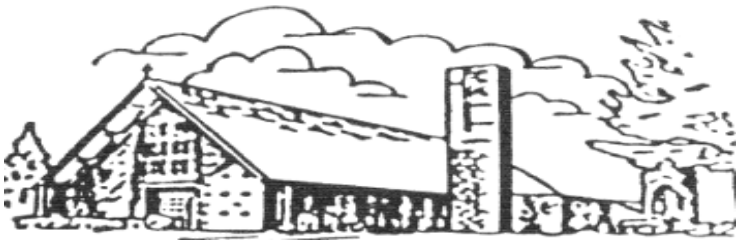

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June 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Roman Catholic Parish of the 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

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

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. June 27	**OLM**	**David Bauerbach (Family)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Dave & Barbra Huck (Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. June 28	**OLM**	**L & D of Joe & Ida Huck (Family)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Alecia Fouss (Todd & Annette Schott)	7:30 AM
	St. John	Frank & Ruth Lang (Donna Tornes Family)	11:00 AM
Mon. June 29	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	8:00 AM
Tue. June 30	**OLM**	**Robert Gaydosik (OLM CWC)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Wed. July 01	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Peggy Schaad & Bill Zoller (Janet Schaad Family)	8:00 AM
Thurs. July 02	**OLM**	**Marie Schypher (Frank & Stacy Leeper)**	**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri. July 03	**OLM**	**No Mass**	**No Mass**
	St. John	Richard & Bertha Pottmeyer (Children)	6:00PM
Sat. July 04	**OLM**	**Martha Huck (Virgil Huck)**	**4:00 PM**
	St. John	L & D of Ed & Anna Mae Brooker (Martha Wallis Family)	6:00 PM
Sun. July 05	**OLM**	**Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Julia Brooker)**	**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Edith Brooker (Mike & Marilyn Schaad)	7:30 AM
	St. John	James M. Barrett (Vincent & Shelly Stollar)	11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,718.00 (59); Offertory $471.00; Ascension $5.00 (1); Communication $5.00 (1); Votive $35.00

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 07/04(4 PM) Alex Bauerbauch
07/05 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers: 07/04 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
07/05 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers: 07/04 (4 PM) David Bauerbauch
07/05 (9:30AM) Ron Miller

USHERS (Month of July)
SAT: Terry Schwendeman, Bruce Schaad
SUN: Tom Fliehman, Pat Lang

Diocesan Parish Share Campaign "Sharing the Peace of Christ"

Our Lady of Mercy Goal: $22,179.00 Pledged to date: $22,940.00 Paid to date (35): $22,490.00

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

June Committee

Marlene Greene (Chair) Susan (Rob) Huck
Brie Fliehman Betty Lang
Patti Schwendeman Angela Bennett
Victoria Robinson

OLM 50/50 CLUB NEWS

The 2026–2027 tickets are now being collected. If you were one of the 60 participants from last year and would like to continue in the club, please be sure to get your chance in to win $25.00 per week and attend a steak dinner/ drawing where larger prizes are awarded. Please pay one of the Team Leaders or put the money in an envelope with your name on it marked 50/50 and place it in the collection basket. Tickets are $50.00 each.

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Lowell Area Ecumenical Cooperative, will take place July 13th–15th, from 9 AM to 12 PM on Buell Island. Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join for Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. Turn in registration forms available at church entrance or call 740-350-0889 to register.

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar are in loving memory

of Joe and Ida Huck

By: The Family

CALLED TO CARRY THE CROSS

(Not just for Disciples, but for all)

Did you know that this is the first time the cross is mentioned in Matthew's Gospel? It comes at a time when Jesus is commissioning the Twelve to go out preaching and healing. Jesus doesn't directly predict his own death, either. He's telling his closest followers the conditions of discipleship! We might not quite grasp what a challenging statement Jesus was making. As Christians, we might think that taking up the cross means bearing life's burdens, whether they be inconveniences, sickness, or hardship. And that's not wrong. But his disciples would have understood that the call to take up their cross meant something much more radical. Crucifixion was a feared, brutal, shameful manner of execution. So they understood that Jesus was telling them to be willing to give up *everything* to follow him and witness to him—even their lives, if necessary. It's not so different from what Jesus had said just before this: whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than him is not worthy of him (Matthew 10:37). Even important family ties must be second to our commitment to Jesus. This is not an easy message. But consider who is asking it of us. Jesus is not merely a teacher or philosopher. He's not simply a compassionate wonder-worker or dedicated advocate for the poor. He is God himself. Of course we should have nothing above God in our lives! Consider also that the One who asks this of us lived out this command perfectly. He humbled himself and laid down his life to free us from sin and death and restore us to the Father. How could we respond with anything less?

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions for June

For The Values of Sports Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

382:Am 9: 11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14

Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 9: 14-17

A VOCATION VIEW

Anyone who do not accept the cross is not worthy of Jesus. Are we willing to embrace the cross and follow him? (Matthew 10: 37-42)

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: Deacon 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.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

~ St. Rose of Lima

ST. JOHN SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE

St. John School Athletic Boosters will host a four man golf scramble at Lakeside Golf Course on June 27th. Cost is $280 / team. Registration is at 7 AM with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Cost includes 18 holes with cart, pop, water, and hotdogs will be provided, dinner following play at the course and beverages will be for sale on the course. There will be a 50/50 raffle and skins game. Pre-register or become an event sponsor by contacting Kourtney Thieman 740-525-6503.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The L-A Fire & Rescue will be holding an ice cream social on Saturday, July 18th, starting at 4 PM, on Buell Island, Lowell. There will be food, music, inflatables, bingo, raffle, and a county store. Come and bring a lawn chair to support your local volunteer rescue workers.

SHOP SWAP AND STROLL

Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, during the months of July and August. The next Shop Swap and Stroll is scheduled for July 1 at Lowell Buell Is land Park, Lowell, Ohio, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information, private message the committee on Facebook and a committee member will get back to you

TRIP TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Huffman will lead a nine-day pilgrimage on September 10th thru 20th. The price is $5,346 and includes airfare from Pittsburgh, first class hotels, meals, deluxe motor coaches, and more. For more information visit ww.QoHTours.com. Or you can call 1-800-213-4295 or send an email to book to Veronica@QoHTours.com.

PILGRIAMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father Tom Nelson on a pilgrimage to Italy, January 4th thru 15th, 2027. Tours stops include: Assisi, Norcia, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Monte Casscia, Subiaco, and Rome.

Land-only price is $5,059.00 per person. Option for Group Airfare is an additional $1,468.00. Space is limited! Please contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or visit maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com or https://catholicfaithjourneys.com/tours/nelsonitaly for more information.