

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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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*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant*

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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.



MAY 30, 2021 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon. 05/31	Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed	
Tue. 06/01	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg.
Wed. 06/02	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Festival Committee Mtg.
Thur. 06/03	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Fri. 06/04		
Sat. 06/05	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/06	Casserole Club Drop-Off	
	Monthly Food Pantry Collection	

PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Call Donna Smicker at 814-899-9108
 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 Call Gerri Extein at 814-490-9681



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 23, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,605.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	139	\$ 3,607.08
Loose Change:		\$ 78.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,290.08

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/31	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16	/ Lk 1:39-56
Tue. 06/01	Tb 2:9-14	/ Mk 12:13-17
Wed. 06/02	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a	/ Mk 12:18-27
Thur. 06/03	Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a	/ Mk 12:28-34
Fri. 06/04	Tb 11:5-17	/ Mk 12:35-37
Sat. 06/05	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20	/ Mk 12:38-44
Sun. 06/06	Ex 24:3-8	/ Heb 9:11-15
		/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/31	8:30 a.m.	-NO MASS-
Tue. 06/01	8:30 a.m.	Florence Kobylinski (Jim & Sue Carpenter)
Wed. 06/02	8:30 a.m.	Louis Spizarny (Dan Grumblatt)
Thur. 06/03	8:30 a.m.	Camille Chalupczynski (Eileen Richter)
Fri. 06/04	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Sat. 06/05	8:30 a.m.	-NO MASS-
	6:00 p.m.	Gertrude Peters (Ross Peters)
Sun. 06/06	8:30 a.m.	Betty Kaerberlein-Detrich (Dick & Ann Nagosky)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

Congratulations to
**Deacon Paul Barcko &
 Deacon Dave Jacquell**



on their ordination as
 permanent deacons last Friday.

*May God bless them in
 their service to His people.*

Join us for the Mass of Thanksgiving
 next weekend, June 5th and 6th.
 Deacon Paul will celebrate at 6 p.m. on June 5th
 & Deacon Dave will celebrate at 8:30 a.m. on
 June 6th.

The Parish Office will be
 closed on Monday, May 31 in
 observance of the holiday.
 Regular office hours of
 9 a.m.-3 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, June 1st.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 28:16-20

"AND BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

God's one great promise that pervades all of Scripture and all of human history is the promise to be present to us, to abide with us, to dwell alongside us. Perhaps this is so because God's very nature is relational.

The simplest definition of God is found in three simple words: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Love exists only in relationship to one another. Our Church defines God as a trinity of persons. We can visualize this as a community of loving relationships. The fullness of divine love poured out into history in the gift of God's own Son who became human, and in the gift of God's Spirit who dwells within us.

We may desire status or wealth, but even in poverty God's promise is not broken-God is with us. We may desire the blessing of health and happiness, but God promises only to be present with us, whether our health holds up or fails. It is God's presence that gives meaning to any success or any sorrow.

When we sign ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we both invite God's protection and presence, and we remind ourselves of the God of love in whose image we are created.

For Reflection: Is it possible to surrender to God's loving presence without asking for more? How can I move toward a greater acceptance of God's presence being enough for me?

Cackie Upchurch



Daytime Grief Support



Tuesday June 1, at 3:00 p.m. is the monthly daytime grief support (on the first Tuesday of the month). Grief affects everyone differently. Although there are no rules about grief it can seem as though there are unspoken

pressures from society. For example: that we are supposed to cry; that we can only grieve for a year; that grieving for a person who is in their 90's should be easier than grieving for someone who is in their 40's. But really, there are no rules. Join us on Tuesday if you need a safe place to share your experience, where everyone will understand. Questions? Call Donna Clark.

Midday Spiritual Boost

Pause for a moment . . . sometimes that is just what we need to hear the word of God. Thursdays at Noon join a group small group in the parish parlor or on zoom to read a short spiritual reflection from the book Jesus Today. Share the message or the challenge you receive if you are comfortable. Check the parish website for the link. Questions – contact Donna Clark.



Honoring Graduates



If you are graduating from high school or a post-secondary institution, your parish family would like to recognize your accomplishment. We will be honoring our graduates at all weekend Masses June 12 & 13. If you will be with us for Mass in

person that weekend, please call 814-899-6132 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org by June 7.

Book Group

We will meet at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr. to discuss The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman at 7:00 on June 16.



FORMED.ORG



If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an “institution or parish” subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

Women’s Summer Study

What could be better than a summer evening with friends enjoying a cold drink and some talk about God? All women of the parish are invited to join us June 14, 21, 28, July 12 & 19 at 7:00 at the home of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd. We will be outside as long as the weather permits. We will be discussing “Between Heaven and Mirth” by Fr. James Martin, S.J. (2 chapters each week). After a year of so much loss, stress and fear, it is time to reclaim the importance of joy and laughter in the spiritual life.



Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming back to Our Lady of Mercy this summer! Mark your calendars for July 26-30 and join us at Treasure Island. A registration form is in the current issue of the parish newsletter or can be found on the bulletin tables. We are looking for adult volunteers to help us with this week of fun and faith. If you want to get involved, you can use the registration form to sign up or call Irene at 814-898-6132. Registration forms can be dropped off at the parish office.



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

We are looking for adults to join us in planning for and leading this summer’s VBS at OLM. Our next planning meeting is this Wednesday, June 2 at 5:30.



June Birthdays



6 June	Bella Infantino	15	14 June	McKenzie Skarzenski	16	21 June	Addison Kelly	5
7 June	Jonathan Traphagen	11	13 June	Miles Lewandowski	3	23 June	Kaden Pinetti	13
7 June	Jacob Traphagen	11	15 June	Kaylin Still	10	25 June	Noah Skarzenski	14
9 June	Amelia Bernatowicz	11	15 June	Macy Holden	6	25 June	Colton Catrabone	11
12 June	Estella Beckman	9	18 June	Sophie Bleil	14	26 June	Sarah Dorosch	15
12 June	Benjamin Vahey	12	20 June	Nathan Ford	10	27 June	Joel Skarzenski	13
12 June	Natalie Gunther	17	20 June	Jocelyn Ollinger	18	29 June	David Parente	11



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



As a mission church, Our Lady of Mercy was permitted to keep the “Book of Life,” the record of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Marriages. The first name entered in the baptismal registry is that of George Knecht, son of Otto Knecht and Catherine Johnson, on March 8, 1925.



Social Justice

“Only God has the authority to end life on this planet. All we have is the power.”
Rev. William Sloane Coffine, Jr.

HELP STAN’S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan’s Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you’re a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

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Prayer For A New Director of Music & Liturgy

Ever-constant God,
You remain eternal and unchanged while the earth spins us each day toward a new sunrise and a new reality.

Help us as we search for a minister of music and liturgy.

Strengthen us to live for a time within the haze of uncertainty assured that you are present with us and already acting to provide for our needs.

Open our hearts and minds to recognize and welcome into our midst a new guide to engage our spiritual imagination, touch our hearts and form us ever more deeply in the spirit of the liturgy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.



ENCORE PRESENTATION
IN HONOR OF
CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

"My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink"
Come in "believing."
Walk out "BELIEVING!"

INTRO BY: Fr Joe Petrone
SPEAKER: Jaci Phillips PhD

"Come your doubting and believe!" - Jesus

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 @ 1-2:30
St Joseph Church Bread of Life Community Center
147 W. 24th St., Erie

This is a free event. Join us and please bring people who would like to hear the research evidence of the miracles and increase their belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

THEY SERVED AND FOUGHT AND DIED
SO THAT WE MIGHT BE SAFE AND FREE.
GRANT THEM, O LORD, ETERNAL PEACE
AND GIVE THEM THE VICTORY.
AND IN THESE DAYS OF UNREST
FILLED WITH GRAVE UNCERTAINTY
LET'S NOT FORGET THE PRICE THEY PAID
TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE
-HELEN STEINER RICE

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <u>8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS</u>	31 Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM NO Mass	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC Group 3:00 PM Grief Support Meeting 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	2 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 PM Festival Meeting	3 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	4 8:30 AM Mass	5 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass 6:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving - Barko
6 <u>8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS</u> 8:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving - Jacquel Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection	7 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 7:00 PM Pastoral Facilitator Meeting	8 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:30 PM AA	9 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Festival Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	10 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30 AM Mass	12 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Ice cream Sundae's after Mass
13 <u>8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS</u> 9:30 AM Muffins and Coffee after Mass 12:00 PM Ice Cream Sundae's after Mass	14 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine SCC	15 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:30 PM AA	16 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Festival Meeting 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	17 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 1:30 PM Social Justice Committee 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 8:30 AM Mass	19 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
20 <u>8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS</u>	21 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	22 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:30 PM AA	23 8:30 AM Mass	24 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	25 8:30 AM Mass	26 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
27 <u>8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS</u>	28 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine SCC	29 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:00 PM Jacquel continuum team 7:30 PM AA	30 8:30 AM Mass	1 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	2 8:30 AM Mass	3 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass

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