



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

September 06, 2026

TWENTY – THIRD 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. Sept. 05	OLM	Members of the Heiss & Knoch Families (Fay Heiss)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Ben & Edith Brooker (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 06	OLM	Karen Rohrer (Rob & Susan Huck)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Edward Brooker (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 07	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Hilda Gebhart (Charlotte Lang Family)	9:00 AM
Tue. Sept. 08	OLM	Marlene Walbert (Cade Lang)	5:00 PM
		Scott Mazur (David & Joanne Yeomans)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Sept. 09	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St John	Grace Strahler (Duane & Tina Duff)/Jay Pottmeyer (Harold Arnold Family)	School Mass 8:30AM
Thur. Sept. 10	OLM	Jennette Schwendman (Lisa Schwendman)	5:00 PM
		Nathan Huck (Ben and Lisa Bernedts)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Sept. 11	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Faye Treadway (Jerry & Melinda Treadway)/Richard C. Arnold (Charles Tornes)	8:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 12	OLM	David Erb (Richard & Melissa Tornes)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Kendrick Schwendeman (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 13	OLM	Dan Strahler (Andrew Strahler)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Jeremy Schott (Ed & Anna Mae Brooker Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$2,176.00 (56); Offertory \$590.00; Legacy Fund \$50.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$200.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner – Neva Kern – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 09/12(4 PM) Heather Peters	Altar Servers: 09/12 (4 PM) Vinny Huffman, Grace & Faith Johnson
09/13 (9:30AM) Linda Miller	09/13 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Lydia Fliehman
Eucharistic Ministers: 09/12 (4 PM) Sue Huck	USHERS (Month of September)
09/13 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman	SAT: Rod Heiss, Volunteer needed
	SUN: Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Mildred Schwendeman, our beloved and oldest parishioner at OLM, who celebrated her 98th birthday on July 12th. Mildred was a cherished and devoted member of our parish family for many years. Her strong faith, dedication, and loving service to her family, our church family, and the community of Lowell touched the lives of so many. We will be forever grateful for the many years Mildred shared her faith, kindness, and love with our parish community. Her presence will be deeply missed, but we rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection and eternal life promised to us through Jesus Christ. Please join us in keeping Mildred and her family in your prayers. May God grant her eternal rest, and may His perpetual light shine upon her.

OLM CWC

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

September Committee

Faye Heiss, Chair	Phyllis Anderson
Jamie Huck	Alberta Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Danielle Umstead
Liz Johnson	Madison Heiss

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: juice (bottles/boxes), pickles, Saltine crackers, Pop-tarts, Spam, Vienna sausages, and canned fruits. For more information or ways to help, please contact Rose Bebee at 740-516-1561 or Mark Huck at 740- 896-2128.

Father Tim Shannon has asked me to let you know that his open heart surgery, for the repair/replacement of two heart valves, will take place on Monday, August 24, 2026, at the Cleveland Clinic. Father Tim asks that you please continue any and all prayers for the success of this surgery.

~Fr. Dave

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

In celebration of Fr. Wayne Morris's 25th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, **we are blessed to welcome him to** Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church to **celebrate Mass with us on** Monday, September 7th, at 9 A.M. Please join us as we give thanks for his 25 years of faithful service and celebrate this wonderful milestone with him!

Congratulations, Fr. Wayne, on 25 wonderful years of priestly ministry!

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in loving memory of the Deceased Members of the Raymond and Elizabeth Arnold Family.



MOLDING HEARTS INTO HIS GREAT WORKS

Have you ever tried to mold a pot out of clay? Once it dries, clay is nearly impossible to work with. If you let it harden, you can't reshape it. Just as a potter needs soft clay, so our Lord needs soft hearts that he can shape into vessels of his grace and power. Today the psalmist calls God's people to "kneel before the Lord who made us" (Psalm 95:6). Through his word, he wants to form his people into a beautiful dwelling for his Spirit. That's why he speaks through his prophets like Moses and Ezekiel, the "watchman" in our first reading (Ezekiel 33:7). He forms us through the Church and through our brothers and sisters in Christ. And he molds us through the voice of his Spirit in our hearts. That's why it's important to heed the psalmist and "harden not your hearts" (95:8)! The problem is that sin tends to harden our hearts. It makes us less pliable and less responsive to God and limits his ability to mold and shape us. So he gave us his Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, so that we would turn back to him (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit softens our hearts and fills us with hope that we can change. What does a pliable heart, open to the Spirit; look like? Above all, it is humble before God and wants to please him by becoming his instrument in the world. A pliable heart recognizes the destructive power of sin and longs to repent and be set free. A pliable heart is peaceful because it receives God's love and trusts that God will never hurt or abandon it. Let's cooperate with the Holy Spirit today. Imagine that you are a piece of clay being shaped by God's loving hands. Picture him molding you; let him show you any rough spots that need extra attention. Yield to him, and let him smooth them out. You—and everyone around you—will be amazed at what God can do in you.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

130: Sir 27: 30—28: 7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Rom 14: 7-6 Mt 18: 21-35

VOCATION VIEW

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(Matthew 18:15-20)

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>.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Melvin Schwendeman family for their generous donation and hard work in beautifying and updating the Ave Maria Cemetery. Your kindness, generosity, and dedication are deeply appreciated by our parish.



K OF C NEWS

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.

2026 FOOTBALL CRAZR TICKETS are available until Oct 26th. Cost of each ticket is \$20. These tickets are in no way supported or affiliated with the NFL. The K of C State Council only uses the score of NFL games to determine a winner. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823 or any K of C member.

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.

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.

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.