

# 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

Parish Office: 814-899-5342

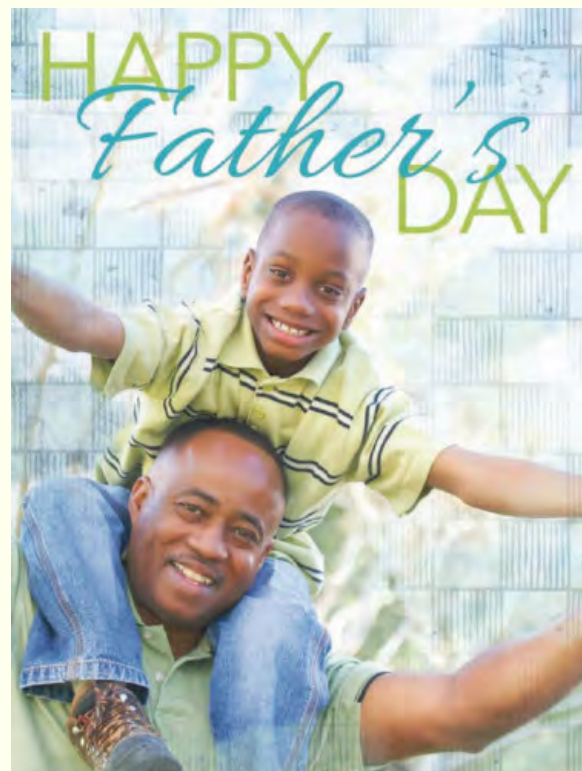
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



**JUNE 19, 2022 - THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/20	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 06/21		
Wed. 06/22	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
Thur. 06/23	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
Fri. 06/24		
Sat. 06/25	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/26		

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 19, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	65	\$ 3,771.10
Faith Direct Deposits:	145	\$ 3,705.45
Loose Change:		\$ 73.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 7,736.45</b>

## 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. 06/20	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18	/ Mt 7:1-5
Tue. 06/21	2 Kgs 19:9-21, 31-36	/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed. 06/22	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3	/ Mt 7:15-20
Thur. 06/23	Is 49:1-6	/ Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66, 80
Fri. 06/24	Ez 34:11-16 / Rom 5:5-11	/ Lk 15:3-7
Sat. 06/25	Lam 2:3, 10-14, 18-19	/ Lk 2:41-51
Sun. 06/26	1 Kgs 19:16-21	/ Gal 5:1, 13-18 / Lk 9:51-62

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/20	8:30 a.m.	Betty Weber (Carol & Bill Renner)
Tue. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady's Intentions (Todd Beckes)
Wed. 06/22	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Covely
Thur. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	Richard Wilhelm (Angels In Training SCC)
Fri. 06/24	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Cunningham
Sat. 06/25	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	Marlene Calder (Mary Ann Brugger)

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU  
AND PROTECT YOU.  
MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.  
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR  
AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### LUKE 9:11-17



Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: "You are the Messiah of God." In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

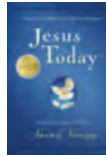
The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-cycle-c-sunday/>



## How can I deepen my relationship with Jesus?

Try a midday spiritual boost on **Thursdays at Noon**. This small group of people shares their thoughts on a reading from the book *Jesus Today*. Through the dialogue we encourage each other and grow in our understanding of how Jesus' life and ministry can guide us to joy. Join us.



## Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

A reminder that baby bottles are due to be returned this weekend. If you are unable to drop off the baby bottles this weekend, please drop them off in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Our K of C thanks you for participating in this life saving fundraiser.

## Grief support

Feeling alone in grief is a common experience. Participating in the grief support group on **Monday June 20 at 7 p.m.** can help ease the burden that often comes with feeling alone on the grief journey.



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School registrations are now being accepted. Fliers and forms can be found on the bulletin tables, in the current issue of *For Mercy Sake* and on the parish website. Children age 4 to 6th grade are invited to a week of fun, faith and friends. And it is all free. Non-parish members are welcome. We are also looking for volunteers to help with that week. You can volunteer for the entire week or just a day or two. Questions, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.

## "Pump for Charity" Fundraiser

Country Fair is participating in the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle fundraiser. The Country Fair's in our area have 1-2 pumps clearly marked "Pump for Charity" specifically for donations. From now until 10/31/22, two cents a gallon will be donated to five charities selected by Country Fair that will share in the money collected. The Women's Care Center's funding for the ultrasound van is one of them! Please patronize Country Fair as often as possible and watch for the specially marked pump. If you purchase a Country Fair gas card, it gives you a discount at the pump of anywhere from five to ten cents off per gallon. With gas prices as high as they are, every little bit helps, and it provides an additional incentive to frequent them.



## 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.



## 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.

## Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on **June 22** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein to discuss *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. Our July title will be *The Guardian* by John Grisham.



## 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 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 to sponsor 10K/5K race and walk on Fourth of July

Attention, all runners and walkers! Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring a Liberty 10K/5K race and walk on Monday, July 4, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m., with the race starting promptly at 8 a.m. Register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) or [www.eriesrunners.club](http://www.eriesrunners.club) or you may register the day of the race in person. The fee on race day for the walk and race is \$30 and \$35, respectively. A free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 participants. Trophies will be presented to the first- and second-place finishers, and medallions will be awarded to all finishers. Refreshments will be provided. Ten percent of all profits benefit the St. Paul Soup Kitchen in Erie. Call Greg at 814-450-4298 for details or questions.



## For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the summer issue of *For Mercy Sake* newsletter is **Sunday, July 17**. Please send items to [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org).



**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](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org).



**NEED A SUMMER JOB?**

If you are a high school or college student looking for a summer job, Our Lady of Mercy is looking for summer help with maintenance and landscaping. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 814-899-5342.

**PRAYING FOR UVALDE**

**Helping the People of Uvalde**

The Catholic parish in Uvalde is collecting notes of support and gift cards and distributing them to the families who lost children in the recent school shooting. Cards can be sent to: Sacred Heart Parish-408 Fort Clark Road-Uvalde, TX 78801

*Gift card Ideas: - Amazon - Visa - Starbucks - HEB - Walmart*

**Erie For Ukraine**

**Mission:** To provide our city a means to supply humanitarian aid to those affected by the war.

**Contact Information:** Grace Slavic Pentecostal Church  
5865 Carriage Hill Drive - Erie, PA 16509  
Gennadiy Bogdanets - 814-392-6527

**Most Needed Items:** Kids diapers, baby formula, hygiene products, feminine products, rice, dry soups.



**HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY**

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

**SUMMER  
FESTIVAL**



**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 – Adult Outdoor Games - Children's Area – Book Sale – Pony Rides

**Raffles:** \$1000 Grand Prize, Lottery Tree, 55 inch TV, Quilt, 50/50, Restaurant Gift Cards, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

**The Book Sale is BACK! July 7th - 10th**

**Calling all Bakers:** We will need cookies to be used as desserts this year in place of sweet breads! We will have 1600 dinners this year, so we need 3200 cookies!!!

**WANTED:** Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters, Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any other Hand Crafted Items that you can donate to Summer Festival 2022 for sale at the Craft Table Sales!

**Now Accepting Auction Items!**

Auction items can be dropped off in the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thank you for your generosity!

**OLM Book Sale**

The OLM Book Sale will be July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations of books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles. Please NO Reader Digest, VHS tapes, magazines, encyclopedia's, and old/ripped books. Starting June 18<sup>th</sup>, you can drop off your books in Classroom 5. Anyone who would like to help, please call Jan Brown at 814-790-3115 or 814-899-8974.

**Festival Bake Sale**

We will be having a bake sale at this years Parish Festival on July 10th. Which means we will be needing the help of our wonderful bakers. Please mark your calendars, and get ready to bake. More information will be provided as the festival gets closer.

**Chinese Auction Help Needed**

We are in need of helping hands to put raffle baskets together. If you are able to help, please contact Carole Peters at (814)899-4470 or Bunny Weber at (814)602-8700.





## **Our Lady of Mercy's**

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## **BBQ CHICKEN DINNER & Summer Festival**



**SUNDAY JULY 10TH**  
**Dinner Starts at 12 p.m.**



Dine in

our air conditioned Sperry Hall or

Carry Out

from the air conditioned Gathering Space

**\$12 for adults, \$6 ages 6-12, 5 and under free**

**Chinese Auction - Bake Sale - Bingo -  
Children's Area - Adult Outdoor Games -  
Book Sale - Pony Rides -  
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**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Membership Form*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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.