

# 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 Flieman, PSR Coordinator

Mrs. Martha Flieman, 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

## March 15, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Baptisms:** Parents are to schedule the baptism of their child at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired date arrangements.

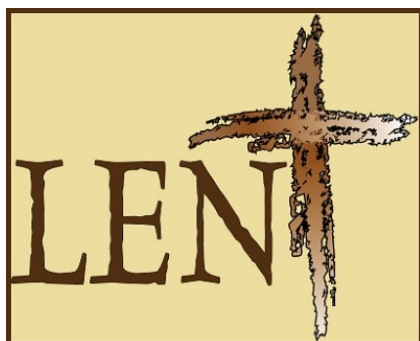
**Confirmation:** To be confirmed, you must attend either the Parish School of Religion, Catholic School, or the OCIA.

**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. March 14	OLM	Fr. Edward Kakasik (David & Joanne Yeomans) St. John Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold Family)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 15	OLM	Ron Smith (3yr. Anniv.) (Paul Smith Family) St. John Leo Huck (Arnold Huck) St. John L & D Members of Alvin & Helen Smith Family (Donna Tornes Family)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. March 16	OLM	No Mass St. John Jay Pottmeyer (Charlotte Lang Family)	No Mass 8:00 AM
Tue. March 17	OLM	Lenora Arnold (Nick and Pam Huck) St. John No Mass	5:00PM No Mass
Wed. March 18	OLM	No Mass St. John James Arnold (Anniv. 3/19) (Family)	No Mass 8:30 AM
Thurs. March 19 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	Martha Huck (Pat and Patricia Tornes) ) St. John No Mass	5:00 PM No Mass
Fri. March 20 <i>(w Stations to follow)</i>	OLM	No Mass St. John Alecia Fouss (Jeff & Lorinda Lang)	No Mass 6:00 PM
Sat. March 21	OLM	Richard & Leora Rohrer (Rob & Sue Huck) St. John Chris Tesi (Debbie Huck)	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sun. March 22	OLM	Richard & Bryan Stevens (Martha Stevens) St. John Dave Bowen (Alan & Charlene Kern) St. John Mary E. Huck (Ferris & Susan Arnold)	9:30 AM 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

### God Bless those who support our Parishes!

OLM:\$2,205.00 (64); Offertory \$276.00; OLM Cemetery \$45.00 (2);Rice Bowl \$215.00 (20);  
Eater flowers \$10.00 (1)

**OLM 50/50 Winner: Chloe Tornes- Congratulations!**

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### Lectors

03/21 (4 PM) Shelly Medley  
03/22 (9:30 AM) Linda Miller

#### Eucharistic Ministers

03/21 (4 PM) Heather Peters  
03/22 (9:30 AM) Ron Miller

#### Altar Servers

OLM: 03/21 (4 PM) Jackson Long, Tim Snyder  
OLM: 03/22 (9:30 AM) Declan, Joel, & Vivian Schaad

#### USHERS (Month of March)

SAT: David Long, Gary Cunningham  
SUN: Dan Fliehm, Gregory Greene



### 2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign

*“Sharing the Peace of Christ”*

**Our Lady of Mercy Goal: \$22,178.95**



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.

## OLM CWC

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

### March Committee

Denise Stehly (chair)	Debbie Misel
Linda Pottmeyer	Carol Antill
Angie (Tracy) Lang	Jenna Huffman
Jeanne Kuchyt	

### **LAST 2026 OLM LENTEN FISH FRY**

The Our Lady of Mercy Church Fish Fries are from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM with the fry leader:

**March 27** – Mark Rutter - 740-706-1254

Adults \$13.00 Children 12 & under \$6.00  
Drive- thru meals \$13.00- No need to call ahead.  
Help is needed for each fish fry from prep time to clean up. If you would like to help, please contact the Fry Boss listed above. Everyone that attends church here, whether registered or not, is encouraged to volunteer.



### **BAKE SALE**

If any parishioner would like to donate baked good items for the upcoming Fish Fries, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to OLM Parish School of Religion (PSR). Please contact Bri Flieman at 740-236-2444 for more information or questions.

### **2026 CHRISM MASS**



The Diocese of Steubenville, Chrism Mass will be Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta. All are invited to attend

### **WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Lenten Day of Spirituality on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with Mass and sessions led by Sister Edie Strong from 9 AM to 3 PM. For further details or to register, please contact Heather Peters at 740- 350-6972 by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ed Schilling on the loss of his sister, Marie Scypher, who passed away on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. May God's love, mercy, and grace be with Ed and his entire family during this difficult time.



## **DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT**

It's no wonder St. Paul uses the analogy of light when he exhorts us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as disciples. Light is necessary to sustain life. It's essential for the photosynthesis process so that plants can provide us with food and produce the oxygen that we need to breathe. Light helps to regulate our sleep cycle, our mood, and our hormones, and it strengthens our immune system. Put simply, it's light that keeps us alive. Paul tells us that before we were baptized into Christ, we lived in darkness, but now that we have received his Spirit, we have his light within us. We still live in a fallen world, however, and it might seem at times that we are surrounded only by darkness. But Paul is clear about who we are in Christ: We are now "light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8). We aren't just recipients of his light; we *are* light. That means that we need to "take no part in the fruitless works of darkness" (5:11). We can reject sin and commit to loving God and our neighbor. So Paul gives us some advice on what living as "children of light" looks like. He tells us to "learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8, 10). And how do we do that? By being consistent in prayer, by pondering the Scriptures, and by staying "awake" to the Spirit (5:13). When we let Jesus shed his light into our hearts, we experience greater freedom and healing from sin. As we allow his light to shine *through* us, we are able to guide others to him. In the same way in which natural light is essential for our physical life, we need the spiritual light of Christ to keep our inner lives healthy. And when his light shines through us, we will produce "every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (Ephesians 5:9).

~The Word Among Us

## POPE INTENTIONS

### *Prayer Intentions for March*

## **For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**34:Ez 37: 12-14 Ps 130: 1-8**

**Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45**

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## A VOCATION VIEW

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving, and loving touch.

(John 9: 1-14)

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## **STEBENVILLE 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 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](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations) or

Diocesan Vocation Website: <http://steubenville.vocations.com>.

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## **ORDINATION OF PRIESTS**

A priestly ordination of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson will be Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta.

Please keep these young men in your prayers as they dedicate their lives to serving God's people..

## **PENANCE SERVICE**

Area Penance Services are scheduled at 7 PM as follow:

St. John Central School –Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM

St. John the Baptist, Churchtown - Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell -Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

St Mary's Basilica, Marietta - Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

St Bernard, Beverly - Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Ambrose - Little Hocking, Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

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## **LOWELL AREA ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES**

Tuesday- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Lowell United Methodist Church  
Supper at 6 PM, Service at 7 PM

Tuesday- March 24<sup>rd</sup>, Highland Ridge Church; Supper at  
6 PM, Service at 7 PM

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## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Palm Sunday Weekend- March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

Lowell- Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM

Churchtown- Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, 11 AM

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> -Chrism Mass - 2 PM,**  
at Basilica of St. Mary the Assumption, Marietta

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper,  
April 02<sup>nd</sup> – 6 PM at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell  
and 7 PM at St. John the Baptist, Churchtown  
(Adoration after Mass until 10 PM at both parishes)**

**Good Friday, April 03<sup>rd</sup> - 12 PM - Way of the Cross,  
6 PM - The Passion of the Lord, at OLM, Lowell  
and at STJ, Churchtown 3 PM - Way of the Cross, 7  
PM - The Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, April 4<sup>th</sup> -  
8:30PM - At OLM, Lowell and at STJ, Churchtown**

**Easter Sunday Mass, March 31-  
Lowell- 9:30AM Churchtown 7:30AM and 10AM**

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the K of C #4617 Social Hall, Churchtown.

Registration will begin at 7:30 AM, the exemplification will begin at 9 AM sharp. Following the exemplification we will attend 11 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Churchtown, returning to the K of C Hall afterwards for a meal.

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## **SQUARE DANCE**

St. Bernard Catholic Church Youth Group is hosting a Square Dance on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7 PM to 10 PM, at St. Bernard Parish Hall, Beverly. Cost is \$5.00 There will be a raffle, cake walks, and a concession stand with all proceeds going to one of our Diocesan Seminarian, Caleb Baker.

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*The essence of evangelization is to tell everybody,  
"Jesus loves you."*

~ **Mother Angelica**