

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 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.

May 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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. May 16	OLM	Bob Peters (Marilyn Peters & Heather Peters) St. John Barbra Wallis (Steve & Pam Brooker)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 17	OLM	Dan Strahler (2 yr. Anniv.) (Andrew Strahler) St. John Albert Henke (Patricia Henke Family) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. May 18	OLM	No Mass St. John Harry Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. May 19	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Wed. May 20	OLM	No Mass St. John People of Parish (STJ Parish) SCHOOL MASS	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. May 21	OLM	Gene & Gale Knoch (Fay Heiss) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. May 22	OLM	No Mass St. John Donna Zoller (Scott & Diane Hockenberry)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. May 23	OLM	Siobhan Huck (Ben & Lisa Berendts) St. John Edith Brooker (Bob & Peggy Byers)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 24	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Larry & Linda Pottmeyer) St. John Ed Lang (Todd & Anita Schott) St. John Gladys Schilling (Children)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,850.00 (60); Offertory \$734.00; Improvement Fund \$140.00 (8); Legacy Fund \$5.00 (1);
 Ascension \$5.00 (1); Votive Candles \$26.00

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 05/23 (4 PM) Abigail Offenberger
OLM: 05/24 (9:30AM) Dan Flichman

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/23 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, **Volunteers**
OLM: 05/24 (9:30AM) Margret, Emily, & Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/23 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
OLM: 05/24 (9:30AM) Jason Morris

USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, **Volunteer**
SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

Celebrating the Ordination of Our New Priests



With joy and gratitude to God, the Diocese of Steubenville invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th at 11AM at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta. This sacred liturgy marks a profound moment in the life of our diocese, as these two men offer their lives in service to Christ and His Church. All are warmly encouraged to attend and share in this beautiful celebration of faith and vocation. Your presence is a meaningful sign of support for our future priests and for the mission of the Church. Please keep Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson in your prayers as they prepare for this holy step. May the Lord bless them abundantly as they answer His call.

OLM CWC

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

May Committee

Marilyn Peters (chair) Lisa (Damian) Huck
Martha Flieman Kelly Merrow
Jan Long Michelle Long
Kelly Lang



MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The theological roots of this title go back to the early Church. The Fathers of the Church, holy and studious bishops of the first centuries, often spoke of Mary as

the New Eve. Just as the Woman Eve was "the mother of all the living" (Genesis 3:20), the Woman Mary was the mother of all those living in Christ. In Revelation 12:17, St. John says that this Woman's offspring are "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus."

SCHOLARSHIP

The Our Lady of Mercy CWC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to all high school or home school program seniors graduating in Spring 2026. For an application or additional information, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 29th.

HEALTH SCREENING

Take a step toward better health! Life Line Screening will be at St. John Central School, Churchtown on June 15, offering quick, painless tests for stroke risk, heart rhythm issues, osteoporosis, and more. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling 1-844-591-7160 or email to <https://llsa.social/HC> or Text "circle" to 216-279-1607

CHICKEN BBQ

You are invited to St Michael Catholic Church, Caldwell, on Sunday, May 24th for a Chicken BBQ Dinner. Dinner will be served from 11 AM-1:30 PM with both Dine - in or Carry-out available. Bingo to begin in the afternoon followed by a square-dance featuring Little Creek Band starting at 7 PM till 10 PM

CALLING FOTRTH: THOSE WHO SIT AT MY LORD'S TABLE

Today, on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we ponder Jesus' victory over death and the grave. We lift our hearts to imagine Jesus as he "mounts his throne amid shouts of joy" and takes his seat at his Father's right hand in glory (Psalm 47:6). And what better way to lift up our hearts than by recalling the truths proclaimed in today's first reading! Jesus is seated at God's right hand "in the heavens" (Ephesians 1:20). The right hand has traditionally been a position of royal power and influence. *Jesus, you rule over the universe from your throne of divine glory!* He is "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion" (1:21). There is nothing or no one more powerful than Jesus. He is over everyone and everything. *Lord, nothing surpasses you; you have the final word!* All things have been placed "beneath his feet" (1:22). Everything—even sin and death—has been subjected to him. *Jesus, you have defeated every power that stands against you. And you have made us sharers in that victory!* He has been given to the Church as "head over all things" (1:22). He is the supreme authority over all believers. *Jesus, you uphold, confirm, and defend your Church at all times! It's your power that keeps us going!* He "fills all things in every way" (1:23). His presence fills every part of the universe. He is never absent from us. *Jesus, you are forever present to us throughout all space and time!* What do we do with this glorious knowledge? We can imitate the disciples, who stood gazing at the heavens as they saw Jesus lifted up (Acts 1:11). And we can follow his command in today's Gospel: "Go . . . and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2: 1-11 Ps 104: 1,24,29-31, 34

1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23

A VOCATION VIEW

Realizing that all we have comes to us from the Father of Jesus— this is the first step in the journey through death to resurrection. Dare to walk the walk.

(John 17: 1 –11)

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

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll happens the first Wednesday of May–August. Open to farm, craft, food truck, flea market, and yard sale vendors. Free to join; food trucks pay a small village fee. Donations support Lowell Buell Park. Next event: June 3, 4:30–7:30 PM, Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, OH. For details, message the committee on Facebook.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Thank OLM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

1) When cemetery flowers (fresh cut or artificial) wilt and become weathered, please remove them from the grave. It is the responsibility of the family/ grave owner to remove any flowers after burial. Also, please remove grave blankets after the holidays, since they can kill the grass if left on the grave for a long period of time. This helps us with the care of the cemetery and makes for a neat appearance.

2) **No glass** containers are to be used for flowers.
3) Reminder of the cemetery rule that there is to be **no permanent planting of flowers and shrubs.**

OLM Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to plants/shrubs planted without permission, nor are we responsible for missing arrangements. On occasion, we receive high winds which scatter artificial arrangements over the property. We are unable to tend to these items.



POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, May 16th, from 4:30 PM 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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Please join Bob and Peggy Byers for an open house celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held Sunday, June 7, from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. No gifts, please.

