

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic 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 Flieman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, 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

April 12, 2026

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 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. April 11	OLM Martha Huck (Pat & Patricia Tornes) St. John L & D of Fred & Rosemary Heiss Family (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 12	OLM Rose Fracassa (04/11– 1 yr. Anniv.) (Rick & Shelly Medley) St. John Brooke Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. April 13	OLM No Mass St. John Alice Lang (Bob & Peggy Byers)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. April 14	OLM Patricia Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. April 15	OLM No Mass St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. April 16	OLM Cole Wheeler (1yr. Anniv.) (Friends of Cole) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. April 17	OLM No Mass St. John Bertha Pottmeyer (James & Karen Biehl)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. April 18	OLM Dale & Marian Stalter (Max Huck) St. John Ellen Heiss (Jeff & Shoshanna Brooker)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. April 19	OLM Harold Huck (Mike & Susan Huck) St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Kenny Britton (Mary Brooker Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,224.00 (46); Offertory \$557.00; Easter Offering \$862.00 (43); Easter Flowers \$20.00 (1); Holy Land \$274.00 (22); St. John School \$20.00 (1); Catholic Relief \$5.00 (1); Church Improvement \$15.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Keith Wagner- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

Altar Servers

OLM: 04/18 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger **OLM: 04/18 (4 PM)** Jackson Long, Grace & Faith Johnson
OLM: 04/19 (9:30AM) Abigail Offenberger **OLM: 04/19 (9:30AM)** Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris, Lidia Flichman

Eucharistic Ministers

USHERS (Month of April)

OLM: 04/18 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger **SAT:** Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang
OLM: 04/19 (9:30AM) Ken Long **SUN:** Cecil Bauerbach, Andrew Strahler

2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95



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 parish-es 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.

April Committee

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



HOLY NAME MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Holy Name Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 PM in the parish hall. All men that attend OLM are encouraged to attend.

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 25th. Starting at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Fr. Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 4 - 15, 2027. Tour stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Monte Cassia, Subiaco, and Rome. Land-only price is \$5,059.00 per person. Option for Group Airfare is an additional \$1,468.00. Space is limited! Please visit: <https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly/> or contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com for more information.

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

Come and join Catholics of the Mid-Ohio Valley at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Parkersburg, WV. On Mondays at 7 PM. Catholics in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of the 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scriptures from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit: catholicinrecovery.com or contact John B. at (681)229-7220 or catholicinrecovery-mov12@gmail.com.



MERCY UNFOLDED, EVERLASTING, AND BOUNDLESS LOVE

As he opens his letter, St. Peter blesses God, whose "great mercy" has given us "a new birth" (1 Peter 1:3). On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let's look at some of the blessings that God's mercy has won for us. *A living hope (1 Peter 1:3)*. Jesus, risen in glory, has opened heaven! We aren't doomed to a life of hopelessness marked by sin and death. Now freed from these forces, we can live every day in the sure knowledge that the God of heaven is walking with us. We can know a living hope that assures us that we can be "transformed . . . from glory to glory" as we stay connected to him (2 Corinthians 3:18). *An inheritance that is imperishable (1 Peter 1:4)*. Just as parents leave their children an inheritance, Jesus has left one for us—an imperishable one. Silver and gold, valuable though they may be, can give us only earthly security. But Jesus has left us with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and these last forever (1 Corinthians 13:13). They sustain us and lift us up in good times and in bad, in plenty and in need. They bind us to the God who loves us without end. *A salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time (1 Peter 1:5)*. We often look at divine mercy as a gift for today, but God takes a longer view as well. He promises that in "the final time," at the very end, he has a great salvation waiting for us. As we enter into eternity, "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). All pain, suffering, temptation, sadness, and sin will be wiped away, and we will enter the new creation to live forever in the presence of the Lord. A living hope. An imperishable inheritance. A final salvation. Our God is merciful beyond compare. May we never cease to praise him!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**46: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Ps 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35**

A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe. What will it take for me to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?

(John 20: 19-31)

STEBENVILLE 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 Peter Stetson, Deacon Ryan Budd,
and Caleb Baker**

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations
Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director
Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend in memory of or in honor of someone, to be placed at Mary's altar or the altar of sacrifice, please sign up in the notebook in the back of the church to reserve the date. You may contact the florist of your choice to arrange for payment and delivery. Call the parish office at 740-896-2207 if you have questions.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 2nd. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$50 each or \$400/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, April 18th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. Bernard Catholic Church Social Hall. 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.

OLM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 1) When cemetery flowers (fresh cut or artificial) wilt and become weathered, please remove them from the grave. It is the responsibility of the family/grave owner to remove any flowers after burial. Also, please remove grave blankets after the holidays, since they can kill the grass if left on the grave for a long period of time. This helps us with the care of the cemetery and makes for a neat appearance.
- 2) **No glass containers** are to be used for flowers. Reminder of the cemetery rule that there is to be **no permanent planting of flowers and shrubs**. OLM Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to plants/shrubs planted without permission, nor are we responsible for missing arrangements. On occasion, we receive high winds which scatter artificial arrangements over the property. We are unable to tend to these items.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, April 18th, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak -\$15.00, baked steak - \$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.

WORDS FROM AN EASTER HOMILY

"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain," he said, "But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through His own pain to the glory of The Resurrection. And we live in the light of His Paschal Mystery - the mystery of His death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" ~ **Pope St. John Paul II**