

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*

Patti Reavel, *Music Director*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant
& Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

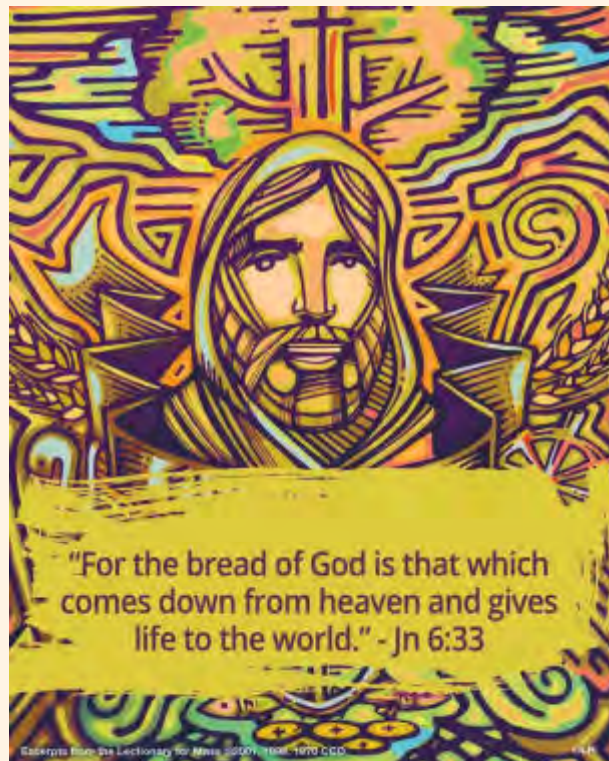
CONTACT INFORMATION

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AUGUST 1, 2021 - THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/02	3:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee
Tue. 08/03	75th Anniversary Photo Sessions	
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Wed. 08/04	75th Anniversary Photo Sessions	
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
Thur. 08/05	75th Anniversary Photo Sessions	
	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Fri. 08/06	75th Anniversary Photo Sessions	
Sat. 08/07	75th Anniversary Photo Sessions	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/08		

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 25, 2021

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	56	\$ 3,580.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,615.83
Loose Change:		\$ 75.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,270.83

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/02	Nm 11:4b-15	/ Mt 14:13-21
Tue. 08/03	Nm 12:1-13	/ Mt 14:22-36
Wed. 08/04	Nm 12:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35	
		/ Mt 15:21-28
Thur. 08/05	Nm 20:1-13	/ Mt 16:13-23
Fri. 08/06	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19	
		/ Mk 9:2-10
Sat. 08/07	Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20	
Sun. 08/08	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:4-5:1	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/02	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Morealli (Tom & Sheri Noyer)
Tue. 08/03	8:30 a.m.	Hilbert Jordan (Sandra Jordan)
Wed. 08/04	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Thur. 08/05	8:30 a.m.	Betty Steadman (The Gallagher Family)
Fri. 08/06	8:30 a.m.	Florence Kobylinski (Marty Eisert)
Sat. 08/07	8:30 a.m.	-NO MASS-
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 08/08	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Mike & Jan Brown)
	11:00 a.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)

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



Help with Housing

Our new Music Director is still looking for housing in the area. If you know of a place for sale – a single floor ranch style home, or of a house for rent that will allow pets, please contact Donna in the parish office.



Sign-up Now...
...and get ready to SMILE!

OLM Photo Directory Pictures will be taken

August 3rd
through
August 7th, 2021!
****SIGN-UP NOW****

Instructions to sign up for your photo session are on the insert page of the bulletin this weekend. If you have any questions, please call Katie in the Parish Office 814-899-5342.

REFLECTION ON THE TRANSFIGURATION

MARK 9:2-10

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!"

We have probably all had time sin our lives when things were so good, so peaceful, that we wanted to freeze time and stay right in the moment. We might recall special times like this - a childhood memory, perhaps a marriage, or the birth of a child or grandchild.

Maybe like Peter, James, and John we have had a mountaintop experience of God in our life. We want to sustain the wonder and joy of these times, "to make tents," but we cannot stay in these moments. We need these times to strengthen us just as the disciples did, but to plant our feet immovably in a single experience of God would be to deny ourselves the rest of the journey God requires of us.

Jesus came down the mountain because he knew that his journey was not over. We may doubt, hesitate, and even fear, but we continue our journey knowing that Jesus promised to be with us all our days. Our Father's words, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him," are for us. We have only to listen and take the next step.

For Reflection: What "mountaintop" experiences continue to sustain me when I feel weary or afraid? How could these experiences strengthen me in my continuing spiritual journey?

Roy Goetz



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.



Daytime Grief Support

The next meeting is **Tuesday August 3 at 3:00 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.

For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

There will be a mailing party on **Monday, Aug. 9 at 9:00** to prepare the summer issue of For Mercy Sake for the mail. If you can give an hour, please let Irene know by calling **814-899-6132** or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Aug 18 @ 7:00** to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. We will gather at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Drive. Our September title will be *Woman 99* by Greer Macallister.



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.



A Special Thank You!

We thank the funeral committee and all those who donated food for the wonderful lunch that was given after MaryElla's funeral Mass. We thank all those who sent cards, food, gifts, remembrances and especially all the prayers during her illness and after her passing. What a blessing it is to be part of a caring and loving parish family. God bless you all. - Jack, Michael, Peter, Christopher and the Eaglen Family



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.

Religious Education Registration

Registration for this year of religious education will take place after all Masses the weekend of **Aug. 14-15**. All youth who will participate in religious education at OLM this academic year need to be registered by a parent or guardian prior to attending class.



Volunteers Needed

The religious education ministry at OLM needs faith-filled parishioners to share our Catholic faith and the love of God with our youth. In particular, we need a volunteer catechist for 1st grade, and 9th grade. We also need volunteers to support the program as an aid. Substitute catechists are also needed. If you are interested, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Sunset Mass

The summer is quickly coming to an end. Our annual end of the summer Sunset Mass will be **Sunday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church 5414 East Lake Road. There are some benches at the area, but additional chairs may be needed.



VBS 2021: Treasure Island



Thank You To All Who Made This Week of Vacation Bible School a Huge Success! To all the young people who filled Treasure Island with their laughter, their kindness, their spirit of fun, to all the volunteers who gave hours and hours to plan and lead this week's faith-filled adventure, to all the parents and grandparents who made the daily trip to bring children to this experience, we extend a tremendous note of thanks. We are already looking forward to next summer.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Approval for construction of the first parish building was given in March of 1953. According to the April 1953 Lake Shore Visitor Register, the 'dream' parish was to consist eventually of 5 buildings including a church, rectory, catechetical center, grade school and convent.



Social Justice

“God looked at everything God had made and found it was very good. Evening came and morning followed the sixth day.”

Genesis 1:31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1	Kelsey Wedzikowski	1
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Aug. 2	Lucas Ollinger	11
Aug. 6	Lachlan Eighmy	7
Aug. 7	Cassie Stinson	18
Aug. 10	Parker Lewandoski	11
Aug. 16	Benjamin McKeel	16
Aug. 17	Lily Czerwinski	9
Aug. 17	Brandon Habursky	18
Aug. 20	Owen Drabic	13
Aug. 22	Abigail Still	13
Aug. 24	Zachery Henry	10
Aug. 26	Seamus Marshall	15
Aug. 26	Olivia Stephenson	11
Aug. 27	Kayden McKeel	14
Aug. 28	Brooke Owens	15
Aug. 29	Anthony Kohut	14



A Prayer of Thanks

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

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

Help us to welcome her into our community
and to 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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Documentation for Safety

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit <https://www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

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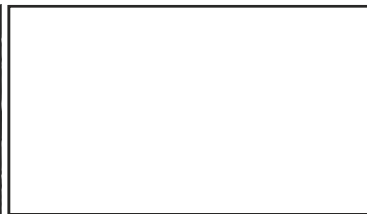
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection	2 8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Social Justice Committee	3 Picture Directory Photo Session 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC Group 7:30 PM AA	4 Picture Directory Photo Session 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting	5 Picture Directory Photo Session 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	6 Picture Directory Photo Session 8:30 AM Mass	7 Picture Directory Photo Session 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
8 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	9 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine SCC	10 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Core Team Meeting 7:00 PM Core Team Meeting 7:30 PM AA	11 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	13 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Back to School Bash	14 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM RelEd Registration
15 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 9:30 AM Rel Ed Registration	16 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	17 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	18 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 12:00 PM MIDDAY Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	20 8:30 AM Mass	21 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
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