

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the 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

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

October 25, 2026

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.

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. Oct. 24	**OLM**	**Ruth Rauch (Mark & Sandy Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Chris Tesi (Debbie Huck)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 25	**OLM**	**Pat Sisco (Ron & Linda Miller)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	L & D of Albert & Ella Brooker Family (Mary Brooker Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 26	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Larry Huffman (Ed & Lois Arnold)	8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 27	**OLM**	**Kenneth Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Oct. 28	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Frank & Ruth Lang (Charlotte Lang Family) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Oct. 29	**OLM**	**Jill Casey (David and Joanie Yeomans)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Oct. 30	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Harold (Jake) Gebhart (Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 31	**OLM**	**George & Dorothy Wendt (Marilyn & Heather Peters)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 01 (ALL SAINTS)	**OLM**	**Raymond & Deanna Lang (Marc & Whitney Serve' Family)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Ken Britton (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,998.00 (54); Offertory $291.00; St. Vincent De Paul $20.00 (1); Improvement Fund $130.00 (3); OLM Cemetery $10.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner – Greg Greene — Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 10/31 (4 PM) Heather Peters
11/01 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers: 10/31 (4 PM) Grace & Faith Johnson, **Volunteer**
11/01 (9:30AM) Josie Anderson, Alexa Hunter, Ashton Schultheis

Eucharistic Ministers
OLM: 10/31 (4 PM) Sue Huck
OLM: 11/01 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of November)
SAT: Mark Huck, Tony Offenberger
SUN: Damian Huck, David Bauerbach

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign "Sharing the Peace of Christ"

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: $22,179.00 **Pledged to date: $27,790.00** **Paid to date (40): $27,790.00**

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Thank you!



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!

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

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

PIES & NOODLES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies and noodles through Thursday, October 29th. Frozen chicken pies are $14 each. Noodles are $8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

FILL A BABY BOTTLE-Change a Life

We are being asked to participate in a fundraiser to support **Mary's House**. Mary's House provides shelter, support, and job training for women who have chosen to give life to their babies. **Here's How It Works: Take a bottle** from the entrance of the church and bring it home with you. **Fill the bottle** with change, cash, or a check. **Return the bottle to the church by October 25th.** Every contribution, no matter the amount, can make a difference in the life of a mother and her baby. Thank you for helping us support mothers, strengthen families, and change lives!

COME AND SEE

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host their annual fall "Come and See" Live-In from Friday, November 13th to Sunday, November 15th. The weekend begins with arrival at 4 PM on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday. This event is for men in high school and college who are interested in learning more about seminary and discernment in general. There is no cost to participate. To register or for more information, please email Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti, the Director of Vocations, at nginnetti@diosteub.org.

TO HONOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There will be a gathering of our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 2nd, at 8 AM Mass and Rosary at Saint John the Baptist, Churchtown; with a 12:30 PM-Rosary at Ava Maria Cemetery, Lowell and at a 6 PM Mass and Rosary at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell. We gather to remember, pray for, and honor our deceased loved ones**.**

OCTOBER IS RESPECT OF LIFE MONTH

The 2026 Respect Life Month theme, **"Mary, Mother of Life,"** reflects on Our Lady's role as mother of all the living. The Blessed Mother's life teaches us to respect every human life in every stage and circumstance, and to seek her intercession in recognizing the gift of life, even when it is unexpected or requires sacrifice. The US Bishops are organizing a nationwide Rosary Novena for Life starting Thursday, October 22nd. Make sure to do what you can to promote a pro-Life community and country.



A LIFE POURED OUT FOR CHRIST

What a rough day! From the start, Jesus had to contend with groups of religious leaders trying to trip him up. First came the chief priests and scribes, then some Pharisees, followed by some Sadducees, followed by even more Pharisees. And all the while, Jesus was trying to preach to the people—including "the blind and the lame"—who had gathered around him (Matthew 21:14). How ironic! Jesus faced a parade of dignitaries trying to trap him instead of asking how they could better care for the people surrounding him. Their very actions showed how blind they were to what it really meant to love God (Jesus) or their neighbor (the people). Of course, we shouldn't single them out as especially evil or misguided. We can all point to times when we have overlooked opportunities to love, even when they are staring us in the face. But why would that be? Part of the reason may be that we have a narrow definition of Jesus' command to love. We might tend to reduce loving God to attending Mass or getting our prayer time in—walled-off situations that are limited in time and not very demanding. As for loving our neighbor, we can fall into the trap of deciding for ourselves who our "neighbor" is. Maybe he's our husband but not the coworker who rubs us the wrong way. Maybe she's our sister but not the in-law who is always offering her advice, whether we want it or not. Jesus came to expose the indifference that lies at the heart of our failures to love. But he didn't stop there. He also overcame it as only he could: by pouring himself out in love for us. May we take up his example and pour ourselves out as well.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV asks us to pray for greater collaboration among all faith traditions to work together for peace, justice, and human fraternity. As we mark the 60th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate, we pray that religions become bridges; not barriers and that hearts recognize what unites us.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS

667: Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 Ps 24: 1b-4b, 5-6

1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a

VOCATION VIEW

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. It's a big world, in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life…

(Matthew 22: 34-40)

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)

Second College: William Gugala
Third College: Maximilian Kolbe Gan
Fourth College Riley Morris
Second Theology: John Paul Gan

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

First Theology: Aaron Pabin
Third Theology: Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich

Keep in your prayers: 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.



"SEARCH"

The Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is set with "Girls" weekend on Friday, November 6th –Sunday, November 8th; and "Boys" weekend will be Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School, Churchtown, and is open to all denominations. The deadline for applications will be October 30th for girls, and November 13th for the boys. For an application please visit https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/ or for more information, please contact Alana Henry 440-539-3763.

ST HENRY HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Annual Halloween Masquerade Square Dance will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 7 PM to 10:30 PM in the St Henry Social Hall, Harriettsville, OH. Music by Pickin on Country. There will be prizes, food, raffle, country store, and fun for all. Admission is $5.00 per person with children 10 and under free.

TRUNK OR TREAT

K of C 4617, Churchtown is hosting their annual "Trunk and Treat" on Friday, October 30th, from 6 PM to 7 PM at the K of C Hall. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048. For a donation; pizza and drinks will be provided and will go towards the new playground.



MARY'S HOUSE BINGO

Mary's House is holding a bingo on Sunday, November 8th starting at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM) at the St Bernard Social Hall, Beverly, Ohio. Tickets sold at door only. 20 Games for $25.00. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand, and raffle with all proceeds benefitting Mary's House. Mary's House serves expectant mothers during and after their pregnancy as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.

ANNUAL OX ROAST

St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking, OH is holding an Ox Roast on November 8th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Menu includes beef or turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, and dessert for $15 (Children ages 6 -10 for $10). There will also be a quilt raffle of God Bless America.

EYEGLASS DONATION

Marietta Lion Club is accepting donations of eyeglasses. The Lion "Recycle for Sight" program collects, refurbishes, and distributes donated eyeglasses to provide free vision correction for adults and children in need worldwide. The clubs who participate do so proudly and attentively manage collection boxes to ensure every pair makes a difference. A collection box has been placed in our parish church entrance.