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.

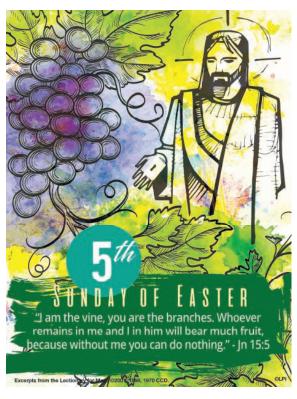
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April 29, 2018



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

Mon. 04/30	7:00 p.m.	Active Shooter Preparedness	
1011. 04/ 30	7.00 p.m.	Training	
Tue. 05/01	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias (SCC)	
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl	
	4:00 p.m.	, Rel Ed Gr 3-6	
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Com Mtg	
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg	
Wed. 05/02	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough (SCC)	
	6:00 p.m.	SCC Prayer & Potluck	
Thur. 05/03	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class	
	2:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer	
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl	
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 p.m.	Tech Committee Mtg	
Fri. 05/04	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Night Out	
Sat. 05/05	Knights of Columbus Ticket Sales		
	9:00 a.m.	First Eucharist Practice	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
Sun. 05/06	Knights of Columbus Ticket Sales		
	Casserole Club Drop Off		
	Monthly Food Pantry Collection		
	8:30 a.m.		
	9:30 a.m.		
	11:00 a.m.	First Eucharist	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	04/30	8:30 a.m.	Robert Tobin (Maxine &Tim Tonks)
Tue.	05/01	8:30 a.m.	John Riley (Morning Mass Group)
Wed.	05/02	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Thur.	05/03	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	05/04	8:30 a.m.	Rod Haynes (Sue Haynes)
Sat.	05/05	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS /NO SERVICE
		6:00 p.m.	Theresa Crosby (Blair Crosby)
Sun.	05/06	8:30 a.m.	For The People of OLM
		11:00 a.m.	Raymond Angelo (Douglas & Sandra DelPorto)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 04/30	Acts 14:5-18	/ John 14:21-26
Tue. 05/01	Acts 14:19-28	/ John 14:27-31a
Wed. 05/02	Acts 15:1-6	/ John 15:1-8
Thur. 05/03	1 Cor 15:1-8	/ John 14:6-14
Fri. 05/04	Acts 15:22-31	/ John 15:12-17
Sat. 05/05	Acts 16:1-10	/ John 15:18-21
Sun. 05/06	Acts 10:25-26/ 1 John	4:7-10/John 15:9-17

CHILD PROTECTION AND

CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Safety Rules Bear Repeating



Research reminds us that teaching children how to resist the overtures of a potential molester requires repetition and reinforcement. Children and young people need to know the rules, and they need to hear them over and over and over again . This is done in the same way we teach the rules about looking both ways before crossing the street. Empowering children to speak up and resist the overtures of potential molesters can stop a child molester in his or her tracks. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out http://www.eriercd.org/ protectyouth.htm

IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember Jim Coppersmith, father of Jerry Coppersmith; and Maria Duda, sister of Ken Duda. Please keep them and their families

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 Andrea Maille.

This Sunday's

John 15:1-8



Saul needed humility to return

to the very community he had persecuted. And the church had to swallow a lot of pride before they could accept him as one of their own. In between stood Barnabas as mediator, encouraging both sides to reconcile. Only through love and forgiveness can we make progress in faith.

John said that words alone do not suffice; we must love in deeds as well. If we are to be transformed into Christ, our lives must bear the fruit of justice, love and truth. Jesus illustrates this with the metaphor of a lifeless branch cut off from the vine. Connected to the vine, the branch can be fruitful. Yet even the fruitful branches must be trimmed so that their yield may increase. That means we must be willing to say," forgive me," like Saul and, "I forgive you," like the church. We also need the courage that enables both sides to join hands in peace. God will be glorified when we bear the fruit of forgiveness in our lives.

For Reflection: Am I a peacemaker in my community? Is my community a fruitful vine or a dead branch? © Kay Murdy



Social Justice Committee News

Care for God's Creation

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little." (Laudato Si, #222) As the Pope encourages us to care for God's Creation, we must consider our consumerist lifestyles: wanting what we do not need, and not considering the harm to the Earth. Let us work towards a simpler lifestyle, making time for prayer and reflection. Take time to contemplate the beauty of creation and thank God for all that God has created. Offer thanks for food, for the people who provided it, and the gifts of the natural world that brought it into existence.

Active Shooter Preparedness Training

If someone opened fire during Mass or a parish function, would you know what to do? In light of the shootings during Sunday worship or Bible Studies in recent years, this is not an irrelevant question. On Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at OLM, Tom Wager, retired police officer, will provide "Active Shooter Preparedness Training" and "Stop the Bleed" for area churches. All parish members are encouraged to attend. There is no cost.

Teenage Girls

Find out how God has gifted you. A special workshop for teenage girls and their support person (mother, father, older sibling etc.) is on Saturday, May 12 at Our Lady of Mercy from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This workshop will help you recognize the unique gifts God has given you that will help you be successful in life. Pick up a StregthsFinder book and take the online survey before the class. Questions Contact Peggy Williams at 490-5504 or Donna Clark at 899-5342.

Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy

We continue to celebrate the ministries of the parish. On May 12 & 13 we will recognize all those involved in the Pastoral Care Ministries of our parish: Bereavement Ministry, Divorced and Separated Ministry, Funeral Meal Ministry, Grief Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound, Homebound Ministry, Hospital Visitor, Nursery, Nursing Home Visitors, Peer Ministry and Welcome Ministry.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 22, 2018

Envelopes sent:	404			
Envelopes returned:	138	\$3,521.00		
Faith Direct Deposits:	106	\$2,851.75		
Loose Change:		\$189.00		
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,561.75		

We will celebrate the end of winter and the blessings of the year of religious education with an ice cream social and

cake walk TODAY, Sunday, April 29 at noon. The entire parish is invited to this

celebration, whether or not your family is involved in religious education.

Young Adult Gathering

If you are in your 20s or 30s, single or married, with or without children, you are invited to an informal social from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room Sunday morning May 20 to celebrate Pentecost. Feel free to bring a bite to share or not, as the Spirit moves you. Parents can bring their children along. No need to RSVP, just drop by.

Family Pancake Brunch

Save the date! Our annual Family Pancake Brunch will be held on Sunday. June 3 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. This is a parish event. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Please RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 899-6132 by May 27 so we can have enough food on hand.

Honoring Graduates

When our parish family is all together for our Pancake Brunch, we would like to honor those who are graduating from a secondary or post-secondary academic program. If you are a graduate and will be joining us at this brunch, please let us know when you RSVP to 899-6132.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry is in need of volunteer leaders. If you enjoy working with young children but do not have the time to commit to a weekly RE class, this ministry may be perfect for you. CLW Leaders conduct the Liturgy of the Word on a child's level: reading the Sunday Scriptures, assisting the children to understand their meaning, leading the young people in a Child's Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 11:00 Sunday Mass. CLW leaders MUST have required clearances. Training is provided. If you Irene help. contact at 899-6132 can or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

The Question-Of-The-Week Contest Winner

The winner for the week of April 16 was Ellie Stauffer, Grade 1, who knew that the Easter Season lasts for 50 days.

For Mercy's Sake Mailing Party

We will be folding the newsletter for mailing on Monday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. If you can lend a hand, please let Irene know by calling 899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? For more information, call Irene Lucas at 899-6132.

MAY 2018 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 May	Josie Hicks	12	
1 May	Stephany Licata	18	
2 May	Jack Murphy	17	
3 May	Aurora Benson	1	
3 May	Bailey Festa	15	
4 May	Colton Wuerstle	9	
5 May	Gavin Matrogran	18	
5 May	Elizabeth Gunter	12	
6 May	Charley Hamilton	5	
6 May	Liam Marshall	9	
7 May	Lucas Wright	11	
7 May	Madden Inthavong	7	
8 May	Isabella McKeel	8	
10 May	Maddox Vaughn	8	
10 May	Jordyn Nowak	14	
11 May	Frank Mazzarese	9	
11 May	Dakota Pohl	9	
12 May	Bobby Shotts	17	
14 May	Caroline Weber	14	
14 May	Isla VanOrd	3	
15 May	Nicholas Thompsor	16	
16 May	Hunter Oler 13		
17 May	Johnathan Catrabo	ne 6	
19 May	Levi Gilchrist	4	
21 May	Emma McKeel	15	
21 May	Rory Forrester	1	
21 May	Jordan Pohl 8		
23 May	Landon Ford		
23 May	Rachel D'Angelo 1		
27 May	Milo Hamilton 7		
28 May	Samuel Parente 13		
29 May	Lydia Szklenski 15		
29 May	Zach Szklenski 15		
29 May	Corynne Williamson 17		
31 May	Joey Moreno	17	







Knights of Columbus

25th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle The Knights invite you to attend our 25th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle to be held on May 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at OLM. Tickets will be on sale in the



Gathering Space after Masses on the weekends of April 22, 29 & May 6. Tickets and posters will also be available in the parish office during the week. Our raffle has become the largest in the Erie area thanks to the support of our parishioners and our many ticket sellers. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support youth programs, to provide scholarships for high school seniors and to fund capital improvement projects for the parish. Please help the Knights help OLM.

Chinese Auction for May 11

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a variety of Chinese Auction items and theme baskets for the May 11th Golf Raffle. Any help would be appreciate. Questions? Contact Kay Kaeberlein at 899-2770.

Knights of Columbus OLM Scholarships

Applications are available on the OLM website or in the parish office. The scholarships are open to college-bound graduating high school seniors. The deadline for the applications is Friday, May 18.

SCC Prayer and Potluck

On Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m., the Small Christian Communities are hosting our annual <u>Praver and</u> <u>Potluck.</u> All parishioners and Community members are welcome to attend! Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, April 30. See you there!

Men's Night Out

Join us for Men's Night Out as U.S. Congressman Glenn 'GT' Thompson will be our featured speaker on **Friday**, **May 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church**. Congressman Thompson is a strong voice for protecting the unborn and will be speaking on the status of pro-life legislation in Washington D.C. and other issues important to Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District. Food and refreshments will be provided. Free will offering accepted. RSVP to *secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org*, *knoyle@yahoo.com*, *legler.phil@gmail.com* or call the parish office at 899-5342. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus/Our Lady of Mercy.

OLM Book Group

The days are getting longer. Time to come out of hibernation. Why not spend an evening around great book talk with a glass of wine. Whether you are interested in joining a book group or just want to talk about one particular title, the door is open to you. On **Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather at the home of Irene (1019 Bartlett Rd) to discuss <u>Before We Were Yours</u> by Lisa Wingate. Our June title will be <u>Pachinko</u> by Min Jin Lee.

Marion Medical Mission Address

After David Seybolt's talk on April 15, several parishioners asked for an address so they could make a donation. Contributions can be made to: Marion Medical Mission, 1412 Shawnee Drive, Marion, IL 62959

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