

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**

October 26, 2025

THE THIRTIETH 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. 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. Oct. 25	OLM	Deanna Lang (Raymond & Kathy Lang) St. John Ellen Heiss (Dave & Dottie Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 26	OLM	Bernard “ Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John Robert Heiss (Russ Kern Family) St. John Faye Treadway (Steve & Pam Brooker)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 27	OLM	No Mass St. John Frank & Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 28	OLM	Tina Schaad (Evan & Heather Schaad) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Oct. 29	OLM	No Mass St. John Harold Gebhart (Family) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Oct. 30	OLM	Darren Cheeseman (Cathy, Matthew, Alysia, & Matt) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Fri. Oct. 31	OLM	No Mass St. John L & D of Ralph & Pauline Zoller (Janet Schaad)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 01 (All Saints)	OLM	George & Dorothy Wendts (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John Anna Mae Brooker (Doug & Mary Parks)	4:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 02 (All Souls)	OLM	Jim Huck (Greg & Marlene Greene) St. John Carolyn Saffell (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Larry & Jackie Arnold (Larry & Nora Huffman)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

OLM

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors	Altar Servers
OLM: 11/01 (4 PM) Abigail Offenberger	OLM: 11/01 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Volunteer Needed
OLM: 11/02 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller	OLM: 11/02 (9:30 AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad
Eucharistic Ministers	USHERS (Month of November)
OLM: 11/01 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger	SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
OLM: 11/02 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller	SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,677.00 (56); Offertory \$202.00; St Vincent Society \$10.00 (2); World Mission \$75.00 (10);
OLM Cemetery \$95.00 (4)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Debbie Misel– Congratulations!

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 \$27,710.00

Paid to date (46)

\$27,210.00



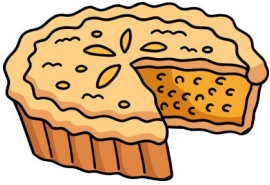
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Susan (Mike) Huck (Chair)	Denise Pottmeyer
Jenna Long	Amy Lang
Kay Offenberger	Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore	



PIES, NOODLES, & CAKES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Thursday, October

30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$14 each. Noodles are \$8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow widths. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972, or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

ALL SOUL'S DAY SERVICE

In honoring those who have preceded us in death, Fr. David will be visiting each of our church cemeteries to pray the rosary and conduct the Order of Visiting the Cemetery: on Sunday, November 2nd; at St. John the Baptist Cemetery at Noon; **Ava Maria Cemetery at 2 PM; and at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery at 3:30 PM.** We are all invited to join in praying for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in loving memory and honor of Tina Schaad.

By: Evan and Heather Schaad Family



JUST AS I AM, I COME

Many siblings joke with—or taunt—each other about being their mother's or father's "favorite." Their parents will protest that they have no favorites. And although it's true that they love each of their children deeply, it's natural to have preferences. That's why siblings sometimes engage in friendly competition to win over Mom or Dad. So it can be hard to believe Sirach when he tells us that God "knows no favorites" (35:12). But it's true! There is nothing any of us can do to convince the Lord that he should love us more than someone else. If anything, his heart goes out more to the oppressed and the lowly, and their prayer "pierces the clouds" (35:17). Their humility and their need, not their achievements or wealth, draw God's heart toward them. We see this truth played out in the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. When a Pharisee and a tax collector come to the Temple to pray, the Pharisee seems to think he can sway the Lord's opinion of him with his long list of accomplishments. But it doesn't work. Neither his status nor his résumé qualifies him for special favors. The one who "went home justified," the one who received God's grace, was the tax collector, who approached God with humility and lowliness (Luke 18:14). He knew that he couldn't earn God's approval, so he admitted his need and pleaded for mercy. The Lord knows no favorites. That's a truth that you can hold onto today. But you can also hold onto the truth that you are a beloved child of God. Your position before him is secure. There's nothing you can do to make him love you more. There's nothing you have done that will make him love you less. So just come to him, trusting in his mercy, and let him love you—completely—for who you are!

~ The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for October For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

ALL SOULS

668: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23: 1-6
Rom 5: 5-11 Jn 6: 37-40

A VOCATION VIEW

Wanted: humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel.
(Luke 18: 9-14)

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>.



PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda is holding their annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner,

November 2nd from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. Menu includes: pork, sauerkraut, brie boule, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, cooked apples, dessert, and drink. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Dine-in or carry-out is available. Everyone is welcomed.

ST JOHN NEWS

SOCKTOBER—Mrs. Klinger & The 6th Grade Class at St. John Central School is collecting socks for the Washington County Homeless Project in the month of October. You can drop off socks at St. John School or at any local parishes; Our Lady of Mercy, St. John, St. Bernard, or St. Ambrose. Even a small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of others.

VETERANS DAY MASS—In celebration of Veterans Day, St. John Central School is hosting a special Mass to celebrate Veterans. The Mass will be held at 9 AM on Monday, November 10th at St. John the Baptist Church. Following Mass, a breakfast for the Veterans and a small program will be held. Thank you for your service!

CASINO NIGHT—St. John Central School 6th Annual Fundraising Event "Casino Night" is scheduled for November 15th with doors opening at 4:30 PM. Call or text 740-336-5313 to purchase a ticket.

SEARCH" FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

The Search weekends for boys and girls are scheduled and coming up. If you are between the ages of 16-21 and interested in attending, please contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763 by October 31st.

AED TRAINING

The Beverly Squad Department generously donated an AED to the Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown. We truly appreciate their support and commitment to community health and safety. To ensure that our community is confident and prepared to use the AED equipment effectively, the Knights will be hosting a training session on Monday, November 10th, at 7 PM at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. All people from the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments to follow. If you have any questions, call Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG AND BASKET BINGO

Mary's House will be holding their annual Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 9th, starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM) at the St. Bernard Social Hall, Beverly. The cost is 20 Games for \$25.00. Tickets will be sold at the door only. A 50/50 drawing, raffle, and concession stand will be presented.

Will or Estate Planning—Are you thinking of remembering Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for our church. Suggested language for making a bequest is: "I give and bequest to Our Lady of Mercy Church, 5001 Lowell Hill Road, Lowell, OH 45744, the sum of \$__ (or) __% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes."