



OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of
the 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

August 02 & 09, 2026

EIGHTEENTH & NINETEENTH 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, 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. Aug. 01	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters)	4:00 PM
	St. John L & D of Joe & Mary Kern Family (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 02	OLM Will Beebe (Gray & Rose Beebe)	9:30 AM
	St. John Hilda Gebhart (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	7:30 AM
	St. John Norma Theiman (Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 03	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Ronnie Lang (STJ CWC) /Robert Heiss (Ted Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 04	OLM Leslie Andrew (Debbie Misel)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Aug. 05	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Larry Schaad (Nora Huffman)/Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 06	OLM Darren Cheesman (Craig & Lisa Ferguson)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Aug. 07	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)/Dave Bowen (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	6:00 PM
Sat. Aug. 08	OLM Dale & Marian Stalter (Lisa Schwendeman)	4:00 PM
	St. John Alvin & Diane Arnold (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 09	OLM L & D of William Lang Family (The Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John Larry Huffman (CWC)	7:30 AM
	St. John Howard Strahler (Duane & Tina Duff)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 10	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John TBA	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 11	OLM Ross Greene (Greg & Marlene Greene)	5:00 PM
	St. John TBA	8:00 AM
Wed. Aug. 12	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John TBA	8:00 AM
Thur. Aug. 13	OLM Martha Huck (Grace Randolph Family)	5:00 PM
	St. John TBA	8:00 AM
Fri. Aug. 14	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John TBA	8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 15	OLM Patricia Stehly (08/14) (4yr. Anniv.) (Mike & Denise Stehly)	4:00 PM
	St. John TBA	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 16	OLM Darren Cheesman (3yr. Anniv.) (Jim & Cindy Schwendeman)	9:30 AM
	St. John TBA	7:30 AM
	St. John TBA	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,615.00 (63); Offertory \$650.00; St. John \$105.00 (8)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 08/08(4 PM) Lisa Berendts	Altar Servers: 08/08 (4 PM) Vinny Huffman, Jackson Long, Tim Snyder
08/09 (9:30AM) Susan Huck	08/09 (9:30AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
08/15(4 PM) Tony Offenberger	08/15 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
08/16 (9:30AM) Linda Miller	08/16 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/08 (4 PM) Stephen Huffman	USHERS (Month of August)
08/09 (9:30AM) Ron Miller	SAT: Dave Walbert, Volunteer needed
08/15 (9:30AM) Kristin Offenberger	SUN: Mike Huck, Volunteer needed
08/16 (9:30AM) Jennifer Morris	

OLM CWC

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

August Committee

Cindy Schwendeman, Chair

Linda Phelps

Elanda Fliehman

Lois Strahler

Tina Long

Pauline Knoch

FR. WALTER HEINZ'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

The OLM CWC warmly invites all parishioners to a birthday dinner celebrating Fr. Walter Heinz's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 9th, at 5 PM. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration as we honor Fr. Heinz and give thanks for this special milestone. Please sign up using the sheets located at each church entrance by noon on Sunday, August 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. We hope you can join us for this joyful celebration!

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The 50/50 tickets weekly drawings will begin next week. If you wish to participate in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win. 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.

OLM PRAYER CHAIN

We would like to remind everyone about the OLM Prayer Chain. If you become aware of a parishioner or parishioners who are in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Gaydosik at 740 391-1093 or you may call Martha Fliehman at 740-984-4039 and "The Chain" will be activated. Anyone who would like to become a "link" in our chain as either a caller, or just to receive calls to say prayers for those in need, please call Martha Fliehman and you will be added to the list/chain.

BULLETIN NOTICE/ OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be also closed August 3rd thru 7th.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar next weekend are in celebration and honor of Fr. Walter Heinz 90th Birthday!



A HEART THAT HUNGERS FOR THE LORD

We're all hungry. We're all looking to fill ourselves with something that really satisfies us. This hunger goes beyond a desire for food. We all know the longing for something more, something that sets our hearts at rest. When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish in today's Gospel, he satisfied the physical hunger of the crowd. But even more, he foreshadowed the way he would feed us in the Eucharist. He revealed that he alone can satisfy our deepest needs. The idea of God feeding his hungry people isn't anything new. In today's first reading, God spoke to Israel as they languished in Babylon: "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare" (Isaiah 55:2). Perhaps the people suffered from physical hunger, but the banquet God promised was something far more profound: they would return to their own land and to a restored relationship with God himself. When Jesus fed the five thousand, his actions looked ahead to the same kind of satisfaction—one that would bring reconciliation and peace to our souls. Because the "rich fare" that we will "delight in" one day is the heavenly banquet, where we are restored to God completely and where all sin, suffering, and mourning are wiped away. Today you will be offered "rich fare" in Holy Communion. It's a spiritual food that brings you the fruit of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross—a sacrifice that frees you from sin and restores you to the Father. When you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, you are nourished in a truly satisfying way. You receive strength for your journey, patience when you're weary, and the grace to forgive. You are filled with God's life and changed into Christ. So come to the Lord today. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

115: 1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Ps 85: 9-14

Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33

VOCATION VIEW

Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. If God is calling you to full time service in the church do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.

(Romans 8:35-39)

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: 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

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Website: <http://steubenville vocations.com>.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING PICNIC

St. Michael Catholic Church in Caldwell will hold their Annual Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, August 9th from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM. A chicken and ham dinner will be served. Cost is Adults \$15 and Children \$7. Drive thru is available. There will be bingo and raffle tickets to purchase. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GOLF OUTING

K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 16th at Ox Bow Golf Course, Belpre. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$260.00/four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.



ASSEMBLY 840 FAMILY OUTING

Assembly 840 would like to invite all Knights and their families to join us for a special outing on Sunday, August 16th, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with great food provided by the Valley Gem—no meal preparation and no cleanup required! Cost: \$30.00 per person, plus one bag of non-perishable food to be donated to the Marine Corps Veterans Association Food Drive in September. This annual food drive benefits many individuals and families throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley. We hope you can join us for this enjoyable event while helping support a worthy cause. If you plan to attend, please contact: Rod Strahler at 740-350-0321, or Ken Offenberger at 740-350-4967.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle. If you would like to help with this event or purchase a ticket contact Lori Murphy at 740-624-1159, or 740-960-9944, or email maryshouseoh@gmail.com.