

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207

A Parish of the Roman Catholic 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 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**

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.

April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. April 18	OLM	Dale & Marian Stalter (Max Huck) St. John Ellen Heiss (Jeff & Shoshanna Brooker)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 19	OLM	Harold Huck (Mike & Susan Huck) St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Kenny Britton (Mary Brooker Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 20	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family) Ron Lang (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. April 21	OLM	Mike Smaar (Jason & Jennifer Morris Family) Linda Huck (Nathan & Cindy Worthington) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. April 22	OLM	No Mass St. John Albert Henke (Mary Brooker Family) Patricia Gaydosik (Larry & Connie Richter)	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. April 23	OLM	Jeannette Schwendeman (Lisa Schwendeman) Darren Cheesman (Fred Schell) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. April 24	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. April 25	OLM	Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family) St. John Frank Schilling (Children)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 26	OLM	Cole Wheeler (Unknown) St. John Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad Family) St. John Harold & Regina Tornes (Donna Tornes)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,321.00 (61); Offertory \$554.10; Easter Offering \$30.00 (2); Holy Land \$10.00 (1);
 Votive Candles \$35.20; Religious Retirement \$20.00 (1); Church Improvement \$179.00 (11)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Doug Seese- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 04/25 (4 PM) Susan Huck
OLM: 04/26 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/25 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Vinny Huffman
OLM: 04/26 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 04/25 (4 PM) Stephen Huffman
OLM: 04/26 (9:30AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of April)

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



2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00

Pledged to date: \$19,195.00

Paid to date (26): \$17, 845.00



Thanks to all who participated in the 2026 DPSC thus far. Your generosity helps to continue the Mission of the Church. For those who have not yet responded, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card. You can place it in the collection basket, or mail it directly using the pre-addressed DPSC envelope. Additional pledge cards and DPSC envelopes are available at the parish office and in the entrances of the church.

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 25th. Starting 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 4 - 15, 2027. Tour stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Monte Cassia, Subiaco, and Rome. Land-only price is \$5,059.00 per person. Option for Group Airfare is an additional \$1,468.00. Space is limited! Please visit: <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly/> or contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com for more information.

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

Come and join Catholics of the Mid-Ohio Valley at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Parkersburg, WV. On Mondays at 7 PM. Catholics in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of the 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scriptures from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit: catholicinrecovery.com or contact John B. at (681)229-7220 or catholicinrecoverymov12@gmail.com.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Forgiveness & Hope after Abortion. "Many inaccurately feel that abortion is 'the unforgivable sin.' They need to hear that God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion." Did fear and shame lead you or someone you know to have an abortion? Or you felt as if you had no other choice? Are you seeking comfort from welcoming, non judgmental people to help you through your sadness and guilt? We invite you to make a confidential call to Project Rachel Ministry at 740-275-7038 or visit www.diosteub.org/project-rachel.

PRESENT BEYOND SIGHT

HE IS ALWAYS WITH US

Have you ever noticed how the story of the two disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus looks a lot like the way we meet Jesus at every Mass? At the start, Cleopas and his friend were devastated. Jesus had been crucified, and their hopes were dashed. So when Jesus approached them, "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). How often do we come to Mass preoccupied? Maybe we had an argument on the way to church, or we're worried about a family problem. These things can keep us from seeing Jesus clearly. Jesus didn't keep his distance. He drew near and engaged with these two disheartened disciples. Similarly, he welcomes us to Mass as we are and draws near to us. In the Penitential Rite, he offers us his mercy so that we can turn from our sins and re-focus our minds on him. Once Jesus started the conversation with his disciples, he walked them through "what referred to him in all the Scriptures" (Luke 24:27). In the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus teaches us. The readings can open our hearts and minds to God's perfect plan, fulfilled in him. Although the disciples' hearts were burning as they began to understand the Scriptures, they didn't recognize Jesus until he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread to them. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, our eyes are opened and our faith deepened as Jesus offers himself to us in Holy Communion! Next, the two disciples immediately and joyfully returned to Jerusalem to tell their friends. At the end of Mass, we are sent out to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Meeting Jesus changes our hearts, and we can't help but proclaim it. The next time you're at Mass, imagine that Cleopas and his companion are with you. Share their excitement as, throughout the liturgy, your heart begins to burn with love as you come to recognize Jesus, present in the breaking of the bread.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

49: Acts 2: 14a, 36 -41 Ps 23: 1-6

1 Pt 2: 20b -25 Jn 10: 1-10

A VOCATION VIEW

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. How do I recognize Jesu? Am I being called to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?

(Luke 24: 19-31)

STEBENVILLE 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:

**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](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend in memory of or in honor of someone, to be placed at Mary's altar or the altar of sacrifice, please sign up in the notebook in the back of the church to reserve the date. You may contact the florist of your choice to arrange for payment and delivery. Call the parish office at 740-896-2207 if you have questions.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 2nd. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$50 each or \$400/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 18th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: maryshouseoh.com, or follow on Facebook; https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern.

AMBROSE AMBASSADORS

Ambrose Ambassadors of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Little Hocking invite you to a unique prayer and adoration service on Thursday, April 30th at 6 PM. The theme of this month's prayer service is Eucharistic Miracles. The service will include singing, music, a litany, group prayers, imaginative prayer, and half an hour of a special adoration service. We would love to start growing the attendance of our prayer services and look forward to seeing you there.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, April 18th, from 4:30 to 7:30 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.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of May, June, July, and August. This event is for farm market vendors, craft vendors, food truck vendors, flea market and yard sale vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Donations are welcome and appreciated. The donations collected go to the upkeep and maintenance of Lowell Buell Park. The first Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for May 6th at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, Ohio, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook and a committee member will get back to you.