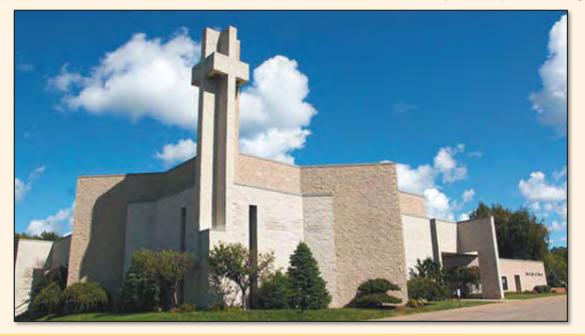
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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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.

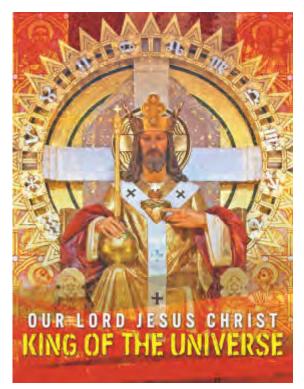
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November 25, 2018



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. 11/26

T 44/07	0.00	Charles Anna Ran
Tue. 11/27	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias
	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 4-6
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Tech Committee
	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wed. 11/28	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the
		Rough
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 11/29	9:00 a.m.	Autumn Scripture
		Study
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/30	-	
Sat. 12/01	10:00 a.m.	Mass of
		Remembrance
	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of
		Penance
Sun. 12/02	First Sunday of	Advent
	Casserole Club	
		Pantry Collection
	, 9:30 a.m.	, Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
	12:00 p.m.	Family Advent Party
	12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 7&8

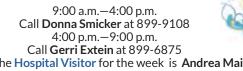
MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	11/26	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	11/27	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Wed.	11/28	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Thur.	11/29	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	11/30	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sat.	12/01	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Andrew Kaschak
			(The Kaschak Family)
Sun.	12/02	8:30 a.m .	For the People of OLM
		11:00 a.m.	Sal Frontino
			(Helen Frontino)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.	11/26	Rv 14:1-3,4-5	/ Luke 21:1-4
Tue.	11/27	Rv 14:14-19	/ Luke 21:5-11
Wed.	11/28	Rv 15:1-4	/ Luke 21:12-19
Thur.	11/29	Rv 18:1-2, 21-2	
			/ Luke 21:20-28
Fri.	11/30	Rom 10:9-18	/ Matthew 4:18-22
Sat.	12/01	Rev 22:1-7	/ Luke 21:34-36
Sun.	12/02	Jer 33:14-16 / 1	1Thes 3:12-4:2
			/ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

PRAYER LINE





The Hospital Visitor for the week is Andrea Maille.



The annual Mass of Remembrance is Saturday, December 1st at 10AM. The Bereavement Ministry invites all members of Our Lady of Mercy to attend this annual Memorial Mass to support the families of our parish who have lost loved ones during the past year. Please join us for this special celebration.

**** QUESTION OF THE WEEK WINNER

The Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Nov. 13 was Dakota Pohl, Gr. 3, who knew that "Eucharist" means "to give thanks". * ************



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION JOHN 18:33-37

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"Are you a king?" Pilate did not comprehend Jesus's true authority. Jesus was not a king in the way such kings were understood. Jesus was not a king in the way such kings were understood, subjugating people with their military and political clout. The people of God had to learn that Yahweh alone was their king, "robed in majesty," standing firm forever. They must bow down before Yahweh's throne, and no other.

Daniel addressed an occupied people dominated by tyrannical empire that persecuted them for their religious convictions. The suffering faithful were personified corporately as the "son of man" who would one day become a glorified people. They would receive "an everlasting dominion" that would not be destroyed.

John wrote to a people enduring persecution from the Roman Empire. He reminded them that they were baptized into Christ's own death and resurrection. Jesus was the supreme ruler of all the earth. Before his throne, his faithful followers were vested as priestly people, a "royal nation."

God's kingdom is not a place but an idea. As a servant-king, Jesus humbly submitted himself to God's will to bring about a "kingdom" to love, justice, and peace. Those committed to truth will hear his voice.

For Reflection: To which kingdom do I give my allegiance? Are my actions demonstrating God's reign on earth?

Advent Family Party Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 2 from noon to 2:00 PM for a time to "Prepare for Christmas in an Old Fashioned Way". Bring a treat that reminds you of Christmases of old. If you have a picture or ornament from your childhood Christmases, please bring it to share. There will be crafts and activities for children, fellowship and activities for children, fellowship and memories for adults, and the chance of a surprise guest for all. The event is free and open to everyone. event is free and open to everyone.



A TIME TO HEAL

Are you or someone you know struggling with physical, mental, emotional or spiritual issues? The Healing Ministry of OLM will be offering "A Time to Heal" on

Monday December 3rd at 7 pm for anyone who has a need for healing in any area and on any level of their lives. The evening will include prayer, music, laying of hands and guiet reflection and is open to anyone who seeks healing and calm. Bring yourself and feel free to bring a friend.

Liturgy is Life PowerPoints

If anyone who was not able to attend all of the "Liturgy is Life" presentations by Brandon this October would like a copy of the PowerPoint presentations emailed to them, please contact Brandon via email at music@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Operation Assisting Santa



If you took a card to help a local Vet with gifts for their children please return your unwrapped with the card gift by December 2. Questions? Call Moochie Zielewski 814-823-6506

Dresses for Missions



The birthing center is not fully open in our mission in Haiti. Our contact person. Dorothy, has found a company to manufacture baby boxes, which are beds for the newborn babies. They are filled with receiving blankets, onesies,

socks, hats, diapers, etc.; and given to the mothers as a gift for taking classes. The babies then do not have to be born and placed on the ground. I am collecting the blankets, onesies, hats, socks or booties to help fill the boxes. Please bring donated items to the parish office before December 1st. If you have any questions or comments, call Carole Peters at 899-4470 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Thank you and God Bless you for your support and prayers.

Book Group

Longer autumn nights and cooler, wetter autumn days are the perfect excuse to get lost in a good book. And a good book is made even better by sharing it with friends. Our November book will be Rose Kennedy: The



Life and Times of a Political Matriarch by Barbara Perry. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet on the 4th Wednesday of November. Join us Wednesday, Nov. **28 at 7:00** at the home of Marilyn Garwig 1320 Boyer Rd. In December, we will gather to watch and discuss a movie, so come with suggestions for a good flick to view.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



There has been a request to have Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 8:30 Mass. We can only make this possible if we have 4 volunteer leaders willing to be on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in

being part of this ministry at the 8:30 Mass, contact Irene to learn more @ 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Autumn Scripture Study

Our Scripture Study will conclude on Nov. 29. We will finish our study of the First Book of Samuel and the rise of David to power. All are welcome to join us from 9:30-10:30 in the Conference Room.



Study on Prayer

On Jan. 6, we will begin an 8-week series on prayer. This



study will use video presentation and guided discussion. It will be held in the Conference Room from 9:45-10:45 Sunday mornings (between the Masses). If you have ever wondered how to recognize

the voice of God in prayer, struggled with distractions, wished you could pray with more attention or simply wished you knew how to get started with regular prayer, this study is for you. Both those new to a regular prayer life and those who have been faithful to prayer for years will find this study helpful. The study is free and there is no need to register or to commit to every week. The study is free, but a \$15 workbook is available for anyone who wants one. If you want a workbook, contact Irene Lucas @ 899-6132 by Dec. 15 so she can order it.

OPEN GYM NIGHT

Winter is here! Need to run and play? OLM youth are invited to an Open Gym Night on Tues, Nov. 27 from 5:30-6:30 and Tues, Dec. 18 from 5:30-6:30. Come play basketball with friends and shake off some of those winter blues!





December **Birthdays**

3 Dec.	Aidan Tylman	17
4 Dec.	Aubrie Olson	15
5 Dec.	Blake Bleil-Tersigni	5
7 Dec.	Gabriella Licata	12
8 Dec.	Perrin Baker	2
9 Dec.	Morgan Wilhelm	13
11 Dec.	Samuel Camillo	9
12 Dec.	Ava Froess	12
13 Dec.	Raegan Andrews	11
17 Dec.	Ariel Owens	17
21 Dec.	Alivia Smith	12
21 Dec.	Leo Nicolussi	18
23 Dec.	Angel Gilbert	10
26 Dec.	Emily Desser	16
27 Dec.	Joey Bernatowicz	11
29 Dec.	Rosalie Gilchrist	1



Christ Centered Recover Program



Every Monday at 6:30 to 8:30pm at South Harborcreek United Methodist Church 7929 McGill Road 814-580-9158 http:// www.southharborcreekumc.org/ celebrate-recovery.html We open the door to recovery by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. This ministry helps people of all ages resolve their pain in the

context of the church as a whole, and it is for anyone who has a hurt, habit, or hang-up. As we progress through the principles and the steps we discover our personal loving and forgiving Higher Power -- Jesus Christ. The service starts at 6:30 p.m. with discussion groups beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light meal is provided.

#ThinkAboutItOLM

This week's Social Media "Think About It" is: The person (or people) I am most thankful for are...

Due to privacy settings on Facebook, we are unable to see some of your **#ThinkAboutItOLM** posts. Please continue to share on your personal Social Media page, but we are now asking that you post your response directly to the **#ThinkAboutItOLM** Our Lady of Mercy Facebook post too. This way we can all stay connected!

Story Time

There is something new for preschool children and their parents! It is our Tuesday morning Story Time: music, games activities, snack



and stories guarantee a fun-filled hour for all. All are welcome. Bring a friend. There is no cost. Our next session is **Tuesday November 27th**, at 9:30 am in the classroom area. We cant wait to see you there!

Diocese Launches Free e-Newsletter



Have you subscribed to the Diocese of EriEnews? It is easy to do and it's free. To receive your email edition each week, simply visit nwpaCatholic.com, click on the "subscribe" button, and provide a few lines of basic information. Every Monday morning, you

will receive headlines and photos with links to diocesan, national and Vatican news. You will also see a tweet sent out from Bishop Lawrence Persico or from the diocese. Sign up today and stay in the know!

Blue Christmas -Light of Hope Worship Service

For those in pain Christmas can be a difficult time; it is not joyful nor is it a season of peace. The United Methodist Church on McGill Rd will host the service "Light of Hope" on Wednesday December **19 at 6:30pm**. The service is for anyone who is going through a difficult time



because of grief, sickness, loss of job or a relationship or any other type of struggle. For More information contact Donna Clark in the parish office.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT SAVE THE DATE



The Men's Night Out Committee is very pleased to announce our next event. Our featured speaker will be The Honorable John J. Trucilla, (President Judge, Erie County Court of Common Pleas Wednesday January 2nd, 2019 Sperry Hall, 6:00pm! See you there!

Christmas Caring Tree Program

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry's "Christmas Caring Tree" is on display in the gathering space this weekend. Anyone wishing to brighten a child's Christmas or that of one of our seniors is asked to take a name and return a wrapped gift by December 8th and 9th.



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



If you need help paying your heating bills this winter, the Low **National Fuel** Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help. Grants are available to those who

meet certain qualifications. Apply as soon as possible because funds are very limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't delay. For more information, or to see if you qualify, visit LIHEAPhelps.com or call 1-877-443-2743.

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