



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 05, 2026

FOURTEENTH 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. July 04	OLM Martha Huck (Virgil Huck)	4:00 PM
	St. John L & D of Ed & Anna Mae Brooker (Martha Wallis Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 05	OLM Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker)	9:30 AM
	St. John Edith Brooker (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	7:30 AM
	St. John James M. Barrett (Vincent & Shelly Stollar)	11:00 AM
Mon. July 06	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Mary Lou Wesel (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	8:00 AM
Tue. July 07	OLM Dale & Marian Stalter (Neil & Joyce Huck)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Wed. July 08	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Patricia Gaydosik (Richard & Robin Cecil)	8:00 AM
Thurs. July 09	OLM Linda Huck (Bob & Peggy Byers)	5:00 PM
	St. John No Mass	No Mass
Fri. July 10	OLM No Mass	No Mass
	St. John Ludwig Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. July 11	OLM Clarence Huck (Heather Peters)	4:00 PM
	St. John Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	6:00 PM
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

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,283.00 (52); Offertory \$436.00; Holy Father \$25.00 (2); Improvement Fund \$135.00 (3);
Ave Maria Cemetery \$220.00 (18); DPSC Rebate \$311.05

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 07/11(4 PM) Heather Peters

07/12 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Eucharistic Ministers: 07/11 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman

07/12 (9:30AM) Jason Morris

Altar Servers: 07/11 (4 PM) Vinny Huffman, Grace & Faith Johnson

07/12 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Alexa Hunter

USHERS (Month of July)

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: \$22,940.00 Paid to date (35): \$22,490.00

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	

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.

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

Steubenville Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be October 3rd through 9th at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, Ohio. A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is a seven-day period of Eucharistic Adoration with an hourly Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. Dioceses throughout the United States will participate in this Catholic call to help establish peace in our country and the world. The Congress is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to heal families, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary. We must strive to strengthen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through Mary and the Rosary, and in doing so we will encounter His healing grace. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the main church with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. Please consider participating in this special event as we join other dioceses throughout the country simultaneously asking for Our Lady's intercession before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information on the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses, please visit www.rosarycongressusa.org or call Peggy Downs at (410) 596-1936.

RESTORED BY QUIET OF THE DIVINE

According to ancient tradition, observant Jews were encouraged to take up the “yoke of the Torah,” or the “yoke of the law of the Lord.” This meant placing their highest priority on study and contemplation of the Law. This practice of prayerful study was so wonderful that it was said that anyone who took it up would experience interior freedom from the yokes of oppression and worldly concerns. It's just as the psalmist proclaimed, “The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul” (Psalm 19:8). So when Jesus told his disciples to take his yoke upon them, they would have understood what he meant: *Take up my teaching. Immerse yourself in my words. Let what I have taught you become your highest priority and greatest treasure.* They would have also known why he said that his yoke is “easy” and his burden is “light”: anyone who takes up his yoke will find relief and “rest” from their other concerns and burdens (Matthew 11:30, 28). We often think of a yoke as a burden: a heavy instrument that weighs us down and restricts our movement. We might even think this way about the practice of pondering Jesus' teachings. But he promises the exact opposite: dwelling on his words in Scripture raises our hearts and minds to heaven. It opens us up to the presence of his Spirit, who wants to heal our wounds, strengthen our wills, and shape our desires. It helps us to understand that the life he calls us to is a joy and a privilege. Jesus is a shepherd who wants only what is the best for us. His words are filled with wisdom and guidance. They have the power to shape our hearts and minds after his own image. So let's study them. Let's contemplate them. Let's invite his Spirit into our hearts so that his yoke becomes easier and his burden lighter every day.

~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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

103: Is 55: 10-11 Ps 65: 10-14

Rom 8: 18-23 Mt 13: 1-23

A VOCATION VIEW

Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Pray for priests, brothers, and sisters, for all who offer their lives to be a sign of Jesus' refreshing love. Pray for those who are called to join them in that ministry.

(Matthew 11: 25-30)

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>.

APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER

St. John the Baptist Home and School Association has partnered up with Applebee's in Marietta for an all-day fundraising event on Wednesday, July 13th. Applebee's will put 25% of your order towards the school if this fundraiser is mentioned or a flyer is shown to the server.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, 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.

TRIP TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Huffman will lead a nine-day pilgrimage on September 10th thru 20th. The price is \$5,346 and includes airfare from Pittsburgh, first class hotels, meals, deluxe motor coaches, and more. For more information visit ww.QoHTours.com. Or you can call 1-800-213-4295 or send an email to book to

Veronica@QoHTours.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father Tom Nelson on a pilgrimage to Italy, January 4th thru 15th. Tours stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lanciaio, 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 contact: Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or for more information; visit maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com or <http://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly>.

SAVE THE DATE

OLM CWC will be hosting a Birthday Dinner for Fr. Heinz's 90th Birthday on Sunday, August 9th for our parishioners and Father's special guests.

