

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, 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.

October 19, 2025

THE TWENTY-NINTH 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. 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 Catho-
lic 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. Oct. 18	OLM	Patricia Huck (Ron & Delores Kelby) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Doug & Mary Park Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 19	OLM	L & D of Joe & Ida Huck Family (Family) St. John Larry Schaad (Stan Lang Family) St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 20	OLM	No Mass St. John William & Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang Family) Bertha Pottmeyer (James & Karen Biehl)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 21	OLM	L & D of Clemence & Eulilia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) Tristan Stine (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Oct. 22	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family) School Mass Jay Pottmeyer (Norma Thieman Family)	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Oct. 23	OLM	Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) Alice Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Fri. Oct. 24	OLM	No Mass St. John Hilda Gebhart (Jim & Connie Legraen) Kendrick Schwendeman (Bob & Peggy Byers)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 25	OLM	Deanna Lang (Raymond & Kathy Lang) St. John Ellen Heiss (Dave & Dottie Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 26	OLM	Bernard “ Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John Robert Heiss (Russ KernFamily) St. John Faye Treadway (Steve & Pam Brooker)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 10/25 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger	OLM: 10/25 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 10/26 (9:30 AM) Susan Huck	OLM: 10/26 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Josie Anderson
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of October)
OLM: 10/25 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger	SAT: Volunteers needed, See Cecil to sign up
OLM: 10/26 (9:30 AM) Joe Anderson	SUN: Ron Miller, Volunteer needed

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,933.00 (56); Offertory \$576.00; St Vincent Society \$50.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$160.00 (9)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Dan Schwendeman– Congratulations!

2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.”

~ Psalm 31:25

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.00

Pledged to date \$27, 460.00

Paid to date (44)

\$26,710.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Susan (Mike) Huck (Chair)	Denise Pottmeyer
Jenna Long	Amy Lang
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	

PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Thursday, October 30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD

Are you grieving the loss of a child or grandchild from any circumstances (miscarriage, trauma, abortion, illness, suicide, etc.)? Come join us for a Mass of Remembrance and pray for the soul of your beloved child or grandchild and have a chance to meet others who have suffered a similar loss. Mass will be held on October 25th, at 8:30 AM, at Holy Family, Steubenville. For additional information, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, Director of the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, by email to jschmidt@diosteub.org, by phone at 740-516-9270.



OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in loving memory and honor of Joe and Ida Huck.

By: The Family



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Jesus' words in today's Gospel can sound impossible: *Pray always? Without growing weary?* How can we do that? It's so easy to grow weary in prayer, especially in those situations when God seems slow to answer. How do we not give up? What can we do when prayer feels hard? Let's see what our readings tell us. *Be open to receiving help from your brothers and sisters.* In the first reading, Moses lifts up his staff in prayer on a mountaintop while Joshua and his army battle Israel's enemy, the Amalekites, in the valley below. But Moses begins to grow weary, so Aaron and Hur support his arms so that he can keep praying (Exodus 17:12). Because of his friends, Moses was able to persist, and that gave Israel the advantage over their enemy. It's not always easy to ask for help when we're struggling. But asking someone to pray for us—or *with* us—opens the door to God's grace! A friend can intercede for us and offer support when we're weary. Through their presence, they can show us that God is with us. *Turn to the Scriptures.* In the second reading, Paul offers words of encouragement to his young disciple, Timothy. Paul senses that his martyrdom is near (2 Timothy 4:6), so he urges his friend to rely on something that is undying: the word of God. "All Scripture," he says, "is inspired by God" (3:16). Scripture has divine power and can bring us hope when we are weary. It can bolster our faith and fill our minds with God's truth. When we want to give up, we can remember, "My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2). *Rely on God.* Whenever we struggle in prayer, we can ask God for his strength. Jesus himself intercedes for us, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26). Like the widow in today's Gospel, we can keep bothering the Lord until he comes through. He's our loving Father. He will always help us. We are never alone!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for October For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**150: Sir 35: 12-18 Ps 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18 Lk 18: 9-14**

A VOCATION VIEW

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious.

(Luke 18: 1-8)

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>.

*Faith is to believe what you do not
see. The reward of Faith is to see
what you believe."*

~St. Augustine of Hippo

ST JOHN NEWS

SOCKTOBER—Mrs. Klinger & The 6th Grade Class at St. John Central School is collecting socks for the Washington County Homeless Project in the month of October. You can drop off socks at St. John School or at any local parishes; Our Lady of Mercy, St. John, St. Bernard, or St. Ambrose. Even a small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of others.

VETERAN'S DAY MASS—In celebration of Veteran's Day, St. John Central School is hosting a special Mass to celebrate Veterans. The Mass will be held at 9 AM on Monday, November 10th at St. John the Baptist Church. Following Mass, a breakfast for the Veterans and a small program will be held. Thank you for your service!



CASINO NIGHT—St. John Central School 6th Annual Fundraising Event "Casino Night" is scheduled for November 15th with doors opening at 4:30 PM. Call or text 740-336-5313 to purchase a ticket.

SEARCH" FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

The Search weekends for boys and girls is scheduled and coming up. If you are between the ages of 16-21 and interested in attending please contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763 by October 31st.

K OF C

The Beverly Squad Department generously donated an AED to the Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. To ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the AED equipment effectively; the Knights will be hosting a training session on Monday, November 10th at 7 PM at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. All people of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.

ST. STEPHEN GAME NIGHT

The CWC of St. Stephen, Caldwell is hosting its annual game night on Tuesday, October 21st from 5 PM to 8 PM. Cost is \$10 per person and includes delicious snacks throughout the night. Bring your family, friends, and favorite games for a night of fun.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750, Lowell, is holding a steak fry on Saturday, October 18th, from 5 to 8 PM. 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.