

# 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/In Residence**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM at the K of C  
Hall, Churchtown.

## September 22, 2024

### THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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  
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 con-  
firmed, 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. Sept. 21</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Josephine Medley (Rick &amp; Shelly Medley)</b> St. John Margaret Klinger (Dave & Veronica Bosner)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Sept. 22</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Harold &amp; Evelyn Miller (Ron &amp; Linda Miller)</b> St. John Leora Arnold (Gary & Edna Arnold) St. John Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold Family)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Mon. Sept. 23</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Joseph Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Tue. Sept. 24</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Linda Huck (Doug Dye)</b> St. John Gladys Schilling (Norma Thieman Family)	<b>5:00 PM</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Wed. Sept. 25</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Terry Arnold (Larry & Nora Huffman) <i>School Mass</i>	<b>No Mass</b> 8:20 AM
<b>Thur. Sept. 26</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John Fr. Charles Moran (Bob & Peggy Byers)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Fri. Sept. 27</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>No Mass</b> St. John James & Maglene Arnold (Family)	<b>No Mass</b> 8:00 AM
<b>Sat. Sept. 28</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Peters Family (Marilyn &amp; Heather Peters)</b> St. John L & D of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family)	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM
<b>Sun. Sept. 29</b>	<b>OLM</b>	<b>Bernard “Buzzard” Brooker (Julia Brooker)</b> St. John Joseph Lori (Richard & Brenda Arnold Family) St. John Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Pottmeyer Family Children)	<b>9:30 AM</b> 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

**God Bless those who support our Parishes!**

**OLM: \$1,632.00 (55); Offertory \$190.00; Immaculate Heart Fund \$79.00 (6)**

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Jim Gorrell – Congratulations!**

### OLM

#### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

##### Lectors

**OLM: 09/28 (4 PM)** Tony Offenberger  
**OLM: 09/29 (9:30AM)** Alex Bauerbach

##### Altar Servers

**OLM: 09/28 (4 PM)** Tim Snyder, **Volunteer**  
**OLM: 09/29 (9:30AM)** Brett Bauerbach, Josie Anderson

##### Eucharistic Ministers

**OLM: 09/28 (4 PM)** Ed Schilling  
**OLM: 09/29 (9:30AM)** Cindy Schwendeman

##### USHERS (Month of September)

**SAT:** Rod Heiss, **Volunteer** needed  
**SUN:** Matt Huffman, Ray Strahler

## 2024 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”*

~ Ephesians 4:5

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$21, 074.00**  
**Paid to date (50) \$41, 550.00**  
**Pledged to date \$42, 150.00**

*Thank you for your generosity.*



### OLM CWC

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

#### September Committee

Fay Heiss (Chair)	Liz Johnson
Phyllis Anderson	Jamie Huck
Maureen Cunningham	Alberta Huck

### **PARISH PICNIC**

The Parish Picnic is this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish. Please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 with any questions.

### **PSR NEWS**

It's that time of year again! Registration for the 2024 to 2025 PSR classes is upon us. We are accepting students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have some exciting new ideas this year and pray you are able to join us. To register, contact Eric Fliehm at 740-525-1714 no later than September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, there will be a gathering of the faithful at St. Mary of Assumption Basilica, Marietta from October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 7 PM. This event will have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and around the clock Hourly Rosary. To sign up for a specific time, contact Shelly Medley at 740-525-6360; or just show up, all are welcome to pray to the Lord.

### **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION**

Offering of a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, that is, married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend; please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **POST 750 STEAK FRY**

The American Legion Post 750, Lowell, is holding a steak fry Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5 to 8 PM. Costs are: grilled steak -\$15.00, baked steak -\$10.00, grilled chicken -\$10.00, and no meat - \$5.00. Dinners include meat, baked potato, salad, and a roll. For take-out orders, please call

## **OPEN YOUR EYES WITH A FRIENDLY HEART**

The first shall be last? This is one of those sayings of Jesus that goes against our natural desires. We don't want to be the last one in line, and we certainly don't want to be the servant! So how can we become the humble servants that the Lord is calling us to be? Jesus provides an answer at the end of today's Gospel passage: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" (Mark 9:37). Jesus is telling us that he is inseparable from his people. He loves us so deeply that he died for us and came to live in our hearts. So what we do for others, we are doing for Christ. This truth should revolutionize the way we interact with the people around us. Think about it: if Jesus walked through our front door today, we would immediately get busy addressing his needs. "Come in, Jesus; sit down, Jesus. You look hungry; I'll make you anything you want to eat." We would be so quick to serve him that we just might overwhelm him with our kindness! But when we see a brother or sister in need, we often, either explicitly or implicitly, weigh our options: *Does this fit in my schedule? How much will this cost me? What will I get out of this in return?* God is calling us out of any selfish regard for ourselves and into a selfless love for others. Today, ask for the eyes to see other people the way God the Father sees them: as another Christ. This will paint everyday situations in a new light. Christ is the lonely parishioner who is looking for a friend; he is the sick neighbor who needs a meal. When you are serving such people, you are serving the Lord himself!

~ The Word Among Us

## **POPE FRANCIS**

### ***Prayer Intentions for September:***

#### **For the Cry of the Earth**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**137: Nm 11: 25-29 Ps 19: 8-14**

**Jas 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 38-48**

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### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus made himself the servant of all. Am I willing to be a servant for Jesus' people?

**( Mark 9:30-37)**

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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)

**John Paul 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**

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Vocations

Fr. Nicholas V. Ginnetti, Vocation Director

Vocation links: Twitter @ [dsvocations](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)

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

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>

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### **MARY'S HOUSE**

Mary's House is holding a Benefit Dinner on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. This event will be at the K of C 4617 Hall, Churchtown. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes your entry, meal, and an entry for a chance to win a prize. There will also be a Take a Chance Drawing and auctions throughout the evening. For tickets, please contact Mary's House at 740-960-9944. All proceeds go to Mary's House, a home to serve pregnant women eighteen years and older, in a desire to save children by fostering the sanctity of life.



## **ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Bingo Group Work Schedule**

**Sept. 22** Team 7 Brandon Wheeler 740-336-0350

**Sept. 29** Team 8 Russ Lang 740-336-0800

### **ST. JOHN SCHOOL CASINO ROYALE**

Save the date for St. John Central School's 6th Annual Fundraising Event, "Casino Night: Casino Royale" set for Saturday, November 16, 2024. There will be casino games, country store, live auction, and much more.

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### **MASS FOR THOSE WHO LOST A CHILD**

Are you grieving the loss a child or grandchild from any circumstances (miscarriage, trauma, abortion, illness, suicide, etc.)? Come join us for a Mass of Remembrance and pray for the soul of your beloved child or grandchild and have a chance to meet others who have suffered a similar loss. The Masses will be held on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, and on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. For additional information, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, Director of the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, at [jschmidt@diosteub.org](mailto:jschmidt@diosteub.org) or by phone 740-516-9270.

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### **K OF C NEWS**

**FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY TRIP** – Knight of Columbus 1716, Athens is planning a bus trip to New Haven, Connecticut to visit the Knights of Columbus Headquarters, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center. This three day trip leaves on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and returns on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact Josh Kocher at [joshburn@protonmail.com](mailto:joshburn@protonmail.com), or Brett Martz at [bmartz@athenscatholic.org](mailto:bmartz@athenscatholic.org), or Holy Family Center at 740-592-2711 by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**K OF C FAMILY PICNIC**—Knights of Columbus 4617, Churchtown will be holding a family picnic on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM until 3 PM on the back patio of the K of C hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and some drinks will be provided (BYOB). Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. All K of C members and their families are welcome to attend. There will be games and prizes for the kids. For any questions, text/call Derek Kern 740-516-7219. K of C 4617 will also be collecting canned goods or monetary donations, to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society at this event.

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### **HOSPICE CARE**

Have questions about Hospice Care, Maggie Whittaker from Shriver's Hospice will be speaking and answering questions about hospice; on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM at the Senior Center, Churchtown . This is a pot luck event so RSVP to Doris Brooker at 896-2291 or 740-525-8000 and bring a covered dish to share.

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