

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

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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

November 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD 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 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.



**WORLD DAY
OF THE POOR**

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Nov. 15	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (1yr Anniv.) (Chris Pottmeyer) St. John Virginia Arnold (Family)	4:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 16	OLM	Charles & Nina Hockenberry (Edwin & Grace Long) St. John Edith Brooker (Family) St. John L & D of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornos Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 17	OLM	No Mass St. John Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vincent & Shelly Stollar)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Nov. 18	OLM	Pat Huck (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Nov. 19	OLM	No Mass St. John David Pottmeyer (Erin & Sherri Pottmeyer) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Nov. 20	OLM	Charles Higgins Jr. (Ed Schilling) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Fri. Nov. 21	OLM	No Mass St. John Ted DeWitt (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 22	OLM	Msgr. Lawrence Luciana St. John Bill Wesel Sr. (Bill Jr. & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 23	OLM	L & D of John Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach) St. John Robert Heiss (David & Dottie Schaad) St. John Larry Schaad (Steve & Rachel Klinger)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 11/22 (4 PM) Heather Peters	OLM: 11/22 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Volunteer
OLM: 11/23 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman	OLM: 11/23 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of November)
OLM: 11/22 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman	SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
OLM: 11/23 (9:30 AM) Martha Flichman	SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,377.00 (63); Offertory \$575.00; All Souls \$151.00 (4); Improvement Fund \$190.00 (13);
OLM Cemetery \$5.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Betty Strahler– Congratulations!

POPE MESSAGE

On Friday, November 21st at 10:15 AM, ET, history will be made as the Holy Father, Pope Leo, embarks on his first-ever digital visit to the United States. In this Jubilee of Hope, the Holy Father extends a heartfelt invitation to young people everywhere—to come together in faith, to be seen, heard, and valued. This momentous occasion represents a new chapter in the Church's mission to encounter all people where they are, guided by the light of Christ and the promise of hope. WE are all invited to join this extraordinary digital gathering, where faith meets the future and hearts are moved toward renewal and unity. Pope Leo's Digital Visit to the United States will be live from the National Catholic Youth Conference on Friday, November 21st at 10:15 AM; livestreamed on EWTN. May this encounter with the Holy Father inspire us all to deeper faith, greater hope, and renewed commitment to the Gospel message.

OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Kathy Reed (Chair)	Jennifer Morris
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Christy Haines	Cathy Cheeseman

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Lowell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday, November 25th, at 7 PM. All parishioners, as well as the public, are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for all the Christian Communities of Lowell to join together in prayer; to offer gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings we have received.

LAMB THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The Lowell Food Pantry is preparing for each area family in need a Thanksgiving meal bag. Each church of the Ecumenical Cooperative has been assigned an item to include with each meal bag. **OLM has been assigned turkey gravy.** To donate individual cans or jars of turkey gravy to be placed in each Thanksgiving bag; please place donated items on the Thanksgiving table located at the front of the church. Cash/ Check donations made payable to LAMB are also welcome. All donations are needed by November 23rd. Other items also in need for the pantry include: granola bars, muffins, pop tarts, graham crackers, seasoning packets (such as Taco, Ranch, Grillmates), pickles, yams, tuna, tea/lemonade/hot chocolate mix. Thank you for any and all donations, to ensure everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week there will be a second collection for the LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket) to help purchase other items needed for this Thanksgiving season meal bags as well as to stock the shelves of the Food Bank with needed items. Please be generous.



NO HARM, NO FOUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus provides a warning to his disciples. A time will come when there will be not only "earthquakes, famines, and plagues," but even the magnificent Temple will be destroyed (Luke 21:11). Their adversaries will hand them over to prison, their own family members will betray them, and some of them will even be put to death on account of his name (21:16). And yet, as frightening as his words are, Jesus assures them that "not a hair" on their heads would be destroyed (Luke 21:18). How could that be? Jesus' words make sense, both then and now, only if we look beyond this life to the next. He is promising that we will "secure" our lives for heaven if we persevere through hardship and struggle and trust in his grace no matter what comes (Luke 21:19). Then, when our life here on earth ends, we can look forward to the promise of living forever with our Lord. This promise can give joy and purpose to our lives even now. This life is what Jesus offered his disciples; that's why they left everything to follow him. Then, when he gave them the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, he gave them a share in his own resurrected eternal life. They knew that sin and suffering, death and desolation, no longer had the final word. Eternal life had already begun for them! This is the joyful witness of the apostles, martyrs, and all the saints. And it can be your witness as well, no matter your situation. So don't let today's Gospel frighten you. You can know the comfort of the Spirit and the joy of Jesus' victory today. You can stay faithful because Jesus will be with you in every circumstance. He will give you all the grace you need here and now, along with the sure and certain hope of eternal life in heaven. You can trust in his loving care, now and forever!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for November

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

162: 2 Sm 5: 1-3

Ps 122: 1-5

Col 1: 12-20

Lk 23: 35-43

A VOCATION VIEW

By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself, with God, as you await the sign of your call

(Luke 21: 5-19)

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and asks us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless your Churches in Washington County by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. AMEN.

ST JOHN NEWS

CASINO NIGHT—St. John Central School 6th Annual Fundraising Event “Casino Night” is scheduled for this Saturday, November 15th with doors opening at 4:30 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

POSTER CONTEST- K of C 4617, Churchtown, “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Wednesday, December 3rd. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ Blessing on Monday, December 8th at 7:45 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

ESSAY CONTEST— K of C 4617, Churchtown invites all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2025 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 -word essay on: The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite Popes and why? Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. The winner will receive a \$100 prize; the runner-up a \$50 prize. All participants should mail essays and an entry form (located in the back of the church) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or by email to churchtownkofc@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 3rd. Any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470 or email churchtownkofc@gmail.com.

POST 750 STEAK FRY



American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry this Saturday, November 15th, from 5 to 8 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 our local American Legion.**