

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/In Residence

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.

August 25, 2024

THE TWENTY -FIRST 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
RCIA.

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 con-
firmed, 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

Sat. Aug. 24	OLM	Linda Huck (5 yr. Anniv. 08/25) (Lara Arnold) St. John Harry Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 25	OLM	Tess Huck (1 yr. Anniv.) (Rod & Diane Rauch) St. John Leora Arnold (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John Herb Mason (Tim & Marilyn Zoller)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 26	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (Carolyn Arnold)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 27	OLM	Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (4 yr. Anniv. 08/26) (Julia Brooker) St. John Larry Schaad (Charlotte Lang Family)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 28	OLM	No Mass St. John Fr. Dale Tornes (Randy & Jean Tornes) <i>School Mass</i>	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thur. Aug. 29	OLM	No Mass St. John William & Elizabeth Schilling (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 30	OLM	No Mass St. John Eloise Mulback-Bakker (Norma Thieman Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 31	OLM	Howard & Patricia Huck (Paul & Theresa Warren) St. John Harry Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 01	OLM	Jim Huck (1 yr. Anniv.) (The Jim Huck Family) St. John Tim Strahler (Family) St. John Ben & Edith Brooker (Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,381.00 (59); Offertory \$607.00; Assumption \$42.00 (3); Legacy Fund \$6.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Paul Henderson – Congratulations!

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 08/31 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 09/01 (9:30AM) Shelly Medley

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 08/31 (4 PM) Ed Schilling
OLM: 09/01 (9:30AM) Tim Wittekind

Altar Servers

OLM: 08/31 (4 PM) Brett Bauerbach, Jackson Long
OLM: 09/01 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis

USHERS (Month of August)

SAT: Dave Walbert, **Volunteer** needed
SUN: Mike Huck, **Volunteer** needed

2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”
~ Ephesians 4:5

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21, 074.00
Paid to date (50) \$41, 500.00
Pledged to date \$42, 150.00

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM CWC

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

AUGUST Committee

Cindy Schwendeman (Chair)	Lois Strahler
Tina Long	Pauline Knoch
Elanda Flieman	Linda Phelps

FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

The McNamaras will be teaching the Couple to Couple League method of Natural Family Planning on Sept 21, Oct 12, and Nov 9, 2024. These class dates are cumulative and registration is required at www.ccli.org. The sessions will be held from 4:45 PM to 8 PM; in the SS. Cosmas and Damian Hall, Classroom 109 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. This course is open to any couple seeking to gain an understanding of their fertility.

MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART

The CWC of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta is sponsoring a Bus Tour to the Museum of Catholic Arts & History in Columbus, OH. This museum has been recognized by the Vatican as the largest collection of diversified catholic art in the United States. The tour departs from the Basilica the morning of Thursday, September 19th. Cost is \$45, which includes bus transportation and admission to the museum. There will be a lunch stop but this is not included in the price. Contact Debbie Lazorik at lazorikd@marietta.edu or call/text to 740-434-6769. Registration deadline is September 9th.

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops, to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There is gathering of the faithful praying in Reparation, for Life, for Peace, for our Country, our Church, our Diocese, and our Families. This event will have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and around the clock Hourly Rosary. This week long event; October 5-11, 2024 at St. Mary of Assumption Basilica, Marietta. Sign up for an hour, or just show up!

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

IN PASSIONATE PURSUIT

This was a decisive moment for Jesus' disciples. They had seen him perform miracles, bring people to conversion, and contend with suspicious Jewish leaders. It seemed as if he could do nothing wrong! But now they had to make a hard decision: Would they keep following Jesus when he said something they didn't understand? How about when they didn't *like* what they heard? He had just told them that he had come down from heaven and that, like God, he had the authority to grant eternal life. Then he said that anyone who wanted to follow him had to eat his body and drink his blood. It was all too much, and most of them "no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66). But Peter, speaking for himself and the rest of the Twelve, cut through the confusion with one simple question: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68). There was no one like Jesus. He truly was "the Holy One of God" (6:69). Peter couldn't let his lack of understanding derail him. He trusted that if he stayed close to Jesus, asked questions, listened carefully, and kept an open heart, he would one day get the answers he sought. Even if it took years, he would still stick with the One whose love and grace had changed his heart so dramatically. Do some of Jesus' words confuse you or scandalize you? Don't let them cast a shadow over everything else you have heard. Certainly don't let them cause you to doubt his love for you or for others! Instead, draw closer to him. Recall how patient he has been with you, and resolve to be just as patient in waiting for the answers you seek. And remember: you have the gift of faith for just this very purpose. Allow that supernatural grace to help you trust in the Lord even when you don't understand. Jesus truly is the Holy One of God. There's nowhere else you can go to receive all that he has for you.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for August:

For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty –Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

125: Dt 4: 1-2, 6 -8 Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Ps 15: 2-5 Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A VOCATION VIEW

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. There is no where else to go. Follow Jesus, come what may.

(John 6:60-69)

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, Ohio 43235-1499)

**John Paul Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley Morris,
Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker**

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

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://steubenvillevocations.com>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Aim Women's Center would like to invite you to the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The retreat will take place September 20-22 in Toronto, Ohio. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. During the weekend, participants will experience a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. Please text or call 740-715-7200 for more details and to reserve your spot.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Bingo Group Work Schedule

Aug. 25 Team 3 Ryan Lauchard 614-284-4851

Sept. 01 Team 4 Derek Pottmeyer 740-885-9251

LUNCH PROVIDER NEEDED

St. John Central School is seeking a person/s to provide students with a lunch service for the upcoming school year 2024-2025. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the St. John School Office at 740-896-2697.

DUELING PIANOS



Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be presenting Dueling Pianos on August 24th. Doors open at 5:30 PM followed by dinner and the show until 11 PM. Tickets are \$40 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.

MARY'S HOUSE GOLF OUTING

The 3rd Annual Mary's House Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 7th at Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly, OH. Men and women are encouraged to participate in this four-person scramble. The cost is \$75 single/\$300 per team with \$1,000 payout (based on 20 teams) Contact Brandyn Offenberger at 740-336-5715 to register a team. Or if you or your business would like to participate in this charity event by sponsoring a hole, please contact Melanie Fouss at 740-525-8733 or JoAnn Welch at 740-350- 2692.

WOMEN'S INFERTILITY GROUP

Infertility can be a painful and isolating experience, challenging our faith and bringing up complex emotions of grief and loss, but it is not a path that you have to walk alone. If you are looking to grow closer to the Lord and build community with others walking the same path, please join us for Arise, a small group for women experiencing infertility. They meet from 9 AM to 11 AM on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month; beginning Sept 7th in the Calovini Room (library) located at Holy Family Church in Malara Hall (2655 Alexander Street, Steubenville, OH). There will be a discussion on the book Under the Laurel Tree: Grieving Infertility with Saints Joachim and Anna. For more information, questions, or to register; please email: bmrjuliano@gmail.com or mreister@franciscan.edu.

