

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.

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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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.

An advertisement for a BBQ chicken dinner. The text reads: "OLM - OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH" at the top, followed by the address "837 Bartlett / www.ourladyofmercychurch.org". Below that, it says "Famous BBQ CHICKEN" in large, bold, red letters, with "DINNER" in smaller red letters underneath. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a brown chicken holding a sign that says "Carry-Out Only!". At the bottom, it says "Sunday-JULY 11TH" and "Dinner Sales begin @ 12:00 - 5:00 or sold out!". Below that, it lists prices: "\$12 for adults - \$6 ages 6-12". At the very bottom, in smaller text, it says "Follow signs to pay, pickup dinners, and purchase Raffle tickets*".

JULY 11, 2021 - THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/12	5:30 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Study
Tue. 07/13	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
Wed. 07/14	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 07/15	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 07/16		
Sat. 07/17	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/18		Newsletter Deadline



Change to Livestream Masses

Now we livestream only the 8:30 Mass. 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 Facebook links.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 4, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 4,748.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,618.95
Loose Change:		\$ 180.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 8,546.95

Memorial Mass for Catherine Altieri

Catherine's family would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join them for a Memorial Mass for Catherine and her husband Jim this Saturday at 1 p.m. right here at Our Lady of Mercy.

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/12	Ex 1:8-14, 22	/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue. 07/13	Ex2:1-15a	/ Mt 11:20-24
Wed. 07/14	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	/ Mt 11:25-27
Thur. 07/15	Ex 3:13-20	/ Mt 11:28-30
Fri. 07/16	Ex 11:10-12:14	/ Mt 12:1-8
Sat. 07/17	Ex 12:37-42	/ Mt 12:14-21
Sun. 07/18	Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/12	8:30 a.m.	Judith King - Smith (James King & Family)
Tue. 07/13	8:30 a.m.	Jack Rathers
Wed. 07/14	8:30 a.m.	Leo Kosobucki (The Nagosky's)
Thur. 07/15	8:30 a.m.	Florence Kobylinski (Jim & Sue Carpenter)
Fri. 07/16	8:30 a.m.	Betty Weber (Family)
Sat. 07/17	8:30 a.m.	-NO MASS-
	6:00 p.m.	John Eckendorf (Carole Peters)
Sun. 07/18	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Dr Loren & Linda Prichard)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MARK 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

One day two Mormon missionaries knocked on my door. We talked briefly and then I identified myself as a missionary priest. One of them told me that he was nearing the end of a two-year experience in mission in Arkansas. I asked him what he would remember from his experience of having left home and loved ones. He said to me, "I will never forget who I am. I am a missionary."

That stuck with me. Whether I am at home or far away, my call is to be a messenger of Good News. A basic, fundamental aspect of discipleship is that we are called and sent out. A missionary is a believer who shares in the life and mission of Jesus.

Jesus strictly commands his disciples to travel light. This makes the source of their authority and power most apparent - it is God who has the power to change hearts, who has authority over evil, and who heals and forgives. God has us to put the flesh and bones on the Good News.

For Reflection: Am I a messenger of the Good News? Who are people of witness that strengthen my faith?

Tom Stehlik, C.M.



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 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.



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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.

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.



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.

Evening Grief Support

The next meeting is **Monday July 19 at 7:00 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.



The Healing Ministry



The Healing Ministry will resume on the first and third Sunday after the 8:30 Mass in Mary’s Chapel. We look forward to seeing you starting **July 18th**. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School

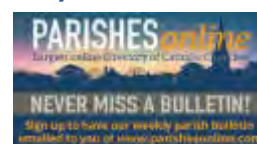
The ship is leaving for Treasure Island VBS! Don’t wait! Register now! Our week of faith, friends and fun is **July 26-30 from 9:00-noon**. This is open to youth age 4 through grade 6 and is free. Please register by **July 12** to ensure we have sufficient supplies. Registration forms can be found on 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. We are also in need of help laminating 48 cards size 5X7 for an activity for VBS.

Stay in touch



Never miss a bulletin, even when you are traveling. You can get a bulletin notice to your e mail each week. Sign up at <https://parishesonline.com/> Find Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek and subscribe.

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.



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.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
May 4, 1946 marked the official beginning of Our Lady of Mercy as a parish when Fr. William Hastings was named Superintendent of Harborcreek Training School for Boys and Rector of Our Lady of Mercy.





Social Justice

Love and truth will meet;
Justice and peace will embrace.
Truth will spring from the earth;
Justice will look down from heaven.
Ps. 85:11-12



Coming Soon Summer Retreats at Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville.

- Anne Kertz Kernion, the award-winning author of *Spiritual Practices for the Brain*, is returning to lead a retreat July 16-18.
 - Grounded Grieving Retreat Aug. 6-8 at Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville. Participants will share stories, engage in creative expression, spend time in nature and deepen into the place where grief is grounded.
- For more information or to register, go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855.

Domestic Violence Support

Do you know someone who is living through domestic violence? You can help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline for resources and support 800-799-SAFE (7233) {TTY 800-787-3224} or find help on line at thehotline.org.



Ink Jet Fundraiser



Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed, nor can laser toner cartridges.

A Prayer of Thanks

Compassionate God,
in Luke's story of the 10 lepers
Jesus taught us to be grateful for
our gracious gifts.

And so we thank you for sending
Patti (Reé-vul) Reavel to us
as our new music minister.

Help us welcome her into our community.
Assist and support her
as she becomes familiar with our parish.
Guide Patti as she engages us in
song and leads us in singing
your praise in the eternal song of
thanksgiving we call Eucharist.

We express our gratefulness in the words
of composer, Stephen Dean:

*Thanks be to God whose
love has gathered us this day.
Thanks be to God who
helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God who
gives us voice that we may thank him.
Thanks be to God most high.*

Amen.

OLM Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry - The Ministry Core Team

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.

OLM Youth Ministry

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

For all youth entering 7th-12th grades!

Mark Your Calendar!

Friday August 13th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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Join us for this "Family Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at your church!



Family Connections Event!

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church family directory.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.

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Directory Committee

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OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS ... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



Treasure Island!

JULY 26-30, 2021
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
All adventurer's - age 4 thru entering 6th grade are invited!

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Registration Deadline is July 12, 2021

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Parish: _____

Phone #: _____

Emergency #: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name _____

Age _____

Grade 2021/2022 _____

Medical/Dietary Needs _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: _____ Story Time: _____ Craft: _____ Games: _____ Music: _____

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