



A Roman Catholic Parish of
the 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 Flichman, **PSR Coordinator**

Mrs. Martha Flichman, **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

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

August 02 & 09, 2026

EIGHTEENTH & NINETEENTH 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. Aug. 01	OLM	Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters)	4:00 PM
	St. John	L & D of Joe & Mary Kern Family (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 02	OLM	Will Beebe (Gray & Rose Beebe)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Hilda Gebhart (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Norma Theiman (Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 03	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Ronnie Lang (STJ CWC) /Robert Heiss (Ted Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 04	OLM	Leslie Andrew (Debbie Misel)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Aug. 05	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Larry Schaad (Nora Huffman)/Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 06	OLM	Darren Cheesman (Craig & Lisa Ferguson)	5:00 PM
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Aug. 07	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)/Dave Bowen (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	6:00 PM
Sat. Aug. 08	OLM	Dale & Marian Stalter (Lisa Schwendeman)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Alvin & Diane Arnold (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 09	OLM	L & D of William Lang Family (The Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Larry Huffman (CWC)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Howard Strahler (Duane & Tina Duff)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 10	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 11	OLM	Ross Greene (Greg & Marlene Greene)	5:00 PM
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 12	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 13	OLM	Martha Huck (Grace Randolph Family)	5:00 PM
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 14	OLM	No Mass No Mass	
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 15 PM	OLM	Patricia Stehly (08/14) (4yr. Anniv.) (Mike & Denise Stehly)	4:00
	St. John	TBA	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 16	OLM	Darren Cheesman (3yr. Anniv.) (Jim & Cindy Schwendeman)	9:30 AM
	St. John	TBA	7:30 AM
	St. John	TBA	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,615.00 (63); Offertory \$650.00; St. John \$105.00 (8)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 08/08(4 PM) Lisa Berendts

08/09 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

08/15(4 PM) Tony Offenberger

08/16 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers: 08/08 (4 PM) Vinny Huffman, Jackson Long, Tim Snyder

08/09 (9:30AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris

08/15 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad

08/16 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers: 08/08 (4 PM) Stephen Huffman

08/09 (9:30AM) Ron Miller

08/15 (9:30AM) Kristin Offenberger

08/16 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of August)

SAT: Dave Walbert, Volunteer needed

SUN: Mike Huck, Volunteer needed

OLM CWC

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

August Committee

Cindy Schwendeman, Chair

Linda Phelps

Elanda Fliehm

Lois Strahler

Tina Long

Pauline Knoch

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.

OLM PRAYER CHAIN

We would like to remind everyone about the OLM Prayer Chain. If you become aware of a parishioner or parishioners who are in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Gaydosik at 740 391-1093 or you may call Martha Fliehm at 740-984-4039 and "The Chain" will be activated. Anyone who would like to become a "link" in our chain as either a caller, or just to receive calls to say prayers for those in need, please call Martha Fliehm and you will be added to the list/chain.

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 where you can connect with others who understand and can help. You're not alone anymore. Peace starts here at Project Rachel Ministry. Call 740-275-7038 or visit www.diosteub.org/project-rachel

BULLETIN NOTICE/ OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be also closed August 3rd thru 7th.

A HEART THAT HUNGERS FOR THE LORD

We're all hungry. We're all looking to fill ourselves with something that really satisfies us. This hunger goes beyond a desire for food. We all know the longing for something more, something that sets our hearts at rest. When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish in today's Gospel, he satisfied the physical hunger of the crowd. But even more, he foreshadowed the way he would feed us in the Eucharist. He revealed that he alone can satisfy our deepest needs. The idea of God feeding his hungry people isn't anything new. In today's first reading, God spoke to Israel as they languished in Babylon: "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare" (Isaiah 55:2). Perhaps the people suffered from physical hunger, but the banquet God promised was something far more profound: they would return to their own land and to a restored relationship with God himself. When Jesus fed the five thousand, his actions looked ahead to the same kind of satisfaction—one that would bring reconciliation and peace to our souls. Because the "rich fare" that we will "delight in" one day is the heavenly banquet, where we are restored to God completely and where all sin, suffering, and mourning are wiped away. Today you will be offered "rich fare" in Holy Communion. It's a spiritual food that brings you the fruit of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross—a sacrifice that frees you from sin and restores you to the Father. When you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, you are nourished in a truly satisfying way. You receive strength for your journey, patience when you're weary, and the grace to forgive. You are filled with God's life and changed into Christ. So come to the Lord today. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

115: 1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Ps 85: 9-14

Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33

VOCATION VIEW

Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. If God is calling you to full time service in the church do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.

(Romans 8:35-39)

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

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www.facebook.com/dsvocations or Diocesan Vocation

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

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 ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The OCIA is the normal way we bring people to our Catholic faith through weekly learning sessions. It is our duty as Catholics to help in encouraging people to find faith and join our parishes. An active OCIA is a sign of an active parish. Below is a form you can fill out so that we might raise up some more people interested in the Catholic Faith and joining the church. Please return this form via the collection basket, by mail, or email for those individuals interested.

POSSIBLE OCIA CANDIDATE:

Name: _____ Phone
number: _____