



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

August 30, 2026

TWENTY – SECOND 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. Aug. 29	OLM	Deanna Lang (5 yr. Anniv.) (Katheryn Reed)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Walter & Alma Heinz (Parish)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 30	OLM	L & D of Raymond & Elizabeth Arnold Family (Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Fred Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Ron Lang (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 31	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Mary E. Huck (Chris & Jenny Semon)/ Eldon Miller (Terry & Patti Miller)	8:00 AM
Tue. Sept. 01	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Mike & Susan Huck)	5:00 PM
		Kendrick Schwendeman (unknown)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Sept. 02	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St John	Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett Family)/ Larry Schaad (Donna Tornes Family) School Mass	8:30AM
Thur. Sept. 03	OLM	Jim King Jr. (Dave & Joanne Yeomans)	5:00 PM
		Jerry Huck (David & Yvonne Kincaid)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Sept. 04	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Ellen Heiss (Chris Pottmeyer)/ David Denius (Siblings of Vincent Huck)	8:00 AM
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

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 – Brenda Eddy – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 09/05(4 PM) Abigail Offenberger	Altar Servers: 09/05 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
09/06 (9:30AM) Eric Fliehman	09/06 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers: 09/05 (4 PM) Heather Peters	USHERS (Month of September)
09/06 (9:30AM) Jason Morris	SAT: Rod Strahler, Volunteer needed
	SUN: Ray Strahler, Matt Huffman

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.
September Committee

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

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday,
September 1st at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please
plan to attend.

OLM 50/50 NEWS

We have begun drawing the 2026-2027 winners of
the 50/50 Club. Congratulations to the WINNERS!
**Please check the bulletin board in back of church
or your mail to see if you have received your
prize.** Anyone who is interested in drawing the
winning number each week is welcome to come by
the parish office on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.
Thank you for your participation and support.

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.



OLM PSR NEWS

PSR will be starting up soon and is in search of
volunteers interested in teaching PSR Classes. The
PSR coordinator, Eric Fliehm, is eager to get this
year started but he is in need of some help from our
parish. Children are the heart of our church. Our
beliefs and traditions live through them. Please contact
Eric at 740-896-3446 if you feel called to educate our
youth.

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. Please contact Rose
Beebe at 740-516-1561 or Mark Huck at 740-
896-2128.

GOD FORBID! HE LOVES US – FLAWS AND ALL

It's ironic that Peter would use these words to
try to dissuade Jesus from the cross. *God
forbid?* It was God's plan in the first place! Not
to mention, Jesus is God and is completely
aligned with the will of his Father. So, asking
God to "forbid" something that was God's
eternal will? It doesn't make sense. Of course,
Peter didn't yet realize that Jesus is the eternal
Son of God, one in being with the Father. How
could it possibly be God's wisdom that a man
who was so righteous and holy should meet an
early, violent end? *God forbid!* There was no
way Peter would let Jesus go through with this.
You can also hear the love in Peter's voice. He
loved Jesus so much that he couldn't imagine
being separated from him. Neither could he bear
the thought of Jesus allowing himself to "suffer
greatly" and to "be killed" (Matthew 16:21).
Especially not after Jesus had already revealed
how powerful he was. No matter how many foes
he faced, he could stop them with a single word.
So *God forbid* that he would just surrender
himself to death like this! But what Peter didn't
yet understand was that Jesus would reveal his
love to the fullest through his death. It was by
submitting to his Father's will—even if it meant
surrendering to his opponents' plan to kill
him—that he would overturn sin and open the
way to God for all who believe. This is love in
action, and *God forbid* anyone should try to stop
him! This is the measure of Jesus' love for us.
It's a love that scandalized Peter at first but that
he would later embrace when he opened his
arms and allowed himself to be crucified upside
down. It's a love available to each of us as we
gaze upon our crucified Lord. *God forbid* that
we ever lose sight of that love!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

127: Ex 33: 7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20

VOCATION VIEW

If you wish to follow Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow. Are you courageous enough to follow as a priest or deacon, brother, or sister?

(Matthew 16:21-27)

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>.

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.