



OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of
the 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

July 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH 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.

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, or 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. July 25	OLM	Harold & Mildred Offenberger (The Family)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Penny Schwendeman (STJ Card Club)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 26	OLM	L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family (The Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Ben Brooker (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	L & D of Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family (The Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. July 27	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Alvin Arnold (Debbie Huck)	8:00 AM
		Herman Huck (Vincent Huck Siblings)	
Tue. July 28	OLM	Travis Fagan (8yr Anniv.) (Ken & Linda Fagan)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. July 29	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Robert Gaydosik Jr. (Bob & Carlee Tucker)	8:00 AM
		Barbara Thieman (STJ CWC)	
Thurs. July 30	OLM	Gordon, Mildred, & Joe Strain (Marilyn & Heather Peters)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. July 31	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Tom & Maurice Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	8:00 AM
		Tim Beaver (Bob & Peggy Byers)	
Sat. August 01	OLM	Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters)	4:00 PM
	St. John	L & D of Joe & Mary Kern Family (The Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. August 02	OLM	Will Beebee (Mark & Rose Bebee)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Hilda Gebhart (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Norma Thieman (Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,640.00 (56); Offertory \$470.00; St. John \$20.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$15.00 (1); Peter Pence \$15.00 (1);
Ava Maria Cemetery \$60.00 (1)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 08/01(4 PM) Shelly Medley	Altar Servers: 08/01 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Colton Umstead
08/02 (9:30AM) Dan Flichman	08/02 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/01 (4 PM) David Bauerbach	USHERS (Month of August)
08/02 (9:30AM) Martha Flichman	SAT: Dave Walbert, Volunteer needed
	SUN: Mike Huck, Volunteer needed

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign “Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00 Pledged to date: \$25,540.00 Paid to date (38): \$25,540.00.

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Your generosity helps to fund those critical ministries, forming the next generation of Catholics, and supporting our seminarians studying for the priesthood. It also provides care for our retired priests, administrative support to our Catholic schools. It provides funding for our outreach to the poor, for marriage and family ministries and efforts to promote a culture of life. Regardless of what the Vatican decides about the future of our diocese, the work of the Church—including our parishes, schools, and other ministries—must continue. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.

OLM CWC

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

July Committee

Linda Miller (Chair)	Melissa Tornes
Jill Kendall	Tammy Offenberger
Lisa Berendts	Kaitlin Huck
Megan Lehman	

FR. WALTER HEINZ'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

The OLM CWC warmly invites all parishioners to a birthday dinner celebrating Fr. Walter Heinz's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 9th, at 5 PM. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration as we honor Fr. Heinz and give thanks for this special milestone. Please sign up using the sheets located at each church entrance by noon on Sunday, August 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. We hope you can join us for this joyful celebration!

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The 50/50 tickets weekly drawings will begin next week. If you wish to participate in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win. Please pay one of the Team Leaders or put the money in an envelope with your name on it marked 50/50 and place it in the collection basket. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave.

BULLETIN NOTICE/ OFFICE CLOSED

Please note there will be a two-week bulletin for the weekends August 2nd and 9th. If you have any bulletin information to be included, please send your information by July 29th. The parish office will be also closed August 3rd thru 7th.

BETTER THAN THE SEQUEL: God's Original Plan

Have you ever watched the sequel to a movie without having seen the original? It could be a great, exciting story. But if you haven't seen the original movie, you probably won't understand everything that's going on because you don't know what came before. Understanding the kingdom of God is a little like that. We can't fully understand who Jesus is and what he came to do unless we see "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). To get the full picture, we need to see Jesus' teachings and his acts of healing and mercy in the light of God's centuries-long covenant relationship with the people of Israel. That is why Matthew so often points out how Jesus has fulfilled promises from the Old Testament. In his infancy narrative, Matthew quotes Micah 5:2 as a prophecy of the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem (2:6). In chapter eight, when he describes Jesus healing and delivering so many people, he connects it to Isaiah's suffering servant, who bears our pain (Isaiah 53:4). And when Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, Matthew reminds us that Zechariah 9:9 promises a king and savior coming to us riding on a donkey. Christianity did not come from nowhere. It is a living outgrowth of everything that came before in God's relationship with mankind, especially with Israel. If you want to see the richness of God's plan, pay attention to the Old Testament! Matthew's Gospel is a great resource. Keep your eyes open for the times when Jesus fulfills something that has been promised. Spend time praying with those passages. And become like a "scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven" by putting together the old and the new (Matthew 13:52).

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

112: Is 55: 1-3

Ps 145: 8-9, 15-18

Rom 8: 35, 37-39

Mt 14: 13-21

VOCATION VIEW

Am I willing to sell everything I own and follow the Lord? What is precious to me?

(Matthew 13:44-52)

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: Caleb Baker and Newly Ordained Priests, Father Peter Stetson, and Father

Ryan Budd

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>.

CORN ROAST

The Lowell American Legion Post 750 invites you to its annual Corn Roast on Saturday, August 1st, from 4 PM to 11 PM at the Post. Enjoy an evening of family fun featuring delicious food, a country store, raffles, 50/50 cash drawings, live music, and a kid- zone with games and inflatables. So, bring the whole family and join your friends and neighbors for a great community event while supporting your local American Legion.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 16th at Ox Bow Golf Course, Belpre. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$260.00/four-man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING PICNIC

St. Michael Catholic Church in Caldwell will hold their Annual Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, August 9th from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM. A chicken and ham dinner will be served. Cost is Adults \$15 and Children \$7. Drive thru is available. There will be bingo and raffle tickets to purchase. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle. If you would like to help with this event or purchase a ticket contact Lori Murphy at 740-624-1159, or 740-960-9944, or email maryshouseoh@gmail.com.

The call to honor the image of God places special duties on each of us, in every walk of life. But at its root this call is the same for all. It is by seeing Christ in others, and acting accordingly, that we will become like Him and share in His eternal destiny.

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 356)