



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

August 23, 2026

TWENTY – FIRST 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. Aug. 22	OLM	Cheryl Brooker (08/21) (4 yr. Anniv.) (Brian Brooker)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Virgil & Martha Huck (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 23	OLM	Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (08/26) (6 yr. Anniv.) (Julia Brooker)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Ralph & Pauline Zoller (Janet Schaad Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Ralph E. Stollar (Vince & Shelly Stollar)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 24	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Carl Lang Sr. (Monica Lang Family)/ Donna Sturm (Mona Barrett Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 25	OLM	Tess Huck (3yr. Anniv.) (08/23) (Kay Offenberger)	5:00 PM
		Nellie Daily & Pearl Huck (Max Huck)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Aug. 26	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St John	Hilda Gebhart (Family)/ Dave Bowen (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	8:30AM
Thur. Aug. 27	OLM	Linda Huck (7 yr. Anniv.) (08/25) (Nathan & Cindy Worthington)	5:00 PM
		Elaine Fisher (Marilyn & Heather Peters)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Aug. 28	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Alvin Arnold (Harold Arnold Family)/Shirley Lang (CWC)	8:00 AM
Sat. Aug. 29	OLM	Deanna Lang (5 yr. Anniv.) (Katheryn Reed)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Walter & Alma Heinz (Parish)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 30	OLM	L & D of Raymond & Elizabeth Arnold Family (Family)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Fred Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Ron Lang (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: \$1,660.00 (56); Offertory \$359.00; Assumption of Mary \$400.00 (16); Votive candles \$27.00

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 08/29(4 PM) Heather Peters	Altar Servers: 08/29 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Colton Umstead, Tim Snyder
08/30 (9:30AM) Alex Bauerbach	08/30 (9:30AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/29 (4 PM) Sue Huck	USHERS (Month of August)
08/30 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman	SAT: Dave Walbert, Volunteer needed
	SUN: Mike Huck, Volunteer needed

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign “Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,179.00 Pledged to date: \$25,540.00 Paid to date (38): \$25,540.00

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.

August Committee

Cindy Schwendeman, Chair	Linda Phelps
Elanda Fliehman	Lois Strahler
Tina Long	Pauline Knoch

OLM 50/50 NEWS

We have begun drawing the 2026-2027 winners of the 50/50 Club. Congratulations to the following participants:

1. Rhonda Huck
2. Al Lang
3. Billy Burkhart
4. Lisa Lang
5. Katy Reed
6. Sam Brooker
7. Mike Kern
8. Max Huck
9. Ronnie Bauerbach
10. Christy Haines
11. David Lang
12. Mary Schott
13. John Douglass
14. Matt Zimmer
15. Rose Bebee
16. Anna Medley
17. Lisa Bernedts

Please check the bulletin board in back of church or your mail to see if you've received your prize. Anyone who is interested in drawing the winning number each week is welcome to come by the parish office on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon. Thank you for your participation and support.

OLM PSR NEWS

PSR will be starting up soon and is in search of volunteers interested in teaching PSR Classes. The PSR coordinator, Eric Fliehman is eager to get this year started but he is in need of some help from our parish. Children are the heart of our church. Our beliefs and traditions live through them. Please contact Eric at 740-896-3446 if you feel called to educate our youth.

ARNOLD FAMILY REUNION

The Raymond and Elizabeth Arnold Family reunion will be held on Sunday, August 30th at the Our Lady of Mercy Social Hall in Lowell, Ohio. Lunch will be served at noon.

THE POPE

Successor of Saint Peter

You might wonder why today's reading from Isaiah is paired with today's Gospel recounting Peter's profession of Jesus as the Christ. It's because Isaiah's story of Eliakim becoming master of the palace in Jerusalem can help us understand the role that Jesus gave to Peter. In ancient Israel, the "master of the palace" was the most important assistant to the king. Similar to a prime minister, he could rule the country in the king's absence. He had the keys to the palace, so he had the authority and ability to open and close doors that gave access to the king (Isaiah 22:22). He was also charged with playing the role of a "father" to the people of Jerusalem, protecting and guiding and leading them in the name of the king (22:21). In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" and makes him the "rock" upon which he would build his Church (Matthew 16:19, 18). By using the image of the keys, Jesus is making Peter the "master of the palace" in the kingdom of God. As holder of the keys to the kingdom, Peter would have the authority to bind and loose—to open and close. As head of the apostles, he also would be, like Eliakim, a father to the Church—its firm foundation, leader, and guide. That's why we often call his successor, the pope, the "Holy Father"! Jesus didn't leave us alone—as a Church or individually. He provided for the entire Church not only when he poured out the Holy Spirit on us but also when he made Peter and his successors the "rock." The pope is the keeper of the teachings of the Church and a minister of God's grace and mercy. He is also our father in faith, our guide, and our example. But most of all, he is a reflection of God's own fatherly care for us, his children.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

124: Jer 20: 7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9

Rom 12: 1-2 Mt 16: 21-27

VOCATION VIEW

Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart.

(Matthew 16:13-20)

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: 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

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Vocation Website: <http://steubenville vocations.com>.

K OF C NEWS

DUELING PIANOS – K of C 4617 will be presenting Dueling Pianos on October 17th. Doors open at 5 PM followed by dinner and the show until 11 PM. Tickets are \$50 each and include prizes, dinner, drinks, and The Piano Show. For tickets or for more information contact Jeff Brooker at 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

2026 FOOTBALL CRAZR TICKETS are available until Oct 26th. Cost of each ticket is \$20. These tickets are in no way supported or affiliated with the NFL. The K of C State Council only uses the score of NFL games to determine a winner. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Tony Offenberger 740-525-4823 or any K of C member.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle. If you would like to help with this event or purchase a ticket contact Lori Murphy at 740-624-1159, or 740-960-9944, or email maryshouseoh@gmail.com.

BEWARE OF SCAM

Please beware that if you receive an email or text from someone claiming to Fr. Gaydosik or Bishop Lohse, etc., from an e-mail address or number other than the one listed on the bulletin, or diocesan website, it is spam/junk. These scammers may request for money, gift cards, or "favors" of any kind. **DO NOT** reply or click on any link sent. If in doubt, call the parish office to confirm the details.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which those who are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination come into the Roman Catholic Church. Now is the perfect time to learn more for yourself or invite those you love to take the next step! If you would like to learn more about this process and are ready to dive in or would like more information about the OCIA program or the Catholic faith, call Father Dave.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

Offering a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass in our area will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, which is married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend, please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 9th.