

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 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

Mary, Mother of the Church



The month of May is a designated time for us to honor Mary in our devotions and celebrate her spiritual sovereignty.

May 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. May 09	OLM Gertrude Huck (Marilyn Peters) St. John L & D of Lawrence & Loretta Hendershot Family (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 10	OLM L & D of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John Veronica Way (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Mary E Huck (Regis Huck Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. May 11	OLM No Mass St. John Jim & Norma Theiman (Family)	No Mass *6:00 PM
Tue. May 12	OLM Clare & Wilford Huck (Family) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. May 13	OLM No Mass St. John Rosemary Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	No Mass SCHOOL MASS 8:30 AM
Thurs. May 14	OLM Jeri Lang (Bernard & Marilyn Schilling) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. May 15	OLM No Mass St. John Special Intention (Marilyn Kern Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. May 16	OLM Bob Peters (Marilyn Peters & Heather Peters) St. John Barbra Wallis (Steve & Pam Brooker)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 17	OLM Dan Strahler (2 yr. Anniv.) (Andrew Strahler) St. John Albert Henke (Patricia Henke Family) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$2,840.00 (64); Offertory \$431.00; Legacy Fund \$180.00 (3)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 05/16 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
 OLM: 05/17 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/16 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Vinny Huffman
 OLM: 05/17 (9:30AM) Caleb, Declan, & Joel Schaad

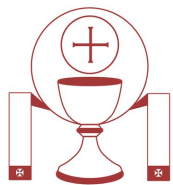
Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/16 (4 PM) Jenna Huffman
 OLM: 05/17 (9:30AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, Volunteer
 SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

Celebrating the Ordination of Our New Priests



With joy and gratitude to God, the Diocese of Steubenville invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th at 11AM at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta. This sacred liturgy marks a profound moment in the life of our diocese, as these two men offer their lives in service to Christ and His Church. All are warmly encouraged to attend and share in this beautiful celebration of faith and vocation. Your presence is a meaningful sign of support for our future priests and for the mission of the Church. Please keep Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson in your prayers as they prepare for this holy step. May the Lord bless them abundantly as they answer His call.

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OLM CWC

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

May Committee

Marilyn Peters (chair) Lisa (Damian) Huck
Martha Flieman Kelly Merrow
Jan Long Michelle Long
Kelly Lang

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in honor of

Living and Deceased of the C.W.C.

by OLM C.W.C



SCHOLARSHIP

The Our Lady of Mercy CWC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to all high school or home school program seniors graduating in Spring 2026. For an application or additional information, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 29th

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Men's Club for their generous donations of \$5,000.00 to Our Lady of Mercy and \$2,000.00 to the Ave Maria Cemeteries Maintenance Funds. This was made possible through the hard work and dedication shown during the Lenten Fish Frys and strengthens our parish community in meaningful ways. We are truly grateful.

REST IN PEACE

Condolences are extended to Dave Walbert and to the entire family of Marlene Walbert, who passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. May the many blessings and beautiful soul that Marlene shared to her husband, family, our parish, and our community never be forgotten. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



GROWING INTO YOUR PURPOSE

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gave his disciples two clear commandments. First, after having washed their feet, he told them to “wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14). Then he commanded them, “Love one another” (13:34). Now, in today’s Gospel, he says that whoever observes these commands to wash feet and show love is “the one who loves” him (14:21). What a surprising combination! We can be so used to labeling, categorizing, and compartmentalizing aspects of our lives: our work life, our home life, our spiritual life, and the like. But Jesus is telling us that two seemingly unrelated areas belong together and depend on each other: loving him and loving one another. We can’t love him, he says, if we are not caring for the people around us. To say that we love the Lord while we are holding someone in contempt or harboring hatred against someone is to miss the point of his gospel message. It’s to miss the point of his cross. This is a challenging message, but it’s also good news. The idea of loving Jesus—the eternal Son of God who dwells in unapproachable glory—can seem overwhelming. How can we who are sinners ever love such a being? But Jesus assures us that it’s easier than we might think: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,” he says, “you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Every time we show love, mercy, compassion, or generosity to someone, we are showing it to Jesus. No act or gesture is too small. Jesus receives it as if it were given directly to him. Because, in a very real sense, it is! Do you want to observe Jesus’ commandments? And do you want to love him more fully? The answer may be as close as the person sitting across the dinner table from you or the person down the street who needs a helping hand.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

ASCESION OF THE LORD

59: Acts 1: 12-14 Ps 27: 1,4,7-8

1 Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11a

A VOCATION VIEW

If you love me you will hold to my words and my Father will love you and will come to you. Where does god come to you?

(John 14: 15 –21)

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>.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll happens the first Wednesday of May–August. Open to farm, craft, food truck, flea market, and yard sale vendors. Free to join; food trucks pay a small village fee. Donations support Lowell Buell Park. Next event: June 3, 4:30–7:30 PM, Lowell Buell Island Park, Lowell, OH. For details, message the committee on Facebook.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Thank you to everyone who supported **Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown – Night at the Races 2026**—our sponsors, workers, and all who attended. Your generosity and involvement made this event a tremendous success. As our largest fundraiser of the year, its impact reflects the strength of our community. We are truly grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing you next year.

2026 FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN BUS TRIP

Enjoy a relaxing and faith-filled bus trip this summer. By visiting the peaceful Sorrowful Mother Shrine, exploring the charm of Frankenmuth and Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, cruise the Cass River aboard the Bavarian Belle, and spend time at the Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Cost: \$649.00 per person (double occupancy). The bus will leave from St. Stephen Church, Caldwell, OH on July 21st and return on July 23rd. The sign-up and \$50.00 deposit deadline is June 19th. To register or request a flyer, please reach out to Fr. Tom Nelson at the Noble County Catholic Churches parish office at tnelson@diosteub.org or 740-732-4129.



THANK YOU TEACHERS

As the 2025–2026 PSR school year comes to a close, we wish to recognize and thank the individuals who devoted their time and talents to the faith formation of our students. Our gratitude goes to **Eric Flieman**, PSR Coordinator; **Michelle Long**, **Heather Schaad**, **Abigail Offenberger**, **Evan Schaad**, **Nick Long**, and **Jenna Huffman**. Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish community.

VOLUNTEERS

St. John, Churchtown—VBS is almost here, and is gearing up for an amazing week! Registration forms are available in the back of the church on the bulletin board, and you can also register instantly using the QR code. Please register by June 1st so they can prepare plenty of supplies and T-shirts for all the kids. They're also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help at each station and serve as crew leaders. If you'd love to be part of the fun, sign up using the QR code or contact Maggie Huffman at 740-885-0202. Thank you for helping make VBS unforgettable!

