

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor
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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**

June 21, 2026

TWELFTH 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 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

Sat. June 20	OLM	Kendrick Schwendeman (1yr. Anniv.) (Parents, Sister, and Family)	4:00 PM
		St. John Edith Brooker (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. June 21	OLM	Lloyd & Evelyn Miller (Ron & Linda Miller)	9:30 AM
		St. John Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad Family)	7:30 AM
		St. John People of the STJ Parish (Parish)	11:00 AM
Mon. June 22	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John Jan Weisend Hunt (Steve & Pam Brooker)	8:00 AM
Tue. June 23	OLM	James Peters (Marilyn Peters)	5:00 PM
		St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. June 24	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Reception to Follow)	6:00 PM
Thurs. June 25	OLM	Gilbert Huck (Ben & Lisa Berendts)	5:00 PM
		St. John No Mass	No Mass
Fri. June 26	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John No Mass	No Mass
Sat. June 27	OLM	David Bauerbach (Family)	4:00 PM
		St. John Dave & Barbra Huck (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. June 28	OLM	L & D of Joe & Ida Huck (Family)	9:30 AM
		St. John Alecia Fouss (Todd & Annette Schott)	7:30 AM
		St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Donna Tornos Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,715.00 (61); Offertory \$494.25; St John \$25.00; Improvement Fund \$160.00 (10)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 06/27(4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 06/28 (9:30AM) Lisa Berendts

Altar Servers

OLM: 06/27 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 06/28 (9:30AM) Margert, Emma, Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 06/27 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 06/28 (9:30AM) Ken Long

USHERS (Month of June)

SAT: Jim Long, Volunteer
SUN: Jim Schwendeman, Ron Miller

2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

"Sharing the Peace of Christ"

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00

Pledged to date: \$22,940.00

Paid to date (35): \$22,490.00

DPSC 2026. The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Your generosity helps to fund those critical ministries, forming the next generation of Catholics, and supporting our seminarians studying for the priesthood. It also provides care for our retired priests, administrative support to our Catholic schools. It provides funding for our outreach to the poor, for marriage and family ministries and efforts to promote a culture of life. *Regardless of what the Vatican decides about the future of our diocese, the work of the Church—including our parishes schools, and other ministries—must continue. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.*

OLM CWC

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

June Committee

Marlene Greene (Chair)	Susan (Rob) Huck
Brie Fliehmman	Betty Lang
Patti Schwendeman	Angela Bennett
Victoria Robinson	



The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless love, mercy, and compassion for humanity, inviting believers to respond with devotion, reparation, and trust.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The **2026–2027 tickets are now being collected.** If you were one of the **60 participants from last year** and would like to continue in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win \$25.00 per week and attend a steak dinner/drawing where larger prizes are awarded. Please pay one of the Team Leaders or put the money in an envelope with your name on it marked 50/50 and place it in the collection basket. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative, will take place July 13TH–15TH, from 9 AM to 12 PM on Buell Island. Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join for Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. Turn in registration forms available at church entrance or call 740-350-0889 to register.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar are in loving memory of Kendrick Schwendeman

by: Parents, Sister, and Family



HAVE A LITTLE FAITH

What's the opposite of fear? We might think it's courage. And it is. But for Christians, courage is rooted in trust in a loving God. As Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel, we "are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). In fact, our heavenly Father cares for us so much that he has counted every hair on our heads (10:30)! We can place our trust in him. Even when danger strikes, we are safe in his loving arms. Surely Jesus' words sustained the apostles whenever they faced persecution and the threat of martyrdom. But Jesus' words are meant for us as well. He knows that there are plenty of dangers in this world that can make us afraid. So how can we counter our fears? By making a conscious decision to trust in the Lord—and to remember how trustworthy he is! You can trust him . . . Because while you were still a sinner, he sent his Son to die for you (Romans 5:8). Because he gave you his Spirit to be your comforter, consoler, and guide (John 14:16; 16:13). Because Jesus is always with you, dwelling in your heart and presenting the Eucharist (Matthew 28:20; John 6:48). Because his grace is always available to you. It flows into your heart every time you turn to him (Romans 5:20). Above all, because he promises that one day you will be united with him forever in heavenly glory (John 14:4). Take Jesus' words to heart today: You are worth more than many sparrows. Let them fill you with the fortitude to trust God and walk in his ways. He cares for you. He won't eliminate every trial or danger in this life, but he will safeguard your soul so that you can live eternally with him in heaven (Matthew 10:28). And in heaven, you will never be afraid again!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for June

For The Values of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

97: 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a Ps 89: 2-3, 16-19

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 Mt 10: 37- 42

A VOCATION VIEW

Let no one intimidate you. If you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, have courage. The Lord is with you!

(Matthew 10: 26-33)

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 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://steubenvillevocations.com](#).

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion of the Descendants of Joe and Ida Huck will be at Noon on Sunday, June 28th, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, June 20th, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak -\$15.00, baked steak -\$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.

K OF C STAG FISH FRY

K of C Council 4617, Churchtown is hosting a Fish Fry on Sunday, June 21st, from 12 PM to 3 PM. This event is open to **Gentlemen** of the general public and all K of C Members. Cost is \$15 for all you can eat fish, French fries, coleslaw, and drinks. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions, please contact Derek Kern at 740-516-7219.

ST. BERNARD NEWS

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Beverly is holding their annual social and dinner on Wednesday, June 24th. Meal time is from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a chicken and/or ham dinner with many delicious sides and desserts available. An Adult Meal is \$15.00, and a Child Meal (ages 10 and under) is \$6.00. Take-out is available. Social begins at 4:00 PM, which includes a raffle, children's games, bingo (5 PM), and more to enjoy. For additional information, you may contact the St Bernard Parish office at 740-984-2555 or email to StBerBev@Frontier.com.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, starting at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.



TRIP TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Huffman will lead a nine day pilgrimage on September 10th thru 20th. 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](#). Or you can call 1-800-213-4295 or send an email to book to Veronica@QoHTours.com.

"The father should be the first to show the way of virtue, guiding his children with love and firmness."

~ St. John Bosco