

# 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**

## March 01, 2026

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**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

<b>Sat. Feb. 28</b>	OLM	Tess Huck (Kay Offenberger) St. John Robert Heiss (Stan Lang Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 01</b>	OLM	Suzanne Walters (Evan & Heather Schaad) St. John Norma Thieman (Ted Brooker Family) St. John L & D of Raymond & Blanche Tornes Family (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. March 02</b>	OLM	No Mass St. John Allene Huck (Siblings)	No Mass 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. March 03</b>	OLM	Theresa Miser (Heather Peters) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
<b>Wed. March 04</b>	OLM	No Mass St. John Penny Schwendeman (Card Club)	No Mass 8:30 AM
<b>Thurs. March 05</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	Donnie Heiss (The Family) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
<b>Fri. March 06</b> <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	No Mass St. John Nick Brooker (Howard Brooker)	No Mass 6:00 PM
<b>Sat. March 07</b>	OLM	David Schwendeman (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Tom & Pat Thieman (Derek & Kourtney Thieman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. March 08</b>	OLM	Jim Huck (3yr. Anniv. 03/10) (The Family) St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,846.00 (56); Offertory \$511.00; OLM Cemetery \$838.00 (25)

### OLM 50/50 Winner: Ron Watts- Congratulations!

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

03/07 (4 PM) Alex Bauerbach  
03/08 (9:30 AM) Abigail Offenberger

#### Eucharistic Ministers

03/07 (4 PM) David Bauerbach  
03/08 (9:30 AM) Martha Fliehman

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 03/07 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad  
OLM: 03/08 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Colton Umstead

#### USHERS (Month of March)

SAT: David Long, Gary Cunningham  
SUN: Dan Fliehman, Gregory Greene

### CONDOLENCES



Condolences are extended to Fr. Dave and his entire family over the loss of his brother, Robert Gaydosik, who passed away on Monday, February 23, 2026. May the many blessings that Rob brought to his wife and family never be forgotten. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

## OLM CWC

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

### March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

**CWC MEETING** – The next CWC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Please plan to attend.

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### **2026 LENTEN FISH FRY**

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are from 4:30 to 7:30 with the fry leaders as follows:

**March 13** – Tony Offenberger - 740-525-4823

**March 27** – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

Adults \$13.00 Children 12 & under \$6.00  
Drive- thru meals \$13.00- No need to call ahead.  
Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed above. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.

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### **BAKE SALE**

If any parishioner would like to donate baked good items for the upcoming Fish Fries, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to OLM Parish School of Religion (PSR). Please contact Bri Flieman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.

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### **MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL**

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caldwell. This Lenten retreat will focus on the lifelong call to conversion, our discovery of Jesus Christ., His Church, and the ongoing transformation of our hearts. The day will feature personal testimonies from Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Shannon, who will offer practical guidance for spiritual growth and for living and sharing the Faith in our families, parishes, workplaces, and communities. Cost is \$ 25 and to register on-line with a \$3 online surcharge visit [athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day](http://athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day), lunch will be provided.

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### **WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Lenten Day of Spirituality on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with Mass and sessions led by Sister Edie Strong from 9 AM to 3 PM. For further details or to register, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

Writing about today's Gospel reading on the transfiguration of Christ, St. Thomas Aquinas used an analogy. He said that if an archer is going to shoot his arrow straight, he needs to see the target. Aquinas also said that we can't know which road to take unless we know the destination. And when the road is difficult, knowing that we're headed to a great destination can make the difficult journey worthwhile. How does all this apply to the transfiguration? Aquinas said that when Jesus was transfigured, he gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse of their own future. They saw Jesus in his heavenly glory, and embedded in that miracle was the promise that all who follow him would also be filled with this glory. As St. Paul told the Philippians, God will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Jesus knew that he was headed toward his own suffering and death. He knew that the disciples would be shaken to the core by the events of his passion, and that the road ahead of them would involve hardship and suffering. So he revealed his glory to them to give them a glimpse of where he was headed—and a glimpse of their own target. He gave them a foretaste of their own future glory, and that revelation strengthened them for the difficult path ahead. Let today's Gospel do that for you, too! We are at the start of Lent, but we know that the time will come when we will see Jesus, beaten and bloodied, stripped of all dignity, raised up on a cross between two criminals. That's the time to remember the transfiguration, when his glory shone brightly on the mountain. Even in his suffering, Jesus knew what his destination was: resurrection. And in our struggles, we can look toward our destination—heavenly glory, in union with Jesus!

~The Word Among Us

## POPE INTENTIONS

### *Prayer Intentions for March*

## **For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**28: Ex 17: 3-7 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9**

**Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42**

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### A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, and celibate lover's of God's people.

(Genesis 12: 1-4)

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### **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](#)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or  
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>.

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### **SQUARE DANCE**

Washington County Farm Bureau is hosting a Square Dance on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7 PM to 10 PM, at OLM Parish Hall. Cost is by donation only with all proceeds go to the American Red Cross to benefit Washington County.



### **LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES**

Tuesday- March 03<sup>rd</sup>, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 10<sup>th</sup>, at the St. John Church, Lowell; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Lowell United Methodist Church Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 24<sup>rd</sup>, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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### **LOWELL SCHOOL PTO BAG BINGO**

Lowell Elementary School PTO is hosting it's annual Spring Bag Bingo, on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Please contact Bri Flieman if you would like early bird tickets for \$20. Limited tickets will be offered at the door.

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### **SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY**

The SEARCH weekend for the boys and girls is scheduled and coming up. If you are between 16-21 years of age and interested in attending you will need to contact Alana Henry at 440-539-3763 before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### **ST. BERNARD'S PASSION PERFORMANCE**

St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly will be performing their annual Lenten performance of People of The Passion on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

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### **2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign**

*"Sharing the Peace of Christ"*

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95**

You may have received a letter from Bishop Lohse asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Campaign (DPSC). Your gifts to the DPSC brings to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, care for retired priests; including seminarian formation; assistance for those most in need through Catholic Charities; administrative support for Catholic schools; promotion of the sanctity of life; training for catechists; youth ministry activities; Catholic news and evangelization (especially through the Steubenville Register); and much more. The DPSC also provides essential support to our parishes as all funds raised above the parish goal are returned to the parish. These funds help parishes live out the mission of the Church by providing for a wide variety of needs, such as construction or renovation projects, youth ministry programs, evangelization initiatives, and outreach programs for the poor. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate.

