

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Steubenville

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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



November 01, 2026

ALL SAINTS

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. Oct. 31	**OLM**	**George & Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn & Heather Peters)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 01	**OLM**	**Raymond & Deanna Lang (Marc & Whitney Serve' Family)**	**9:30 AM**
(ALL SAINTS)	St. John	Ken Britton (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 02	**OLM**	**John Karol Morris (10 yr. Ann. 11/01) (Jason & Jennifer Morris)**	**6:00 PM**
(ALL SOULS)		**Rosary at Ava Maria Cemetery**	**12:30 PM**
	St. John	Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker)	8:00 AM
Tue. Nov. 03	**OLM**	**L & D of OLM CWC (OLM CWC)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Nov. 04	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Lawrence "Larry" Huck (Gary & Edna Arnold) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Nov. 05	**OLM**	**Marlene Walbert (Earl Tornes Family)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Nov. 06	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Donna Sturm (Mona Barrett) (Adoration: 5 PM)	*6:00 PM*
Sat. Nov. 07	**OLM**	**Dale & Marian Stalter (Virgil & Martha Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	L & D of Vince & Shelly Stollar Family (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 08	**OLM**	**Darren Cheeseman (Edwin & Grace Long)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Rita Shrider (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	L & D of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,453.00 (52); Offertory $433.00; Improvement Fund $25.00 (1); OLM Cemetery $439.00 (20); World Mission $10.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner – Astacia Huck – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 11/07 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
11/08 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers: 11/07 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Vinny Huffman, Colton Umstead
11/08 (9:30AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers
OLM: 11/07 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman
OLM: 11/08 (9:30 AM) Jennifer Morris

USHERS (Month of November)
SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

TO HONOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There will be a gathering of our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 2nd, at 8 AM Mass and Rosary at Saint John the Baptist, Churchtown; **with a 12:30 PM-Rosary at Ava Maria Cemetery**, Lowell and at a 6 PM Mass and Rosary at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell. We gather to remember, pray for, and honor our deceased loved ones**.**

November is especially devoted to praying for the souls in Purgatory, "… because of the tender mercy of our God by which he daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78-79) We invite you to share the names of your deceased loved ones with us (All Souls Day envelopes). These names will be placed before the Altar through the month of November!

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

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 and canned mushroom soup.** To donate individual cans or jars of gravy/soup 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 15th. Other items also in need for the pantry include: Nutri/granola bars, mini-muffins, pop tarts, juices, seasoning packets (such as Taco, Fajita, Beef Stew, & Grillmates). Thank you for any and all donations, to ensure everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

COME AND SEE

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host their annual fall "Come and See" Live-In from Friday, November 13th to Sunday, November 15th. The weekend begins with arrival at 4 PM on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday. This event is for men in high school and college who are interested in learning more about seminary and discernment in general. There is no cost to participate. To register or for more information, please email Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti, the Director of Vocations, at nginnetti@diosteub.org.

"SEARCH"

The Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is set with "Girls" weekend on Friday, November 6th – Sunday, November 8th; and "Boys" weekend will be Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School, Churchtown, and is open to all denominations. The deadline for applications will be October 30th for girls, and November 13th for the boys. For an application please visit https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/ or for more information, please contact Alana Henry 440-539-3763.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in **Loving memory of John Karol Morris**.

By: Jason & Jennifer Morris Family



GOOD, MAYBE EVEN SAINTLY CATHOLICS

St. John's description of heaven is breathtaking: holy men and women from all over the world joining the angels praising God before his throne! It's also a good scene to contemplate on today's Solemnity of All Saints. We celebrate the saints we know and love—patron saints, Confirmation saints, those our parish is named after—and all the other men and women whose names we may never know. And we remind ourselves that *each of us* is meant to be a part of this great assembly! That's because holiness—sanctity—is for everyone. Recalling the Second Vatican Council's universal call to holiness, Pope Leo XIV said, "Holiness . . . is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for . . . the fullness of love towards God and towards one's neighbor" (Audience, April 8, 2026). You were born to be a saint! But that doesn't mean you need to be exactly the same as any one saint, like Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa. Do you remember that multitude "from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9)? God has destined *you* to be a saint in your own place and time, in your own vocation, according to the shape of your life. Your circumstances will guide your path to holiness. As the Council fathers put it, "The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one" (*Lumen Gentium*, 41). The one thing every saint has in common is that they let the Lord lead them as they grow in love for him and for the people around them. How encouraging! The way we get there might differ, but our destination is the same: heaven, where we will praise God with that "great multitude"!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

154: Wis 6: 12-16 Ps 63: 2-8

1 Thes 4: 13-18 Mt 25: 1-13

VOCATION VIEW

In You, Lord I have found my peace. Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker?

(Psalm 131)

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)

Second College: William Gugala
Third College: Maximilian Kolbe Gan
Fourth College Riley Morris
Second Theology: John Paul Gan

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

First Theology: Aaron Pabin
Third Theology: Christopher McGurn and Samuel 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 links: Twitter @ dsvocations Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or Diocesan Vocation Website: http://steubenville vocations.com.



ST JOHN SOCKTOBER

Students at St. John Central School is collecting socks for the Washington County Homeless Project. There is a basket in the back of the church you can drop off new socks or at St. John School or any local parishes; St. John, St. Bernard, or St. Ambrose. Even a small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of others.

EAGLES BREAKFAST

The Beverly Eagles in Beverly, OH is holding a breakfast on Sunday, November 1st from 8 AM till Noon. All are welcome.

MARY'S HOUSE BINGO

Mary's House is holding a bingo on Sunday, November 8th starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM) at the St Bernard Social Hall, Beverly, Ohio. Tickets sold at door only. 20 Games for $25.00. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand, and raffle with all proceeds benefitting Mary's House. Mary's House serves expectant mothers during and after their pregnancy as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.

ANNUAL OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking is holding an Ox Roast on November 8th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Menu includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, and dessert for $15 (Children ages 6 -10 for $10). There will also be a quilt raffle of God Bless America.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4617 NEWS

POSTER CONTEST- "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades K through 8th. Entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Wednesday, November 25th. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ Blessing on Monday, December 7th at 7 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

ESSAY CONTEST– All Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2026 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 -word essay on: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." Explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy 1961 Inaugural Address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. The winner will receive a $100 prize; the runner-up a $50 prize. All participants should mail essays and an entry form (located in the back of the church) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or by email to churchtownkofc@ gmail.com by Wednesday, November 25th. Any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

MEMORIAL MASS- A special Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, November 16th at 7 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the K of C hall.