OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Parish of the Roman Catholic 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

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

February 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF 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. 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

Sat. Feb. 15	**OLM**	**Minnie Smith (02/15) (2 yr. Anniv) (The Smith Family)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Annette Bonar (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 16	**OLM**	**L & D of Joe & Ida Huck Family (The Family)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Gary Smith (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 17	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Norma Thieman (Ted Brooker Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Feb. 18	**OLM**	**Barbara M^{c}Carty (OLM CWC)**	**5:00PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Feb. 19	**OLM**	**Francis & Hilda Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters)**	**6:00PM**
	St. John	Jay Pottmeyer (Marilyn Pottmeyer Family) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
	St. John	Edith Brooker (Jeff & Lorinda Lang)	12:00 PM
	St. John	Larry Schaad (Lewis & Patty Lang)	8:00 PM
Thurs. Feb. 20	**OLM**	**Emily Huck (Lisa Berendts)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Feb. 21	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Patricia Gaydosik (Todd & Kathryn Arnold Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 22	**OLM**	**Linda Huck (OLM CWC)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	David Pottmeyer (Eric &Marilyn Pottmeyer)	6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 23	**OLM**	**Darren Cheesman (Madee Bewer)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Tim Beaver (Bob & Peggy Byers)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:$1,669.00 (57); Offertory $500.00; Diocese Retired Priest $1,798.50; St. John School $20.00 (1); Latin American Churches $15.00 (1); World Mission $20.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Ben Berendts- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

02/21 (4 PM) Heather Peters
02/22 (9:30 AM) Eric Fliehman

Eucharistic Ministers

02/21 (4 PM) Stephen Huffman
02/22 (9:30 AM) Cindy Schwendeman

Altar Servers

OLM: 02/21 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
OLM: 02/22 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad, Lydia Fliehman

USHERS (Month of February)
SAT: Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**
SUN: Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

LENT GUIDELINES

During the Lenten season, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord thru prayer, reading the Scripture, and practicing certain self-control through fasting and abstinence. During Lent, there is to be no meat on Fridays for all Catholics starting at age 14; and practicing Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 should have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken sparingly at the other regular meal times if necessary, but they should combined to less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence outside the age limits include; the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, and women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, use common sense, no one should jeopardize their health by fasting.

OLM CWC

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

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE

Nancy Schultheis (Chair)
Paige Omspach
Cathy Lawrence
Mollie Huffman
Sandy Spindler
Jody Huck
Sarah Hunter

2026 LENTEN FISH FRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are scheduled with the fry leaders as follows:

February 27– Kim Schwendeman - 740-525-2769
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.

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 Fliehman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.

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 7th, 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, lunch will be provided.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Lenten Day of Spirituality on Saturday, March 21st 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 15th.

REAL FAME

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, . . . God has revealed to us. (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). That's quite a bold statement! St. Paul is saying that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit has revealed something that no one had ever seen or heard of before. Paul calls that something "God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory" (1 Corinthians 2:7). *For our glory.* That's not just a throwaway phrase. It's the actual revelation that God has made manifest: the promise that everyone who believes in Christ can be glorified, just as Jesus, "the Lord of glory," is now glorified (1 Corinthians 2:8)! Sit with that truth for a moment. Prophets and kings from the past, great saints like Abraham, Isaiah, and Moses, all had amazing revelations about the Lord and his plans. But only now, after Jesus' resurrection, has *our own* resurrection become so clearly revealed! It's easy to reduce the gospel to a message about right living and adherence to a moral code that we have to try hard to follow. It's easy to reduce it to a set of self-help principles that we can adopt. It's easy to reduce it to any number of things. But once you start hearing about God's plan "for our glory," you know that Jesus has done something for us that we could never do ourselves. His death defeated our death. And his resurrection has opened heaven—for all of us. This is part of the "mysterious, hidden" plan that God has now revealed in Christ. Jesus, the risen and glorified Lord, is our true destiny. He has made us for heaven! Today is the perfect day to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this glorious plan to you a little more. Read today's second reading slowly and prayerfully. Let the words sink into your heart and fill you with hope. You were created for glory!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for February

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22: Gn 2: 7-9; 3:1-7

Ps 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17

Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4: 1-11

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord has a plan for each one of us; we have the ability to say yes or no. Don't be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or religious life.

(1 Corinthians 2: 6-10)

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 McGurn 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 or
Diocesan Vocation Website: http://steubenvillevocations.com.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 22nd, at St. Bernard Church Social Hall, Beverly. Doors open at 1 PM. Bingo is at 2 PM. 20 Games for $25.00. Tickets sold at door only. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, raffle, and a concession stand.

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday - February18th, Lowell United Methodist Church, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday– February 24th, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with Fr. Dave Gaydosik; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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

Tuesday– March 10th, at the St. John Church, Lowell; Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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

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

SHROUD OF TURIN ENCOUNTER

The highly acclaimed Shroud Encounter will be coming to St. Stephen Church, Caldwell on Sunday, February 22nd at 7 PM. Admission is free. Could this ancient Jewish linen cloth be the ancient burial shroud of Jesus? Could the Shroud of Turin be a document of the crucifixion? This linen cloth etched with the faint image of a crucified image has mystified millions. This presentation is a fast moving, big screen experience using over 200 images. The program will be presented by international expert and author Russ Breault. Mr. Breault is president and founder of Shroud of Turin Education Project Inc. with a simple mission statement: *"to advance the knowledge of the Shroud to a new generation.*

STJ CWC BREAKFAST

STJ CWC is serving breakfast on Sunday, February 22nd at the K of C #4617 Hall, Churchtown from 8 AM to 10 AM . There will be a country store and bake sale available as well. Dine-in or Drive-thru available. Adult meal of sausage gravy/biscuit, bacon, eggs, hash browns, and a drink the cost is $10.A child meal includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, and a drink the cost $5. All are welcome to attend.

LOWELL SCHOOL PTO BAG BINGO

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

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold their next public steak fry on Saturday, February 21st from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Post in Lowell. Costs are: grilled steak -$15.00, baked steak -$10.00, grilled chicken -$10.00, and no meat- $5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.