

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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July 26th, 2020 - 17th 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*

Sarah Phipps, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 July 19, 2020

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	40	\$1,837.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$3,548.00
Loose Change:		\$ 70.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$5,455.00

Paris Directory photos will be taken the week of August 3rd-9th.
CANCELLED!
 SIGN UP NOW online at <https://www.know-when-appointments-plus.com/ch4nndjv/>
 Or call the Parish Office during office hours.

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. 07/27	Jer 13:1-11	/ Mt 13:31-35
Tue. 07/28	Jer 14:17-22	/ Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 07/29	Jer 15:10, 16-21	/ Jn 11:19-27
Thur. 07/30	Jer 18:1-6	/ Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 07/31	Jer 26:1-9	/ Mt 13:54-58
Sat. 08/01	Jer 26:11-16, 24	/ Mt 14:1-12
Sun. 08/02	Is 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35-39	/ Mt 14:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/27	8:30 a.m.	Shirley Amendola (Janet Smith)
Tue. 07/28	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 07/29	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 07/30	8:30 a.m.	Tim Eisert (Family)
Fri. 07/31	8:30 a.m.	Patricia Bory
Sat. 08/01	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Scott Emling (Ann & Dick Nagosky)
Sun. 08/02	8:30 a.m.	Joyce Olszewski (Peggy & Dave Jacquel)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People Of OLM

FORMED
 PICK OF THE WEEK



Extraordinary Stories for Children

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THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field"

The parables of the treasure in the field and of the merchant searching for fine pearls seem very similar, but they describe different ways the kingdom of heaven enters our lives. The person discovering the treasure was not looking for it. It was a surprise, and required alertness to recognize its value. The merchant knew what he was looking for to begin with. Both, however, sacrificed everything for what they found.

The kingdom breaks into our lives in large and small ways. It may be a life vocation, or it may be a need that briefly crosses our path, or a person who brightens our day. Whether the event becomes a share of the kingdom does not depend on the richness of the treasure or the size of the pearl, but the response of the heart.

Others may have discovered the treasure or the pearl before the people in Jesus' story came along, but either they did not recognize their value or had been unwilling to sacrifice for them. The parables call us to be alert every day for the surprise of the kingdom of heaven and, when it appears, to pursue it with all of our heart.

Reflection: How can I remain alert in the coming week to the surprises God has in store for me? Will I be able to recognize the signs of the kingdom?

Jerome Kodell, O.S.B.



Scripture Study

Join us for a Scripture Study on Mary beginning **Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m.** August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Mary, so this is a perfect time to reflect on her witness and her role in the Church through the centuries. All are welcome to join our virtual study beginning Thursday, July 23. Prior to each gathering, participants are asked to view one of the lectures by Dr. Brant Pitre on [formed.org](https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre), <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre>

When we gather in our Zoom room, we will discuss what we learned. To get the Zoom link each week, email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. If you have not yet explored the parish subscription to formed.org, signing up is easy. Go to <https://formed.org/> Click on "sign up". Choose "sign up as parish or organization". Search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek. It is that simple. If you have any problems, contact the parish office.



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BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT SHARING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Parishioners at an Erie parish recently received an email from a scam artist claiming to be their pastor and requesting financial help. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

Ladies' Lunch



Save the date for the next Luncheon for women who live alone. **Thursday August 6 at 1:00 p.m.** If people are comfortable we will go to the Harborview Grill. If it is still not wise to have a gathering in a public restaurant we will again meet in the church for a dine in experience.

Mailing Party

There will be a mailing party on **Monday, Aug. 10 at 9:00 a.m.** in Sperry Hall. Anyone who can help prepare the newsletter for the mail should call 899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



OLM Book Group
Join us on **Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Donna Huff 4517 N. Woods Dr. to discuss The River by Peter Heller. Our September title will be Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout.

Catechist Needed

We are looking for a Gr. 1 catechist for the coming year. For more information, contact Irene at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



Feeling Isolated?



Are you feeling isolated from the community? Coming to church might have been part of your pattern for social interaction and now you may not feel safe returning yet because of your age or health situation. We can make a pastoral visit to our older parishioners.

Please call Donna Clark in the Parish Office.

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

Honoring Graduates

We will be honoring the 2020 OLM graduates at all the Masses next weekend. If you are going to be present at OLM for one of the weekend Masses, please email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or call 899-6132 by July 30.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KoC Silver Rose, Rosary Service

In commemoration of the Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in the Basilica in Mexico City, the North American Knights of Columbus have made six Silver Roses that will travel through Canada, all 50 States in the US, and will arrive in Mexico City on the Feast Day, December 12, 2020. Our Lady of Mercy will have the honor of receiving a Silver Rose on Sunday, August 2nd at 8 a.m. The Knights will hold a Rosary Service before Mass that day, and will place the Rose on a pedestal near the altar during the Mass. All are welcome to attend the Rosary Service and Mass.

Cards for a Parishioner

A simple note of care, a "thinking of you" card, can brighten the day for any one of us. OLM is collecting cards of love and support for Rosemary Shaffer. Bring them to the parish Office by July 29 and we will deliver them to her. This request for cards extends to children willing to create homemade cards for her.



2020 OLM Non-Festival Update

Thank you for your Donations!

Thank you to all who participated in this years "Non-Festival" raffle. It is because of you, that I am proud to say, this was the "Best Non-Festival Ever!"

Congratulations to our Non-Festival Winners!

Afgan	Char & Joe Chmielewski
Quilt.....	Crystal Lander
TV	William & Aimee McKinney
\$1,000.....	Candy Henry



SOCIAL JUSTICE



O God of All the Nations

O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw
that kings and institutions are not above the law.

Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;

Your way is peace and justice, and love is your command.

O God, when times are troubled, when lies are seen as truth,

When power-hungry people draw praise and not reproof,

When greed is seen as greatness, when justice is abused,

We pray that those who lead us will know what they must choose.

We pray they'll gather wisdom and lift up high ideals,

To guide our struggling nation along a path that heals.

We pray they'll have the vision to value each good law,

To put aside ambition, to seek the best for all.

O God of all the nations, may those who lead us see that justice is your blessing, that truth
will set us free.

Give all of us the courage to seek the nobler way,

So in this land we cherish, the good will win the day.

Tune: Traditional Welsh melody, from Daniel Evans' Hymnau a Thonau (Hymns and Tunes),
1865 ("Lead On, O King Eternal"; "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")

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August Birthdays!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lucas Ollinger-10	3 Parker Lewandowski-10	4 Lily Czerwinski-8 Brandon Habursky-17	5 Kylie Pinetti-18	6 Lachlan Eighthmy-6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Madison MacGurm-18	13	14	15
16 Michael Pepicello-18 Benjamin McKeel-15 Noah Hawryliw-18	17	18	19	20 Owen Drabic-12	21	22 Abigail Still-12
23	24 Zac Henry-9	25	26 Olivia Stephenson-10 Seamus Marshall-14	27 Kayden McKeel-13	28 Brooke Owens-14	29 Anthony Kohut-13
30	31					
						

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