

# OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Social Hall and Rental: 740-896-2207**

**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 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**



## April 20, 2025

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**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 RCIA.

**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

<b>Sat. April 19</b> (Easter Vigil)	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Gary Pottmeyer (Chris Pottmeyer)</b> St. John Earl & Justine Tornes (Doug & Mary Parks Family)	<b>*8:00 PM*</b> <b>*8:00 PM*</b>
<b>Sun. April 20</b> (Easter Sunday)	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Tina Schaad (Evan &amp; Heather Schaad)</b> St. John People of the Parish St. John Deceased Members of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>*9:00 AM*</b>
<b>Mon. April 21</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Edith Brooker (Janet Lang Family)	<b>No Mass</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Tue. April 22</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed. April 23</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Albert Henke (Mary Brooker Family) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>8:20 AM</b>
<b>Thurs. April 24</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)</b> St. John No Mass	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Fri. April 25</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Larry Schaad (Doug & Mary Parks)	<b>No Mass</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sat. April 26</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Clarence &amp; Gertrude Huck (The Family)</b> St. John Frank Schilling (Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun. April 27</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Pat Stehly (Mike &amp; Denise Stehly)</b> St. John Bernard & Joanne Strahler (Children) St. John +First Communicants	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

**OLM: \$1,664.00 (61); Offertory \$418.00; Easter Flowers \$30.00 (1);Improvement Fund \$77.00 (7)**

**50/50 Winner: Fr. Tim Shannon– Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

**OLM: 04/26 (4 PM)** Shelly Medley  
**OLM: 04/27 (9:30AM)** Linda Miller

#### Altar Servers

**OLM: 04/26 (4 PM)** Tim Snyder, Jackson Long  
**OLM: 04/27 (9:30AM)** Margaret, Emma, & Zach Morris

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 04/26 (4 PM)** Stephen Huffman  
**OLM: 04/27 (9:30AM)** Marlene Greene

#### USHERS (Month of April)

**SAT:** Robert J. Huck, Tracy Lang  
**SUN:** Cecil Bauerbach, Andrew Strahler



Please join Father Timothy J. Shannon on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood, Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> as he presides at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary Church, 212 West Main St., St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950. **Mass is followed with a small reception in Marian Hall from 1 PM to 4 PM.** Please RSVP with the number of persons attending by May 9<sup>th</sup> by phone at 740-695-9993 or by email to [office@stmarychurchstc.com](mailto:office@stmarychurchstc.com). If you cannot come, your prayerful support is appreciated.

***“Here is the good news! Risen Jesus is the authentic ‘Gospel of life.’ He communicates divine life to man, the dignity of a child of God. From the apostles we have received this good news, which we must bring ‘to the heart of every man and woman’ by placing it ‘in the innermost folds of the whole society.’”***

*— St. John Paul II (Evangelium Vitae)*

### OLM CWC

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

#### April Committee

Sandy Wagner (chair)	Lisa Schwendeman
Judy Gilham	Elaine Arnold
Tonya Arnold	Nancy Huck
Brenda (Dan) Schwendeman	

### **OLM PRAYER CHAIN**

We would like to remind everyone about the OLM Prayer Chain. If you become aware of a parishioner or parishioners who are in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Gaydosik at 740-391-1093 or you may call Martha Flieman at 740-984-4039 and "The Chain" will be activated. Anyone who would like to become a "link" in our chain as either a caller, or just to receive calls to say prayers for those in need, please call Martha Flieman and you will be added to the list/chain.



### **OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS**

The Our Lady of Mercy 50-50 Club Annual Dinner and Drawing is on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>; cocktails at 5 PM, with dinner at 6 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. To help with preparations, contact Dan Flieman at 740-236-0122.

### **ESTATE PLANNING**

We invite you to consider designating Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church as a preferred option for memorial gifts when a loved one passes away. These contributions significantly support the parish's ministry and outreach efforts, providing a meaningful way to continue the work of Jesus Christ and the Church. Additionally, please remember to include Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your own estate planning and will. Your generosity can help sustain the parish's good work long after you are gone. All our benefactors are regularly remembered in the Masses celebrated at the parish and in our prayers, offering a wonderful way for the Church to consistently pray for your eternal rest. Your gift will bring you eternal blessings.

### **SERVICES NEEDED**

Is the Lord calling you to serve? Do you want to serve the Church more? Are you interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Server for Mass? If you are, please call Father Dave at 740-391-1093 or the parish office at 740-896-2207 to be added to the schedule.

## ***JESUS, Risen Savior***

What a glorious day! It's Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection. Only Jesus isn't showing up! In fact, today's Gospel reading focuses on an absent Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John are confronted with an empty tomb, and they don't know where he is. So rather than rejoicing, they are disappointed, bewildered and scared. These three disciples didn't know what had happened to Jesus, but we do. In just a short time, he will greet Mary Magdalene and commission her to proclaim the good news (John 20:16-18). Later that day, he will appear to Peter and the apostles and breathe the Holy Spirit on them (20:22). And he will appear to them again and again before ascending into heaven (Acts 1:3). But we don't hear any of those stories today. Instead, we're waiting outside the empty tomb. We believe that Jesus is risen, but we don't see him. We have experienced our sin being washed away, but we still fall sometimes. We get occasional glimmers of the heavenly life that awaits us, but we also know times of darkness and fear. And so we live somewhat precariously, always at risk of falling to temptation. So why bother rejoicing today? Because Jesus truly is risen, whether we see him or not! Because he truly has defeated death, and we truly do belong to him. Because we will see him one day. And until that day comes, we can experience his Spirit filling us with God's love and gradually transforming our hearts. Today truly is a glorious day—not because we have come to the end of our journey, but because we know that the risen Christ is walking beside us. Step-by-step, he is leading us to the throne of God—to a glory that will far surpass our wildest dreams!

~ The Word Among Us

## **POPE FRANCIS**

### **Prayer Intentions for April**

#### **For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

**45: Acts 5: 12-16 Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Rv 1: 11a -13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31**

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#### **A VOCATION VIEW**

*The Lord has risen; it is true! Through our baptism, he calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the good news as priest, brothers, and sisters.*

**( John 20:1-9)**

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#### **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, Ohio 43235-1499)

**Maximilian Kolbe Gan, Jonathan Ruscoe, Riley  
Morris, Aaron Pabin, and Caleb Baker**

Studying at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
(2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206)

**Peter Stetson**

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary  
(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

**Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich**

On a pastoral year at Christ the Light Parish  
( 704 Gomber Ave, Cambridge, Ohio 43728)

**Ryan Budd and John Paul Gan**

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @ dsvocations

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations)

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

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#### **NIGHT AT THE RACES**

The Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding: A Night at the Races on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets are \$35 each or \$280/table (for 8 people). Guests are encouraged to wear derby attire and big hats. For more information, contact Taylor Pottmeyer at 412-215-6470.

## **NIGHT OF JOY**

Franciscan University of Steubenville will host Night of Joy on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Pope St. Paul VI Event Center of the Christ the Teacher Hall. The evening's event will be shared via livestream and will be open to an in-person audience free of charge. Night of Joy will include uplifting worship music performed by international country artist and worship leader John Paul Von Arx; a keynote presentation by Catholic author, speaker, podcaster, musician, and a Franciscan University catechetical professor, Deacon Bob Rice; as well as, spiritual reflections and Eucharistic Adoration with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University. Sponsored by Steubenville Conferences, Night of Joy, is a follow up to last year's successful Night of Hope event held during the Advent season. Steubenville Conferences plans to make Night of Hope and Night of Joy yearly events to help participants deepen their faith. For more information and to register for free for the Night of Joy livestream, please visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-joy/>.

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#### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Relay for Life will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Belpre Civitan Park, Belpre. Luminaries in Memory of /or In Honor of your loved ones are \$10.00 each. "Help light up the walking track" while also helping to help fight cancer. Please contact Linda Miller at 740-525-2029 to place an order, ASAP. Thank you!

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#### **MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT STEAK DINNER**

Mary's House is having an Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 PM to 7 PM at St. James Catholic Church Hall, McConnelsville, OH. Cost is \$15 per person/meal which includes: baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, roll & dessert. All proceeds benefitting Mary's House, serving expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children. To contact or follow Mary's House; call: 740-960-9944, website: [maryshouseoh.com](http://maryshouseoh.com), or follow on Facebook; [https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse\\_southeastern](https://www.facebook.com/maryshouse_southeastern).

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#### **2025 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign**

**"Be strong and take heart, all who hope  
in the Lord."** ~ Psalm 31:25

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21,945.00**

**Pledged to date \$16,630.00**

**Paid to date (28) \$13,880.00**

*Thank you for your generosity*



**Our Lady of Mercy**  
***Easter Flower Memorials***  
**2025**

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**In Memory/ Honor of:**

\*Lost Loved ones of the Kuchyt, Huck & Arnold Families  
\*Francis & Grace Huck, Joe & Mabel Arnold, Charles Arnold,  
Kenny Huck, Eugene Huck  
\*Nick Bauerbach Family, Frank Offenberger Family  
\*David Bauerbach, John & Marie Bauerbach  
\*Hurd & Mary Louise Pitt, Ray & Joanna Pitt,  
Francis & Louise Offenberger  
\*Vincent & Allene Huck, Harry & Emma Berendts  
\*Bernard Brooker, Raymond & Mary Brooker  
\*Darren Cheeseman, Trix Saling  
\*Alice Huck, Keith Cunningham, Dave Pottmeyer  
\*Howard Dunn  
\*Living & Deceased of Brooker & Rauch Families  
\*The Huck & Greene Families  
\*Deceased Members of the Heiss & Knoch Families  
\*The Huck & Bauerbach Families  
\*Living & Deceased of Joseph & Ida Huck Family, Jim Huck,  
Living & Deceased of Robert & Anne Seyler Family  
\*Our Parents  
\*Tess Huck, Deceased Members of Herbert & Claire Huck Family  
\*Our Parents  
\*Louise & Betty June Huck, Lucy Stengel, Harold Huck  
\*Bernard & Dorothy Huck, Bernie & Linda Huck,  
Laurie Offerman, Terry Huck  
\*Jim Huck, Karen Roher, Joe & Ida Huck, Pam Eichmiller,  
Mural & Willa Dean Nichols, Robert & Anna Seyler,  
Richard & Leora Rohrer, Margaret McIntire, Carolyn Rush  
\*Carolyn Rush, Lauren Payne, James Huck,  
Rush & Martin Family Members  
\*Martha Huck, Jerry Huck, Herbert and Clara Huck,  
Francis and Helen Schwendeman  
\*Living & Deceased of Stephen & Jenna Huffman Family  
\*Gary Pottmeyer  
\*Members of the Lang, Nau, & Arnold Families,  
Jeremiah Johnson, Hesson Johnson  
\* John and Rita Kelly  
\*Deceased Members of the Lang & Knoch Families  
\*Deanna Lang  
\*Robert & Lucy Long, Virgil & Margaret Groves  
\*Nelson & Josephine Medley, Gary Medley,  
George & Virginia Zide  
\*Arthur J. & Helen Perry, Harold Lloyd & Evelyn Miller  
\*Harold Offenberger, Chuck & Sandy Schilling  
\*Deceased Members of Our Families  
\*Bob, Francis, Hilda, & James Peters, George & Dorothy Wendt  
\*Gary Pottmeyer

**By:**

Todd & Katheryn Arnold  
David & Elaine Arnold  
  
Cecil Bauerbach  
Grace Bauerbach  
Brian & Angela Bennett  
  
Ben & Lisa Berendts  
Julia Brooker  
Cathy Cheeseman Family  
Gary & Maureen Cunningham  
Emma Dunn  
Tom & Martha Fliehm  
Greg & Marlene Green  
Fay Heiss  
Charles & Dorothy Huck  
Margaret Huck  
  
Mark & Sandy Huck  
Max Huck  
Meade & Tana Huck  
Irene, Mike & Susan Huck  
Nancy Huck  
  
Rob & Sue Huck  
  
Tim & Jody Huck  
  
Virgil Huck  
  
Stephen & Jenna Huffman  
Eric & Sarah Hunter  
Shane & Elizabeth Johnson  
  
Patrick & Janice Kelly  
Martin & Pauline Knoch  
Raymond Lang  
Ken, Jan, & Michelle Long  
Rick & Shelly Medley  
  
Ron & Linda Miller  
Tony & Kristin Offenberger  
John & Elinor Paul  
Marilyn & Heather Peters  
Denise Pottmeyer

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**In Memory/Honor of:**

\*George & Mildred Lang  
\*Deceased Members of the Lawrence & Margaret Schaad Family,  
Clennen & Eula Reed Family, Leo & Julia Hammond Family  
\*Deceased of the Schwendeman & Schweikert Families  
\*John & Marie Schilling, Howard Schilling, David Schilling,  
Rose Mary Yost, Charles Huggins, Leander Stehle, Charles Schilling  
Elizabeth Hopper, Joseph and Mary Schilling  
\*Carol Fulton  
\*Deceased Members of the Tornes Family, Darren Cheeseman,  
Deceased Members of the Stehly Family, Darren Ball  
\*Richard Stevens, Brian Stevens  
\*Garrett Tornes, Melinda Tornes  
\*Clarence & Gertrude Huck  
\*Marybeth Ryder  
\*Gene & Rita Fulton  
\*Frank & Sylvia Yeomans, Donald Yeomans, Robert Kurucz,  
Gordon & Anna Smiley, Joseph & Veronica Kurucz,  
Raymond & Iris Whitaker

**By:**

Kathryn Reed  
Evan & Heather Schaad  
  
Jim & Cindy Schwendeman  
Ed Schilling  
  
Leroy & Ruth Skinner  
Mike & Denise Stehly  
  
Martha Stevens  
Rodney & Cindy Tornes  
Their Family  
Clifton & Danielle Umstead  
Keith & Sandy Wagner  
Dave & Joanne Yeomans

**Donations:**

Bruce Schaad

Eric & Briana Flieman

Richard & Melissa Tornes

**Thank you for your generosity!**

