

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## A Parish of the Roman Catholic 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 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**

## May 24, 2026

### ***PENTECOST SUNDAY***

**Baptisms:** Parents are to schedule the baptism of their child at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired date arrangements.

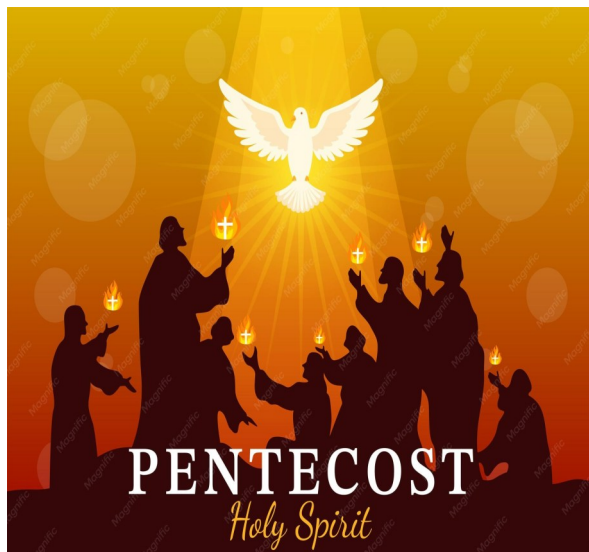
**Confirmation:** To be confirmed, you must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the OCIA.

**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, 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

<b>Sat. May 23</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Siobhan Huck (Ben &amp; Lisa Berendts)</b> St. John Edith Brooker (Bob & Peggy Byers)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 24</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Gary Pottmeyer (Larry &amp; Linda Pottmeyer)</b> St. John Ed Lang (Todd & Anita Schott) St. John Gladys Schilling (Children)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. May 25</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Herb Mason (Janet Schaad Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. May 26</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Joanne Schott (Jason &amp; Jennifer Morris)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. May 27</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Jim Thieman (Family)	<b>No Mass</b> *8:00 AM
<b>Thurs. May 28</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Ken Stehly (Patricia Finkel)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. May 29</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Richard Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. May 30</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Linda Huck (Marilyn Peters &amp; Heather Peters)</b> St. John Kenny Britton (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 31</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Jeri Lang (06/02) (2 Yr. Anniv.) (Larry &amp; Linda Pottmeyer)</b> St. John Ben Brooker (Family) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Donna Tornes Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,293.00 (49); Offertory \$546.00; Ascension \$139.00 (10); Improvement Fund \$10.00 (1);  
 Catholic Communication \$5.00 (1)

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

OLM: 05/30 (4 PM) Lisa Berendts  
 OLM: 05/31 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 05/30 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad  
 OLM: 05/31 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Grace & Faith Johnson

#### Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/30 (4 PM) Heather Peters  
 OLM: 05/31 (9:30AM) Martha Flieman

#### USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, Volunteer  
 SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

### Celebrating the Ordination of Our New Priests



With joy and gratitude to God, the Diocese of Steubenville invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11AM at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta. This sacred liturgy marks a profound moment in the life of our diocese, as these two men offer their lives in service to Christ and His Church. All are warmly encouraged to attend and share in this beautiful celebration of faith and vocation. Your presence is a meaningful sign of support for our future priests and for the mission of the Church. Please keep Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson in your prayers as they prepare for this holy step. May the Lord bless them abundantly as they answer His call.



## OLM CWC

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

### May Committee

Marilyn Peters (chair)      Lisa (Damian) Huck  
Martha Flieman              Kelly Merrow  
Jan Long                      Michelle Long  
Kelly Lang

### SCHOLARSHIP

The Our Lady of Mercy CWC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to all high school or home school program seniors graduating in Spring 2026. For an application or for additional information, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. The deadline for submission is this Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



The theological roots of this title go back to the early Church. The Fathers of the Church, holy and studious bishops of the first centuries, often spoke of Mary as the New Eve. Just as the Woman Eve was “the mother of all the living” (Genesis 3:20), the Woman Mary was the mother of all those living in Christ. In Revelation 12:17, St. John says that this Woman's offspring are “those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus.”

### HEALTH SCREENING

Take a step toward better health! Life Line Screening will be at St. John Central School, Churchtown on June 15, offering quick, painless tests for stroke risk, heart rhythm issues, osteoporosis, and more. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling 1-844-591-7160 or email to <https://llsa.social/HC> or Text “circle” to 216-279-1607

### ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative, will take place July 13<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>, from 9 AM to 12 PM on Buell Island. Children entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join for Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun.

To register, call 740-350-0889.



## **WHEN HEART AND MIND ARE OPEN TO THE LORD**

The coming of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate today was a promise Jesus made to his apostles and to all who would come after them—including us. He knew that his disciples would need divine guidance, wisdom, and strength to live the life he was calling them to. He knows that we, too, need the same gifts. So he calls us to “receive the Holy Spirit” as well (John 20:22). In the creed, we proclaim that the Holy Spirit is the “giver of life.” He comes to give us new life in Christ and to set us free from death and sin. He is the wind of God who empowers us to act and live in a way that glorifies the Lord. So if there is a pattern of sin that you can't let go of, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” He is there to guide you out of the darkness and bring life wherever sin has caused spiritual death. Open your heart and let him in. At Mass today, we will also recite the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*: “Come, Holy Spirit!” So let's ask the Spirit to come and “heal our wounds, our strength renew” and to “wash the stains of guilt away.” Let's ask him to help us leave behind all guilt and shame. If you feel that you may have walked away from the Lord, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Ask him to “bend the stubborn heart and will / Melt the frozen, warm the chill / Guide the steps that go astray.” Ask him to show you the way back to God. If you feel burdened by sorrow, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Cry out to him: “Shed a ray of light divine! / You, of comforters the best; / . . . Sweet refreshment here below; / in our labor, most sweet rest.” Ask him to fill you with joy. Jesus has breathed his Holy Spirit on you, and he is inviting you to open your heart and receive him.

Happy feast of Pentecost!

~The Word Among Us

## **POPE INTENTIONS**

### ***Prayer Intentions for May***

#### **That Everyone Might Have Food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***

**164: Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55**

**2 Cor 13: 11-13 Jn 3: 16-18**

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### **A VOCATION VIEW**

*Come along in our company.* Welcome the Trinity — Father, Son, and Spirit — to guide you on your journey. Listen to these companions on the way.  
(John 17: 1 –11)

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### **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](#)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or  
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

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### **SHOP SWAP AND STROLL**

Shop Swap and Stroll happens the first Wednesday of May–August. Open to farm, craft, food truck, flea market, and yard sale vendors. Free to join; food trucks pay a small village fee. Donations support Lowell Buell Park. Next event: June 3, 4:30–7:30 PM, Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, OH. For details, message the committee on Facebook.

### **TRIP TO FATIMA AND LOURDES**

Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Huffman will lead a nine day pilgrimage on September 10<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$5,346 and includes airfare from Pittsburgh, first class hotels, meals, deluxe motor -coaches, and more. For more information visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com). Or you can call 1-800-213-4295 or send an email to book to [Veronica@QoHTours.com](mailto:Veronica@QoHTours.com).



### **CHICKEN BBQ**

You are invited to St Michael Catholic Church, Caldwell, this Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for a Chicken BBQ Dinner. Dinner will be served from 11 AM-1:30 PM with both Dine - in or Carry-out available. Bingo to begin in the afternoon followed by a square-dance featuring Little Creek Band starting at 7 PM till 10 PM.

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### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 4 - 15, 2027. Tour stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lanciano, 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](mailto:maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com) for more information.

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### **CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY**

Come and join Catholics of the Mid-Ohio Valley at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Parkersburg, WV. On Mondays at 7 PM. Catholics in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of the 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scriptures from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit: [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com) or [catholicinrecoverymov12@gmail.com](mailto:catholicinrecoverymov12@gmail.com), or contact John B. at (681)229-7220.

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**Breaking of the Bread:** Did you know that during Mass, when the priest breaks the consecrated host, this is called the Fraction Rite? This action goes back to the earliest days of the Church—so much so that the Eucharist itself was once called “the breaking of the bread.” Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, this moment reminds us that Christ is truly present and made known to us in the Eucharist.