

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**

February 08, 2026

FIFTH 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. 07	OLM Donnie Heiss (Ivan Huck Family) St. John Mildred Arnold (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 08	OLM Frank & Sylvia Yeomans (David a& Jonnie Yeomans) St. John Edward Brooker (Family) St. John Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. Feb. 09	OLM No Mass St. John No Mass	No Mass No Mass
Tue. Feb. 10	OLM Marian Stalter (Peggy Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. Feb. 11	OLM No Mass St. John Bertha Pottmeyer (Doug & Mary Parks) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. Feb. 12	OLM Patricia Stehly (OLM CWC) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. Feb. 13	OLM No Mass St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 14	OLM Minnie Smith (02/15) (2 yr. Annv) (The Smith Family) St. John Annette Bonar (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 15	OLM L & D of Joe & Ida Huck (The Family) St. John Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker Family) St. John Gary Smith (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$1,980.00 (55); Offertory \$311.00; Latin American Churches \$5.00 (1); World Mission\$146.00 (9);
 Improvement Fund \$30.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Peggy Byers- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

02/14 (4 PM) Lisa Berendts
02/15 (9:30 AM) Dan Flichman
02/18 (6 PM) Volunteer needed

Eucharistic Ministers

02/14 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
02/15 (9:30 AM) Ken Long
02/18 (6 PM) Heather Peters

Altar Servers

02/14 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, Jackson Long
02/15 (9:30 AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris, Colton Umstead
02/18 (6 PM) Volunteer needed

USHERS (Month of February)

SAT: Dale Gilham, **Volunteer needed**
SUN: Robert A. Huck, Mike Stehly

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 28 – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

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.

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

DIOCESAN RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Throughout their lives, our priests have dedicated themselves to guiding us in faith, serving our parishes, and attending to our spiritual needs. They have been there for us in our moments of joy, sorrow, and growth. Now, it is our turn to support them in their time of retirement. Your generosity helps to ensure that our retired priests receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and His people. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the Priest Retirement Collection. Thank you for your support of those who have given so much for us.

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.

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/Stuebenville-mens-day, lunch will be provided.

STJ CWC BREAKFAST

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

HAND IT OVER TO ME

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians gives a series of snapshots of this vibrant, growing, and challenging church. He praises their strengths and addresses their struggles, and in today's second reading, he reminds them that their foundation rests, not on any human wisdom, but on the power of God. For Paul, this wasn't some vague kind of power; it was the power of the crucified and risen Jesus. When Paul came to Corinth, he preached and reasoned with Jews and Gentiles alike to bring them to the Lord. He surely encouraged them to search the Scriptures for themselves as well. But the heart of his preaching and the bedrock of his faith was Christ's death and resurrection. The revelation of the risen Lord had opened Paul's eyes and transformed his life. So he wanted the Corinthians' faith to be rooted in God and *his* power to change their lives. He wanted their faith to be deep, dynamic, and life-changing. Paul never tired of reminding the Corinthians that the wisdom and power of God were their foundation. He would say the same to us because he knows how easy it can be to rely only on our own strength and wisdom. We *need* to look to Jesus, risen and victorious, and place our trust in him. So let's expand our thinking today and step out, trusting in our mighty God. Let's turn to him *first* when we're concerned about our loved ones. Let's pray boldly for God to work in their lives. And if it takes time to see an answer, let's keep praying! God's power can change hearts far beyond what we can do on our own. Our best preaching or persuading, or even the witness of our lives, can't compare with what the power of God can do. To begin, we need only to trust and pray—and watch to see what he will do.

~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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

76: Sir 15: 15-20 Ps 119:1-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Cor 2: 6-10 Mt 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to be a light in the world. Put your lamp on a stand and not under a bushel basket! Let your light shine before all so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to God. Consider the priesthood or religious life.

(Matthew 5: 13-16)

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, Ohio 43235-1499)

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://steubenville.vocations.com>.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening is offering a safe, painless, and non invasive screening at the Senior Center of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 10th. To register for a time you may call 1-800-324-9458 with promo code HABC001, or visit on line LLSA.SOCIL/HABC.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Any high school senior who is currently attending a local high school may apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, 2026 Scholarship. One boy and one girl will be selected from the area. The scholarship recipients will receive a \$500.00 check towards further education. The application must be submitted by March 14, 2026. Information and a link to the application can be found via Facebook Page: "Knights of Columbus 4617 - Churchtown, OH". Any question call/text Tanner Pottmeyer at 740-516-4749 or email: church_townkofc@gmail.com



PRE-CANNA

For those planning a wedding any time within the next year, a pre-Cana has been scheduled at St. Mary Basilica, in Marietta, on Saturday, March 07, 2026. Pre-Cana is a class and consultation requirement for those planning to enter the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville. To register, contact St. Mary's Basilica's office at 740-373-3643.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Couple to Couple League (CCL) is holding in-person full instruction sessions at the Franciscan University, Steubenville on Wednesday evenings at 5 PM on February 11th, March 25th, and April 15th. Each session is 2-3 hours long and all sessions should be attended. To register visit <https://learnnfp.org/find-live-onsite-class/> or Intro to Natural Family Planning (Creighton Model) sessions available on-line on February 12, March 9, April 7, and May 7. To register for online session visit www.mountcarmelhealth.com/fertilitycare-intro.

MARY'S HOUSE BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House Bag and Basket Bingo on Sunday, February 22nd, at St. Bernard Catholic 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. For more information or questions call: 740-960-9944.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Please join the Ancient Order of Hibernians for an evening of music, food, and music by Steve and Bev Pottmeyer on Saturday, March 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM at the K of C #478 Hall, Marietta. Come and enjoy BYOB along with J's Hotdog House food truck, and Waterford Crystal raffle. Admission is \$10 at the door. For more information contact Tom Binegar (740-706-3004).

POST 750 STEAK FRY

American Legion Post 750 will hold a public steak fry on Saturday, February 21st, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Post, 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 a roll. For take-out orders, please call 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion!