

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



November 08, 2026

THE THIRTY-SECOND 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. Nov. 07	**OLM**	**Dale & Marian Stalter (Virgil & Martha Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	L & D of Vince & Shelly Stollar Family (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 08	**OLM**	**Darren Cheeseman (Edwin & Grace Long)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Rita Shrider (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	L & D of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Nov. 09	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Tue. Nov. 10	**OLM**	**Ken &Patricia Stehly (Mike & Denise Stehly)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	L & D Veterans **School Mass**	* 8:30 AM*
Wed. Nov. 11	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	8:30 AM
Thur. Nov. 12	**OLM**	**Howard Huck (Larry & Nora Huffman)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Nov. 13	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Bernard Thieman ((Mary Lou Thieman)	8:00 AM
Sat. Nov. 14	**OLM**	**Marlene Walbert (Clair Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Edith Brooker (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 15	**OLM**	**Joseph & Ida Huck (Family)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Harold & Hilda Gebhart (Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Virginia Arnold (Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,730.00 (47); Offertory $524.00; OLM Cemetery $20.00 (3); All Saints $190.00 (17); All Souls $180.00 (11)

OLM 50/50 Winner – John Bauerbach – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 11/14 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
11/15 (9:30AM) Abagail Offenberger

Altar Servers: 11/14 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
11/15 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers
OLM: 11/14 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger
OLM: 11/15 (9:30 AM) Ken Long

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

November is especially devoted to praying for the souls in Purgatory, "… because of the tender mercy of our God by which he daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78-79).

Ways to Assist the Holy Souls

Prayers for the Dead: Traditional prayers such as *Eternal Rest* and Psalm 130 (*De Profundis*).
Offering Masses: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is considered the most powerful aid for the souls in purgatory.
Acts of Charity and Sacrifice: Good works, almsgiving, and personal sacrifices offered for the souls.
Visiting Cemeteries: Many Catholics visit graves, pray, and light candles as signs of remembrance and hope.
Indulgences: The Church grants special indulgences during the first eight days of November for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead.

OLM CWC

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

NOVEMBER Committee

Kathy Reed (Chair)	Jennifer Morris
Debbie Mankins	Beth Bauerbach
Christy Haines	Cathy Cheeseman

LAMB THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The Lowell Food Pantry is preparing for each area family in need a Thanksgiving meal bag. Each church of the Ecumenical Cooperative has been assigned an item to include with each meal bag. **OLM has been assigned turkey gravy and canned mushroom soup.** To donate individual cans or jars of gravy/soup to be placed in each Thanksgiving bag; please place donated items on the Thanksgiving table located at the front of the church. Cash/ Check donations made payable to LAMB are also welcome. All donations are needed by November 15th. Other items also in need for the pantry include: Nutri/granola bars, mini-muffins, pop tarts, juices, seasoning packets (such as Taco, Fajita, Beef Stew, & Grillmates). Thank you for any and all donations, to ensure everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

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.

SEARCH"

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

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Lowell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 24th at 7 PM at Lowell United Methodist Church. The public is invited to join Lowell United Methodist, St. John's Evangelical, Highland Ridge, and **Our Lady of Mercy** Churches to give thanks to God for His goodness in our lives, families, and community.

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CELEBRATING LOVE IN HIS DIVINE LIGHT: OUR UNION WITH HIM

When Scripture uses the word "behold," you can be sure it's important. It means far more than just "Look!" In today's Gospel, for instance, it's spoken as a command. It's as if the Lord is saying, *Pay Attention! Don't miss this! Don't miss Jesus, the Bridegroom*. All this month, our readings will point us toward Jesus' Second Coming, when he will return to bring his people home. Today's Gospel urges us to be ready to behold him when he does come. Like the maidens in Jesus' parable, we are waiting for our Bridegroom. He will invite us to join his wedding banquet, and none of us knows when he will arrive. But we don't have to be like the five women whose lamps went out for lack of oil. Our God has given us an unlimited supply of oil to keep our lamps burning—his Holy Spirit. We have this Spirit as a gift to help us to be ready to behold Jesus. Just as oil fuels a lamp, the Spirit you received at Baptism enkindles your love for Jesus and keeps your eyes looking to him. Then, in Confirmation, you were anointed with oil and sealed with the Holy Spirit. God has put "his seal" on you and placed his Spirit in your heart forever (2 Corinthians 1:22). That means that you can always call on him for help! This "Spirit of truth" will open the Scriptures to you (John 16:13). As the Counselor, he will encourage you and pour his love into your heart so that you can love the people around you (John 14:26; Romans 5:5). Just as oil soothes a bruise, the Spirit will restore you to health when you're wounded by sin. As oil strengthens your skin, the Spirit will empower you in your struggle against temptation. And since the "the lamp of the body is your eye," the Spirit will keep your lamp burning brightly so that you are ready to behold the Lord (Luke 11:34). So lean on the Spirit; let him open your eyes and your heart to behold your Bridegroom (Matthew 25:6)!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTY- THRID SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

157: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128: 1-5

1 Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30

VOCATION VIEW

Oil and time: light and patience- requirements for discipleship. Keep your eyes open! In time, you will see what you are called to do.

(Matthews 25:1-13)

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.



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 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4617 NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS- A special Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, November 16th at 7 PM. The celebration honors our Brother Knights from Council 4617 who have passed away. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the mass at the K of C hall

POSTER CONTEST- "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for all boys and girls in grades K through 8th. Entry forms are located in the back of the church. This form and your 11x17 inch poster will need to be completed and handed in by Wednesday, November 25th. The Knights of Columbus will award the winners at the Spread the Light of Christ Blessing on Monday, December 7th at 7 PM. They plan to display all the entries at the K of C Hall throughout the Christmas Season! If you have any questions, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

ESSAY CONTEST– All Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools in grades 8-12, of Washington County, to participate in the 2026 K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 -word essay on: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." Explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy 1961 Inaugural Address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. The winner will receive a $100 prize; the runner-up a $50 prize. All participants should mail essays and an entry form (located in the back of the church) to Knights of Columbus 4617, 124 Klinger Road, Waterford, Ohio 45786 or by email to churchtownkofc@ gmail.com by Wednesday, November 25th. Any questions, please contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

The day honors people who served in the United States Armed Forces, including service in wartime and peacetime.

