

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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MAY 1, 2022 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/02	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 05/03	1:00 p.m.	Potter's 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. 05/04	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	SCC Prayer & Potluck
Thur. 05/05	9:00 a.m.	Painting Class
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 05/06		
Sat. 05/07	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Ritchie's Party
Sun. 05/08		MOTHER'S DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/02	Acts 6:8-15	/ Jn 6:22-29
Tue. 05/03	1 Cor 15:1-8	/ Jn 14:6-14
Wed. 05/04	Acts 8:1b-8	/ Jn 6:35-40
Thur. 05/05	Acts 8:26-40	/ Jn 6:44-51
Fri. 05/06	Acts 9:1-20	/ Jn 6:52-59
Sat. 05/07	Acts 9:31-42	/ Jn 6:60-69
Sun. 05/08	Acts 13:14, 43-52	/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

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 April 24, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 3,026.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,685.95
Loose Change:		\$ 104.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,815.95

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Mercy has a reason to celebrate. Someone we love is turning 80 before the month ends. And we want to make his birthday as joyful as possible. Mark your calendar for Saturday evening, May 7. Join us for the 6:00 Mass followed by a birthday reception for Fr. Ritchie in Sperry Hall. Bring a finger food to share. All are welcome.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/02	8:30 a.m.	Doc Loren Prichard (Pat Kosobucki)
Tue. 05/03	8:30 a.m.	Henry & Marie Wienczowski (John Abbate)
Wed. 05/04	8:30 a.m.	Florence Adameck (Joanne Fournier)
Thur. 05/05	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate (Peggy & Dave Jacquel)
Fri. 05/06	8:30 a.m.	Fr. James Kennelly
Sat. 05/07	6:00 p.m.	All Mothers Living & Deceased
Sun. 05/08	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	All Mothers Living & Deceased

thank you!

THANK YOU

Please accept our heart felt THANK YOU to all who gave prayers and cards and other acts of kindness over the loss of our son Peter. Your compassion has helped more than you know. - Dave and Peggy Jacquel

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

JOHN 21:1-19

Simon Peter said to them,
"I am going fishing."



In this Gospel passage, we find several of the disciples back to their former occupation, fishing. Why return to fishing when they have been given a commission? What was keeping them from moving ahead? Perhaps they felt inadequate or unsure of how they were to live a new life of the spirit. Did Peter feel he was unfit to lead because of his denial of Jesus?

Standing on shore, Jesus calls to the disciples and tells them to cast their nets to the right. They do so and the catch is so large they struggle to pull it in. Then they recognize Jesus. On shore he has a meal prepared for them.

Jesus seems to realize they need more understanding about their role. But he will always be with them, in spirit, directing where they are to "cast their nets." They are assured of forgiveness as he calls them to share a meal. They are renewed in their commitment.

What message might this passage have for us today? When we feel lost and forsaken in our lives, or unsure of our role in proclaiming the kingdom, Jesus is waiting "on shore" to strengthen us with his presence. The Eucharist is a constant reminder of Jesus' presence and forgiveness.

Reflection: How has my participate in the Eucharist renewed my commitment to follow Jesus?

Lilly Hess

For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

We will be folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 9. If you can lend a hand, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132



Book Group



Join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 18 at the home of Sue McCreary to discuss Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell. Our June title will be The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes.

SCC Prayer and Potluck Dinner

The Prayer and Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Small Christian Communities of Our Lady of Mercy will be held on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m.** We will gather for a short prayer service in the church, followed by dinner in Sperry Hall. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share (meat and drinks will be provided), and a non-perishable food item for the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Please **RSVP to the Parish Office before April 27** by calling 899-5342 or emailing secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

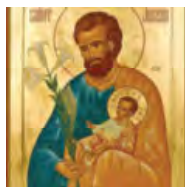


Chinese Auction Baskets & Items Needed!

The Knights of Columbus are collecting auction baskets and items for the upcoming Golf and Sports Raffle. Please bring all auction baskets and items to the Parish Office **Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** This event continues to be successful because of your generous donations. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program to honor St. Joseph

Pope Francis, in an audience with the Directors of the Knights of Columbus said: "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." With this in mind, the Knights put together the Pilgrim Icon Program to honor St. Joseph. **Sunday May 1** is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, and our Knights have brought the picture of St. Joseph to Our Lady of Mercy for this week. We will honor St. Joseph every morning with Mass, the Rosary and the Litany of St. Joseph and on Friday evening **May 6** they will have a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question-of-the-Week Winner for the week of April 25 was Zachary Henry, grade 4 who knew that the Easter Season ends on Pentecost.

Summer Scripture Study

Have you ever wondered how the parables of Jesus would have been heard and understood by the Jewish audience who listened to Jesus in real time? The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, these stories are as familiar as our own names. They have been explained to us from childhood. We know what they mean. But do we know what they meant? In our Summer Scripture Study, we will try to hear these stories with the ears of a first century Palestinian Jew. Our study guide will be "Short Stories by Jesus: Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" the Study Guide by Amy-Jill Levine. Levine is a highly respected Scripture scholar and a Jewish theologian. Participants who would like to order the guide for \$10 should contact Irene Lucas by **June 10** at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. Participants should feel free to purchase the study guide on their own or to attend without a book. This study will meet at 7:00 p.m. **June 23 - July 28** on the back patio of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd. Each week will look at a different parable, so there is no need to commit to attend every week.



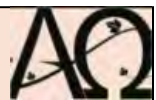
Knights of Columbus Golf and Sports Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will once again host their annual Golf and Sports Raffle Casino Night at Our Lady of Mercy on **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and include food and refreshments. All tickets are eligible for all drawings, need not be present to win. Cash prizes will be awarded for those in attendance. Proceeds from this event will benefit youth activities at Our Lady of Mercy. For a list of prizes, please see the flyer on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space. Tickets and posters are available in the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and will be sold after all Masses on **April 30, May 1, & 7/8**.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent 1999, the community celebrated the Rite of Return to the new worship site, once again processing with the sacramental symbols of parish life.



**JOB OPENING FOR
PART-TIME
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MINISTRIES**



Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a director of music ministries who will be actively engaged in the worship life of the parish and support the song of the assembly at weekend and special liturgies. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience and have knowledge and understanding of Catholic liturgy. Additional requirements include the ability to plan liturgies, excellent organizational and communication skills, and adaptability. For a pastoral musician with additional skills, this part-time music director position can be expanded to full-time coordinator of liturgical ministries. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to info@ourladyofmercychurch.org. For more information and a complete job description, contact the parish at 814-899-5342. To learn more about Our Lady of Mercy Parish, go to www.ourladyofmercychurch.org.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, looking to the Blessed Mother for peace and comfort in times of uncertainty.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

Mother of all individuals and peoples,
you know all their sufferings and hopes.
In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles
between good and evil,
between light and darkness,
that convulse the world:
accept the plea which we make
in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart,
and embrace with the love of the Mother
and Handmaid of the Lord
those who most await this embrace,
and also those whose act of entrustment
you too await in a particular way.
Take under your motherly protection
the whole human family,
which with affectionate love
we entrust to you, O Mother.
May there dawn for everyone
the time of peace and freedom,
the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

**The BEST FESTIVAL EVER
is back in full swing!**



July 10, 2022 12 to 5 p.m.

In addition to our WORLD FAMOUS BBQ Chicken Dinner, the Festival will also offer...Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo – Children's Area – Pony Rides – Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt, 50/50, Restaurant Gift Cards, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

Thank you to all who volunteered this past weekend. We are still in need of someone to handle publicity, organizer for adult outdoor games, refreshment stand coordinator, 2 co-chairs.

Please contact Karen Sweeney with any questions or concerns 814-323-1890.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



May 1	Josie Hicks	16	May 16	Aubrey Shamburg	6
May 3	Boden Gushie	17	May 17	Johnathan Catrabone	10
May 4	Colton Wuerstle	13	May 21	Jordan Pohl	12
May 6	Liam Marshall	13	May 23	Landon Ford	14
May 7	Elizabeth Gunther	16	May 23	Leo Martin	3
May 7	Madden Inthavong	11	May 25	Eoin Eighmy	12
May 9	Logan Taccone	9	May 26	Nora Weiss	12
May 10	Jordan Nowak	18	May 28	Sam Parente	17
May 11	Dakota Pohl	13	May 30	Joseph Scully	3
May 14	Caroline Weber	18			



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Cursillo Golf Raffle Tickets on Sale after Mass Monthly Food Pantry Collection 11:00 AM First Eucharist	2 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:00 PM Sisters of Scripture 5:30 PM VBS Planning Mtg. 6:30 PM Fireside Chatters	3 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 6:30 PM Roman Candles 7:30 PM AA	4 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM SCC Prayer and Potluck	5 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	6 8:30 AM Mass	7 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Fr. Ritchie Party
8 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Golf Raffle Tickets on Sale after Mass Mother's Day	9 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Newsletter Mailing Party 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias	10 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:30 PM AA	11 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	12 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Painting Class 4:00 PM KoC Golf Raffle Set Up 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl	13 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM KoC Golf Raffle	14 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
15 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry	16 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias 1:00 PM Sisters of Scripture 6:30 PM Fireside Chatters 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	17 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Roman Candles 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	18 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	19 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class 9:15 AM Core Team Meeting 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
22 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	23 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Steel Magnolias	24 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Continuum Gathering 7:30 PM AA	25 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	26 The Ascension of the Lord 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass 9:00 AM Angels in Training 9:00 AM Painting Class 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Holy Day Mass	27 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Priesthood Ordination	28 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM Mass
29 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS	30 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM Mass	31 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Potters Clay 7:30 PM AA	1 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 PM Diamonds in the Rough 1:00 PM Legion of Mary	2 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Painting Class	3 8:30 AM Mass	4 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.