

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Weekday: **8:30 a.m.**

Holy Day of Obligation: **8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Marsha MacKinnon McKinley, *Admin. Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

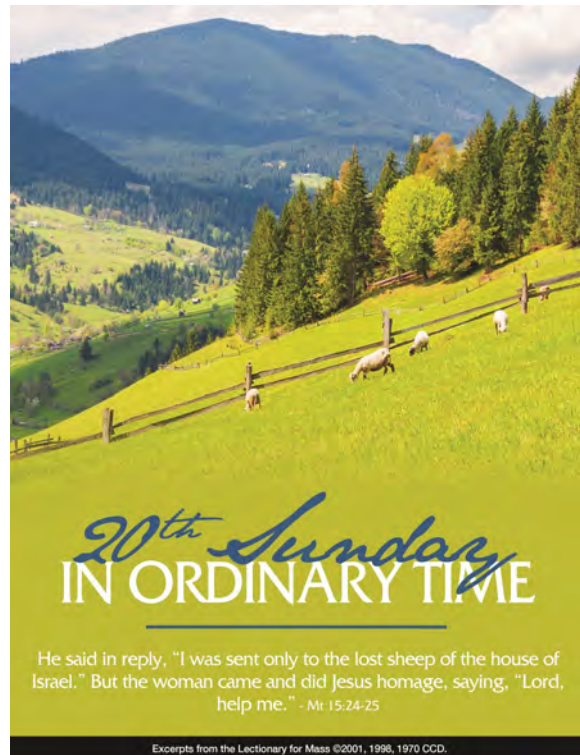
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*August 20, 2017*



## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities  
formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.*

*We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ  
in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 8/21</b>	7:00 p.m.	Catechist Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
<b>Tue. 8/22</b>	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	7:00 p.m.	LFFC Meeting
<b>Wed. 8/23</b>		
<b>Thur. 8/24</b>		
<b>Fri. 8/25</b>	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Sat. 8/26</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 8/27</b>		

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 8/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>David Ross</b> ( <i>Linda Ross</i> )
<b>Tue. 8/22</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Jean Liebel</b> ( <i>John &amp; Irene Abbate</i> )
<b>Wed. 8/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Floyd Brochey</b> ( <i>David &amp; Peggy Jacquel</i> )
<b>Thur. 8/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Fri. 8/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Evelyn Taris</b> ( <i>Alvin &amp; Esther Pohl</i> )
<b>Sat. 8/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Yvonne Costelloe</b> ( <i>Mary &amp; Chuck Guzowski</i> )
<b>Sun. 8/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Mabel Holodnak</b> ( <i>Family</i> )

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 8/21</b>	Jgs 2:11-19	/	Matthew 19:16-22
<b>Tue. 8/22</b>	Jgs 6:11-24a	/	Matthew 19:23-30
<b>Wed. 8/23</b>	Jgs 9:6-15	/	Matthew 20:1-16
<b>Thur. 8/24</b>	Rv 21:9B-14	/	John 1:45-51
<b>Fri. 8/25</b>	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/		Matthew 22:34-40
<b>Sat. 8/26</b>	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17/		Matthew 23:1-12
<b>Sun. 8/27</b>	Is 22:19-23/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20		



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Leo Reynaud.  
 Please keep him and his family  
 in your prayers.

## PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108

4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875

The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is Esther Pohl.

## REMINDERS

**Do We Have Your Latest Contact Information?** If you have moved or have changed home phone and/or cell phone numbers or email addresses, please update the office. Thank you!

### Share Your Info about Those in the Hospital

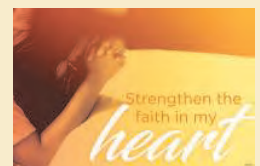
If you know of a parishioner in the hospital, please call the parish office at 899-5342. The hospitals' records do not always put in the name of the parish for each patient so our hospital report is often incomplete and we can miss when someone is in the hospital. If you know of someone who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.

### Are You New to the Parish?

Stop by the parish office before or after Mass to see Donna Clark. Pick up the welcome material and a parish picture book. We would also like to take your picture so we can make a supplemental page.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

**Matthew 15:21-28**



She stood at the crossroads, pleading for her troubled daughter, begging like a dog for mercy. She didn't seem to understand that Jesus' mission was to the household of God's People. Why should he waste his time with the like of her—a Canaanite, a foreigner, and a woman? She was not welcome at the table of the "righteous" people. Though they wouldn't break bread with her, the woman humbly accepted crumbs. Jesus was amazed at her persistent faith, and her daughter was healed.

Paul didn't throw crumbs to the Gentiles. God had called him to give the entire message to all who were outcast because of their ethnicity and culture. When Paul's message was rejected by his own people, he turned to those who were hungry for God's word.

The prophet Isaiah broke down walls of prejudice, opened wide the doors of the sanctuary, and welcomed those excluded as aliens. All who came to worship in God's temple were accepted; God's house was a house of prayer for all people. "May all the nations praise you!" we sing.

**For Reflection: Does my parish welcome everyone regardless of race, gender, or nationality? What would make my community a house of prayer for everyone?**

© Kay Murdy

### Coordinator Wanted for Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day is September 24th. We are in need of a coordinator for the dinner following Mass. As quickly as time flies by, it's never too early to try to fill the position. If you are interested or have any question, please, let us know.

### Women's Lunch

On Monday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. join a fun loving group of ladies who live alone for lunch at the Harborview Grill. We share stories and laugh most of the time. For more information contact Donna Clark.

### Grief Support Group

The next monthly grief support group meeting is on Monday, August 21 (the third Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. If you know of someone who is suffering through the loss of a loved one, please let them know of this group. We have discussion around a topic that pertains to grief and close with prayer. In addition to this group we also provide one-on-one support. Please contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

### OLM Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. As the kids go back to school, why not open your own book? Discussing literature as an adult is so much more fun than when we did it in school. Now we get to do it over a glass of wine and there are no tests.

### Knights of Columbus Dance September 23

Dance to "The Groove" on Saturday, September 23 in conjunction with the OLM Feast Day weekend. Complimentary beer and snacks provided. Tickets are \$15 each or (2) for \$25; available in the parish office.

### Ink Jet Fundraiser

Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Your donation of used printer cartridges helps to support our ministry to the children of the parish. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges cannot be redeemed.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of Aug 13, 2017

Envelopes sent:	389	
Envelopes returned:	110	\$4,148.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	103	\$2,813.00
Loose Change:		\$219.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$7,180.00</b>

**\$7,136** is needed to meet our regular operating expenses.  
(This does not include our CSA or Mortgage Payment)

### Sunset Beach Mass

Our annual Sunset Beach Mass is at 7:00 p.m. TODAY, August 20 at the Glinodo Conference Center. Bring your own lawn chairs and a plate of cookies to share.



### Catechists Needed

It is time to start thinking about the coming year of religious education. We need a few volunteers to teach our youth about the love of God and to inspire them with our Catholic faith. Catechists must be practicing Catholics able to provide appropriate clearances and willing to instruct youth in accord with the beliefs and practices of the Church. Training will be provided. If you are interested, call Irene at 899-6132.

Aid	Sunday Morning
Gr. 7 & 8	Sunday afternoon

### Need Clearances for Working With Children?

A volunteer from the religious education community will be available after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 26-27 with a laptop to assist anyone wanting to apply for clearances but who are having difficulty navigating the on-line process.

### Religious Education Registration

If you were unable to register your child for religious education classes this past weekend, please visit the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible to sign the paper work. **ALL children who will participate in religious education classes this year at OLM must be registered at this time, including those preparing to celebrate Confirmation in October. The first day of religious education classes will be Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

The year of religious education opens with several important parent meetings:

Sept. 6 – Gr. 9 Parent & Candidate Mtg. at 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Gr. 11 Parent & Candidate Mtg. at 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Mtg. at 12:15 p.m.

### Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents

Our semi-annual Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 12:15 p.m. All parents looking forward to the baptism of their child are required by the Diocese of Erie to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. Register by calling the parish office at 899-5342. If the date and time of this session does not work for your schedule, contact the neighboring Catholic churches to inquire when they hold a class. This session can be attended at any Catholic parish.



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