

# 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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

Geri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

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Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

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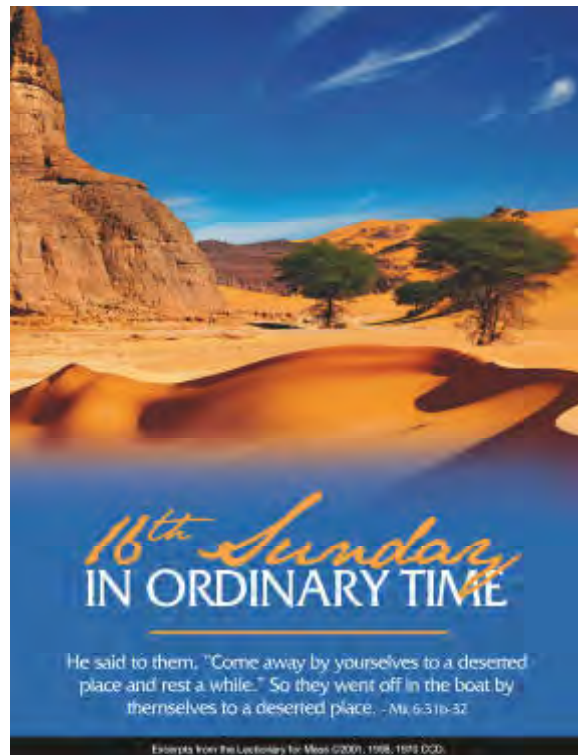
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July 22, 2018



## 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](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 07/23</b>		
<b>Tue. 07/24</b>	7:30 p.m.	AA
<b>Wed. 07/25</b>		
<b>Thur. 07/26</b>		
<b>Fri. 07/27</b>	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Sat. 07/28</b>	<b>Mission Co-Op Speaker</b>	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 07/29</b>	<b>Mission Co-Op Speaker</b>	



## 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 Andrea Maille.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 07/23</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Gen Holze</b> (Sister Ann Bannon)
<b>Tue. 07/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Barbara Schneider</b> (Joe Schneider)
<b>Wed. 07/25</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Lewis Peters</b> (Carole Peters)
<b>Thur. 07/26</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Fri. 07/27</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Yolanda DiRaimo</b> (Donelle Davey)
<b>Sat. 07/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Helen Hemmis</b> (Gerald & Geri Extein)
<b>Sun. 07/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For The People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Jim Sheridan</b> (David & Jane Felix)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 07/23</b>	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8	/ Matthew 12:38-42
<b>Tue. 07/24</b>	Mi 7:12-15, 18-20	/ Matthew 12:46-50
<b>Wed. 07/25</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15	/ Matthew 20:20-28
<b>Thur. 07/26</b>	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	/ Matthew 13:10-17
<b>Fri. 07/27</b>	Jer 3:14-17	/ Matthew 13:18-23
<b>Sat. 07/28</b>	Jer 7:1-11	/ Matthew 13:24-30
<b>Sun. 07/29</b>	2 Kgs 4:42-44/ Eph 4:1-6/ John 6:1-15	

## Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy



August 4 & 5 we will celebrate the Administrative Ministries. These are: Finance Council, Tech Committee (Digital Communications), Library, Newsletter and Parish Mailings, Office Help, Pastoral Council and Scrip Gift Card Program. On this weekend please wear **yellow** if you are involved in on of these ministries. The Library Ministry is looking for a new administrator to manage our book collection. See Donna Clark for more information.

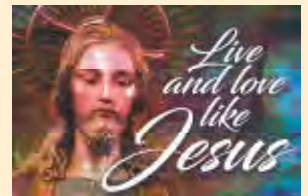
## Religious Education Registration

Mark your calendar. Registration for the 2018-2019 religious education program will take place after all masses the weekend of August 11-12. Materials will not be ready prior to that date.

## Sunset Beach Mass

Our annual Sunset Beach Mass will be Sunday, Aug. 19 at 7:00 PM on the grounds of Glinodo Conference Center overlooking Lake Erie. Bring your own lawn chair. Fellowship with cookies will follow. Please bring a plate of cookies if you can.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION



**Mk 6:30-34**

The prophet Jeremiah had angry words for leaders who failed to care for God's people. He compared them to shepherds that did not protect their flocks and put them in danger. Because they were negligent in their duties, God would appoint new shepherds who would do what was right in the land. In God's pastures of plenty, God's people would find rest and refreshment.

Jesus revealed God's compassion for all who felt like "sheep without a shepherd," with no one to guide them. He is the righteous shepherd who, like the shepherd-king David, loved and cared for his people. In Jesus, we are brought near to God and to one another. All barriers and obstacles that keep us apart are torn down. When we are hungry and weary of life's burdens, Jesus invites us to come aside with him and gives us rest. His word satisfies every human longing, and his presence fills every human need. Everyone is welcome at his bountiful table, where they will find food for their souls and strength for their journey.

**For Reflection: Do I recognize the needs of suffering people? Am I able to offer them the kindness that God has shown to me?**



## Social Justice Committee News

Last week, we learned about a world-wide Catholic peace organization, Pax Christi International. Its members come from many countries around the world, including the United States. Pax Christi USA has their foundation in Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospel. They work to reject war, preparation for war, every form of violence and domination, and personal and systemic racism. They use a model of prayer, study and action to guide their work of advocating for disarmament, demilitarization, and reconciliation with justice, inclusiveness, economic and interracial justice, human rights and care for creation. You can find many educational materials and prayer resources, as well as join their movement on their website: [paxchristiusa.org](http://paxchristiusa.org). The US Bishop's Conference monitors congressional legislation on peace issues and often sends letters to Congress to state the position of the church. You can learn more about this work on the Justice, Peace and Human Development page on the USCCB website.

## 2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies

The 2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. George in Erie. Register by July 27 at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814)824-1250 or (800)374-3723 ext. 250.



## Hearing Assisted Sound System

If you have difficulty hearing during Mass contact a staff member who can assist you with getting a receiver and ear piece.

## Newsletter Mailing Party



We need help preparing the newsletter for mailing. If you can help us fold and stuff envelopes at 9:00 AM Monday, August 6, please let Irene know at 899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*Offertory for the weekend of July 15, 2018*

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	121	\$4,120.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	113	\$2,935.00
Loose Change:		\$88.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$7,143.00</b>

## Catechists Needed

The start of religious education is only 6 weeks away. It is time to begin praying about God's call to become involved in the religious education ministry. For the coming academic year, we need a Jr. High catechist (12:00-1:15 Sunday afternoon), several Confirmation Home Session leaders for Gr. 9 (time of choosing) and a Sunday morning general aide (9:15-10:45). We also need adults willing to supervise Klein students who arrive half an hour prior to the start of class (3:15-3:50 Tuesday afternoon). All volunteers who work with youth must provide current background checks and view an on-line training for child safety. Training for the ministry of catechist will be provided. If you would like more information, contact **Irene Lucas @ 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 commitment 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 can help, contact Irene at 899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

## Children's Worship Bulletins

Help the young child in your life to engage with the Sunday readings by using the Children's Worship Bulletins which can be found on the bulletin tables. Each weekly 4-page booklet has activities related to the Sunday readings designed for young children.

## First Eucharist Pictures

Any family who ordered First Eucharist pictures through Maureen Rizzo can pick up your order in the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. The pictures have arrived.

## Coming Soon: Story Time at Our Lady of Mercy



Come join us for a time of songs, stories, rhymes and fellowship. We will be meeting every other Wednesday beginning August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the bench area by the classrooms. While geared for children ages 0-5, older siblings are welcome to attend and sing along with us. Hope to see you there!

## Nursery

The Nursery is open for use by any parent during Mass or other parish events. It is located in the classroom area. (Go down the hall to the right as you come in the doors off Bartlett Road.) There is no schedule of parents staffing the Nursery during the 11:00 a.m. Mass during the summer. Questions? Call Donna Clark in the parish office.

## One-on-One Grief Support



Our Companions in Grief Ministry also meets with people one-on-one. If you would like to speak with someone please call Donna Clark in the parish office.

## Surviving Divorce Healing Program

*Surviving Divorce Ministry*, a 12 -week group to help those who are separated or divorced, will run on Wednesdays from **Sept. 5 – Nov. 28, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.** at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (Cost - \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office (814) 824-1250, or email: [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org) for more information and/or to register.

## Hospital Visitation

We don't always get accurate reports of who is in the hospital because of the change in policy for the local hospitals. **If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital please call the parish office to let us know.**

## Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek" as your charity.

## Traveling for the Summer?

If you would like to keep up regular donations to Our Lady of Mercy during the summer when you are traveling. Please consider signing up with Faith Direct – our e-giving program. Go to our parish website and click on the "Faith Direct" button on the left side of our home page. You can use it only for the summer if you would like. You can have money taken directly from a checking or savings account or use a credit card.



## Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call the Deaf and Disabilities Director at **814-824-1257** or email at [d&dministry@erieRCD.org](mailto:d&dministry@erieRCD.org) for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

## Ink Jet Fundraiser

Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.

## Hair Care Done in Your Home



Specializing in seniors and disabled, Annette will come to your home. She can do perms, shampoo and sets, haircuts, manicures, coloring and barbering. For more information or to get in touch with Annette please call **814 -616-6946**. Annette recently moved back to Erie and joined Our Lady of Mercy.

## Women's Luncheon

Join a lovely group of women who live alone at the Lawrence Park Golf Course on Tuesday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. Questions? Call Donna in the parish office at **899-5342**.

## Book Group

Summer is here. Time for a book at the beach or on the porch. And time to sip wine and discuss that book with a great group of ladies as you enjoy a beautiful Erie sunset. All are welcome to join us at **7:00 PM on Wednesday Aug. 15** at the home of Claudette Terrill, 6821 East Lake Rd., to discuss The Burglary by Betty Metsger. Want to read ahead? Our September book will be Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History Making Race Around the World by Matthew Goodman.

## Bottled Water Taste Test Results

Did you participate in the Chicken Run? Did you get a chance to take the Bottled Water taste test? The Social Justice Committee set up a table with 3 jugs of water: Dasani, Great Value brand and water from the tap. None of them were labeled. There were 59 participants in the test, who rated which water they liked the best, with 6 people expressing "no preference". **The winner of the taste test was the tap water!!** 51% of the tasters chose it as their favorite, with 28% for the Dasani and 21% for the Great Value water. Why did we do this test? We want to encourage you to stop using bottled water! Purchase your own reusable water bottle, fill it with the good tasting water that comes out of your tap at home and take it with you. You will save money, and even more importantly, you will keep plastic pollution out of our waterways. It's a great way to care for creation. Try it!



## Volunteers needed for Zabawa festival

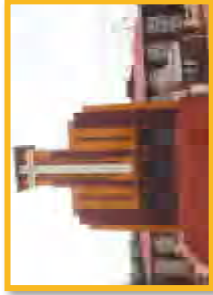
Use this in your 07/22/2018 bulletin  
Holy Trinity Parish in Erie is seeking energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) to serve food during each shift of its popular Zabawa festival Aug. 24-26. Shifts are:  
24 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.  
25 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 and from 5:30 to 9 p.m.  
26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah at [schermack@eriefamilylaw.com](mailto:schermack@eriefamilylaw.com). High school students in need of service hours for school, confirmation, etc. are welcome.

The Diocese of Kigoma is a very rural diocese located in the western boarder of Tanzania.

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## Missionary Cooperative Plan: The Catholic Diocese of Kigoma

Saturday July 28, 2018 @ 6:00 PM Mass

Sunday July 29, 2018 @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM Mass



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