

# 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.

## 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.*

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Deacon Paul Barko, *Deacon Assistant*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant  
& Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

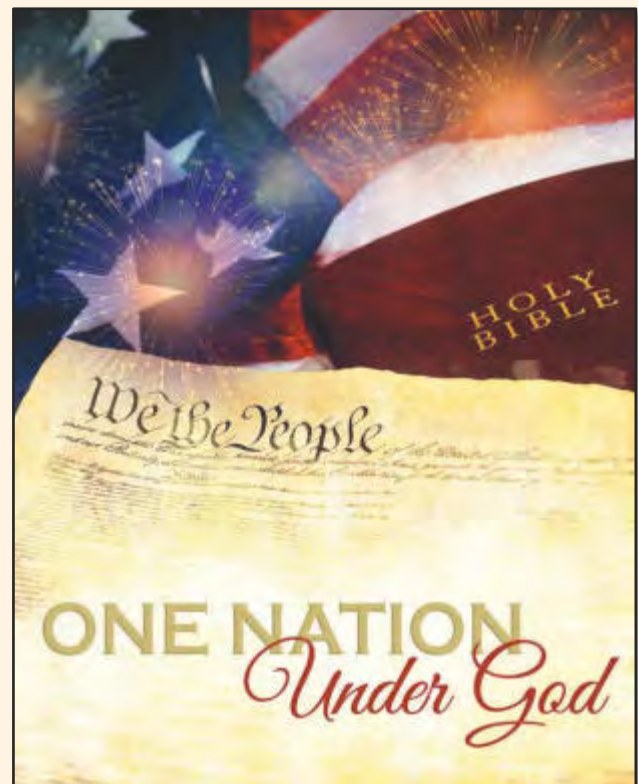
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# JULY 4, 2021 - THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

Mon. 07/05	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
Tue. 07/06	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Jacquel Continuum Mtg.
Wed. 07/07	6:00 p.m.	Festival Planning Mtg.
Thur. 07/08	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
Fri. 07/09		
Sat. 07/10	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/11	<b>OLM's Famous Chicken Dinner</b>	
	12:00 p.m. - Drive-Thru Only!	

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 27, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
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## 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



## Change to Livestream Masses

We will begin livestreaming only the 8:30 a.m. Mass starting TODAY July 4.

You can watch live at 8:30am. If you don't usually get up that early you can watch at any time. Go to our website and click on either the "Parish YouTube Channel" or "Parish Facebook Page" to watch the recorded livestream of the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

**MARK 1:1-6**

**"AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM."**

Imagine Jesus as the invited guest speaker in the synagogue at Nazareth. The town is buzzing with anticipation. A local boy - Mary's son! - is fast becoming a respected and eloquent rabbi. Many turn out to hear his message of comfort and consolation. They anticipate his approval and appreciation for their strong faith. After all, he was one of their own - a brother, a friend.

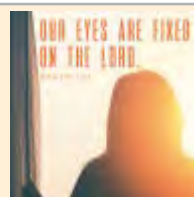
He speaks, instead, as a prophet. His words are a challenge. He expects them to change! How dare he speak in that manner! Who does he think he is?

How often do we behave like these Nazoreans? As our brother and friend, Jesus reassures and cheers us. We draw near to him, straining to hear all those soothing words. Jesus is also our priest, prophet, and king. Do we listen as closely to his prophetic words, those that call us to conversion and ministry? Do we inch closer to him when he asks us to risk leaving our comfort zone or do we "take offense" and move away?

God provides us with all we need to answer Christ's prophetic call. When we trust in him we can answer the call to true discipleship. Never let Jesus be amazed at our lack of faith.

For Reflection: When have I felt the call of Jesus to leave my comfort zone?

Dan Hennessey



## Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

Regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. will resume on Tuesday July 6th.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/05	Gn 28:10-22a	/ Mt 9:18-26
Tue. 07/06	Gn 32:23-33	/ Mt 9:32-38
Wed. 07/07	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 / Mt 10:1-7	
Thur. 07/08	Gn 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5	
	/ Mt 10:7-15	
Fri. 07/09	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	/ Mt 10:16-23
Sat. 07/10	Gn 49:29-32; 50:16-26/ Mt 10:24-33	
Sun. 07/11	Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7-13	

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/05	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
Tue. 07/06	8:30 a.m.	Roseanne Jobson
Wed. 07/07	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Steve & Debbie R zodkiewicz)
Thur. 07/08	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Fri. 07/09	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Gross (Family)
Sat. 07/10	8:30 a.m.	<b>-NO MASS-</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Seyboldt (Marilyn Rinke)
Sun. 07/11	8:30 a.m.	Joe Marshall (Dave & Patti Parmenter)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

### 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 to read a short spiritual reflection from the book *Jesus Today*. Share the message or the challenge you receive if you are comfortable. Questions – contact Donna Clark.



### 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). July 12 we discuss chapter 7 & 8.



### Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. **July 21** at the home of Donna Huff to discuss *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Our August title will be *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.



### Kids' Summer Challenge

The Summer challenge is underway. Game boards and directions are available on the bulletin tables or can be downloaded from the parish website. Be the first to send Irene a bingo and get your name entered in the drawing twice. Watch the weekly eBlast and FB page for additional pop-up incentives.



### For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the August issue of *For Mercy Sake* is **July 18**. Please send submissions to [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



### Youth Ministry - The Ministry

Do you have a passion for working with the youth of our parish? Are you looking for ways to give back to our growing community? Are you energetic and ready to have some fun? If so, please consider joining OLM's newest ministry – The Youth Ministry Core Team! Katie is looking for a group of adults who are willing and able to help with youth events, retreats, service days and so much more that goes on in the world of Youth Ministry. Katie will hold monthly meetings at OLM (we can Zoom too if its needed). The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in joining this new ministry, or are just looking for some more information about what it's all about, please contact Katie in the parish office or you can email her at [youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



## 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.

### Vacation Bible School

Register now for Treasure Island Vacation Bible School at OLM, **July 26-30 from 9:00-noon**. This is open to youth age 4 through grade 6 and is free. Please register by **July 12** to ensure we have sufficient supplies. Registration forms can be found on the table in the Gathering Space or at the parish website.



### Vacation Bible School volunteers needed

We need a few more volunteers to work with specific age groups during our week of VBS. Volunteers must submit clearances. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Irene at 814-899-6132 or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

### Dish Towels Needed for Sperry Hall Kitchen

If you have any dish towels laying around, not being used, please consider donating them to Our Lady of Mercy. We are in need of dish towels in Sperry Hall. Please drop them off in the Sperry Hall kitchen at your earliest convenience.



### Daytime Grief Support

The next meeting is **Tuesday July 6 at 3 p.m.** To attend this meeting by zoom contact Donna Clark. Sometimes as summer approaches there are more events to distract us. This can be a healthy way of processing the grief. However, there are times when the grief becomes more intense because of summer memories with your loved one. Take some time to share these memories with others who can support you through the sadness to joy.



### Plants for Worship Space

Help provide flowers and plants for our worship space. Do you have flowers or plants that we could use for the worship space? Homegrown or purchased. This summer we are asking our gardeners to bring in a vase of cut flowers or loan us a potted plant (preferably flowering) for a week or two. You would sign up for a particular weekend on a communal calendar then bring your flowers or plant it on Friday or Saturday of that weekend. Touch base with one of the environment committee members who will show you where to place the flowers. Call Donna or Katie in the parish office for contact information. [dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org).







### Social Justice

“There is an extravagance to the compassion that the saints manifest; they squander themselves for God and for the people of God.”

*Tessa Bielecki*

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



#### Know the Warning Signs of a Predator

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>



### Prayer For A New Minister 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.

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Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish Fr Kuziora replaced Fr Conway as superintendent of the Harborcreek Training School and became minister to the parish community.

From 1927 to 1946 (16 years) the church community celebrated 128 baptisms.



# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <u>8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM MASS</u>	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Sisters of Scripture <b>5:30 PM</b> Fruit of the Vine <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Summer Study	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Potters Clay <b>1:00 PM</b> Jacquel continuum team <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Festival Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> MIDDAY PRAYER <b>12:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary <b>1:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Mass</u>
<b>4</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM MASS</b> <b>Casserole Club</b> <b>DROPOFF</b> <b>Monthly Food Pantry</b> <b>Collection</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>8:30 AM NO MASS</b>	<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Potters Clay <b>1:00 PM</b> Grief Support Group <b>3:00 PM</b> Sophia's <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>7</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Festival Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Angels in Training <b>9:00 AM</b> Angels in Training <b>12:00 PM</b> MIDDAY PRAYER <b>1:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary <b>5:30 PM</b> VBS Planning Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Mass</u>
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM MASS</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Parish Festival	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Sisters of Scripture <b>5:30 PM</b> Fruit of the Vine <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Summer Study	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Potters Clay <b>1:00 PM</b> Potters Clay <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Knights of Columbus <b>7:00 PM</b> Knights of Columbus	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> MIDDAY PRAYER <b>12:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Mass</u>
<b>18</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM MASS</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Grief Support Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Summer Study	<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Potters Clay SCC <b>1:00 PM</b> Potters Clay SCC <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM Food Pantry</b> Distribution <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> OLM BOOK GROUP <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Ministry Core Team	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Angels in Training <b>9:00 AM</b> Angels in Training <b>12:00 PM</b> MIDDAY PRAYER <b>1:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Mass</u>
<b>25</b> <u>8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM MASS</u>	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Vacation Bible School <b>9:00 AM</b> Vacation Bible School <b>5:30 PM</b> Sisters of Scripture <b>7:00 PM</b> Fruit of the Vine	<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Vacation Bible School <b>9:00 AM</b> Vacation Bible School <b>1:00 PM</b> Potters Clay <b>7:30 PM</b> AA	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Vacation Bible School <b>9:00 AM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Vacation Bible School <b>9:00 AM</b> Vacation Bible School <b>12:00 PM</b> MIDDAY PRAYER <b>1:00 PM</b> Legion of Mary	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Vacation Bible School <b>9:00 AM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Sacrament of Penance <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Mass</u>



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