

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 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.

November 09, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

Sat. Nov. 08	OLM	Hud & Rosemary Lang (Debbie Misel)	4:00 PM
		St. John Howard & Edna Dyar (Jerry & Virginia Dyar)	
Sun. Nov. 09	OLM	Kenneth & Margaret Yeomans (David & Joanie Yeomans)	9:30 AM
		St. John Ralph E. Stollar (Vince & Shelly Stollar)	7:30 AM
		St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 10	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John Jim Thieman (Norma Thieman Family)	School Mass 9:00 AM
Tue. Nov. 11	OLM	Howard Huck (Huck Family)	5:00PM
		St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Nov. 12	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John Ellen Heiss (Mitch & Lorraine Schott)	8:30 AM
Thurs. Nov. 13	OLM	Martha Huck (Bob & Peggy Byers)	5:00PM
		St. John No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Nov. 14	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John Edith Brooker (Charlotte Lang Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 15	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (1yr Anniv.) (Chris Pottmeyer)	4:00 PM
		St. John Virginia Arnold (Family)	
Sun. Nov. 16	OLM	Charles & Nina Hockenberry (Edwin & Grace Long)	9:30 AM
		St. John Edith Brooker (Family)	7:30 AM
		St. John L & D of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 11/15 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 11/16 (9:30 AM) Alex Bauerbach

Altar Servers

OLM: 11/15 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, Taylor Schaad
OLM: 11/16 (9:30 AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 11/15 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 11/16 (9:30 AM) Ken Long

USHERS (Month of November)

SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,799.00 (58); Offertory \$482.00; All Saints \$491.00 (17); All Souls \$395.00 (27);
World Mission \$20.00 (1); Votive Candles \$41.00; OLM Cemetery \$95.00 (4)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Mary Schott– Congratulations!

NOVEMBER MONTH FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone initial judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ. Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45). “By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055). The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: “Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.” ©LPi

OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Kathy Reed (Chair)	Jennifer Morris
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Christy Haines	Cathy Cheeseman

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Lowell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday, November 25th, at 7 PM. All parishioners, as well as the public, are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for all the Christian Communities of Lowell to join together in prayer; to offer gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings we have received.



LAMB THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The Lowell Food Pantry is preparing for each area family in need a Thanksgiving meal bag. Each

church of the Ecumenical Cooperative has been assigned an item to include with each meal bag.

OLM has been assigned turkey gravy. To donate individual cans or jars of turkey gravy to be placed in each Thanksgiving bag; please place donated items on the Thanksgiving table located at the front of the church. Cash/ Check donations made payable to LAMB are also welcome. All donations are needed by November 23rd. Other items also in need for the pantry include: granola bars, muffins, pop tarts, graham crackers, seasoning packets (such as Taco, Ranch, Grillmates), pickles, yams, tuna, tea/lemonade/hot chocolate mix. Thank you for any and all donations, to ensure everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES

You are invited to join Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes. Highlights include the Eucharistic miracle of Santarem, the Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St. Theresa of Avila and more. The trip is from September 10th through 20th, 2026. The cost is \$5,346 per person based on double occupancy. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pittsburgh, hotel, some meals, transportation to and from sightseeing. If you are interested, please email St. Peter Church office at office@stpetersteub.com.

IN THE OFFERINGS OF CHRIST

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is named for the Lateran hill on which it stands. This cathedral church of Rome is dedicated to both John the Baptist and John the Evangelist and stands as a symbol of the persistence of the entire Church. Dedicated in AD 324, soon after Emperor Constantine allowed Christians to meet without persecution, the Lateran Basilica also reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness to his people. It has remained for more than seventeen hundred years as a sign that "the Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" (Psalm 46:8). Consider the significance of this building. This was the first place where God's people could assemble publicly and testify to Jesus' presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. Here, and at every Mass, Jesus himself is present under the appearances of ordinary bread and wine. He comes to us in this humble way so that he can be with us in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives. This tremendous miracle is a consoling reality and a spiritual stronghold for each of us: Jesus is present, in lowly Eucharistic form, in every tabernacle in the world! This is why we design churches to be beautiful sacred spaces: to mark them as fitting dwellings for Jesus and to remind us that he is always with us. He dwells among us and offers himself to us every day. Today, let's thank God for all the astounding things he has done. But above all, let's rejoice in his constant faithful presence among us! And let's open our hearts to receive and adore him, present in the Eucharist.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for November

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

159: Mal 3: 19-20a

Ps 98: 5-9

2 Thes 3: 7-12

Lk 21: 5-19

A VOCATION VIEW

Let us pray that the Word of the Lord will make progress. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

(2 Thessalonians 2: 16–3:5)

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)

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 McGurn 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](#) or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and asks us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless your Churches in Washington County by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. AMEN.

OX ROAST

St. Ambrose, Little Hocking will be holding an ox roast on Sunday, November 9th, from 11 AM to 2 PM. The menu includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a dessert. Cost: Adults-\$15 and \$10 for Children 6yrs. to 10yrs. There will be a raffle for a beautiful quilt made by the St. Ambrose Quilting Club.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary's House will be holding their annual Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 9th, starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM) at the St. Bernard Social Hall, Beverly. The cost is 20 Games for \$25.00. Tickets will be sold at the door only. A 50/50 drawing, raffle, and concession stand will be present.

ST JOHN NEWS

THANK YOU –The 6th grade class at St. John Central School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for your generosity and support of our service project, “Socktober.” Thanks to the kindness of our school families, preschool, and local parishes, 1,830 pairs of socks were collected! These will be donated to the Washington County Homeless Project and United Ministries of Morgan County to help keep those in need warm this winter. Your compassion truly makes a difference. Thank you for helping us serve others! -Mrs. Klinger & the 6th Grade Students of St. John

VETERANS DAY MASS—In celebration of Veterans Day, St. John Central School is hosting a special Mass to celebrate Veterans. The Mass will be held at 9 AM on Monday, November 10th at St. John the Baptist Church. Following Mass, a breakfast for the Veterans and a small program will be held. Thank you for your service!

CASINO NIGHT—St. John Central School 6th Annual Fundraising Event “Casino Night” is scheduled for November 15th with doors opening at 4:30 PM. Call or text 740-336-5313 to purchase a ticket.

AED TRAINING

The Beverly Squad Department generously donated an AED to the Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. To ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the AED equipment effectively, the Knights will be hosting a training session on Monday, November 10th, at 7 PM at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. All people from the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions, call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.