OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Parish of the Roman Catholic 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.

January 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF 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. 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. Jan. 17	**OLM**	**Gary Pottmeyer (Ed Schilling)**		**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Robert Heiss (Chris Pottmeyer)		6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 18	**OLM**	**Allene Huck (Ben & Lisa Berendts)**		**9:30 AM**
	St. John	Kendrick Schwendeman (Leroy & Sophia Rauch)		7:30 AM
	St. John	Frank Schilling (Children)		11:00 AM
Mon. Jan. 19	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St. John	TBA		8:00 AM
Tue. Jan. 20	**OLM**	**David Bauerbach (Family)**		**5:00PM**
	St. John	No Mass		No Mass
Wed. Jan. 21	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St. John	TBA	**School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thurs. Jan. 22	**OLM**	**Theresa Orenchuk (Unknown)**		**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass		No Mass
Fri. Jan. 23	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St. John	TBA		8:00 AM
Sat. Jan. 24	**OLM**	**Stephen Kuchyt (Todd & Katheryn Arnold)**		**4:00 PM**
	St. John	TBA		6:00 PM
Sun. Jan. 25	**OLM**	**Deceased Members of John & Elinor Paul Family (John & Elinor Paul)**		**9:30 AM**
	St. John	TBA		7:30 AM
	St. John	TBA		11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM: $1,963.00 (60); Offertory $427.07; Improvement Fund $196.00 (9); Solemnity of Mary $15.00 (1); Initial Offering $25.00 (1)

OLM 50/50 Winner: Denny Pottmeyer- Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors

01/24 (4 PM) Shelly Medley
01/25 (9:30 AM) Eric Fliehman

Eucharistic Ministers

01/24 (4 PM) Heather Peters
01/25 (9:30 AM) Jenna Huffman

Altar Servers

OLM: 01/24 (4 PM) Aaron , Emily, & Taylor Schaad, Colton Umstead

OLM: 01/25 (9:30 AM) Margret, Emma, & Zach Morris, Vinny Huffman

USHERS (Month of January)

SAT: Dan Schwendeman, Melvin Schwendeman
SUN: Adrian Morris, **Volunteer needed**

IN PROGRESS

The Church is in transition of services/providers and the voicemail and internet at the parish is not in working order at this time. The office is will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 11AM till 5 PM . You can also call/text Father Dave at 740-391-1093 or Kristin at 740-525-5026 if needed.

OLM CWC

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

JANUARY COMMITTEE

Rose Beebe (Chair)
Rhonda Huck
Jennifer Anderson
Sandy Huck
Heather Schaad
Kristin Offenberger

SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Support envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please check and make sure everything is correct. If corrections are needed, please immediately notify the Parish Office at 740-896-2207.

2025 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

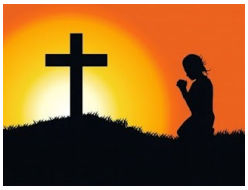
If you need a copy of your church contributions for 2025, please notify Kristin at the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail them to you. Or if you would like to pick up your copy, please call ahead to 740- 896-2207 so they will be ready for you. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL HELP

Turn your Taxes into Tuition—Make a charitable donation to Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund and turn your tax dollars into tuition. Now is the time to donate, before filing your 2025 Ohio tax return and you can receive a dollar-for– dollar Ohio income tax credit of up to $750 for an individual (or $1500 if married—filing jointly). Donations via credit card are now available. Designate your gift to help provide financial assistance to any diocesan Catholic School of your choice! For more information or to make a donation, go to: www.diosteub.org/ctdsf.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caldwell. This Lenten retreat invites men of the Diocese of Steubenville to reflect on the ongoing call to conversion and spiritual growth in our journey with Christ. The day will feature personal testimonies from Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Shannon, who will share how the Eucharist has been central to their own conversions and priestly lives, offering practical insights for living and spreading the Faith in our families, parishes, workplaces, and communities.



SACRIFICIAL LAMB

When you hear John the Baptist call Jesus the "Lamb of God," you might picture a cute baby sheep leaping in a pasture or happily resting on its shepherd's shoulders. But that can be confusing. How can Jesus be that kind of lamb? Israelites in Jesus' time would have understood what John was getting at. They would likely have called to mind the feast of Passover. Each year during that feast, every Jewish family slaughtered and ate an unblemished lamb in remembrance of God bringing his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). They might also have thought about Isaiah's song of the Suffering Servant, who, like a lamb, silently allowed himself to be led to the slaughter while he bore the guilt of us all (Isaiah 53:6-7). Finally, they might have remembered when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. As Isaac prepared the wood for the sacrifice, he asked why there was no sheep to offer. Abraham replied, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8). John likely had all this in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God: Jesus was the sacrifice, provided by God, who would silently offer his life to redeem us all. Contemplating Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us an infinite number of reasons to worship him. We can praise him for delivering us from enslavement to sin. We can ponder what he silently bore to redeem us. We can bow to him as the perfect sacrifice, provided for us by God himself. Jesus is so much bigger, so much more committed to us, so much more glorious in his mercy than we could ever imagine! At Mass today, we will be invited to "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." How happy we are to be called to his supper, to behold him and to receive him in the Eucharist!

~The Word Among Us

POPE INTENTIONS

***Prayer Intentions for* January**

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

67: Is 8: 23 ---- 9:3 Ps 27: 1,4, 13-14

1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17 Mt 4: 12-17

A VOCATION VIEW

From our birth, God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a sister, brother, or priest. Think about it!

(1 Corinthians 1: 1-3)

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, John Paul Gan, William Gugala, and Aaron Pabin

Studying at the Saint Vincent Seminary

(300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Christopher McGurn and Sam Ivkovich

Keep in your prayers:

Deacon Peter Stetson, Deacon Ryan Budd, and Caleb Baker

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://steubenvillevocations.com.

"One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love , respect, and confidence , than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity."

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

K OF C NEWS

ANNUAL FREE THROW COMPETITION – For next Sunday, January 18th at the K of C Hall, Churchtown. Sign-up begins at Noon, shooting starts at 1 PM. Boys and girls ages 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2026 can participate. Parent or guardian must be present for sign in. You do not have to be a K of C Member to sign your child up to participate. Entry is FREE. Contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 with any questions.

NOVENA FOR LIFE -A Novena for Life sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4617 will be held from January 16th – January 24th to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and world. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. Community members and fellow Knights, with their families, are encouraged to pray in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena. This particular intention of the novena is LIFE. We will pray along with the USCCB's 9 Days for Life. We will also post these prayer sheets each morning on our Facebook page:**www.facebook.com/churchtownkofc**. For more information or to get daily text, visit www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. Contact Tanner Pottmeyer @ 740-516-4749 with any questions.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Your gift of time and blood is a selfless act of caring. Help to assure that life-giving blood will be available when needed. The next area Blood Drive will be held at St. Bernard Catholic Church Parish Hall, Beverly on Thursday, January 29, from noon to 6 PM. Please sign up online at ww.RedCrossBlood.org. to set up an appointment time for your donation.

MARCH OF LIFE

The March for Life continues to be the largest pro-life rally in the world. It's an opportunity to give public testimony to the value of every human life, and to be inspired by the dedication of the thousands of people who participate in the capital. The March For Life will take place in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 23, 2026. To learn more, visit www.march for life.org.