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

January 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF 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. 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. Jan. 24	**OLM**	**Stephen Kuchyt (Todd & Katheryn Arnold)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Dave Bowen (Cyrus Bowen)	6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 25	**OLM**	**Deceased Members of John & Elinor Paul Family (John & Elinor Paul)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Larry Schaad (2yr. Ann.) (Janet Schaad Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 26	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	TBA	8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 27	**OLM**	**Leora Arnold (David & Tina Long)**	**5:00PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Jan. 28	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Thurs. Jan. 29	**OLM**	**Charles Schilling (Lisa Schwendeman)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Jan. 30	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	TBA **School Mass**	9:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 31	**OLM**	**Patricia Huck (3yr. Ann) (David & Tina Long)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Anna Mae Brooker (2Yr. Ann.) (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 01	**OLM**	**Carolyn Rush (Tim & Jody Huck)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Hilda Gebhart (STJ CWC)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Shirley Oliver Stollar (Vincent & Shelly Stollar)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: $1,183.00 (55); Offertory $389.00; Improvement Fund $40.00 (3); St. John School $25.00 (1); Initial Offering $30.00 (2)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Carol Antill- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

01/31 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
02/01 (9:30 AM) Alex Bauerbach

Eucharistic Ministers

01/31 (4 PM) Sue Huck
02/01 (9:30 AM) Marlene Greene

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/31 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Tim Snyder

OLM: 02/01 (9:30 AM) Katie & Ashton Schultheis, Josie Anderson

USHERS (Month of January)

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Adrian Morris, **Volunteer needed**

2026 LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are scheduled with the fry leaders as follows:

February 27– Kim Schwendeman - 740-525-2769
March 13 – Tony Offenberger - 740-525-4823
March 28 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed above. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.

OLM CWC

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

JANUARY COMMITTEE

Rose Beebe (Chair)	Sandy Huck
Rhonda Huck	Heather Schaad
Jennifer Anderson	Kristin Offenberger

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 Fliehman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please check and make sure everything is correct. If corrections are needed, please immediately notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207.

2025 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2025, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to 740- 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, March 7th, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caldwell. This Lenten retreat will focus on the lifelong call to conversion, our discovery of Jesus Christ., His Church, and the ongoing transformation of our hearts. The day will feature personal testimonies from Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Shannon, who will offer practical guidance for spiritual growth and for living and sharing the Faith in our families, parishes, workplaces, and communities. Cost is $ 25 and to register on-line with a $3 online surcharge visit athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day, lunch will be provided.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Mary Catholic School Foundation in Marietta is holding their Annual Benefit Drawing at 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 6th at St. Mary School. Tickets are $150/ two guests and includes meals and chances to with cash prizes. To learn more or to purchase tickets, please contact Teresa Tokodi Domico at 740-516-8322.

SACRIFICIAL LAMB

When you hear John the Baptist call Jesus the "Lamb of God," you might picture a cute baby sheep leaping in a pasture or happily resting on its shepherd's shoulders. But that can be confusing. How can Jesus be that kind of lamb? Israelites in Jesus' time would have understood what John was getting at. They would likely have called to mind the feast of Passover. Each year during that feast, every Jewish family slaughtered and ate an unblemished lamb in remembrance of God bringing his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). They might also have thought about Isaiah's song of the Suffering Servant, who, like a lamb, silently allowed himself to be led to the slaughter while he bore the guilt of us all (Isaiah 53:6-7). Finally, they might have remembered when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. As Isaac prepared the wood for the sacrifice, he asked why there was no sheep to offer. Abraham replied, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8). John likely had all this in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God: Jesus was the sacrifice, provided by God, who would silently offer his life to redeem us all. Contemplating Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us an infinite number of reasons to worship him. We can praise him for delivering us from enslavement to sin. We can ponder what he silently bore to redeem us. We can bow to him as the perfect sacrifice, provided for us by God himself. Jesus is so much bigger, so much more committed to us, so much more glorious in his mercy than we could ever imagine! At Mass today, we will be invited to "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." How happy we are to be called to his supper, to behold him and to receive him in the Eucharist!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

***Prayer Intentions for* January**

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 146: 6-10

1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 5: 1-12a

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. **Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News**?

(1 Corinthians 1: 1-3)

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening is offering a safe, painless, and non invasive screening at the Senior Center of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 10th. To register for a time you may call 1-800-324-9458 with promo code HABC001, or visit on line LLSA.SOCIL/HABC.

ST, JOHN NEWS

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is celebrated this week, January 25th - January 31st. St. John Central School, Churchtown combines Catholic faith and teachings with high standards for student achievement and academic excellence; all in a safe and welcoming environment. Students are instilled with the knowledge of value of service as they prepare to become productive Christian citizens and leaders in their communities. We consider, St. John Central School, a wonderful place to learn and to continuously grow in faith.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL HELP

Turn your Taxes into Tuition—Make a charitable donation to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund and turn your tax dollars into tuition. Now is the time to donate, before filing your 2025 Ohio tax return and you can receive a dollar-for– dollar Ohio income tax credit of up to $750 for an individual (or $1500 if married—filing jointly). Donations via credit card are now available. Designate your gift to help provide financial assistance to any diocesan Catholic School of your choice! For more information or to make a donation, go to: www.diosteub.org/ctdsf.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2026 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a $500.00 check towards further education. The application must be submitted by March 14, 2026. Information and a link to the application can be found via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any question call/text Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or email: church townkofc@gmail.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Your gift of time and blood is a selfless act of caring. Help to assure that life-giving blood will be available when needed. The next area Blood Drive will be held at St. Bernard Catholic Church Parish Hall, Beverly on Thursday, January 29, from noon to 6 PM. Please sign up online at ww.RedCrossBlood.org. to set up an appointment time for your donation.