparing for each area family in need a Thanksgiving meal bag. Each church of the Ecumenical Cooperative has been assigned an item to include with each meal bag. **OLM has been assigned turkey gravy.** To donate individual cans or jars of turkey gravy to be placed in each Thanksgiving bag; please place donated items on the Thanksgiving table located at the front of the church. Cash/ Check donations made payable to LAMB are also welcome. All donations are needed by November 23rd. Other items also in need for the pantry include: granola bars, muffins, pop tarts, graham crackers, seasoning packets (such as Taco, Ranch, Grillmates), pickles, yams, tuna, tea/lemonade/hot chocolate mix. Thank you for any and all donations, to ensure everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is for the LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket) to help purchase other items needed for this Thanksgiving season meal bags as well as to stock the shelves of the Food Bank with needed items. Please be generous.



ETERNAL LIFE

King that Keeps Giving

Every year on Holy Thursday, the king or queen of England distributes gifts to various men and women who have demonstrated "outstanding Christian service" by making a difference in the lives of their local communities. This image of a good and generous king is appropriate today, even if it isn't Holy Thursday! That's because today marks one hundred years since Pope Pius XI established the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today, instead of considering an earthly king, we turn our attention to the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16), whose "kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). Jesus, our King, came to give us greater gifts than any gift an earthly king could ever give. In today's Gospel, in fact, we see him giving the gift of eternal life to the "good thief" who is crucified next to him. Then, dying on the cross, he gave us the greatest gift: his own life for our salvation. And from that point on, he has been continuously offering us his love, mercy, and forgiveness. As Pope Pius XI proclaimed, Jesus came, "not to be ministered unto but to minister," and to give himself "as a model of humility" (*Quas Primas*, 20). What a wonderful King we have! When the thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus promised, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Let's follow this man's example and honor our King by surrendering our lives to him. Let's open our hands and receive his overflowing gifts of mercy, love, and forgiveness. Most of all, let's praise our King for giving us the greatest gift of all: eternal life!

~ 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 Is 2: 1-5

Ps 122: 1-9

Rom 13: 11-14

Mt 24: 37-44

A VOCATION VIEW

The King is the bone of our bones and flesh of our flesh. The King is the servant-leader, who lets go of his life for our sake. Who will follow the example of David, the example of Jesus, and renounce worldly power for the power of the children of God?

(2 Samuel 5: 1-3)

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.

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.

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.

While the holiday season is often a time of joy and celebration with friends and family, there are those who may feel lonely or would deeply appreciate a kind phone call or greeting card. Our reaching out to these individuals with words of encouragement and companionship are deeply appreciated.

