



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 16, 2026

TWENTIETH 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. 15	OLM	Patricia Stehly (08/14) (4 yr. Anniv.) (Mike & Denise Stehly)	4:00 PM
	St. John	Larry Huffman (Chris Pottmeyer)	6:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 16	OLM	Darren Cheesman (3 yr. Anniv.) (Jim & Cindy Schwendeman)	9:30 AM
	St. John	Dorothy Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Children)	11:00 AM
Mon. Aug. 17	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)/ St. John School Staff	8:00 AM
Tue. Aug. 18	OLM	Jeri Lang (Doug & Mary Parks)	5:00 PM
		Marlene Walbert (Donna Lang Wagner)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Aug. 19	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
		St. John School Begins-School Mass	8:20AM
	St. John	Jay Pottmeyer (Marilyn Pottmeyer Family)/Family (Mona Barrett)	
Thur. Aug. 20	OLM	Joseph & Ida Huck (Peggy Huck)	5:00 PM
		Jim Huck (Peggy Huck)	
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Aug. 21	OLM	No Mass	No Mass
	St. John	Ella Mae Young (Jeff & Lorinda Lang)/L & D of James & Maglena Arnold Family (Family)	8:00 AM
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

God Bless those who support our Parish

08/02 OLM: \$1,430.00 (51); Offertory \$420.00; St. John \$50.00 (1)
08/09 OLM: \$2,833.00 (55); Offertory \$369.00; Church Improvement \$180.00 (11)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 08/22(4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer	Altar Servers: 08/22 (4 PM) Grace & Faith Johnson, Alexa Hunter
08/23 (9:30AM) Eric Fliehman	08/23 (9:30AM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Lydia Fliehman
Eucharistic Ministers: 08/22 (4 PM) Heather Peters	USHERS (Month of August)
08/23 (9:30AM) Marlene Greene	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 Flieman	Lois Strahler
Tina Long	Pauline Knoch

BEWARE OF SCAM

Please beware that if you receive an email or text from someone claiming to be 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. When 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.

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.

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, that 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.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in celebration and honor of Fr. Walter Heinz 90th Birthday by OLM CWC.



UNITED IN FAITH STRENGTHENED BY GOD

Only once in Matthew's Gospel did Jesus characterize someone as having *great faith*. It wasn't Peter, who professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Nor was it Joseph, who obeyed an angel and took Mary as his wife (1:24). No, Jesus reserved this term for an unnamed gentile woman who wouldn't take no for an answer. Jesus was in the territory of Tyre and Sidon when he met this woman. These cities, located south of modern-day Beirut, Lebanon, were the foremost Mediterranean seaports at the time. Evidently, the news of Jesus' miracles had traveled far beyond the borders of Israel, because this Canaanite mother was determined to approach Jesus personally on behalf of her tormented daughter. This mother's strong faith stands in stark contrast to the inflexibility of the scribes and Pharisees. They had interrogated Jesus and his disciples about the fact that they didn't wash their hands before eating (Matthew 15:2). They had standards that Jesus had to meet before they would believe. Conversely, the Canaanite woman was eager to believe. She was hoping that Jesus would be accommodating toward her despite her religious status. Even when he initially rebuked her, she persisted. Rather than being offended, she remained open. She believed he had the power and the willingness to work a miracle. As a result, she, a Gentile, experienced his love and power: her daughter "was healed from that hour" (Matthew 15:28). This woman's trust endeared her to Jesus—and to readers of Matthew's Gospel ever since. Just as Jesus commended her faith, he welcomes all of us when we come to him with humble faith. He wants to shower his healing and "mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32). So if you hesitate to bring your needs to Jesus—or to return to the sacraments after time away—let this mother's faith strengthen yours!

~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- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

121: Is 22: 19 -23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8

Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20

VOCATION VIEW

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. As a church, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

(Isaiah 56:6-7)

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

GOLF OUTING – K of C 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 16th at Ox Bow Golf Course, Belpre. Tee off will begin at 8:00 AM at a cost of \$260.00/four man team. You must have at least two members in good standing with the Knights on each foursome team. To sign up for your team, contact Ethan Brooker at 740-525-2972.

FAMILY OUTING –Assembly 840 would like to invite all Knights and their families to join us for a special outing on Sunday, August 16th, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with great food provided by the Valley Gem—no meal preparation and no cleanup required! Cost: \$30.00 per person, plus one bag of non-perishable food to be donated to the Marine Corps Veterans Association Food Drive in September. This annual food drive benefits many individuals and families throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley. We hope you can join us for this enjoyable event while helping support a worthy cause. If you plan to attend, please contact: Rod Strahler at 740-350-0321, or Ken Offenberger at 740-350-4967.

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.