



OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of
the 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 Flichman, **PSR Coordinator**

Mrs. Martha Flichman, **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

July 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH 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. July 18	OLM	Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Ellen Heiss (Mitch & Lorraine Schott)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 19	OLM	Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	9:30 AM
	St. John	L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	7:30 AM
Mon. July 20	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Eldon Miller (STJ Parish)	8:00 AM
Tue. July 21	OLM	Tess Huck (Randolph Family)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. July 22	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Lorraine Henke (Patricia Henke Family)	8:00 AM
Thurs. July 23	OLM	Donnie Heiss (Tony & Kristin Offenberger)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. July 24	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. July 25	OLM	Harold & Mildred Offenberger (The Family)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Penny Schwendeman (STJ Card Club)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 26	OLM	L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family (The Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Ben Brooker (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family (The Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,843.00 (56); Offertory \$336.00; St. John (1) \$25.00; Improvement Fund \$150.00 (9); Votive \$31.00

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 07/25(4 PM) Tony Offenberger	Altar Servers: 07/25 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
07/26 (9:30AM) Dan Flichman	07/26 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Vinny Huffman
Eucharistic Ministers: 07/25 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger	USHERS (Month of July)
07/26 (9:30AM) Ron Miller	SAT: Terry Schwendeman, Bruce Schaad
	SUN: Tom Flichman, Pat Lang

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign “Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00 Pledged to date: \$25,540.00 Paid to date (38): \$25,540.00

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Your generosity helps to fund those critical ministries, forming the next generation of Catholics, and supporting our seminarians studying for the priesthood. It also provides care for our retired priests, administrative support to our Catholic schools. It provides funding for our outreach to the poor, for marriage and family ministries and efforts to promote a culture of life. Regardless of what the Vatican decides about the future of our diocese, the work of the Church—including our parishes, schools, and other ministries—must continue. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.

OLM CWC

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

July Committee

Linda Miller (Chair)	Melissa Tornes
Jill Kendall	Tammy Offenberger
Lisa Berendts	Kaitlin Huck
Megan Lehman	

FR. WALTER HEINZ'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

The OLM CWC warmly invites all parishioners to a birthday dinner celebrating Fr. Walter Heinz's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 9th, at 5 PM. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration as we honor Fr. Heinz and give thanks for this special milestone. Please sign up using the sheets located at each church entrance by noon on Sunday, August 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. We hope you can join us for this joyful celebration!

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The 2026–2027 tickets are now being collected. If you were one of the 60 participants from last year and would like to continue in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win \$25.00 per week and attend a steak dinner/ drawing where larger prizes are awarded. Please pay one of the Team Leaders or put the money in an envelope with your name on it marked 50/50 and place it in the collection basket. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in, or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave.



BE PATIENT

The harvest is coming

In his parables, Jesus often made use of familiar, everyday objects to capture his listeners' imagination and help them see God's work from a new perspective. In today's Gospel, he uses a tiny mustard seed to illustrate the surprising nature of God's kingdom. "It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet . . . becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches'" (Matthew 13:32). Great things, Jesus is saying, can come from small beginnings. We see this principle play out in the history of the Church. From their hiding place in the upper room, Jesus' disciples took the message of his resurrection to the whole world. Through the power of the Spirit and the preaching of those first apostles, the Church grew—and continues to grow—in phenomenal ways. Sometimes, though, God's work may have such tiny, unimpressive beginnings and grow so slowly that we barely notice it. This tends to be true in our spiritual lives, too. That kind of growth is often hidden, like the yeast that the woman put into "three measures" of flour (Matthew 13:33). We may not see dramatic signs of Christian maturity in ourselves or our loved ones right away. On the contrary, it can be easy to spot the "weeds" in our lives and our world that seem to take root and grow so quickly. And that can be discouraging! That's why Jesus encourages us to remember the mustard seed. He wants us to trust in the goodness of the seed of faith he has placed within us and in his Church. He wants us to keep looking for the green shoots of his kingdom. And he wants us to keep asking for the grace to nurture their growth in ourselves and the people around us. So don't worry! God's work often starts off small and slow. He is faithful, and his seed will bear fruit!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

109: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52

VOCATION VIEW

Yeast which a woman kneaded... Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's Love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light.

(Matthew 13:24-43)

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>.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, starting at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

CORN ROAST

The Lowell American Legion Post 750 invites you to its annual Corn Roast on Saturday, August 1st, from 4 PM to 11 PM at the Post. Enjoy an evening of family fun featuring delicious food, a country store, raffles, 50/50 cash drawings, live music, and a kid- zone with games and inflatables. So bring the whole family and join your friends and neighbors for a great community event while supporting your local American Legion.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 16th at Ox Bow Golf Course, Belpre. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$260.00/four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle. If you would like to help with this event or purchase a ticket contact Lori Murphy at 740-624-1159, or 740-960-9944, or email maryshouseoh@gmail.com.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time and talents. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments, and sponsor eligibility). Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you have not yet received your envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.