

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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OCTOBER 31, 2021 - THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 11/01	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias
	2:00 p.m.	Sofia's Circle SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Mtg.
Tue. 11/02	9:00 a.m.	Creative Writing Group
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Gr. 3-6 Religious Ed
	6:30 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Wed. 11/03	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Mtg.
	9:15 a.m.	"The Creed"
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	3:00 p.m.	Social Justice Mtg.
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Mtg.
Thur. 11/04	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/05		
Sat. 11/06	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/07	9:30 a.m.	Gr. K-2&7-8 Religious Ed.
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday CAFE

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **October 24, 2021**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	54	\$ 2,873.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	136	\$ 3,446.08
Loose Change:		\$ 100.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,419.08

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 11/01	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
Tue. 11/02	Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40
Wed. 11/03	Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33
Thur. 11/04	Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10
Fri. 11/05	Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8
Sat. 11/06	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15
Sun. 11/07	1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/01	8:30 a.m.	Richard Squeglia
Tue. 11/02	8:30 a.m.	For Deceased Parishioners
Wed. 11/03	8:30 a.m.	Ed Smith
Thur. 11/04	8:30 a.m.	Florence Kobylinski (The Maleski's)
Fri. 11/05	8:30 a.m.	Irmina Walsh (Pat Kosobucki)
Sat. 11/06	8:30 a.m.	-NO MASS-
	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 11/07	8:30 a.m.	Joe Marshall (Dave & Marge Lefaver)
	11:00 a.m.	Leo Ignasiak (The Ignasiak Family)

PRAYER LINE

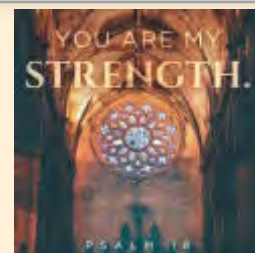
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Call **Joanne Cargioli** at 814-898-1068
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MARK 12:28-34

"...with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."



According to the great commandment this is how I am to love God. The **all** frightens me. **All** is everything I have; nothing is held back. How am I to love One I cannot see with my physical eyes, in such a total manner?

As I struggle to believe in my ability to love God so completely the second commandment comes to my assistance. I am to love my neighbor as myself. Here I receive a clue as to how to love this unseen God and it has something to do with my neighbor. Another scriptural text sounds in my ear, "those who do not love a brother [or sister] whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 John 4:20).

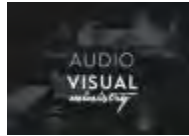
Jesus speaks of a love that has infinite power. The way to let God rule my life is to give myself to that love. My **all** today is not the same as my **all** tomorrow. I am to love with as much heart and soul as I have at the present moment.

For Reflection: During this week I will ponder how I can learn to love God by loving others. Whom will I choose to love this week?

Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.

AV Ministry

We are looking for a few more people to learn how to work our livestream camera. Please contact Donna Clark.



Advent Reflection Book

Please turn in your Advent Reflection for our booklet IMMEDIATELY. E mail (preferred) to dclark@ourladyofmercychurch.org. Hard copies may be brought to the office.

For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

Can you help us get the newsletter folded, stuffed into envelopes and ready for the mail? We will have a mailing party at **9:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8** in Sperry Hall. If you can lend a hand, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Book Group



Join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 17 @ 7:00** to discuss The Mountains Sing by Nguyễn Phan Quế. We will begin the new year with a discussion of The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Unvaccinated members, PLEASE wear masks.

Parents of Toddlers – Children Welcome

At Our Lady of Mercy, our ideal is that families come to Mass together, with their children of all ages. If they are just learning how loud their voices are, don't be embarrassed, we consider it praise of God. If you have a runner – there are speakers in the Gathering Space so you can listen as you chase. If you need a contained room, try the nursery (the second room down the hall from the Bartlett St door) which also has closed circuit TV of the Worship Space. If you are sitting next to a family with children, smile a lot.



Parish Quilt



New parish families are encouraged to decorate a quilt square for our parish quilt that hangs on the back wall of the worship space. You may find a square in the basket on the table next to classroom #1. After you decorate your family square please return it to the parish office.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of Oct. 18 was **Oscar Erickson, grade 1**, who knew that we celebrate All Saints Day on Nov. 1.

Mission of Friendship 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Mercy is honored to be asked to host the diocesan celebration of 50 years of partnership with the Diocese of Merida. All are invited to join Bishop Persico for a Mass at **5:00 on Friday, Nov. 12** followed by an authentic Mexican dinner and a fashion show. Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to isuares@erieRCD.org if you plan to join this celebration.



Grief Support Any Time



Losing a loved one can be disorienting and spattered with moments of anger and despair. One solution is to talk things out. Contact Donna Clark in the parish office for a one on one conversation.

Prayer For Racial Healing

The Erie community is invited to gather to pray for racial healing on **Thursday, Nov. 4 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Mary Seat of Wisdom chapel at Gannon. Bishop Persico will lead this time of prayer.



Youth Ministry Core Team



The OLM Youth Ministry Core Team is looking to add to its roster. The YM Core Team is a fun, energetic group of adults over the age of 18 that meet once a month to plan and implement different Youth Ministry activities such as retreats, youth events, service projects and fellowship opportunities. If you are interested in joining the team, send an email to Katie at youthminister@ourladyofmercychurch.org or give her a call in the Parish Office.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Our Lady of Mercy church was the first Pastorate for Fr. Sperry, who spent 20 years as chaplain of St Joseph Home for children. During his nearly 30 years as pastor, Fr Sperry guided the community through the changes of Vatican II, which offered the laity greater participation in the liturgy.



Social Justice

“Life is this simple: We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God is manifest everywhere, in everything – in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without God. It’s impossible. It’s simply impossible.

Thomas Merton

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

We are delighted to announce that the Sunday Morning CAFÉ is back! On **Sunday, Nov. 7**, we will host our first Sunday CAFÉ in nearly 22



months. Join us in Sperry Hall for fresh coffee and baked goods. “I Was A Stranger And You Welcomed Me”, In the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, the judgment of the world is likened to a shepherd separating sheep from goats. When the perplexed crowd asks why they find themselves among the rewarded or banished, Jesus answers “I was hungry and you fed me...I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Whenever you did it to the least, you did it to me.” Currently, the globe is seeing the largest movement of refugees since the Second World War. Erie has become home to a number of those seeking a new life. But, what is life like for a refugee in Erie? What resources are available to them? And, what could a community of faith or individual Christians do to welcome the stranger in our midst? Senada Alihodzic, Program Coordinator for Community Resources at the Erie International Institute, will share with us the journey of a typical refugee arriving in Erie.

JOIN US
Sunday,
Nov. 7, 2021
9:45-10:45
@ the OLM CAFE
Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2	Kiersten Redford	16
Nov. 2	Delaney Andrews	12
Nov. 3	Connor Marshall	17
Nov. 4	Baileigh Bleil	17
Nov. 5	Maceio Pearson	9
Nov. 11	Jazmyn McGerl	12



Nov. 13	Everleigh Durst	1
Nov. 14	Mitchell DeVore	18
Nov. 14	Logan Schneider	7
Nov. 15	Ryleigh Lander	11
Nov. 16	Megan Smith	17
Nov. 17	Addison Matusiak	12
Nov. 20	Makayla Inthavong	9
Nov. 20	Carson Shamburg	4
Nov. 21	Maximo Coletta	15
Nov. 24	Irena Bush	12
Nov. 25	Ashton Keil	7



NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Gr K - 2 Family Faith Event	1 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 2:00 PM Sofia's SCC	2 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Creative Writing Group 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Religious Education 6:30 PM Roman Candles SCC 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30 PM AA	3 8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM "The Creed" Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Social Justice Committee 6:30 PM Stewardship	4 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 8:30 AM Mass	6 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
7 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 & 7-8 Religious Education 9:30 AM Sunday CAFE	8 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC 6:30 PM SCC/PF Meeting	9 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Religious Education 7:30 PM AA	10 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	11 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Diocesan Anniversary Mass	13 9:00 AM PF Training 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
14 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 & 7-8 Religious Education 10:30 AM Gr. 10 Retreat 12:00 PM GR Group	15 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 2:00 PM Sophia's SCC 6:30 PM Fireside Chatters SCC 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	16 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Religious Education 6:30 PM Roman Candles SCC 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	17 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	18 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 12:00 PM Midday Prayer 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 8:30 AM Mass	20 9:00 AM PF Training 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
21 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Gr. K-2 & 7-8 Religious Education 9:30 AM Healing Ministry Event 12:00 PM Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event 6:00 PM Harborcreek Community Thanksgiving Service	22 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias SCC 5:30 PM Sisters of Scripture SCC	23 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay SCC 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:30 PM AA	24 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough	25 Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM Mass	26 Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM Mass	27 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner
 To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.