

# 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

# September 20, 2026

## TWENTY – FIFTH 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

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| **Sat. Sept. 19** | **OLM** | **Peters Family (Marilyn & Heather Peters)** | **4:00 PM** |
| | St. John | Deceased Members of Walter & Alice Klinger Family (Rick Canterberry Family) | 6:00 PM |
| **Sun. Sept. 20** | **OLM** | **Marian Stalter (Peg Huck)** | **9:30 AM** |
| | St. John | Larry Schaad (Dave & Veronica Bosner) | 7:30 AM |
| | St. John | Leo Huck (Lloyd & Bonnie Flowers) | 11:00 AM |
| **Mon. Sept. 21** | **OLM** | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| | St. John | Brothers & Sisters (Mona Barrett)/ Eldon Miller (Ted & Trina Miller) | 8:00 AM |
| **Tue. Sept. 22** | **OLM** | **Adrian Morris (Jason & Jennifer Morris Family)** | **5:00 PM** |
| | | **Barbara McCarthy (Caroline Binegar)** | |
| | St. John | No Mass | No Mass |
| **Wed. Sept. 23** | **OLM** | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| | St John | Anne Mae Brooker (Dave & Veronica Bosner)/ Dave Bowen (Jeff & Lorinda Lang) | **School Mass** 8:30 AM |
| **Thur. Sept. 24** | **OLM** | **Raymond Lang (OLM CWC)** | **5:00 PM** |
| | | **Bob Peters (Heather Peters)** | |
| | St. John | No Mass | No Mass |
| **Fri. Sept. 25** | **OLM** | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| | St. John | Joe Lori (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)/ L & D of John & Virginia Arnold Family (Family) | 8:00 AM |
| **Sat. Sept. 26** | **OLM** | **Norbert & Linda Huck (Tony & Kristin Offenberger)** | **4:00 PM** |
| | St. John | Joseph Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel) | 6:00 PM |
| **Sun. Sept. 27** | **OLM** | **Mike Mullenix (Fagan Family)** | **9:30 AM** |
| | St. John | Tim Strahler (Duane & Tina Duff) | 7:30 AM |
| | St. John | Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children) | 11:00 AM |

## God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,561.00 (53); Offertory $286.00; Improvement Fund $5,513.00 (9); Immaculate Heart Fund $10.00 (1); Legacy fund $150.00 (1)

**OLM 50/50 Winner – Jim Gorrell – Congratulations!**

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## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

**Lectors:** 09/26(4 PM) Tony Offenberger
09/27 (9:30AM) Lisa Berendts

**Altar Servers:** 09/26 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Alexa Hunter
09/27 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Josie Anderson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 09/26 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger
09/27 (9:30AM) Joe Anderson

**USHERS (Month of September)**
**SAT:** Rod Heiss, Volunteer needed
**SUN:** Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler

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**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. You 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**.**

**September Committee**

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| Faye Heiss, Chair | Phyllis Anderson |
| Jamie Huck | Alberta Huck |
| Maureen Cunningham | Danielle Umstead |
| Liz Johnson | Madison Heiss |

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**DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

Please join us; October 3rd –10th for a powerful week at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wintersville, OH for continuous Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosaries; praying for our Diocese and the needs of the world, opportunities for confession, additional 5:15 PM Masses, and Marian procession. On October 7th at 6 PM, guest speaker Matthew Leonard will give a talk entitled "Hail Mary; the Biblical Back Story of the Rosary." The week entails a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For questions please text 410-596-1936 or to sign up for a holy hour visit **https://signup.com/go/PBPCxyV.**

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**LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)**

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: juice (bottles/boxes), pickles, Saltine crackers, Pop-tarts, Spam, Vienna sausages, and canned fruits. For more information or ways to help, please contact Rose Bebee at 740-516-1561 or Mark Huck at 740- 896-2128.

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**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

The loss of a child brings profound suffering, regardless of the child's age at the time of death. Please join us on **September 26 th** at 10 AM at Saint Agnes Catholic Church, Mingo Junction in prayer for comfort, healing, and peace for those whom mourn the loss of a child or grandchild through miscarriage, stillbirth, illness, abortion, accident, or another tragedy. Light refreshments will be offered after Mass. For more information contact Joseph Schmidt at jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270, or Heather Keimig at hkeimig@diosteub.org or 301-233-2210.

# WELL WORTH THE WAIT

*To me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Philippians 1:21).* When he wrote these words, Paul wasn't just creating a catchy slogan for the Christian life. He was sharing his deepest conviction—how he was torn between the prospect of being united with Jesus in heaven and continuing to fulfill the mission God had called him to during his earthly lifetime. His heart and mind were so united to Jesus that he was consumed by these two seemingly conflicting desires: "to depart this life and be with Christ" or to "remain in the flesh" (Philippians 1:23, 24). Most of us would probably rather not think of death. Perhaps it makes us recall the loved ones whom we miss. Or maybe thinking about our own death makes us consider how we will be separated from our friends and children, or from the purpose and satisfaction we feel in serving the Lord in our parish or in our community. In either case, death certainly doesn't seem like a real "gain." So what can we learn from St. Paul's perspective? First, heaven is something that we can wholeheartedly look forward to. While we may initially think of all that we might lose when we pass away, the truth is that we can expect to experience far more joy and satisfaction in eternity than we ever could in our earthly lives. Second, we can experience a foretaste of the joy that awaits us in heaven right here and now. We can be so consumed with Christ that we say, with Paul, "To me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). How can we be consumed with Christ? Like Paul, we can spend our lives in "fruitful labor," serving others and pointing to Jesus in all we do (1:22). As Paul delighted in seeing people grow in their faith, so, too, can we find joy in seeing our lives draw others closer to Jesus, even as we await the fullness of life in heaven.

**~The Word Among Us**

## POPE INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

**For the Care of Water**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

136: Ez 18: 25-28 Ps 25: 4-9

Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32

### VOCATION VIEW

Live in service of the Lord is never dull and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother, or sister.

(Mark 9:30-37)

### 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.




### 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.

### RESPECT TO LIFE MASS AND MARCH

The Ohio Mass for Life will be celebrated at 9 AM on October 2nd, at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH (RSVP is recommended). The Mass will be followed by a pre rally concert at 10 AM at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square followed by the rally at 11 AM. The march, a one-mile walk of a few blocks, will begin at noon. For additional information, please visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. "Bust some see feel on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold." Let your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 9th-11th. At the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phone and focus only on each other. To apply or check out other weekend dates available visit wwme.org. Early registration is recommended

### JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

Offering a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass in our area will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, which is married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend, please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 9th.

### K OF C NEWS

**DUELING PIANOS –** K of C 4617 will be presenting Dueling Pianos on October 17th. Doors open at 5 PM followed by dinner and the show until 11 PM. Tickets are $50 each and include prizes, dinner, drinks, and The Piano Show. For tickets or for more information contact Jeff Brooker at 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.