

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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June 28, 2020 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday and Weekend Mass has resumed with the following schedule and covid-19 protocols in place:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

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

Weekday: 8:30 a.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*

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Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

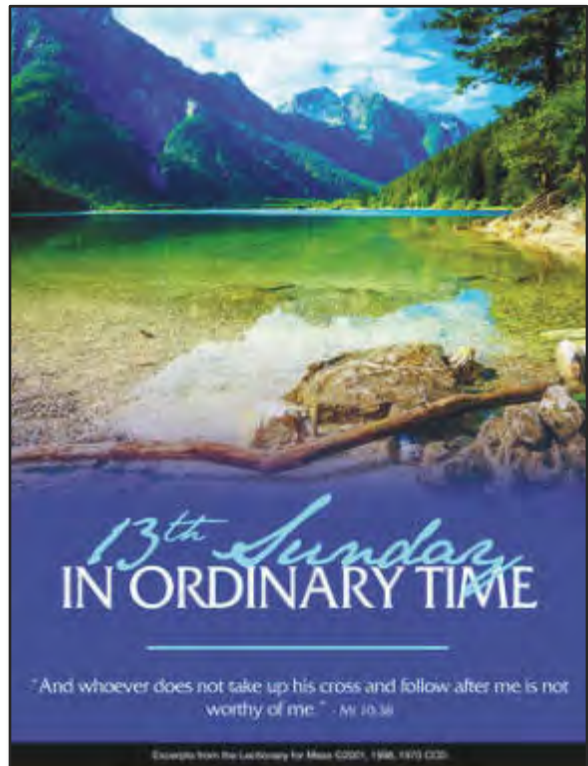
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 21, 2020

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$3,115.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$3,548.00
Loose Change:		\$ 117.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,780.00

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 490-9681



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11	/ Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
		/ Mt 16:13-19
Tue. 06/30	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12	/ Mt 8:23-27
Wed. 07/01	Am 5:14-15, 21-24	/ Mt 8:28-34
Thur. 07/02	Am 7:10-17	/ Mt 9:1-8
Fri. 07/03	Eph 2:19-22	/ Jn 20:24-29
Sat. 07/04		
Sun. 07/05	Zec 9:9-10	/ Rom 8:9, 11-13
		/ Mt 11:25-30

SPECIAL COLLECTION'S UPDATE

Pope Francis has moved the Peter's Pence Collection, for this year, from June 27-28 to the October 3-4. If any of you submitted donations earlier, they will be applied to the collection monies contributed in October. We will keep you informed if there are other changes in special collections this year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	Norm Schlosser (The Nagosky Family)
Tue. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 07/01	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 07/02	8:30 a.m.	John Burick (James & Carol Perrotto)
Fri. 07/03	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 07/04	8:30 a.m.	-No Mass-
	6:00 p.m.	Sandy Gressley (Bonnie Eckendorf)
Sun. 07/05	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Rita Desser (Rick & Deb Majewski)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 6th in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Parish office hours for July 7th - July 10th will be from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Regular Parish Office hours of Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. will remain on Monday July 13th.

We Remember...

Richard Eaglen, brother of Jack Eaglen;
Sharilyn Smith, mother of Maggie Wuerstle;
and Frances Dietz,
who passed away recently.

Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 10:37-42

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."



"Who am I?" Answering that question is often the goal of self-examination in contemporary modern cultures. Self-knowledge is sometimes depicted as a journey of discovery. The thinking appears to be that when we finally discover ourselves we will be better workers, more perceptive parents, more loving spouses, and dearer friends to others. Sometimes, though, such self-searching goes to the extreme of self-protection at the expense of service to others.

The gospel, however, offers us a different understanding of self-discovery. Jesus says that we must lose our lives for his sake before we will actually find our lives. It sounds like a complete contradiction, but it's the wisdom that our age needs to hear. A healthy sense of self cannot be based on success with the latest methods for self-help, or the opinion of others, but must be rooted in God's loving and creative call in our lives.

All efforts to protect the "self" from harm may in fact do harm to the very self that finds its home in Christ. We are not asked to neglect the self, but to find the true meaning of one's life in the self-giving that Jesus models for us.

Reflection: Who am I? Where will I search for the answer? Am I willing to lose any false sense of myself?

Scripture Study



It is not too late to join us. We will continue our discussion of the Gospel of Mark using the 9th & 10th videos in the lecture series by Dr. Tim Gray. We will meet via zoom at 11:00 a.m. on

Thursday morning We are discussing the Gospel of Mark. We will be listening to the lectures by Dr. Tim Gray on formed.org (2 per week) prior to each session <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mark-with-dr-tim-gray>.

Our Lady of Mercy has a parish subscription to formed.org. If you have not yet used this subscription, this is a good excuse. Contact the parish if you have any difficulty accessing the parish free subscription. If you want to be part of this Scripture Study, email Irene ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org for the link.

Ladies Lunch

Thursday, July 9 at 1 p.m. we will gather at Our Lady of Mercy for a luncheon for women who live alone. Please RSVP to Donna Clark at the parish office 899-5342 or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org. When we know who is coming we will order something locally.



OLM Book Group



Join us on Wednesday, July 15 @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Huff 4517 N. Woods Dr. to discuss Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Our August title will be The River by Peter Heller.

For Mercy Sake

Deadline for items for the August issue of the parish newsletter is due by July 19. Items can be sent to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



New AV Ministry needs people to help.



We are working on our permanent camera and video system so we can continue to live stream Mass. We are looking for people who would love to learn how to work the camera and sound system for our livestream. Interested? Please contact Donna Clark in the parish office. Or dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Summer Help Needed

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for part-time summer help for the Maintenance Dept. The person would be working with a variety of chores including lawn mowing. The applicant must be at least 16 years old and able to do heavy physical labor. For more information, contact Fr. Ritchie at 899-5342.



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Thank You Note

To the Faith Community,
All of you are warm and wonderful. You remember during the hard times and also the good. You make me proud to belong to OLM.
Love, Mary Ann Fetchik



Food Pantry Report



The Ella Cochran Food Pantry served 35 new families since the start of the Covid-19 virus in addition to the 130 families they serve monthly. Many new families had not known that the pantry was available in Harborcreek. Also the pantry volunteers conducted 3 extra distributions for any family in need, buying the necessary food from local stores/companies so we could respond to the need immediately. Fortunately, many new donors contributed in the last few months and many regular donors made extra contributions. We thank Our Lady of Mercy and the Harborcreek community for their support. In particular, we recognize Sue Moreno and Katrina DeVore who help to lead the 20 volunteers. Please don't hesitate to refer someone in need. The pantry's regular distribution is the third Wednesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. For questions call 814-480-9979.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Congratulations!

A Knights of Columbus Ed Cudicio Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to parishioner, Kara Meyer who will be attending Gannon University. She is a graduate of Harborcreek High School and has impressive accomplishments throughout her high school years. Please congratulate and wish her well as she continues her education.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF RAFFLE CANCELLED

After postponing the Golf Raffle from May to possibly this fall the Knights have decided to postpone the Raffle until May 2021. Any tickets purchased will be cheerfully refunded from the sellers. Purchasers can also call Katie at the Parish Office and leave your name, address and number of tickets purchased and you will be sent a refund. Any tickets not refunded will be valid for entrance and for the raffles for prizes next year. Thank you for your continuing support and we hope to see you next year.



Smile!



Parish Directory photos will be taken the week of August 3rd-8th.

SIGN UP NOW

online at

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ch4nndjv/>

Or call the Parish Office during office hours.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bread For the World, a Christian advocacy group for the elimination of global hunger, has released its annual report on global nutrition. For the full report and recommendations to combat hunger, go to hungerreport.org/2020/ The 2020 Hunger Report offers a snapshot of nutrition concerns around the world. Here are some highlights.

- Around the world, currently, there are 822 million people undernourished because of insufficient calories, more than 2 billion people undernourished because of vitamin and mineral (micronutrient) deficiencies, and another 2 billion overweight or obese. This means that approximately 1/3rd of the global population suffers from at least one of these forms of malnutrition. By 2030, if current trends continue, ½ of the world's population will suffer from one or more of these forms of malnutrition.
- In the United States, 11.1% of the population experienced food insecurity in the past year. A food insecure household is one in which 1 or more members were deprived of adequate calories or nutrition because of poverty or related limitations.
- Roughly 1 in 3 people globally were chronically malnourished in the 1960s. Because of the efforts by international and national organizations, that rate has been dramatically reduced today to

approximately 1 in 10. But since 2015, the global malnutrition rate has been climbing.

- Currently, 1 in 5 children under the age of 5 years is stunted due to chronic malnutrition. Lack of adequate nutrients in the first 2 years of life results in lifelong physical and cognitive disabilities. The
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that, globally, two out of three children do not consume the minimum recommended diverse diet for healthy growth and development.
- Malnutrition has been and remains the world's leading cause of poor health.
- Today, 2/3rds of the world's over weight and obese people live in low and middle income countries. Hunger related poverty prompts people to search out high calorie food with little nutritional value because such food is inexpensive. Obesity is a leading factor in many chronic diseases including diabetes and hypertension. The combination of obesity and micro nutrition insufficiency puts people at high risk for life threatening illnesses such as stroke and cancer.
- Ecological changes will be the leading cause of growing hunger and malnutrition in the coming decade. We are not producing food sustainably. For example, many of the agricultural methods used today are a leading cause of ecosystem destruction. Production processes often rob crops of their nutrients, and this only gets worse over time since the ecosystem becomes depleted and cannot regenerate.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Landon Stephenson-8	Arianna Kelley-10	Chloe Knepper-12
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Laina Drabic-10 Falynn Baker-6 Adaleen Mikolajewski-13 Samuel Martin-4	Abigail Nguyen-16 Kami Kinter-12	Leeha Weigner-6 Brielle Heitzenrater-6	Jake Sarvis-18	John Parente-12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Connor DeVore-15		Liam Burick-3	Avora Flaherty-5	Jamieson Forrester-6		Louis Beckman-1
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Micah Laskey-1	Nate Henry-11			Aiden Whitney-18 Ella Hamilton-11		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Vivian Flaherty-3 Kayden Self-3	Lucy Vahey-8	Joseph Lewandowski-6	Thomas Gunther-13			

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