

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Steubenville

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Fr. Walter E. Heinz, **Retired**

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Mrs. Kristin Offenberger, **Secretary**

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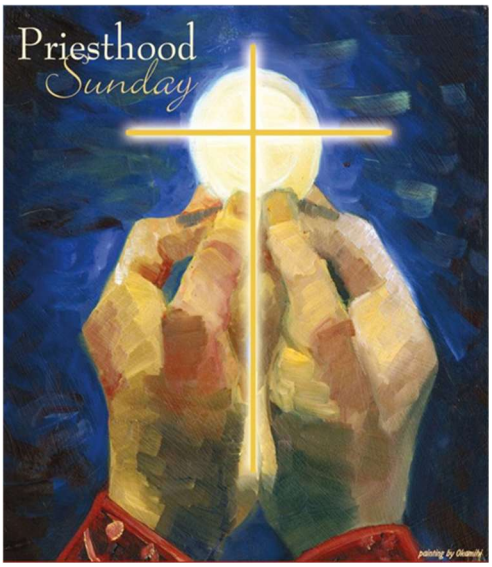
Pastoral Musicians:

Evan and Heather Schaad

Confessions: Saturdays-

3 PM to 4 PM

Rosary: Before each- Weekend Mass



September 27, 2026

TWENTY – SIXTH 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. Sept. 26	**OLM**	**Norbert & Linda Huck (Tony & Kristin Offenberger)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Joseph Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	6:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 27	**OLM**	**Mike Mullenix (Fagan Family)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Tim Strahler (Duane & Tina Duff)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 28	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Alvin Arnold (Chris & Jenny Semon) / Larry Huffman (Erin & Sherry Pottmeyer)	8:00 AM
Tue. Sept. 29	**OLM**	**Mildred Schwendeman (Martin & Pauline Knoch)** **Eldon Miller (Betty Strahler)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Sept. 30	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Jay Pottmeyer (Nora Huffman) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Oct. 01	**OLM**	**Jeremy Schott (Jason & Jennifer Morris)** **Alice Huck (Lisa Schwendeman)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Oct. 02	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Ronald Land/ (Monic Lang Family)/ Dorothy Gantley (Mary Brooker Family)	6:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 03	**OLM**	**Karen Belcher (David & Joanie Yeomans)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Larry Schaad (Janet Schaad Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 04	**OLM**	**Jerry Huck (Joe & Carol Lang)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Ed & Donna Klinger (Steve & Rachel Klinger Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,897.00 (55); Offertory $419.00; Improvement Fund $25.00 (2); St. John $20.00 (1); Immaculate Heart Fund $217.00 (11); Votive Candles $28.00

OLM 50/50 Winner – Matt Hilverding – Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 10/03 (4 PM) Sharon Pottmeyer
10/04 (9:30AM) Eric Fliehman

Altar Servers: 10/03 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
10/04 (9:30AM) Ashton Schultheis, Lydia Fliehman, Alexa Hunter

Eucharistic Ministers: 10/03 (4 PM) Sue Huck
10/04 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman

USHERS (Month of October)
SAT: Volunteers needed
SUN: Ron Miller, **Volunteer**

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. You 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**.**

September Committee

Faye Heiss, Chair	Phyllis Anderson
Jamie Huck	Alberta Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Danielle Umstead
Liz Johnson	Madison Heiss

PSR NEWS

Registration for the 2026–2027 PSR classes is underway! Registration forms are available at the back of the church and need to be return **by October 4th.** We are accepting students from kindergarten through 12th grade. We are also seeking a teacher and pray that someone will answer the call to help educate the youth of our parish in the ways of the faith. For questions, to register your child, or inquire about the teaching position, please contact Eric Fliehman at 740-525-1714**.**

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please join us; October 3rd –10th for a powerful week at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wintersville, OH for continuous Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosaries; praying for our Diocese and the needs of the world, opportunities for confession, additional 5:15 PM Masses, and Marian procession. On October 7th at 6 PM, guest speaker Matthew Leonard will give a talk entitled "Hail Mary; the Biblical Back Story of the Rosary." The week entails a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For questions please text 410-596-1936 or to sign up for a holy hour visit https://signup.com/go/PBPCxyV**.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the Animals is in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. A Blessing of the Animals will be held at St. John Grade School on Friday, October 2nd at 1 PM. Bring your pets for a special blessing.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT OF LIFE MONTH

The Catholic Churches of the United States observe the first Sunday as Respect Life Sunday. These annual observances are a way to help Catholics understand the need to have a culture that cherishes and protects the gift of a human life. As part of Respect of Life Month, there will be a Life Chain event scheduled for Sunday, October 4th, from 2 PM to 3 PM on Washington Boulevard near the former Middleton Doll Factory, Belpre: and on St. Rt. 60; near Greenleaf on Muskingum Dr., Marietta and south of city limits near Beverly.

IN GOD WE TRUST:
A LIFE BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Isn't it amazing to live in such a connected world? You can so easily search the internet to find answers to any question you have and to learn all about the latest events happening anywhere in the world. Yet we all know that there are challenges related to this quick access to information, and one of them is the quick access to opinions. And, as we often see, opinions lead to arguments, and arguments lead to divisions. So when we hear St. Paul calling us to be "of the same mind" and "united in heart," it can seem almost impossible (Philippians 2:2). It's hard enough staying civil and polite, but to actually be united in heart and mind? Can we even do that? Paul seems to think we can. So let's consider how we can apply his words to our lives today. Consider Paul's audience: the Christians in Philippi. Paul isn't writing to the entire city. Why does that matter? Because we are called to a special kind of unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Church is diverse, and that's part of its beauty. But unity in the midst of diversity means that our opinions, as important as they may be, should not supersede our call to reveal the love of Christ through our unity: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). So how can we embrace this calling? One way is to ask yourself if you should be spending less time taking in the news, political commentary, or celebrity gossip and more time serving God. The simple act of putting your energy toward listening to God and being among his people will bring down dividing walls and empower you to follow Jesus' command to love all of your brothers and sisters. So enjoy the benefits of our connected world, but remember to guard the true, lasting unity of your family in Christ.

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

139: Is 5: 1-7 Ps 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20

Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life.

(Philippians 2:1-11)

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 links: Twitter @ dsvocations Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or Diocesan Vocation Website: http://steubenville vocations.com.



RESPECT TO LIFE MASS AND MARCH

The State of Ohio Mass for Life will be celebrated at 9 AM on October 2nd, at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH (RSVP is recommended). The Mass will be followed by a pre rally concert at 10 AM at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square followed by the rally at 11 AM. The march, a one-mile walk of a few blocks, will begin at noon. For additional information, please visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. "Bust some see feel on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold." Let your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 9th-11th. At the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phone and focus only on each other. To apply or check out other weekend dates available visit wwme.org. Early registration is recommended.

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, which 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.

K OF C NEWS

PATIO PINIC- Knights of Columbus 4617 will have a Patio Picnic on Sunday, October 11th from 11 AM until 3 PM. Events will start with a Catholic Mass at 11 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Churchtown. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks (BYOB) will be provide. Guests should bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be games and prizes for the kids. K of C Members, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. We will have applications for new members to join if interested. As part of our Food for Families Program, we will be collecting canned goods to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. We hope to see you there! For any questions contact: Derek Kern at 740-516-7219 or Clay Miller at 740-336-4229.

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.