

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 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

March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



LENT

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. March 21	OLM	Richard & Leora Rohrer (Rob & Sue Huck) St. John Chris Tesi (Debbie Huck)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 22	OLM	Richard & Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens) St. John Dave Bowen (Alan & Charlene Kern) St. John Mary E. Huck (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 23	OLM	No Mass (Chrism Mass 2 PM at St. Mary) St. John Larry Schaad (David & Barbra Huck)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. March 24	OLM	Howard & Patricia Huck (The Huck Family) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. March 25	OLM	No Mass St. John Bill O'Linn (Robert & Diane Wesselman) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. March 26 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	Gary Pottmeyer (Denise Pottmeyer) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 27 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	No Mass St. John John & Marylou Huck (Arnold Huck)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 28	OLM	Bernard & Dorothy Huck (Nancy Huck) St. John Lawrence & Margaret Schaad (Janet Schaad Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 29 Palm Sunday	OLM	Daniel Strahler (Ken & Jan Long) St. John Vincent Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers) St. John Robert Heiss (Russ Kern Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,482.00 (60); Offertory \$392.00; Catholic Relief \$25.00 (2); Rice Bowl \$30.00 (3);
Easter Flowers \$299.00 (20)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Mike Stehly- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 03/28 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
OLM: 03/29 (9:30 AM) Susan Huck
& Lisa Berendts

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/28 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 03/29 (9:30 AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Josie Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 03/28 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman
OLM: 03/29 (9:30 AM) Joe Anderson

Ushers (Month of March)

SAT: Gary Cunningham, David Long
SUN: Gregory Greene, Dan Flieman



2026 CHRISM MASS

The Diocese of Steubenville, Chrism Mass will be Monday, March 30th at 2 PM at
the Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta.
All are invited to attend.



2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95

OLM CWC

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

March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

LAST 2026 OLM LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM with the fry leader:

March 27 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

Adults \$13.00 Children 12 & under \$6.00

Drive- thru meals \$13.00- No need to call ahead. Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. All are encouraged to volunteer to help.

BAKE SALE

If any parishioner would like to donate baked good items for the upcoming Fish Fries, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to OLM Parish School of Religion (PSR). Please contact Bri Flieman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Lenten Day of Spirituality on Saturday, March 21st at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with Mass and sessions led by Sister Edie Strong from 9 AM to 3 PM. For further details or to register, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 by Sunday, March 15th.

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

A priestly ordination of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson will be Saturday, May 30th at 11 AM at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they dedicate their lives to serving God's people.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. It is through this collection you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace. Please be generous!

JOHN & BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

There are two college scholarships applications available for 2026 Graduating High School Seniors. Awards under this program are for the first year of college work at any Catholic College or University. The applicants must reside within the Diocese of Steubenville, a participating member of a Roman Catholic Parish, and meet the enrollment standards of the College/University they are planning to attend. The deadline for turn in is April 17th.

THE GIFTS OF UNANSWERED PRAYERS

Martha's faith was being tested. Surely she thought that once she sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, he would come quickly to heal him. And yet John tells us that although Jesus "loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," he "remained for two days in the place where he was" (John 11:5, 6). How painful it must have been for Martha to watch helplessly as her brother died! How she must have wondered why Jesus hadn't come sooner! When Jesus does finally show up, Martha doesn't hide her disappointment. If he had arrived in time, she tells him, "my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). Yet her faith remains firmly intact: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you" (11:22). And when Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, she proclaims her belief "in the resurrection on the last day" (11:24). Martha must have been overjoyed when Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb! Martha's faith even in disappointment can be an inspiration for us, especially when we have "sent word" to Jesus, but he seems to be absent (John 11:3). Today's Gospel shows us that when the Lord's ways are confusing, he always has us on his heart and mind. He hears our prayers and has a plan for our lives even when we can't envision it. Martha came to believe that Jesus had the power to raise the dead and that his plans were higher than hers. Even though he hadn't healed her brother, she still trusted him. So when you are in a place of waiting or disappointment, you can bring your pain to Jesus. You can allow him to reassure you that he is your loving Savior. He will strengthen your faith and hope. He will help you see his goodness in this life and, even more, in the life to come. Always remember that Jesus hears your prayers. He will never, ever forsake you.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for March

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

38:Is 50: 4-7 Ps 22: 8-9, 17-24

Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 27: 11-54

A VOCATION VIEW

Untie him, and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother.

(John 11: 1-45)

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

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 25th. Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122.

PENANCE SERVICE

Area Penance Services are scheduled at 7 PM as follow:
St. John Central School –Monday, March 23rd at 1 PM
St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday, March 23rd
Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell -Tuesday, March 24th
St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday, March 25th
St Bernard, Beverly - Thursday, March 26th
St. Ambrose - Little Hocking, Sunday, March 29th

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Tuesday- March 24rd, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend- March 28th & 29th

Lowell- Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM
Churchtown- Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, 11 AM

Monday, March 30th -Chrism Mass - 2 PM,
at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper,
April 02nd – 6 PM at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and
7 PM at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown
(Adoration after Mass until 10 PM at both parishes)**

**Good Friday, April 03rd - 12 PM - Way of the Cross, 6
PM - The Passion of the Lord, at OLM, Lowell and at
STJ, Churchtown 3 PM - Way of the Cross, 7 PM - The
Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, April 4th -
8:30PM - At OLM, Lowell and at STJ, Churchtown**

**Easter Sunday Mass, April 05th
Lowell- 9:30AM Churchtown 7:30AM and 10AM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

EXEMPT- There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on March 22nd at the K of C #4617 Social Hall, Churchtown. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM, the exemplification will begin at 9 AM sharp. Following the exemplification we will attend 11 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Churchtown, returning to the K of C Hall afterwards for a meal.

EASTER EGG HUNT- Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4617 Members; Egg hunt will be held after each Easter Sunday Mass for children 0 –12 years old, on April 05th after the 9:30 AM Masses at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell and St. Bernard, Beverly; and the 10 AM Mass at St. John, Churchtown. All K of C members are asked to bring one or two dozen **plastic, candy-filled** eggs to their parish before church on Easter Sunday for the egg hunt.

Our Lord said, "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all divine floodgates throughout which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

- *Saint Faustina, 699*

