

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the 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 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

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

October 11, 2026

TWENTY – EIGHTH 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. Oct. 10	**OLM**	**Jack, Poke, & Sis (Debbie Misel)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Fred Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 11	**OLM**	**Cheryl Brooker (Brian Brooker)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Frank & Gladys Schilling (Children)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	11:00 AM
Mon. Oct. 12	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Norma Thieman (Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 13	**OLM**	**Sandra Schilling (8 yr. Annv) (Her Children)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. Oct. 14	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St John	Tille Kern (Charlotte Lang Family) **School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Oct. 15	**OLM**	**L & D of Herbert & Claire Huck Family (Max Huck)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. Oct. 16	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Mary Schwendeman (Family)	8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 17	**OLM**	**Marlene Huck (Clair Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 18	**OLM**	**Patricia Huck (Hugh & Kelly Arnold)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	L & D of Clarence & Hilda Arnold Family (Mary Brooker Family)	7:30 AM
	St. John	William & Eleanor Lang (Charlotte Lang Family)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $2,055.00 (65); Offertory $328.00; St. John $20.00 (1); St. Vincent De Paul $619.00 (13); Improvement Fund $260.00 (3)

OLM 50/50 Winner – Pat Peoples — Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 10/17 (4 PM) Lisa Berendts
10/18 (9:30AM) Abagail Offenberger

Altar Servers: 10/17 (4 PM) Alexa Hunter, Colton Umstead
10/18 (9:30AM) Margaret, Emma, & Zach Morris

Eucharistic Ministers:
10/17 (4 PM) David Bauerbach
10/18 (9:30AM) Jason Morris

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: $27,540.00** **Paid to date (39): $27,540.00**

The DPSC is more than just a campaign—it is the lifeblood of our diocese ministries and programs. Thank you!

OCTOBER COUNTS

In October, the Diocese asked that a count of the number of parishioners that attend all weekend Masses be recorded. Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you!

OLM CWC

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

October Committee

Susan (Mike) Huck (Chair) Denise Pottmeyer
Jenna Long Amy Lang
Kay Offenberger Katheryn Arnold
Elizabeth Moore

PIES & NOODLES

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies and noodles through Thursday, October 29th. Frozen chicken pies are $14 each. Noodles are $8 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

PSR IS STARTING UP

PSR classes will start this Sunday, October 11th following the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. PSR Guidelines and student info forms are available at the back entrance to the church, if you have not completed a form please fill them out and return them to your child's teacher/ instructor. For questions, to register your child, or inquire about a teaching position even as a substitute, please contact Eric Fliehman at 740-525-1714**.**

FILL A BABY BOTTLE-Change a Life

We are being asked to participate in a fundraiser to support **Mary's House**. Mary's House provides shelter, support, and job training for women who have chosen to give life to their babies. **Here's How It Works: Take a bottle** from the entrance of the church and bring it home with you. **Fill the bottle** with change, cash, or a check. **Return the bottle to the church by October 25th.** Every contribution, no matter the amount, can make a difference in the life of a mother and her baby. Thank you for helping us support mothers, strengthen families, and change lives!

COME AND SEE

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host their annual fall "Come and See" Live-In from Friday, November 13th to Sunday, November 15th. The weekend begins with arrival at 4 PM on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday. This event is for men in high school and college who are interested in learning more about seminary and discernment in general. There is no cost to participate. To register or for more information, please email Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti, the Director of Vocations, at nginnetti@diosteub.org.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT OF LIFE MONTH

The 2026 Respect Life Month theme, **"Mary, Mother of Life,"** reflects on Our Lady's role as mother of all the living. The Blessed Mother's life teaches us to respect every human life in every stage and circumstance, and to seek her intercession in recognizing the gift of life, even when it is unexpected or requires sacrifice. The US Bishops are organizing a nationwide Rosary Novena for Life starting Thursday, October 22nd. Make sure to do what you can to promote a pro-Life community and country.

AT THE LORD'S BANQUET:

Taste His Goodness

We often hear today's first reading at funerals because it points our attention toward the heavenly banquet, when God will "destroy death forever" and "wipe away the tears from every face" (Isaiah 25:8). We also pray for our deceased loved one who was "nourished at the table of the Savior," as he or she feasted on the Eucharist. So if Holy Communion is a feast that means that we don't have to wait until we die to join in the banquet! We can experience a foretaste at every Mass. Every time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, our Lord gives himself fully to us. Jesus has destroyed the "veil" that once separated us from him. There is no "web" of sin to hold us bound (Isaiah 25:7). He holds nothing back; he offers us his very life! He pours out forgiveness for the sin that weighs us down, comfort in sadness, strength for our journey, and joy in place of the "reproach" of despair (25:8). God has prepared an extravagant banquet for us. Now it's up to us to join in the feast. Will we accept his invitation eagerly, or will we give in to indifference, like the guests in today's Gospel? Invited to a wedding banquet by a king, they were distracted by their own affairs and refused to go. They missed out on so much and settled for so little! Jesus is inviting *you* to a banquet today—to the greatest banquet in the world. Like the king in today's Gospel, he is prepared to nourish you on the finest of foods—his own Bread of life! What do you need to receive from him? Don't be afraid to ask as you come forward to receive him with humble gratitude, confidence, and expectation. He will give himself to you completely. He may even surprise you by giving you more than you ask. God longs to provide for all peoples—and that includes you! **~The Word Among Us**

POPE INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV asks us to pray for greater collaboration among all faith traditions to work together for peace, justice, and human fraternity. As we mark the 60th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate, we pray that religions become bridges; not barriers and that hearts recognize what unites us.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

145: Is 45: 1, 4-6 Ps 96: 1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21

VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is the shepherd who calls. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Psalm 23)

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.



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. 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT – K of C 4617, Churchtown is hosting their annual "Trunk and Treat" on Friday, October 30th, from 6 PM to 7 PM at the K of C Hall. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and passing out treats, please contact Jessica Pottmeyer at 740-336-1048. For a donation; pizza and drinks will be provided and will go towards the new playground.



"SEARCH"

The Christian Maturity weekend retreats for youth ages 16-21 is set with "Girls" weekend on Friday, November 6th –Sunday, November 8th; and "Boys" weekend will be Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd. SEARCH weekends will be held at St. John Central Grade School, Churchtown, and is open to all denominations. The deadline for applications will be October 30th for girls, and November 13th for the boys. For an application please visit https://www.stjohnchurchtown.com/ or for more information, please contact Alana Henry 440-539-3763.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, a special day dedicated to supporting the Church's missionary work throughout the world. This year, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th. As Catholics, we are part of a universal Church that reaches far beyond our own parish, diocese, and country. In many places throughout the world, missionaries are bringing the Gospel to communities where the Church is still growing and where people may have limited access to churches, religious education, healthcare, and other basic resources. Our prayers and Financial support help missionaries proclaim the Gospel and serve people in need. Through the generosity of Catholics around the world, the Church is able to support mission dioceses, train seminarians and catechists, provide assistance to religious communities, and help build and sustain schools, churches, clinics, and other ministries.