

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Steubenville

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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:



October 18, 2026

TWENTY – NINTH 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. 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
Mon. Oct. 19	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St. John	Faye Treadway (Mona Barrett Family)		8:00 AM
Tue. Oct. 20	**OLM**	**Hayden Phillips (Dave & Joanne Yeomans)**		**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass		No Mass
Wed. Oct. 21	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St John	Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	**School Mass**	8:30 AM
Thur. Oct. 22	**OLM**	**Darren Cheeseman (Craig & Lisa Ferguson)**		**5:00 PM**
	St. John	No Mass		No Mass
Fri. Oct. 23	**OLM**	**No Mass**		**No Mass**
	St. John	Lewis J. Lang (Mona Barrett Family)		8:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 24	**OLM**	**Ruth Rauch (Mark & Sandy Huck)**		**4:00 PM**
	St. John	Chris Tesi (Debbie Huck)		6:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 25	**OLM**	**Pat Sisco (Ron & Linda Miller)**		**9:30 AM**
	St. John	L & D of Albert & Ella Brooker Family (Mary Brooker Family)		7:30 AM
	St. John	Audrey Lang (Mona Barrett Family)		11:00 AM

God Bless those who support our Parish

OLM: $1,378.00 (48); Offertory $421.00; St. Vincent De Paul $30.00 (2); Improvement Fund $45.00 (4)

OLM 50/50 Winner – Ivan Huck — Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Lectors: 10/24 (4 PM) Tony Offenberger
10/25 (9:30AM) Susan Huck

Altar Servers: 10/24 (4 PM) Aaron, Emily, & Taylor Schaad
10/25 (9:30AM) Jackson Long, Colton Umstead, Vinny Huffman

Eucharistic Ministers:
10/24 (4 PM) Kristin Offenberger
10/25 (9:30AM) Stephen Huffman

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: $27,790.00** **Paid to date (40): $27,790.00**

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)
Jenna Long
Kay Offenberger
Elizabeth Moore
Denise Pottmeyer
Amy Lang
Katheryn Arnold

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.

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.

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 this Sunday, October 18th and the theme is **"One in Christ, United in Mission"**, emphasizing unity in Christ, missionary zeal, and renewed commitment to evangelization in the Holy Spirit. The Pope's message is meant to encourage all Catholics to contribute according to their vocation and gifts. 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 those people in need.

SOVEREIGN GRACE

In today's first reading, the Lord—speaking through his prophet—tells the Gentile King Cyrus of Persia that he has been chosen to help the people of Israel. He calls Cyrus his "anointed" and says that he has called him "by name" to free the Jewish people from their exile in Babylon (Isaiah 45:1, 4). Finally, he announces, "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me" (45:5). *I am the Lord.* God makes this proclamation throughout the Bible because he knows how easy it can be for us to forget this foundational truth. When he gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, he started by saying, "I am the Lord your God. . . . You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2, 3). Later, Jesus will quote this again when he says, "The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" (Mark 12:29-30). There is no other god; there is no other "Lord." All the other gods are false and unable to save. We may not worship idols as Cyrus did, but we can still turn many of the good things our Father has given us into our own false gods and forget the One who gave them to us. We can also forget that only God can save us. Our job or our studies, our money, our leisure time, social media, and even our service in our community or parish—all these can become idols for us. If we focus only on making more money or if we invest all our time searching for "likes," if we focus on serving day and night for the sake of recognition but never turn to the Lord for his wisdom—if we do anything like this, we can forget where our true good comes from. We can end up giving these things the first place in our hearts and remove God from the throne of our lives. And we cut ourselves off from the grace he wants to give us. God wants us to remember that he alone is our Savior, he alone is our comfort, and he alone is our Lord, the sovereign of our lives. So let's surrender ourselves to him and let him reign in our hearts.

~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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

148: Ex 22: 20-26 Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51

1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40

VOCATION VIEW

What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift?

(Matthew 22: 15-21)

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.



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.

"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.

POST 750 STEAK FRY

The American Legion Post 750, Lowell, is holding a steak fry on Saturday, October 17th, 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 740-896-3326.

SH HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Annual Halloween Masquerade Square Dance will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 7 PM to 10:30 PM in the SH Social Hall, Harriettsville, OH. Music by Pickin on Country. There will be prizes, food, raffle, country store, and fun for all. Admission is $5.00 per person with children 10 and under free

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.



THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank-you to Meade and Tana Huck for generously donating pumpkins, gourds, and corn for our church's fall decorations. Your kindness and generosity helped make the church warm and welcoming for the season, and we truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution.