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## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.)

Saturday, Sept. 21	4:30 PM	OLM	+Audrey Kapelewski by Jim & Ruth Birong
Sunday, Sept. 22	8:30 AM	OLM	+Cindy Mitchell by Teresa Long
<i>Sunday, Sept. 22</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 24	7:00 PM	OLM	The End to the Scourge of Contraception & Sterilization
<i>Wednesday, Sept. 25</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>+Souls in Purgatory who died of COVID</i>
Thursday, Sept. 26	8:30 AM	OLM	Nancy Meli by Melanie Campbell
Friday, Sept. 27	8:30 AM	OLM	+Chalynne Moore by Heidi Argento
Saturday, Sept. 28	4:30 PM	OLM	+Tony & Audrey Kapelewski
Sunday, Sept. 29	8:30 AM	OLM	+Joanne Sassos by The Bowersox Family
<i>Sunday, Sept. 29</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>+Mary &amp; Mario Buzzelli by Mike Kissel</i>

OLM Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; Friday 3:00-4:00 pm; Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment\*\*\*

\*\*\*St. Mary Confessions: Sunday before Mass by request or by appointment\*\*\*

### PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	22	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room 6:30 PM Youth Group DTS-SM Hall
Mon	23	
Tue	24	7:45 PM Confession-OLM Church
Wed	25	7:00 PM K of C Meeting-OLM Conference Room
Thur	26	7:00 PM Bible Study-OLM Conference Room
Fri	27	8:00 AM Rosary before Mass-OLM Church 9:15 AM Adoration-OLM Church 3:00 PM Confession-OLM Church 6:45 PM Benediction-OLM Church
Sat	28	3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church 5:00 PM St. Mary's Hog Roast-St. Mary's Hall
Sun	29	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall

### Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of September 15, 2024

Adult \$1,361.00 Loose \$195.00  
Immaculate Heart \$125.00 Candles \$63.00  
Building Fund \$12,445.00 Adornment \$1,201.00  
PSR \$205.75 SVDP \$80.00 Hall Rental \$225.00

### St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of September 15, 2024

Adult \$1,051.00 Loose \$290.00  
Immaculate Heart \$95.00  
Candles \$41.84

**DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY** ~ Our next meeting of the Dead Theologians Society will be this weekend, **Sunday, September 22, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Saint Mary's (Morges)**. All high school youth (grades 9-12) are welcome to join us to hang out with other young Catholics, learn about Saint Padre Pio, and spend some time in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Shockey at (330) 312-6074. *Chrissy Breedlove*

**DPSC FROM FR. JONAS** ~ If you have never given to the DPSC, please consider giving this year, even if it is a small amount. The pledge cards are available on the bulletin board or you can also contribute to the campaign online at [give.diosteub.org](http://give.diosteub.org). Even though both parishes usually exceed the goal, there is not a high participation in giving. Last year OLM had a 39% participation rate and is currently at 38% for this year. St. Mary's had a 51% participation rate and is currently at 44%. It would be great to see those numbers rise into the 90% range to show our support for the Diocese.

**ALGONQUIN MILL FESTIVAL** ~ OLM is once again participating in the Algonquin Mill Festival on the weekend of October 11, 12, 13 by operating the Bean Soup Booth and the Dining Hall. Jim Shafer will coordinate the operation of the Bean Soup Booth, while Rick Tulodziecki will do so for the Dining Hall with the assistance of Kelly Pridemore and Kathy Pesta.

Last year's participation earned just over \$7, 500.00 which was deposited into the Building & General Funds. Proceeds this year will go to support our youth related programs like PSR/More Life Youth Group. Parents and children please help if you are available.

Help is needed more than ever to make this significant fundraiser a success! Please consider working a 4 1/2 or 5 1/2 hour shift to help make these fundraisers a success again this year. Sign-ups for both concessions are in the back of the church. Parking permits will be provided for those working. Contact Jim Shafer at 740-491-8146 or Kelli Pridemore at 330-323-9036 for any additional information.

**OLM GREETERS** ~ Cliff Calvert this week and the Tom Birong Family next week.

**Happy Birthday OLM** ~ Morgan Bruwier 9/22; Kevin Jordan 9/23; Grace Gainer 9/24; Sadie Pridemore 9/24; Jessica Dougherty 9/25; Lucas Dougherty 9/25; Adalee Grubbs 9/25; Dianna Fairclough 9/26; Charles Castellucci 9/27; Claire Hostetler 9/27; Mattie Bayer 9/28

**Happy Birthday SM** ~ Philip Oprean 9/23; Avery Ondrey 9/25

**Happy Anniversary OLM & SM** ~ to all those celebrating in September.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized or we have removed a name that should not have been, please inform the parish office.

#### **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs**

*Brenda Sandefur, Harold Wolbert, Elizabeth Wolford, Shelbia Otte, Anthony Tozzi, Dan Grossi Family*

#### **Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs**

Vicky Oboy, Rose Rombough, Anna Schiavone, Bob Meyer, Jack Sowko, Zach Oboy, Shirley Dale, Kristine Stenger, Matthew Kwisnek, Denise Dale Nedrow, Scott Kazer, Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ellen Oboy, Ida Carver, J. C. Birong

**ST. MARY'S HOG ROAST** ~ The Hog Roast and Square dance at St. Mary's will take place on **Saturday, September 28th**. Sign up sheets for helpers during the event, and for baking cookies are out at each parish. See the bulletin board for more details.

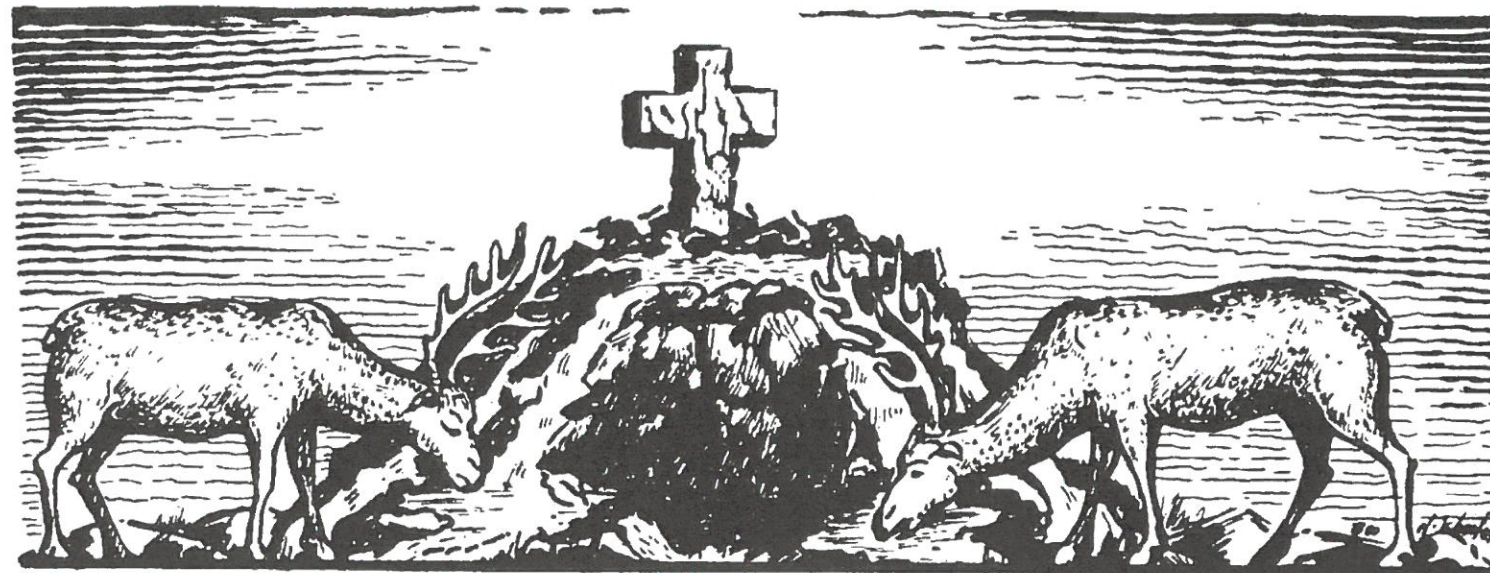
**RAFFLE BASKETS** ~ St. Mary's is seeking donations towards the raffle baskets for the Hog Roast. You may donate a completed basket, or any individual items towards a basket are welcome. Gift cards to area businesses are especially welcome. Past themes have included baby items, movie night, beach fun, golf, wine, auto care etc. You are welcome to "regift" like new items from your home. There will be a donation box at the back of both parishes, or give your items to Dustin/Erika Shockey or Steven/Katherine Friedman. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GROUP** ~ Carrollton and the surrounding area has a Catholic homeschool group. If you are homeschooling or interested in homeschooling in the future, you may want to join us! Contact **Jessica Dougherty** for more information at **740-381-8581**.

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**K of C** ~ Monthly Officers/Directors meeting will be **Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm in the OLM Conference Room**.



**SUNDAY HOMILIES** ~ Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from **Sunday Mass**, they can be accessed on **soundcloud.com**. On the website, search **FoJo**, Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/](http://www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/) or the website at [olmcarrollton.org](http://olmcarrollton.org) to hear his homilies.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMING WEEK'S BULLETIN  
NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY **WEDNESDAY NOON**.

#### **AROUND AND ABOUT**

**ST. MARY RECYCLE MISSION PICK-UP** ~ St. Mary's Recycle Mission recycles used Religious items that are no longer needed. They will be at OLM in **September** for a pick-up. If you would like more information on what items they accept please see the bulletin board. Thank you!

**JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES** ~ The Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries, which is a celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville, will take place in three different locations. **Saturday, November 9th at 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Ironton, Sunday, November 10th at 12:00 noon at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta and Sunday, November 10th at 5:30 pm at Holy Family Church in Steubenville**. Please see the bulletin board for more information and registration forms.

**FALL MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE** ~ Are you grieving the loss of a child or grandchild from any circumstances (miscarriage, trauma, abortion, illness, suicide, etc.)? Come join us for a Mass of Remembrance and pray for the soul of your beloved child or grandchild and have a chance to meet others who have suffered a similar loss. The Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 pm, Oct. 9th at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville**, and at **9:00 am, October 26th at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta**. For additional information, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, Director of the diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, by emailing [jschmidt@diosteub.org](mailto:jschmidt@diosteub.org) or telephoning (740) 516-9270. Light refreshments will be offered after each Mass.

**80TH ANNIVERSARY MASS** ~ A Mass in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Steubenville will be celebrated on **October 21st at 5:15 pm at Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville**. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

**Some Facts about Adornment Money Since the 2023 Drive**

**Income**

Desired Goal:	\$255,000.00
Amount Pledged:	\$248,907.03
Amount Received:	\$247,067.03 (99.3% Fulfilled)
Pledges Outstanding:	\$1,840.00

**Expense**

Projected Project Price:	\$100,000.00 (50/50 constr.,art)
Arch Construction:	\$10,250.00
Crucifix Repair:	\$3,914.42
Scaffolding: (purchased not rented)	\$26,993.26
Lights:	\$1870.12
Laser Level for Parish:	\$482.09
Gold and Silver Leaf:	\$6,061.60
Other Supplies: (Paint, tape, etc.)	\$2,842.44
Vanco Fees:	\$226.29
Total Construction/Supply Expense:	\$52,640.22
Total Artist Expenses (will reach)	\$50,000.00
Total Project Expense: (w/o donation plaque)	\$102,640.22
Donation Plaque:	TBD
Church Loan Payment (made on 10/20/2023)	\$101,904.07

**Current Building Fund Accounts as of 19 Sept., 2024**

Building CD 7M at 4.88% opened May 2024:	\$60,994.79.	YTD interest \$994.79
Building MMA at 4.65% opened May 2024:	\$101,371.39	YTD interest \$1,371.39
Building Fund Checking:	\$30,756.74	
Total Building Fund Money:	\$193,122.92	

**Designated Funds within the above Building Fund accounts as of 31 Aug., 2024**

General Building Fund:	\$47,372.29
Organ:	\$2,594.70
Adornment:	\$76,114.44
Narthex:	\$3,221.33
Pole Building:	\$410.21
New Rectory:	\$24,277.84
New Hall:	\$15,071.90
618 Hall:	\$6,452.48

**Other Current Checking Accounts as of 19 Sept., 2024**

PSR Checking:	\$3,775.51
OLM Savings: (Mass Stipends)	\$1,610.53
Youth Group More Life DTS:	\$3,082.70
General Fund:	\$5,260.39
Cemetery Checking:	\$21,572.00
SVDP Checking:	\$9,529.98

I wanted to present these various numbers to all of you so you could see where we stand financially as a parish. As you can see, we are in a good financial position. Beyond painting the church, the adornment project was also a financial success. We paid for the project, we paid off the original church loan, and we have money left over that is designated for both the building of the hall and the rectory. We did go over the projected project price. Some of that is due to unexpected expenses like the crucifix repair and the new lights for the tower and arch, but it is primarily due to purchasing the scaffolding. This was the primary unknown number when we started the project. It seemed best not to rent scaffolding because of the rental and setup price and because by buying, we could use the scaffolding again for our future building projects. Hopefully we will be able to sell the scaffolding and get a large return on our investment in the future. We could not have done so well financially without the great generosity of the donors and the many parishioners who donated lots of time and labor to accomplish this task.

Concerning future building projects, I wanted to convey to all of you my thoughts, which I have already discussed with the parish council on multiple occasions. There are three primary projects that we would like to complete: a church cemetery, a new rectory, and a new hall. There was some fervor (which I was a part of) to sell the old property and use that money to finance the building of a new hall and rectory, but the money that we may have received from the sale of that property would still leave us in need of at least a 1.2 million dollar loan. As many of you know, the percentage rates for loans are around 7%. We could not easily sustain paying the interest and minimum on the principal on that large of a loan.<sup>1</sup> Further, if we sold the property, we would be out of a hall and a rectory while waiting to build the new ones. For these reasons, it seems best not to sell our property at this moment. Rather, it seems best to keep our current hall and rectory for our use and to complete one project at a time. I would like to complete them in order from cheapest to most expensive. This means we could move in the order of cemetery, rectory, and hall respectively. As you see from the numbers provided, we already have some money designated for each project. I'm hoping we can gather the funds needed to pay for the cemetery and the rectory outright, and then continue to save up a lot of money in order to build the new hall. These numbers are not certain, but I believe the cemetery will cost around \$100,000.00, the rectory \$350,000.00, and the hall at 1.8 million.

I am working on cemetery layout and designs with Braces landscape architect (a couple of our parishioners are also very helpful in this area). I will also be attending a Catholic Cemeteries of Ohio meeting to learn about best practices for cemeteries in October. I hope to present more information to the parish shortly after that meeting. I'm also looking into endowments so we can set up a perpetual care fund for the future.

More details to come on the hall and rectory. If you have any thoughts or questions, please let me know. Putting them in writing is always better if you want me to remember. Parish council members are meant to represent your thoughts at parish council meetings, so please speak with them also.

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<sup>1</sup> For example: a \$1,000,000 30 year loan at 5% has a \$5,368.22 monthly interest payment. Our lowest amount due on the previous loan was \$1,708.78. We often exceeded that number, but it would be much more stressful hoping to bring in enough to pay off over \$5,000.00/month. If we only payed the monthly payments on a 5% million dollar loan, we'd end up paying \$932,557.84 in interest. It seems best to save as much money as possible for the hall before taking out a loan of that magnitude.