

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**A Parish of the Roman Catholic
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**



The month of May is a designated time for us to honor Mary in our devotions and celebrate her spiritual sovereignty.

May 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat. May 10	OLM	Donnie Heiss (Fay Heiss) St. John L & D Members of Vince & Shelly Stollar Family (Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 11	OLM	Living and Deceased of OLM CWC (OLM CWC) St. John Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern Family) St. John Leo & Lucy Huck (Vincent Huck Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. May 12	OLM	No Mass St. John Barbra Wallis (Steve & Pam Brooker) Anna Mae Brooker (Robert & Jill Kendal)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. May 13	OLM	Emily Huck (Ben & Lisa Berndts) Marilyn Lang (The Lang Family) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Wed. May 14	OLM	No Mass St. John Rosemary Heiss (Bill & Alberta Wesel) School Mass Fr. Dale Tornes (Ordination Annv.) (Randy & Jean Tornes Family)	No Mass 8:20 AM
Thurs. May 15	OLM	Bernard Lang (Raymond Lang) Mark Tackett (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. May 16	OLM	No Mass St. John Richard Arnold (Harold & Karen Arnold) Evelyn Neil (Connie Arnold)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Sat. May 17	OLM	Bob Peters (Marilyn & Heather Peters) St. John L & D Members of Ralph & Pauline Zollar Family (Janet Schaad Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. May 18	OLM	Victor Cianetta (Jason & Jennifer Morris) St. John L & D Members of Leo & Lucy Huck Family (Family) St. John Tony Tornes (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: \$2,836.00 (76); Offertory \$711.00; Catholic Home Mission \$5.00 (1); Legacy Fund \$5.00 (1)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

OLM: 05/17 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
OLM: 05/18 (9:30AM) Linda Miller

Altar Servers

OLM: 05/17 (4 PM) Tim Snyder, **Volunteer**
OLM: 05/18 (9:30AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

Eucharistic Ministers

OLM: 05/17 (4 PM) Heather Peters
OLM: 05/18 (9:30AM) Cindy Schwendeman

USHERS (Month of May)

SAT: Todd Arnold, **Volunteer Needed**
SUN: Brian Brooker, Ken Long

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 \$18,280.00

Paid to date (33) \$16,155.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



OLM CWC

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

May Committee

Marilyn Peters (chair)	Lisa (Damian) Huck
Martha Fliehman	Kelly Merrow
Jan Long	Michelle Long
Kelly Lang	

SCHOLARSHIP

The Our Lady of Mercy CWC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to all high school or home school program seniors graduating in Spring 2025. For an application or additional information, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 30th.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lydia Fliehman, Vincent Huffman, Faith Johnson, and Colton Umstead, who celebrated their First Communion last Sunday, May 4th. May God bless them as they receive the Holy Eucharist and continue to bless them in their journey of faith and life.



50 YEAR ORDINATION CELEBRATION

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

WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at Mary's Altar this weekend are in honor of
Living and Deceased of the C.W.C.

by OLM C.W.C



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. What a beautiful image: Jesus as a loving shepherd who cares for us and leads us to good pasture and safety! It's also comforting to know that we are his sheep; he knows each of us by name and calls out to us. And we, his sheep, hear his voice and follow him (John 10:27). But do you know that our Good Shepherd also has a destination for each of us in mind? He is leading us to heaven! He is always with us—through thick and thin, through the dark, sorrowful valleys and the high, joyful mountaintops—all so that he can lead us to our eternal home. He does not want any one of his sheep to perish (John 10:28). He will “shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water” (Revelation 7:17). So trust this Good Shepherd! He always has you in his sights, even in your difficulties, and he will lead you through them. He may even use those struggles to bring you to that place where he wants you—with him, face-to-face in heaven. This is why he came to earth. This is why he suffered and died. And this is why he rose from the dead, all so that one day you too could rise with him and live with him forever. No matter what happens to you, you can always count on the Good Shepherd to walk beside you. He will even carry you on his shoulders if you are too weak to keep walking. Throughout your journey, he will nourish you with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist and refresh you with the water of his life-giving Spirit. And when your days on earth have ended, he will usher you into his heavenly kingdom. He will present you to his Father and say, “Here is my beloved, the sheep of my flock. I have brought him safely home.

~ The Word Among Us

POPE FRANCIS

Prayer Intentions for May For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

54: Acts 14: 21-27 Ps 145: 8-13

Rv 21: 1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

A VOCATION VIEW

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for vocations. Pray for an increase in vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.



(John 10: 27-30)

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](https://twitter.com/dsvocations)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dsvocations or
Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

My Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

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.

CHICKEN BBQ

You are invited to St Michael Catholic Church, Caldwell, on Sunday, May 25th for a Chicken BBQ Dinner. Dinner will be served from 11 AM-1:30 PM with both Dine- in or Carry-out available. Bingo to begin in the afternoon followed by a square-dance featuring Little Creek Band starting at 7 PM till 10 PM.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750 is holding a public steak fry on Saturday, May 17th, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Post in Lowell. 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 740-896-3326. Come support your local American Legion.

LAMB (Lowell Area Mission Basket)

A donation box remains in the back of the church for your donations to those in need at our local food pantry. Items needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, Granola or nutria grain bars, crackers, muffin mixes, condiments, and paper products.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Steubenville. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Habemus Papam!

Let us pray that the new pope, Pope Leo XIV, will guide the world with his declaration of hope so that we his people know the presence of God in our everyday lives.

"Peace be with you all" ~first words from

Pope Leo XIV