

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Office Hours: Wed. & Thur. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

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.

February 01, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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 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. Jan. 31	OLM Patricia Huck (3yr. Ann) (David & Tina Long) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (2Yr. Ann.) (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 01	OLM Carolyn Rush (Tim & Jody Huck) St. John Hilda Gebhart (STJ CWC) St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vincent & Shelly Stollar)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 02	OLM No Mass St. John Nick Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Feb. 03	OLM Raymond & Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 04	OLM No Mass St. John Jim Thieman (Family) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Feb. 05	OLM Betty Schott (Bob Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 06	OLM No Mass St. John L & D of James & Maglena Arnold Family (Family) Adoration @ 5	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 07	OLM Donnie Heiss (Ivan Huck Family) St. John Mildred Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 08	OLM Frank & Sylvia Yeomans (David a& Jonnie Yeomans) St. John Edward Brooker (Family) St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$804.00 (55); Offertory \$480.00; St. John School \$70.00 (6); Latin American Churches \$125.00 (3)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Mark Huck- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

02/07 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
02/08 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

02/07 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger
02/08 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/07 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 02/08 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Lydia Flichman

USHERS (Month of February)

SAT: Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**
SUN: Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

2026 LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are scheduled with the fry leaders as follows:

February 27– Kim Schwendeman - 740-525-2769
March 13 – Tony Offenberger - 740-525-4823
March 28 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed above. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair)	Sandy Spindler
Paige Ompach	Jody Huck
Cathy Lawrence	Sarah Hunter
Mollie Huffman	

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please plan to attend.

BAKE SALE

If any parishioner would like to donate baked good items for the upcoming Fish Fries, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to OLM Parish School of Religion (PSR). Please contact Bri Flichman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.



FOUR CHAPLAIN SUNDAY

This Tuesday, we are reminded of the Four Chaplains whom on

February 3, 1943 upon the U.S. Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester, died at sea. The Four Chaplains: Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed Minister, all acted with heroism by tending to the wounded, helping others board lifeboats, and even giving up their own life jackets when supplies ran out. The chaplains were last seen joining arms, praying, and singing hymns as they went down with the ship. Let us pray for Christian Unity as shown by the Four Chaplains.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, March 7th, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caldwell. This Lenten retreat will focus on the lifelong call to conversion, our discovery of Jesus Christ., His Church, and the ongoing transformation of our hearts. The day will feature personal testimonies from Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Shannon, who will offer practical guidance for spiritual growth and for living and sharing the Faith in our families, parishes, workplaces, and communities. Cost is \$ 25 and to register on-line with a \$3 online surcharge visit athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day, lunch will be provided.



ORDINARY PEOPLE

In today's reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One faction favored the apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing "the lowly" (1 Corinthians 1:28). Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). This probably surprised them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That's because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and are. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace. Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is that it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can't boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God! Second, when we are poor in spirit, we are blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us. And our lives are more fruitful because we are "lowly" enough to ask him to guide us and bless our efforts. Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God. Open your heart to him and allow him to fill you!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for February

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

73: Is 58: 7-10 Ps 112:4-9

1 Cor 2: 1-5 Mt 5: 13-16

A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to be a light in the world. Put your lamp on a stand and not under a bushel basket! Let your light shine before all so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to God. Consider the priesthood or religious life.

(Matthew 5: 13-16)

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
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening is offering a safe, painless, and non invasive screening at the Senior Center of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 10th. To register for a time you may call 1-800-324-9458 with promo code HABC001, or visit on line LLSA.SOCIL/HABC.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL HELP

Turn your Taxes into Tuition—Make a charitable donation to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund and turn your tax dollars into tuition. Now is the time to donate, before filing your 2025 Ohio tax return and you can receive a dollar-for-dollar Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 for an individual (or \$1500 if married—filing jointly). Donations via credit card are now available. Designate your gift to help provide financial assistance to any diocesan Catholic School of your choice! For more information or to make a donation, go to: www.diosteub.org/ctdsf.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2026 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check towards further education. The application must be submitted by March 14, 2026. Information and a link to the application can be found via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any question call/text Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or email: church_townkofc@gmail.com

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Mary Catholic School Foundation in Marietta is holding their Annual Benefit Drawing at 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 6th at St. Mary School. Tickets are \$150/ two guests and includes meals and chances to win cash prizes. To learn more or to purchase tickets, please contact Teresa Tokodi Domico at 740-516-8322.

PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 07, 2026. Pre-Cana is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Couple to Couple League (CCL) is holding in-person full instruction sessions at the Franciscan University, Steubenville on Wednesday evenings at 5 PM on February 11th, March 25th, and April 15th. Each session is 2-3 hours long and all sessions should be attended. To register visit <https://learnnfp.org/find-live-onsite-class/> or Intro to Natural Family Planning (Creighton Model) sessions available on-line on February 12, March 9, April 7 and May 7. To register for online session visit www.mountcarmelhealth.com/fertilitycare-intro.

On February 3rd, is the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebastes and the custom of blessing of the throat of the faithful.