



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 Flichman, **PSR Coordinator**

Mrs. Martha Flichman, **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

July 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH 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

Sun. July 12	OLM L & D Members of the Nick & Philomena Bauerbauch Family (The Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John John Arnold (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John Rita Schwendeman (Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. July 13	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Alvin Arnold (STJ Parish)	8:00 AM
Tue. July 14	OLM Kenneth Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. July 15	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Mary E. Huck (Ken & Julia Strahler)	8:00 AM
Thurs. July 16	OLM Darren Cheesman (Fred Schell)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Fri. July 17	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Kendrick Schwendeman (Mitch & Lorraine Schott)	8:00 AM
Sat. July 18	OLM Clarence & Gertrude Huck (The Family)	4:00 PM
	St. John Ellen Heiss (Mitch & Lorraine Schott)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 19	OLM Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)	9:30 AM
	St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John Faye Treadway (Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,583.00 (52); Offertory \$512.00; Ave Maria Cemetery \$160.00 (3)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 07/18(4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer	Altar Servers: 07/18 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Colton Umstead, Alexa Hunter
07/19 (9:30AM) Eric Flichman	07/19 (9:30AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
Eucharistic Ministers: 07/18 (4 PM) Sue Huck	USHERS (Month of July)
07/19 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene	SAT: Terry Schwendeman, Bruce Schaad
	SUN: Tom Flichman, Pat Lang

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign “Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00 Pledged to date: \$25,540.00 Paid to date (38): \$25,540.00

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Your generosity helps to fund those critical ministries, forming the next generation of Catholics, and supporting our seminarians studying for the priesthood. It also provides care for our retired priests, administrative support to our Catholic schools. It provides funding for our outreach to the poor, for marriage and family ministries and efforts to promote a culture of life. Regardless of what the Vatican decides about the future of our diocese, the work of the Church—including our parishes, schools, and other ministries—must continue. All funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville.

OLM CWC

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

July Committee

Linda Miller (Chair)	Melissa Tornes
Jill Kendall	Tammy Offenberger
Lisa Berendts	Kaitlin Huck
Megan Lehman	

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 2026–2027 tickets are now being collected. If you were one of the 60 participants from last year and would like to continue in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win \$25.00 per week and attend a steak dinner/ drawing where larger prizes are awarded. 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.

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative, will take place July 13th–15th, from 9 AM to 12 PM on Buell Island. Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join for Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. Turn in registration forms available at church entrance or call 740-350-0889 to register.

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion of the Descendants of Nicholas and Philomena Bauerbach will be at Noon on Sunday, July 12 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share.

RAIN REFRESHES, GOD RENEWS

When it rains in Germany, many parents tell their children, “You’re not made of sugar!” It is a humorous way of encouraging them to go outside in spite of the bad weather. In other countries, people say, “At least the crops are happy!” As today’s first reading suggests, rain and snow help to make soil “fertile and fruitful,” and everything that grows from the earth benefits as well (Isaiah 55:10). In that passage, God compares the effect that the rain and snow have on the soil with the work that his word has on our lives: it “shall do my will” and “[achieve] the end for which I sent it” (55:11). The Israelites who first heard this prophecy would have heard God’s reassurance that they would truly be brought back from exile and restored to their homeland. As we hear this word today, we can also receive God’s assurance that his word in Scripture can have a good effect on our lives and lead us to our true home. As water touches soil, it softens the ground and enables seeds to sprout and roots to deepen. So, too, God’s word softens our hearts. Where we might harbor prideful or bitter thoughts, his word opens our eyes to the depth of his love and enables us to let go of those attitudes that hold us back. Similarly, snow adds to the soil a layer of protection from the extreme cold. And as it melts, it provides a gentle, deep watering for the earth. Likewise, God’s word protects us, even in the most impossible or difficult circumstances, and it establishes us in the truth that he is faithful and trustworthy. Most of all, as it penetrates the deepest places of our heart, his word accomplishes what it set out to do. So ponder God’s word today and every day. Welcome it as the earth welcomes the rain and the snow!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

106: Wis 12: 13, 16-19 Ps 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8: 26-27 Mt 13: 24-43

A VOCATION VIEW

The sower went out to sow. The Lord has sown the seeds of vocations to priesthood and religious life in our parish. Be good ground! Encourage the gifts of compassion and leadership wherever you find them. Pray for those who are called to join that ministry.
(Matthew 13: 1-23)

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: Deacon 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 links: Twitter @dsvocations Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 16th, starting at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

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.

CORN ROAST

The Lowell American Legion Post 750 invites you to its annual Corn Roast on Friday, August 1st, from 4 PM to 11 PM at the Post. Enjoy an evening of family fun featuring delicious food, a country store, raffles, 50/50 cash drawings, live music, and a kid- zone with games and inflatables. So bring the whole family and join your friends and neighbors for a great community event while supporting your local American Legion.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in, or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave, 740-391-1093.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time and talents. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligibility for Sacraments, and sponsor eligibility). Mass attendance can be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you have not yet received your envelopes, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.