

Sunday, February 15, 2026



# Saint Peter Catholic Church

425 N. Fourth Street  
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Most Reverend Edward Lohse - Apostolic Administrator  
Very Reverend Timothy Huffman - Pastor  
Very Reverend Bradley Greer - Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Thomas Maedke



## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church!

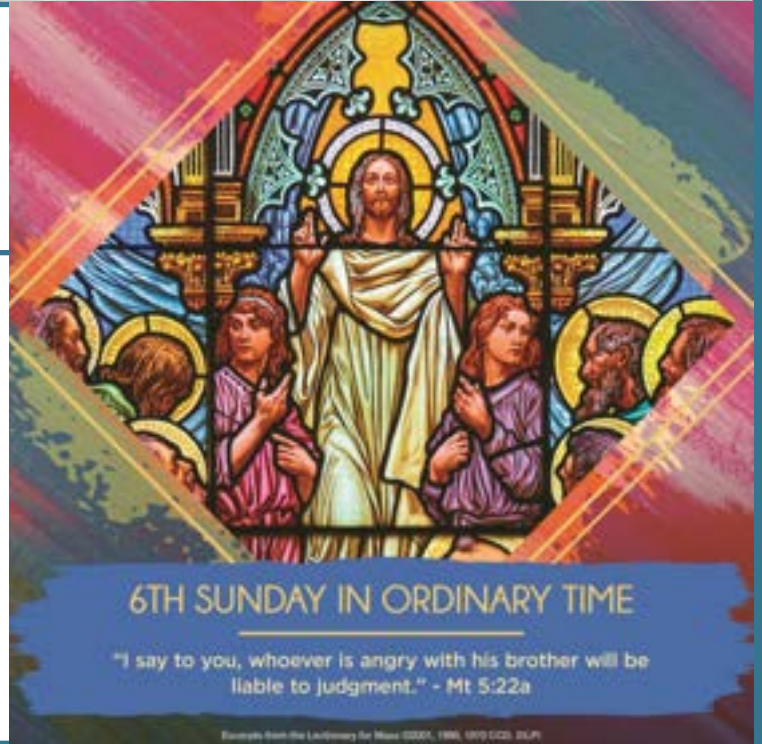
*Whether you are just passing through or seeking a parish to call home, may God bless you & be with you.*

### Contact Information:

Father Timothy Huffman: [thuffman@diosteub.org](mailto:thuffman@diosteub.org)  
Father Bradley Greer: [bgreer@diosteub.org](mailto:bgreer@diosteub.org)  
Deacon Thomas Maedke: [tmaedke50@gmail.com](mailto:tmaedke50@gmail.com)

### Parish Office:

Monique Sammut, Office Administrator  
Phone: (740) 282-7612  
Fax: (740) 282-9263  
Email: [office@stpetersteub.com](mailto:office@stpetersteub.com)  
Website: [www.stpetersteub.com](http://www.stpetersteub.com)



### Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm  
Closed on Holy Days and Holidays

### Mass Schedule:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am  
Wednesday: 5:15 pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12 noon  
Holy Days: See Bulletin

### Confessions:

Saturday 2:00-3:30 pm  
Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm and by appointment

### New Parishioners

Please register online or at parish office as soon as possible

### Eucharistic Adoration

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located in the Church Hall. Please ring the doorbell for access.

### Baptisms

Baptisms normally take place on Saturdays after the 4:00 pm Mass or Sundays after the noon Mass. Please call or email the parish office to schedule.

### Instructions in the Faith

If you or someone you know is interested in taking instructions in the Catholic Faith, please email Father Huffman.

### Marriages

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance—no dates may be set until meeting with the Pastor. Please email Father Huffman or Father Greer to begin the arrangement process.

### Sick/Communion Calls & Hospital Visits

Contact the parish office for arrangements.

### Prayer Line

Please call parish office with prayer requests.



If for medical reasons, you wish to receive only the Precious Blood, please inform the priest or deacon (in the sacristy) before Mass. A separate chalice will be consecrated.



**Saint Peter Church Groups**

**Adoration Chapel Coordinator:**

Mrs. Kathy Bender, 740-317-4368

**Altar Servers Coordinator:**

Dr. Steve Hildebrand, 740-283-2893

**Altar Servers Training:**

Mr. Caleb Gugala, calebgugala@gmail.com

**Catholic Woman's Club (All women over 18 are members):**

Mrs. Beatrice Antol, 304-723-1850

**Confraternity of Saint Nicholas:**

Ms. Lissette Colon, 740-346-8857 or benedicta4god@gmail.com

**Confraternity of Saint Peter (Men's Group):**

Mr. Juan Jauregui, JMJ2001@ucla.edu  
First Monday of every month at 6:00 pm  
Contact Juan for meeting location

**Director of Sacred Music:**

Patrick Richter, music@stpetersteub.com

**First Sunday Potluck Social:**

Mrs. Katrina Smay, katrina.crms@gmail.com  
First Sunday of every month after the Noon Mass in the Church Hall

**Knights of Columbus:**

Saint John Neumann Council — Bob Isaac, Grand Knight  
roberttisaac200@gmail.com & 740-283-1115  
George Spiers, gespiers@gmail.com or text 706-402-7311  
Third Monday of every month at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall  
Family Charity Breakfasts: Second Sunday of the month

**Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers Coordinator:**

Mr. Peter Polimeni, 740-283-1401

**Natural Family Planning:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Bea McNamara, 410-570-0930 &  
[naturalfamilyplanning@comcast.net](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@comcast.net)  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Ann Craig, 740-314-2254 ([www.NFPandmore.org](http://www.NFPandmore.org))

**OCIA: Adult Faith Formation**

Meetings to be Determined | For those who wish to become Catholic & for Catholics who have not been fully initiated into the Church (have not received First Communion)

**Parish Council & Church Restoration Committee:**

Mrs. Mary Jo Yanda, President, 740-317-9771

**Saint Peter Ministry to the Sick:**

Deacon Tom Maedke, 740-381-2115

**Steubenville Flame of Love Cenacle:**

Pray the Flame of Love Rosary & Chaplet each Sunday  
Mrs. Mary King, 740-424-5112—Call for location & times

**Una Voce ([www.unavocesteubenville.com](http://www.unavocesteubenville.com)):**

Mr. Jesse Weigel, jesseweigel@gmail.com

**Website Coordinator:**

Mrs. Christen Wischnowski, christen@ridgefieldgroup.com

**The Rosary Makers:**

Please bring Rosaries & Rosary parts to the office for the missions.

**Lions Recycle for Sight:**

Please drop off any used glasses to the church office.

**Diocese of Steubenville Vocations**

Father Nicholas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations  
(740) 432-7609 OR [nginnetti@diosteub.org](mailto:nginnetti@diosteub.org)

X: @dsvocations • Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dsvocations](http://www.facebook.com/dsvocations)

Diocesan Website: <http://steubenvillevocations.com>



**Votive Candle Announcement**

Please **only light** votive candles that are in the glass globes. **Do not** light candles that are just in the plastic containers because **this is a fire hazard**.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Please **do not blow out** candles that are low but still burning. Wait for the candles to burn out & be replaced by members of Saint Peter's staff before lighting new candles.

**All Children MUST have adult supervision if they are lighting candles! Thank you!**



Please pray for the following clergy:

- February 15: All Deceased Priests
- February 16: Reverend Thomas Nelson
- February 17: Reverend David Cornett
- February 18: Reverend Joshua Erickson
- February 19: Reverend Michael Gossett
- February 20: Very Reverend James Dunfee
- February 21: Vocations to the Priesthood



**2/15/2026**

**It's Doughnut Sunday!!**

*After the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses*

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Thank you to all who keep our Church clean!

- Week of February 15, 2026 - Team III
- Week of February 22, 2026 - Team IV
- Week of March 1, 2026 - Team I
- Week of March 8, 2026 - Team II

**We are in need of volunteers!**

The Church is cleaned every Thursday or Friday morning. Each group is scheduled on a monthly basis, and cleaning usually takes about an hour and a half (usually less if there are more people)! For more information, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

Jesus is calling you! Are you listening? Our Lord needs you to open your hearts and come spend an hour with Him in our Adoration Chapel. There are a number of hours that do not have coverage each week: open hours that need YOU. Please consider taking one of the following hours to help us keep our chapel open. Sign-up sheets with available hours are in the entry of the Church, or you can call Mary King at 740-424-5112.

**The open hours for adoration are:**

**Monday** - 2 am & 7 am • **Tuesday** - 9 am & 11 am • **Wednesday** - 12 am, 1 pm, & 5 pm  
**Thursday** - 7 am • **Friday** - 2 am, 2 pm, & 6 pm • **Saturday** - 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, & 8 pm

**Please Note:** The doors to the Church Hall are locked 24/7 except on weekends. Please ring the doorbell for the Adoration Chapel ONLY. If you need access to the Church for Mass or Confession, **PLEASE DO NOT RING THE DOORBELL**. Please use the side door or the Logan Street Door.

**There is no music at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday evenings.**

*The Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Church.*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

February 15, 2026

DATE	MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Monday, February 16	8:00 am	Reverent Mr. Albert Iafrate	Mark & Gina Judy
Tuesday, February 17	8:00 am	David Gossett	Nancy Linn & Family
<b>Ash Wednesday,</b> February 18	6:30 am	Pauline Campbell	Barbara Beattie
	8:00 am	Tom Kelly	Sandra & Theresa Kelly & Maria Gillen
	12:15 pm	Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes	
	5:15 pm	Paul Welsch	Betty Welsch
Thursday, February 19	8:00 am	Frank Reda	Heather Hicks & Joale Reda
Friday, February 20	8:00 am	Bernie Boyle	The Boyle Family
	5:15 pm	Michael Littrell	Nancy Givens
Saturday, February 21	8:00 am	Monsignor Lawrence Luciana	Marlene Gaffoli
	4:00 pm	Anne Dylewski	Karen & Terry
Sunday, February 22	8:00 am	Szypulski & DiBacco Families (L & D)	John & Tina DiBacco
	10:00 am	Pro Populo	
	12:00 pm	Lauren LeCompte	The Husk Family



**Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026)**

**Masses:** 6:30 am • 8:00 am • 5:15 pm  
**Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes:** 12:15 pm  
**Confessions:** 6:30-7:30 pm



**Fridays of Lent**

On Fridays during Lent, **Mass** will be celebrated at **5:15 pm** (in addition to the usual 8:00 am Mass) and **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **6 pm**. There will be a simple, vegetarian potluck in the Church Hall after Stations. If you plan on attending, please bring a meatless dish to share.

**Fasting and Abstinence in Lent**

Lent is a season of penance. Fasting & abstinence are essential means by which we celebrate Lent. The laws of the Catholic Church (Code of Canon Law: 1251-52) on fasting & abstinence are as follows:

**Abstinence**

All Catholics 14 years and older are obliged to abstain from eating flesh meat on the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting**

Catholics aged 18 to 59 inclusive are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days of fasting, one full meal is permitted as well as two smaller meals that, if combined, would be less than a full meal.

## Church Support Sunday, February 8, 2026

Regular/Loose: \$11,158.89 • Maintenance: \$375.14 • School: \$95.00  
Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund: \$1,740.00 • Propagation of Faith: \$44.00 • Rice Bowl: \$65.00



Congratulations to Elizabeth Clair Marie, daughter of David & Sara Matthews, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on February 8, 2026.

## Saint Peter Church Updates, Events, and Groups

*Saint Peter Church Groups and Events...All are invited to attend*

**Confraternity of Saint Peter — March 2 at 6 pm** — Contact Juan for meeting location

The **Catholic Woman's Club** is not meeting for a luncheon in February.

**Steubenville Flame of Love Cenacle** — Pray the Flame of Love Rosary & chaplet each Sunday.

Please call Mary King at 740-424-5112 for information on location and times.

The next **Confraternity of Saint Nicholas** meeting is to be determined. The Saint Nicholas Litany is prayed on Wednesday mornings after the Rosary.

## Knights of Columbus

**Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 16 at 6:45 pm** — Saint Peter Church Hall

The next **Family Charity Breakfast for the Saint John Neumann Council 11828** will take place from **9 am until 12 pm, Sunday, March 8**. Pricing is \$8 (Adults), \$5 (Kids under 12), and \$35 max (Families).

## First Sunday Family Potluck Socials

All are invited to participate in the First Sunday Family Potluck Social in the Hall following the Noon Mass every First Sunday of the month. Please bring a side dish related to the monthly theme to share. There will be coloring and other activities for children. For more information please contact: [katrina.crms@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.crms@gmail.com).

**March 1 - Anything green & delicious** • April 5 - Easter (NO POTLUCK) • May 2 - Mexican/Taco Bar

## Legati Christii Young Adult Group

Who—Men & Women ages 18-30 • When— **6:30 pm** • Where—Blessed Sacrament Church; Wintersville, OH  
What—Silence before the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture Study, Service, & Social time

Questions? Contact Abbey Gugala at [legatichristii@gmail.com](mailto:legatichristii@gmail.com)

**February 27** • March 13 & March 27 • April 10 & April 24 • May 8 & May 22

## Lent 2026 Events

The Franciscan University *Schola Cantorum Franciscana* will provide sacred music for a Lenten Mass at Saint Peter's Church, **Friday evening, February 27, 5:15 pm**. The Schola will include the *Miss Brevis in D Minor* by Antonio Lotti, as well as two Renaissance motets: *Parce Domine* by Heinrich Isaac and the sumptuous *Versa est in Luctum* by Alonso Lobo. We hope you will join us in worshipping the Lord with beautiful sacred music.

**Saint Joe's Parish Lenten Mission** with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivens

229 California Avenue; Weirton • Questions? Call 304-723-2054 • **March 22-24, 2026**

7-8 pm: Talk • 8 pm-TBD: Confession, Meet & Greet, Book Sales, & Refreshments

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivens—known around the world as the “Dynamic Deacon” - is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. **This event is completely free to the general public**, but attendees are encouraged to register by scanning the QR code or by visiting

<https://forms.gle/QiLUyjsi5uraT9XH7>



**Annual Lenten Fish Fry** • Sacred Heart of Mary Church Cafeteria (200 Preston Avenue; Weirton)

**February 18** • February 25 • March 4 • March 11 • March 18 • March 25

Dine-In: 11 am-4:30 pm • Takeout & App orders must be picked up by 5:30 pm

Takeout orders call 304-723-1648, walk in to place orders, or download the app (Sacred Heart of Mary Church)  
Baked/fried fish, fried shrimp, haluski, mac & cheese, french fries, pierogi, coleslaw, homemade bread & desserts

# ST. PETER CHURCH

## 2026 First Penance & First Communion and Confirmation

At St. Peter, we will celebrate **First Penance at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 2**, and **First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2026**.

We will celebrate the sacrament of **Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the 10:00 am Mass**.

In the Diocese of Steubenville, First Penance and First Holy Communion are celebrated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you have a child who will receive these sacraments in 2026, please complete this form and return it to the **Parish Office by February 16**. We will then send you additional information, including the dates for the sacramental preparation sessions.

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**Please use one form for each child; if you need additional forms, please contact the office.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check which sacrament your child will be receiving:**

\_\_\_\_\_ First Penance/First Communion

\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation

**Please return form to the Parish Office  
at 425 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Steubenville, OH 43952  
by February 16.**

**A LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUALITY  
FOR WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE**

Sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Woman



Saturday, March 21, 2026  
The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption  
Marietta, Ohio

Presented by  
Sister Edie Strong,  
Sister of Charity  
from  
Greenburg, Pennsylvania

Registration: 8:30 – 9:45 AM  
Opening and Introduction: 10:00 AM  
First Session: 10:15 AM  
Second Session: 11:15 AM  
Lunch: 12:00 Noon  
Third Sessions: 1:30 PM  
Closing: 2:30/3:00 PM

Fee of \$25 Per Person Includes Lunch.  
Make checks payable to Steubenville DCCW  
and mail directly to DeDe Kidder

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATION THROUGH  
DEDE KIDDER, DCCW TREASURER  
P. O. BOX 31, TORONTO, OHIO 43964  
CELL PHONE: 740-632-3372  
E-MAIL: [dede.kidder@gmail.com](mailto:dede.kidder@gmail.com)

Contact Joanne Kolanski (740-695-1617) or (740-312-8356)  
[jmkolanski174@comcast.net](mailto:jmkolanski174@comcast.net)  
Or DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) – [dede.kidder@gmail.com](mailto:dede.kidder@gmail.com) with questions.

**CONNECT**  
STEUBENVILLE

6th-8th Grade 9th-12th Grade

**SPRING RETREAT 2026**

*Do not be conformed  
to this world but be*

**TRANSFORMED**

-ROM 12:2

FEB 20 5:30-9:30 PM

FEB 21 8:30AM-8:30 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory  
700 Lovers Lane,  
Steubenville, OH 43952

**MASS & ADORATION**

**TALKS & TESTIMONIES**

**FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN**

SIGN UP HERE!



\$15/ 1 CHILD, \$25/2 CHILDREN, 3 OR MORE: \$10/CHILD

[WWW.HOLYFAMILYSTEUBENVILLE.COM/RETREAT](http://WWW.HOLYFAMILYSTEUBENVILLE.COM/RETREAT)



**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

14 IMPROVISED MEDITATIONS

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026, 5:00 PM

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH, STEUBENVILLE

WILL SPINNENWEBER, ORGANIST

**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola  
and Lourdes**

You are invited to join Father Bradley Greer & Father Timothy Huffman, from the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola & Lourdes. Highlights include the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, Shrines of Fatima & Lourdes, the Chapel of Conversion where Saint Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of Saint Teresa of Avila, & more! **September 10-20, 2026.**

\$5346/per person based on double occupancy. Price includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh (other departure cities available). For more information, please visit

[www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at

1-800-213-4295. **Brochures available in the parish office.**



## Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Leo

One of the seminarians from our diocese and from Triumph of the Cross Parish, Christopher McGurn, has the opportunity to meet Pope Leo! We would like to send a spiritual bouquet to our pope and assist him with our prayers. If you would like, visit the link below and indicate what kind of prayer you would like to offer for Pope Leo. Christopher will bring our prayers with him and present them directly to our Holy Father.

Submissions close on February 15.

<https://tinyurl.com/popeleospiritualbouquet>



### Volunteer Opportunities

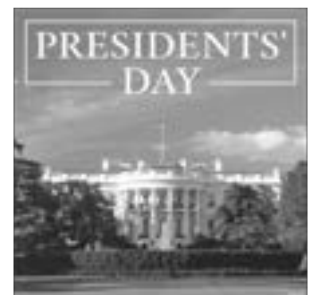
Homeward Bound of Steubenville is a new nonprofit preparing a house to provide transitional housing to the homeless. They are fixing up a single family home in La Belle with the goal of moving in two homeless men by March 1, 2026. Please consider volunteering with them this Lent! The men will need rides to counseling, life coaching, volunteering, etcetera. They also need furniture and housing items in good condition. Please see their website and Facebook for more information, and contact them to get involved.

Website: [www.hbsteubenville.org](http://www.hbsteubenville.org) • Email: [Contact@hbsteubenville.org](mailto:Contact@hbsteubenville.org) • Text: 740-232-9758

### March Events

Prepare your family for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart in June 2026 & pray for our country by honoring the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus at a **monthly Holy Hour** at the Novitiate Chapel of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus (700 Lovers Lane; Steubenville), the **12<sup>th</sup> of every month from 7 pm–8 pm**. We hope to see you next on **Thursday, March 12, 2026!**

The Aim Women's Center 2026 Benefit Gala will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at St. Florian Hall in Wintersville, OH. One of the highlights of the evening will be the testimonies of the moms we have served, who have thrived since receiving our services. Hear the life-changing stories you made possible and learn how you can continue to get involved with our ministry serving women facing unwanted or unexpected pregnancies. For questions about the gala, to sponsor a table, or to reserve your seat, visit [www.supportaim.org](http://www.supportaim.org), email us at [rcohenmorris@aimwomenscenter.com](mailto:rcohenmorris@aimwomenscenter.com), or call our office at (740) 283-3636.



## Natural Family Planning

**NFP (in-person, full) instruction through Couple to Couple League (CCL):**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:00 pm • Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:00 pm

Each session will be 2 - 3 hours in length.

Held at Franciscan University (Steubenville) in Saints Cosmas and Damian Hall - Room 109

Register here: <https://learnnfp.org/find-live-onsite-class/>

**Many online learning opportunities exist with CCL, too:** <https://learnnfp.org/find-live-online-class/>

**NFP Intro sessions available** (Creighton model, not full method instruction):

March 9 - 6 - 7:30 pm online • April 7 - 6:30 - 8 pm at Mount Carmel Saint Ann's Hospital in Westerville

May 7 - 7 - 8:30 pm online

To register for any of these go to: [www.mountcarmelhealth.com/fertilitycare-intro](http://www.mountcarmelhealth.com/fertilitycare-intro)

Full instruction available through Mount Carmel, as well.

## Catholic Schools

**CCHS Winter sports** schedules can be found here: <https://steubenvillecatholicschools.org/cchs/athletics/>

The Chesterton Academy Information Night is on **Thursday, February 19** from 7-9 pm at CCHS in room 222.

Bishop Mussio Elementary is selling Sarris Easter candy to raise funds for their Pre-school Playground Project. When you **use the code 10-0706** while ordering online, the school will receive 25% profit from that sale. To participate and support BJKM, follow these steps: 1) Go to [Sarris candies fundraising.com](http://SarrisCandiesFundraising.com). 2) Click on Shop now in bold gray letters. 3) "Supporting an online fundraiser?" will pop up. In the box, enter the ID 10-0706. 4) You do not need to enter a student's name you are supporting. 5) Continue with the sale and check out. You can have the order sent right to your home. 6) You don't need to do anything else. The school will automatically receive credit for the sale. Thank you for supporting Steubenville Catholic Schools! The sale will run until Easter.

## Job Openings

For job openings at Catholic Central & BJKM please visit:

<https://steubenvillecatholicschools.org/employment/>

## Winter Blanket & Toiletry Drive



With the loss of our local homeless shelters effective November 1, 2025, many of our community members are facing a difficult winter without a safe place to stay. Our community is working urgently to find solutions, but we need your help now.

We are asking for donations to our Blanket and Toiletry Drive to support those in need. All items collected will be directly distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness through our Access Point housing staff, who work daily with those most affected.

Also accepted: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, hats, mittens, scarves, or gloves.

114 North 4th Street; Steubenville, OH

• Monday through Friday •

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
**STEUBENVILLE**

*"Come and See"*  
*Seminary Live-In*  
at the Pontifical College Josephinum

Experience seminary firsthand  
Attend classes, join in prayer  
Enjoy community recreation  
Discern your vocation  
No cost for participation

Spring '26 Live-In Weekend  
From Friday, March 20, 4pm  
Until Sunday, March 22, 12pm

Pontifical College Josephinum  
7625 N High St.,  
Columbus, OH 43235

Contact Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti  
[nginnetti@diosteub.org](mailto:nginnetti@diosteub.org)

## Ordinary Love — Reflection by Monique Sammut

*“It’s not just picture perfect dancing in a white dress. It’s not just rainy days when nothing stops the fighting. It’s not just highs and lows, and champagne toast. I’ve come to know that love’s not only the best days or the worst days. Love is the Tuesdays.”*

*~ Love is the Tuesdays; Jake Scott ~*

In my first college English class, we studied Langston Hughes’ poem, *Mother to Son*, and the words are very powerful. The mother says her life hasn’t been a crystal staircase and instead describes stairs that have boards torn up, splinters, tacks, and bare places. But through it all, even when it was dark, she kept climbing. She never gave up and encourages her son to do the same. The poem ends with her saying, “Don’t you fall now – For I’se still goin’, honey, I’se still climbin’, And life for me ain’t been no crystal stair.”

Sometimes, when we think of love in our world today, we have a “crystal staircase” mentality. On a fundamental level, we all know life and love are hard. However, after years of Hallmark movies and fairytales (unless you prefer the Brothers Grimm versions like my brother), there can still be a pang of disappointment when reality hits and it sinks in that happily ever after, with no difficulties, arguments, or pain, simply does not exist. Love, joy, pain, and suffering all weave together in our lives. We cannot have one without the other.

Love is like the staircase described in the poem. If we persevere through the bare places, hard times, loneliness, and difficulties, we will find that there are many beautiful moments to cherish and memories to make. The Church does not just celebrate the joy of Easter or Christmas or the penitential seasons of Lent and Advent. We celebrate them all, and in between we celebrate ordinary time. Maybe we need to apply this to our lives also. Love is not just celebrating joys or holding on through sorrows. It’s also the monotony of cooking meals, changing diapers, carpooling, homeschooling, or simply being together.

Love can be electric; love can be hard; love can be ordinary. In Sonnet 116, Shakespeare describes love as “an ever-fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken.” So, no matter what season of life we are in, whether all is well, or routine, or whether we are questioning if the reward could ever be worth the pain and effort, let us hold fast, unshaken, and keep climbing. Because in the end, love IS worth any sacrifice.

It turns out ordinary love is quite extraordinary after all.



### DPSC Announcement

You may have received a letter from Bishop Lohse asking you to consider your contribution to this year’s Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign (DPSC). Your gifts to the DPSC bring to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including seminarian formation; care for retired priests; assistance for those most in need through Catholic Charities; administrative support for Catholic schools; promotion of the sanctity of life; training for catechists; youth ministry activities; Catholic news & evangelization (especially through the Steubenville Register); and much more. The DPSC also provides essential support to our parishes, as 100% of all funds raised above the parish goal are returned to the parish. These funds help parishes live out the mission of the Church by providing for a wide variety of needs, such as construction or renovation projects, youth ministry programs, evangelization initiatives, and outreach programs for the poor. As we continue to discern the future direction of our diocese, it is imperative that we continue to fund the essential ministries and services so that the work of the Church can continue. Please be assured that all funds received through the DPSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 1st. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year’s campaign.

## 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Saint Stephen Catholic Church in Caldwell, Ohio. 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 Father Bradley Greer and Father Timothy 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. Register online at [athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day](http://athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-mens-day). Cost is \$25 per registration plus a \$3 online surcharge; lunch is included. More information, including the full schedule, is available on the website. You may also contact Ron DuBois at 740-457-6011/[ronwduboisjr@gmail.com](mailto:ronwduboisjr@gmail.com).

### *Catholic Men's Day of Renewal*

## ***2026: Conversion***



*A Lenten retreat for the men of the Diocese of Steubenville  
Saturday, March 07, 2026*



**Fr. Bradley Greer**

**8:00am — 3:00pm**  
*(Doors open at 7:30am)*

**St. Stephen Catholic Church  
1036 Belford Street  
Caldwell, Ohio 43724**



**Fr. Tim Shannon**

The 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will focus on the lifelong call to conversion—our discovery of Jesus Christ, His Church, and the ongoing transformation of our hearts as we journey toward eternity. This year, men will hear the personal conversion testimonies of two Diocesan priests, who will offer practical guidance for spiritual growth and for living and sharing the Faith in our families, parishes, communities, and daily work.

Fr. Bradley Greer, Chancellor of the Diocese of Steubenville, will reflect on how the Eucharist and devotion to the Blessed Mother led him into the Church, emphasizing their essential role in evangelization. Fr. Tim Shannon, celebrating 50 years of priesthood, will share his conversion story centered on a deeper relationship with the Lord through the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit. Both talks promise to inspire and encourage men in their own journeys of faith.

**Register online at [athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day](http://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day). Cost is \$25 per registration plus a \$3 online surcharge; lunch included. More information, including the full schedule, is available on the website.**



**Christ the Teacher  
Diocesan Scholarship Fund**

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**“Turning Taxes into Tuition”**



**2025 Donor’s Bulletin/ Newsletter/ Pulpit Announcement:**

**Attention all Ohio State Taxpayers!**

Did you pay Ohio State taxes for the 2024 tax year? Did you know that a Scholarship Tax Credit program exists, which makes it possible to make a **no-net-cost** gift that will turn your Ohio tax dollars into tuition for students of any Catholic school you designate in the Diocese of Steubenville?

**How does it work?** It’s simple- make a contribution to the **Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund (CTDSF)** by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, that will be eligible for a non-refundable 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) against your 2025 state tax liability. CTDSF will send you a tax receipt for filing your 2025 state income taxes; And notify the designated school of your contribution.

**EXAMPLE OF OHIO TAX CREDIT SCENARIOS\***

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>		<b>MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY</b>	
Ohio Income Tax owed	<b>\$1,000</b>	Ohio Income Tax owed	<b>\$2,000</b>
Tax Credit on \$750 contribution to the Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund	<b>-\$750</b>	Tax Credit on \$1,500 contribution to the Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund	<b>-\$1,500</b>
Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	<b>\$250</b>	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	<b>\$500</b>

**Three Steps to Reduce Your State Tax Liability AND Support Catholic Education\***

<b>Step 1</b>	Estimate your 2025 Ohio state tax liability - <i>see backside of this bulletin.</i>
<b>Step 2</b>	Submit your contribution to the CTDSF based on your Ohio state tax liability.
<b>Step 3</b>	Complete your 2025 Ohio income tax return and include your receipt from your contribution to the CTDSF for a <b>100% tax credit up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly).</b>

**\*This does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.**

**How to contribute to the Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund:**

<b>Step 1</b>	Make check payable to <i>Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund Inc.</i> (A credit card payment option is available on our website)
<b>Step 2</b>	Complete the 2025 CTDSF Contribution Form at <a href="https://www.diosteub.org/ctdsf">https://www.diosteub.org/ctdsf</a>
<b>Step 3</b>	Mail your check and completed contribution form to the address indicated on the contribution form. <i>A Tax Receipt for filing 2025 taxes will be mailed back to you!</i>

**ACT NOW to claim your 2025 state tax credit!**



## Support in Prayer

*"The Lord bless you & keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, & be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly & give you peace!" ~ Numbers 6:24-26*

**Please call the parish office to make changes or to add a loved one to the prayer line.**

Christopher Baldwin  
Francis Bergsma  
Donna Biddle  
Renee Bonner  
Anthony M Bruce  
Jackson Buttle  
Sharon Caretti  
Connie Clarke  
Jim Clarke  
Earlene Crkvenac  
Sue Cross

John Davidson  
Gabi Davis  
Huu Do & Trinh Dao  
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Charles Dougherty  
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Glenn Presutti  
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Dale Richey  
Debora Richey  
Donna Tustin

## Project Rachel Ministry—Forgiveness and Hope After Abortion



Did fear and shame lead you or someone you know to have an abortion? Or you felt as if you had no other choice? Are you seeking comfort from welcoming, non-judgmental people to help you through your sadness and guilt? We invite you to make a confidential call to Project Rachel Ministry where you can connect with others who understand and can help. You're not alone anymore. Peace starts here at Project Rachel Ministry. Call 740-275-7038 or visit [www.diosteub.org/project-rachel](http://www.diosteub.org/project-rachel).

### Bulletin Announcements

If you would like to add anything to the bulletin, email [office@stpetersteub.com](mailto:office@stpetersteub.com), **no later than 2 pm the Monday prior** to the Sunday in which you would like the announcement.

### Support the Parish Bulletin

If your business would be interested in advertising in the bulletin to help support its publication, please contact Jason Novicky at: LPI Publishing — 4560 East 71st Street / Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44105. Phone: 1-800-477-4574 x 6542

**The cutoff for DPSC donations is December 31st of each year.** Any donations received after 12/31 will be applied to the next DPSC & marked as an early gift. In accordance with IRS tax policies, donations sent prior to 12/31, but not processed until January will still be recorded with the gift date of 12/31 & applied to the previous year's DPSC.



The office has received many phone calls from people who have lost Missals, Bibles, & other religious books. **PLEASE write your name & contact information** somewhere in any literature you bring to Mass with you. If you do this & misplace your items, there is a greater likelihood that your missing belongings will be returned to you. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

### Monthly Prayer Service

Mount Calvary Cemetery is hosting a **monthly prayer service for the souls of the faithful departed**. Services will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 11 am in the Mount Calvary Chapel. We warmly invite all to come & join us in prayer, **especially for recently departed loved ones**, & for all the souls in purgatory. Let us lift them in mercy & love, entrusting them to the care of our Lord.



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a national organization that prays for priests. For one year, each of the Seven Sisters commits to taking a designated day of the week and promises to pray in front of a tabernacle for one hour during the day. For more information visit: [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

### Crusader Scrip:

**During the school year**, Scrip hours are Tuesdays 8-10 am & Fridays 8-10 am & 12:30-2:30 pm in the back of the BJKM Elementary cafeteria. You may also purchase scrip Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday in the school's main office until 10 am or send an order to school with your child any day. **During the summer**, Scrip hours are Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact: Barb McEndree at 740-275-8694 or Annie Lathem at 740-317-2681, or email [michscrip1@gmail.com](mailto:michscrip1@gmail.com). Barb can be reached anytime during the school day at: 740-264-2550.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools!

PSR & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are being offered at **Holy Family**. For more information and to see what classes are being offered visit: [www.holyfamilysteubenville.com/children](http://www.holyfamilysteubenville.com/children).

**IMPORTANT:** All public school (required), Catholic school, and homeschool children are welcome!

Questions? Contact Barbara Van Beveren at [children@holyfamilyweb.com](mailto:children@holyfamilyweb.com)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is being held at **Holy Rosary**. For more information contact Stephen Johnson: [stephen.johnson@triumphofthecross.org](mailto:stephen.johnson@triumphofthecross.org) OR Suzanne Lewis: [cgs@triumphofthecross.org](mailto:cgs@triumphofthecross.org)