

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207**

## 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 Flieman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM at the  
K of C Hall, Churchtown.

## May 03, 2026

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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. Sunday

**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 02</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)</b> St. John Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 03</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Betty Schott (Bob Schwendeman)</b> St. John Richard & Patty Zoller (Janet Schaad Family) St. John L & D of Norbert Kern Family (Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. May 04</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Kendrick Schwendeman (Bob & Peggy Byers)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. May 05</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Martha Huck (Meade &amp; Tana Huck)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00PM</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. May 06</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John George Brooker (Monica Lang Family) <b>SCHOOL MASS</b>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:30 AM
<b>Thurs. May 07</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Marie Scyphers (Frank &amp; Stacy Leeper)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. May 08</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Ellen Heiss (Jim & Anna Schaad)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. May 09</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Gertrude Huck (Marilyn Peters)</b> St. John L & D of Lawrence & Loretta Hendershot Family (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. May 10</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>L &amp; D of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)</b> St. John Veronica Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Mary E Huck ( Regis Huck Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM: \$1,118.00 (54); Offertory \$385.00; Catholic Home Mission \$60.00 (6); Legacy Fund \$115.00 (11)**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 05/09 (4 PM)** Sharon Pottmeyer  
**OLM: 05/10 (9:30AM)** Eric Fliehman

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 05/09 (4 PM)** Tim Snyder, Colton Umstead  
**OLM: 05/10 (9:30AM)** Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Lydia Fliehman

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 05/09 (4 PM)** Kristin Offenberger  
**OLM: 05/10 (9:30AM)** Marlene Greene

#### USHERS (Month of May)

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

### 2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“Sharing the Peace of Christ”*

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00**

**Pledged to date: \$20,445.00**

**Paid to date (28): \$19,095.00**



Thanks to all who participated in the 2026 DPSC thus far. Your generosity helps to continue the Mission of the Church. For those who have not yet responded, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card. You can place it in the collection basket, or mail it directly using the pre-addressed DPSC envelope. Additional pledge cards and DPSC envelopes are available at the parish office and in the entrances of the church.

## 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

The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Please plan to attend.

### 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 additional information, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>



### THANK YOU TEACHERS

As the 2025–2026 PSR school year comes to a close, we wish to recognize and thank the individuals who devoted their time and talents to the faith formation of our students.

Our gratitude goes to **Eric Flieman**, PSR Coordinator and 2nd Grade; **Michelle Long**, Kindergarten; **Heather Schaad**, 1st Grade; **Abigail Offenberger**, 3rd–5th Grades; **Evan Schaad**, 6th–9th Grades; **Nick Long**, Post-Confirmation; and our substitute teacher, **Jenna Huffman**. Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish community.

### MAY CROWNING

First Communion and May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 AM Mass. We pray for these children who come to the Lord's table for the first time; Levi Umstead, Henry Huffman, Christian Hunter, Tobias Spencer. Fill their hearts with wonder, peace, and a deep love for Jesus, who gives Himself to them and us in the Eucharist. May this Communion be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Him.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the Men's Club for their generous donations of \$5,000.00 to Our Lady of Mercy and \$2,000.00 to the Ave Maria Cemeteries Maintenance Funds. This was made possible through the hard work and dedication shown during the Lenten Fish Frys and strengthens our parish community in meaningful ways. We are truly grateful.

## WITH A GOOD BASE, NO TROUBLE

The time had come. Jesus was about to leave his disciples to endure the passion of the cross. He knew that his imminent departure, as well as the path that lay before him, would be upsetting to them. So he reassured them: this would not be a permanent separation. In fact, he was preparing a place for them in his Father's house and would "come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). And he was true to his word! After his crucifixion, the disciples did indeed see Jesus, risen from the dead and victorious over sin. And after his ascension, his Spirit did come to them to console and guide them as they traveled far and wide to preach the good news. And now, they have taken up eternal residence in one of the many glorious dwelling places that Jesus has prepared for them. Jesus' words "Where I am you also may be" (John 14:3) can be reassuring for us as well. He promises to be with each of us always. He dwells in us through Baptism. He comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist. He is with us through his Holy Spirit. And he is preparing a dwelling place for us, too, in his Father's house. This is the good news: Jesus is always present to you—both now and forever in eternity. Whatever trials you may experience, you never have to feel alone or abandoned. You can call on him for his guidance, his wisdom, and his mercy at any moment of the day or night. So "do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1). The One who died and rose for you will never let you go. Even when you can't sense his presence, know that he is with you. He is interceding for you with the Father. Even now, he is preparing a dwelling place for you, a place so wonderful that it's beyond anything you could ever imagine!

~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

#### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**55: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 Ps 66: 1-7, 16, 20  
1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21**

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### A VOCATION VIEW

*Don't let your heart be troubled.* The Lord shows the way, just ask him.

(John 14: 1-12)

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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)  
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

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### **STH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**

St. Henry Catholic Church, Harriettsville will hold its Annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 2 PM. Dinner includes chicken and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Dine-in available. For more information, contact Debbie Biehl at 740-373-2882.



## **SHOP SWAP AND STROLL**

Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of May, June, July, and August. This event is for farm market vendors, craft vendors, food truck vendors, flea market and yard sale vendors. There is no cost to participate as a vendor, although the Village of Lowell requires a small fee to set up as a food truck vendor. Donations are welcome and appreciated. The donations collected go to the upkeep and maintenance of Lowell Buell Park. The first Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, Ohio, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook and a committee member will get back to you.

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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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## **2026 FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN BUS TRIP**



Enjoy a relaxing and faith-filled bus trip this summer. By visiting the peaceful Sorrowful Mother Shrine, exploring the charm of Frankenmuth and Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, cruise the Cass River aboard the Bavarian Belle, and spend time at the Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Cost: \$649.00 per person (double occupancy). The bus will leave from St. Stephen Church, Caldwell, OH on July 21<sup>st</sup> and return on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sign-up and \$50.00 deposit deadline is June 19<sup>th</sup>. To register or request a flyer, please reach out to Fr. Tom Nelson at the Noble County Catholic Churches parish office at [tnelson@diosteub.org](mailto:tnelson@diosteub.org) or 740-732-4129.

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## **VOLUNTEERS**

Our Lady of Mercy and Saint John the Baptist Parishes are truly blessed with dedicated volunteers who generously share their time and talents in service to our parish. If you are interested in volunteering for upcoming events, such as Vacation Bible School, Faith Formation, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, etc., Please contact the parish office.