

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 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**

April 26, 2026

FOURTH 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.

Pray
for
Vocations

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. April 25	OLM	Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family) Marlene Walbert (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 Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 27	OLM	No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Tue. April 28	OLM	Adrian Morris (Jason & Jennifer Morris Family) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. April 29	OLM	No Mass St. John Vincent Huck (Siblings) STJ SCHOOL MASS	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. April 30	OLM	Chuck & Sandy Schilling (Their Children) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. May 01	OLM	No Mass St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. May 02	OLM	Howard & Patricia Huck (The Huck Family) St. John Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 03	OLM	Betty Schott (Bob Schwendeman) St. John Richard & Patty Zoller (Janet Schaad Family) St. John L & D of Norbert Kern Family (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$2,140.00 (61); Offertory \$478.00; Easter Offering \$100.00 (1); Holy Land \$10.00 (1);
Church Improvement \$125.00 (2)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Jim Gorrell- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 05/02 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
OLM: 05/03 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/02 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 05/03 (9:30AM) Josie Anderson, Margret, Emma, ,& Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/02 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 05/03 (9:30AM) Joe Anderson

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: \$20,195.00

Paid to date (27): \$18, 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	

MAY CROWNING

First Communion and May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 10th at the 9:30 AM Mass. We pray for these children who come to the Lord's table for the first time; Levi Umstead, Henry Huffman, Christian Hunter, Tobias Spencer. Fill their hearts with wonder, peace, and a deep love for Jesus, who gives Himself to them and us in the Eucharist. May this Communion be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Him.

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask 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 the Church of Our Lady of Mercy 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.

LOVING LEADERSHIP

Peter's preaching about Jesus on Pentecost powerfully affected the people who heard his message. They were "cut to the heart," and three thousand of them turned to the Lord that day (Acts 2:37). The Greek word used here for "cut" is *katanussó*, which literally means "to pierce" or "to prick." Peter's words acted as a sword, piercing the hearts of the people with the truth that they had sinned in rejecting Jesus and calling for him to be crucified. Imagine their pain and sorrow when they realized this—and the joy they must have felt when they repented and were baptized in his name! Washed clean and filled with his love, they began to live in an entirely new way. You might say that the people in Jerusalem that day were like the sheep Jesus spoke about in the Gospel. He is the Good Shepherd who called them "by name" and beckoned them to follow him (John 10:3). "Cut to the heart," they decided to give their hearts to him. What an appropriate story for Good Shepherd Sunday! However we first came to follow Jesus, we have all been cut to the heart at one time or another by the truths of the gospel—especially when we've been convicted of our sins. But we aren't the only ones who have experienced the pain and sorrow that sin causes. Jesus, our Shepherd, laid down his life for us to save us from our sin (John 10:11). Even now, his heart is pierced because so many of his sheep are missing out on the mercy he has to offer them. That's why he will leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (Matthew 18:12). He longs for everyone to know him and follow him. Today, thank Jesus for piercing your heart and filling you with his love. Rejoice that the good news of his salvation has the power to change hearts even now. Then pray for all the people you know who have yet to follow Jesus. Pray that they will be "cut to the heart" and find in that sorrow the greatest joy they could ever know.

~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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

52: Acts 6: 1-7 Ps323: 1-5, 18-19

1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12

A VOCATION VIEW

Traditionally on Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World day of Prayer for Vocations. Today of all days, pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Invite someone you know to consider a life of leadership in the church.

(John 10: 1-10)



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, 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>.

ST. JOHN GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Grade School will be performing a Disney's Frozen Jr. production/play on Thursday, April 30th at the Marietta High School Auditorium starting at 7 PM. Admission is free and fun for the whole family.



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.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 2rd. 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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 4 - 15, 2027. Tour stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lancia, 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.