

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 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 08, 2026

THIRD 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

Sat. March 07	OLM	David Schwendeman (Lisa Schwendeman) St. John Tom & Pat Thieman (Derek & Kourtney Thieman Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 08	OLM	Jim Huck (3yr. Anniv. 03/10) (The Family) St. John Patty Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John Bill O' Linn (Parish)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 09	OLM	No Mass St. John Regis Huck (Parish)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. March 10	OLM	Raymond & Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. March 11	OLM	No Mass St. John Robert Gaydosik (STJ Parish) School Mass	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. March 12 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	Madeline Miller (The Anthony Family) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 13 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 14	OLM	Fr. Edward Kakasik (David & Joanne Yeomans) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 15	OLM	Ron Smith (3yr. Anniv.) (Paul Smith Family) St. John Leo Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John L & D Members of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$1,988.00 (63); Offertory \$426.00; OLM Cemetery \$25.00 (1); Improvement Fund \$100.00 (1); Initial Offering \$10.00 (1); Churches of Europe \$25.00 (2); Votive Candles \$63.00

OLM 50/50 Winner: Rick Medley- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

03/14 (4 PM) Heather Peters
03/15 (9:30 AM) Dan Fliehman

Eucharistic Ministers

03/14 (4 PM) Sue Huck
03/15 (9:30 AM) Jason Morris

Altar Servers

OLM: 03/14 (4 PM) Kate & Ashton Schultheis, Grace & Faith Johnson
OLM: 03/15 (9:30 AM) Clara, Emma, & Zach Morris, Lydia Fliehman

USHERS (Month of March)

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

2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

“Sharing the Peace of Christ”

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95



As your pastor, I want to thank all who have given generously to the DPSC in the past or have already responded to the letter you received in the mail from Bishop Lohse. I assure you that your gifts are deeply appreciated. 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, and 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.

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	

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.

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.

WELCOME

Welcome into our parish family through Baptism: John Richard Schilling, son of Corey and Emily (Tornes) Schilling. May the Lord bless John and give him deep roots in faith and strong wings of hope to carry you through life's adventure.


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.

2026 CHRISM MASS

The Diocese of Steubenville, Chrism Mass will be Monday, March 30th at 2 PM at the Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta. All are invited to attend.

CONDOLENCES

 **Condolences** are given to the family of Raymond Lang, who passed away on Thursday, February 26th. May the love and blessings that Raymond brought to his family and friends never be forgotten. Pray that his family may find the Lord's grace in their time of need.

I WILL BE NEARBY

Today marks the third Sunday of Lent, and your enthusiasm for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may be fading by now. Perhaps your Lenten sacrifices have been more challenging than you anticipated or you don't feel any closer to God. Like the Israelites in today's first reading, you may wonder, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:7). God had freed his people from slavery, yet they doubted that he would provide for them. In their thirst, they grew impatient and hardened their hearts despite all he had done for them. They even argued that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert! So they demanded that the Lord quench their thirst. In his mercy, God granted their request. Moses struck the rock, and water flowed forth for the people to drink. In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman who also has a deep thirst. She comes to draw water, but Jesus asks her for a drink. She wonders: *Who is this?* Jesus replies, "If you knew. . . , you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). She doesn't grasp who Jesus is, but her thirst opens her heart to him. "Give me this water," she asks, and Jesus reveals himself to her (4:15). He is the One who offers the waters of eternal life. He is the One who knows her past. He is the promised Messiah. Unlike the thirsty Israelites who grumbled, her heart is soft, receptive to God's presence. And in his goodness, Jesus quenches her thirst, and she leaves her water jar to tell everyone about him. Jesus wants to reveal himself to you—do you recognize him? He speaks to you through the Scriptures at Mass today; he invites you to quench your thirst as you receive him in the Eucharist. He is present in both the simple and the profound moments of life, in your dirty dishes and a beautiful sunrise. So open your eyes and "harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:8). The Lord is in your midst!

~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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

31:1Sm 16: 1b,6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-6

Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41

A VOCATION VIEW

No bucket? Deep Well? The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation.

(John 4: 5-42)

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

SQUARE DANCE

St. Bernard Catholic Church Youth Group is hosting a Square Dance on Saturday, March 21st, from 7 PM to 10 PM, at St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$5.00 There will be a raffle, cake walks, and a concession stand with all proceeds going to one of our Diocesan Seminarian, Caleb Baker.

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).

LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

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

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 15th.

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 15th at 7:30 PM. The performance is not recommended for infants and toddlers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

FOURTH DEGREE-There will be a Fourth Degree meeting on Sunday, March 15th, 2 PM at the K of C #476 Social Hall, Marietta . Please make every effort to attend. There will be voting for Officers for the upcoming year and approving several new membership applications.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPT-There will be a Fourth Degree exemplification on March 22nd at the K of C #4617 Social Hall, Churchtown. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM, the exemplification will begin at 9 AM sharp. Following the exemplification we will attend 11 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Churchtown, returning to the K of C Hall afterwards for a meal.

SCHOLARSHIP- K of C Council #4617, Churchtown is taking applications for two \$500 scholarships, one to a boy and one to a girl. You must be a local Catholic, high school senior to participate. You can fill out and submit the form on the St. John the Baptist Parish Facebook page. You must turn it in no later than March 14th.

PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS

Washington County Exchange 4H Club is selling 1lb. peanut butter eggs for \$10. Contact advisor Ellie Tullius at 740-434-3064 by March 18th to place your order. Profits from this fundraiser will assist 4 H Members with travel to Kansas this summer.



Daylight Savings Time this Sunday,
March 08th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead.

