

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

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Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, Secretary

Mr. Eric Fliehman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Fliehman, Prayer Chain

Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

April 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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 RCIA.

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.



**Divine
Mercy Sunday**

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. April 26	OLM	Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family) St. John Frank Schilling (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 27	OLM	Ken & Pat Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John Bernard & Joanne Strahler (Children) St. John +First Communicants	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 28	OLM	No Mass St. John Dave Swisher (Parish)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. April 29	OLM	Clennen & Euula Reed (Evan & Heather Schaad) L & D Members of Clemence & Eulalia Huck Family (Ellen Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. April 30	OLM	No Mass St. John Vincent Huck (Children)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. May 01	OLM	Howard & Patricia Huck (The Huck Family) Dale & Marian Stalter (Bob Schwendeman) St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Todd & Katheryn Arnold Family) <i>School Mass</i>	5:00 PM 8:20 AM
Fri. May 02	OLM	No Mass St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. May 03	OLM	Charles & Nina Hockenberry (Edwin & Grace Long) St. John Mary Canterbury (Rick Canterbury Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 04	OLM	Linda Huck (Donnie & Fay Heiss) St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Doug & Mary Parks Family) St. John +Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,065.00 (44); Offertory \$748.00; Easter Offerings \$1,1160.00 (50); Holy Land \$355.00 (25); Catholic Home Mission \$10.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$15.00 (1)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 05/03 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
OLM: 05/04 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/03 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 05/04 (9:30AM) Brett Bauerbach & Josie Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/03 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 05/04 (9:30AM) Joe Anderson

USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, **Volunteer Needed**
SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

OLM MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all that helped with the Lenten fish fries this year. It was a great success because of all of you and the support from the area/community. If you would like to join one of the teams next year, contact Kim Schwendeman, 740-525-2769; Mark Rutter, 740-706-1254; or Tony Offenberger, 740-525-5026. All help is appreciated.

2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

"Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord." ~ Psalm 31:25

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.00

Pledged to date \$17,380.00 Paid to date (30) \$14,630.00

Thank you for your generosity



OLM CWC

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

April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

50 YEAR ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Please join Father Timothy J. Shannon on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood, Sunday, June 1st as he presides at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary Church, 212 West Main St., St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950. **Mass is followed with a small reception in Marian Hall from 1 PM to 4 PM.** Please RSVP with the number of persons attending by May 9th by phone at 740-695-9993 or email at office@stmarychurchstc.com. If you cannot come, your prayerful support is appreciated.

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 Flichman 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 Flichman and you will be added to the list/chain.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St. Henry Church Annual Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 11th at the social hall in Harriettsville, Ohio. Dinners will be served from 11 AM to 2 PM. Menu includes chicken & ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, homemade noodles, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and beverages. A raffle, craft table and carry-out is also available.

WONDERFUL SIGNS OF APPRECIATION

Your priests would like to extend a *thank you* for all the ways you have made this world a brighter place. The cards and kindnesses this Easter are very appreciated. Know of our gratitude and prayers.

~ Frs. Walter,
Dale, and David



DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

Anyone would have been afraid! Most Jews believed that if they saw the glory of God face-to-face, they would die. This explains why St. John, who wrote the Book of Revelation, collapsed to the ground when he was brought into the presence of the "one like a son of man" (Revelation 1:13). Even John, who had walked with Jesus, witnessed his transfiguration, laid his head on Jesus' breast, and watched as he ascended to heaven, was overwhelmed! Jesus' response to John is perfect for today's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday: "Do not be afraid" (Revelation 1:17). He didn't tell John that there was *no reason* to fear; he touched him, offered a word of encouragement, and raised him up. That expression of love and intimacy overcame John's fears and enabled him to stand before his glorious Lord. That's what mercy is all about! It's the perfect love of God, which "drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). This is the same mercy Jesus showed to Thomas in today's Gospel. Thomas doubted the resurrection because he hadn't seen it with his own eyes. But Jesus came and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and "believe" (John 20:27). Like John, Thomas experienced a mercy that saw his unworthiness and still drew him close. We can experience that mercy, too. Jesus knows that in the light of his glory, we are all frail and flawed. He knows that in the light of his truth, we often doubt and distrust. He knows we are not worthy to come to him on our own merits. Yet in his power and holiness and glory, he is patient with us. As he did for Thomas, he sees our weakness and shores up our faith. As he did for John, he calms our fearful hearts and assures us of his love. So don't be afraid to come to Jesus today. Don't be afraid to let him see you as you truly are. Come and hear him say, "Do not be afraid."

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

48: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30: 2-6, 11-13

Rv 5: 11-14 Jn 21:1-19

A VOCATION VIEW

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?

(John 20:19-31)

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, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

Peter Stetson

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

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish
(704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan

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](#)

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life will be held on May 10th at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 3rd. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/ table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 3rd from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. James Catholic Church Hall, McConnellsville, OH. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: [maryshouseoh.com](#), or follow on Facebook; [https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern](#).

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers whose hard work and creativity brought to life the stunning decorations in our church for this Easter season. Your efforts have transformed our worship spaces into, a vibrant and welcoming church where we can celebrate this special season of the year. Thank you.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

The seasons first Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at Buell Island Park, Lowell from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Bishop Lohse reacts to death of Pope Francis

Bishop Edward M. Lohse, apostolic administrator of Steubenville, said, "I join with all the faithful in the Diocese of Steubenville in offering prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. His impact on the Catholic Church during the twelve years of his pontificate has been immense. While we personally mourn his loss among us, we place our hope in the promise of eternal life, a hope which – as Pope Francis reminded us of so many times – does not disappoint. Christ is truly risen." "Pope Francis will be known for calling the Church to reach out actively to our brothers and sisters who live "in the periphery," as he was accustomed to say. He will be remembered for his teaching, especially his four encyclicals including Laudato Si and his concern for our common home, but most especially I think that he will be remembered for his compassion toward those who find themselves struggling with life, faith, or hope. *My his soul and the souls of all our departed rest in peace. Amen.*