

# 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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**JULY 3, 2022 - THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/04	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tue. 07/05		
Wed. 07/06	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Festival Set-Up
Thur. 07/07	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/08	11:00 a.m.	Book Sale
Sat. 07/09	11:00 a.m.	Book Sale
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/10	11:00 a.m.	Book Sale
	12:00 p.m.	<b>PARISH FESTIVAL</b>

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 26, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	58	\$ 3,064.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,714.20
Loose Change:		\$ 99.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 6,877.20</b>

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/04	Hos 2:16-22	/ Mt 9:18-26
Tue. 07/05	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	/ Mt 9:32-38
Wed. 07/06	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	/ Mt 10:1-7
Thur. 07/07	Hos 11:1-4, 8-9	/ Mt 10:7-15
Fri. 07/08	Hos 14:2-10	/ Mt 10:16-23
Sat. 07/09	Is 6:1-8	/ Mt 10:24-33
Sun. 07/10	Dt 30:10-14/ Col 1: 15-20	/ Lk 10:25-37

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Fr. Robert Susa, a priest from our Diocese; who passed away recently. Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/04	9:00 a.m.	For Our Nation
Tue. 06/05	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Wed. 06/06	8:30 a.m.	Roseanne Jobson
Thur. 06/07	8:30 a.m.	Penny Moore
Fri. 07/08	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Gross (Family)
Sat. 07/09	6:00 p.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Sun. 07/10	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ella Eaglen (Margaret McCurdy)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM



## 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



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20

He sent [the seventy-two others] ahead of him.



As I read and reflected on this Scripture passage, I began to wonder - where did Jesus live? Jesus left his home and family and moved from town to town proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand." From Mark's Gospel we learn that Capernaum became his home (probably with Peter's family) but not much is said about how he lived while journeying from place to place. So when he sent disciples ahead of him, his instructions must have come from personal experience. He traveled light, accepted hospitality from strangers, stayed in town for a period of time proclaiming the kingdom, and then moved on to another. Occasionally, he returned home to Capernaum.

Now it doesn't say that every disciple became a lifelong preacher for the kingdom. Some may have become part of Jesus' team for a short time, others may have made longer commitments. They were chosen and learned to walk with Jesus wherever they lived.

We are all called to be disciples but not all of us are called to leave our families. We teach, preach, and heal in the name of Jesus in our daily lives. As those early disciples, we learn how to be disciples by being with Jesus.

*For Reflection: Can I imagine Jesus living in my everyday patterns? Where would he invite me to find ways to follow and serve?*

Lilly Hess

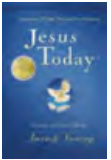


### Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update



Beginning this weekend please take all baby bottle returns to the parish office before or after Mass. Returns can also be made to the parish office during the week. To date, 165 bottles were handed out and 126 have been returned. Thank you for this tremendous response!

### How do I know if God is trying to get a message to me?



Perhaps we need practice listening to God to discern if God is speaking to us. It is different than listening to our best friend because we don't hear God's voice in the same way as our friend. Reading scripture or a spiritual book then taking time to contemplate is one way to practice. Join this small group on **Thursdays at noon**. We read from the book Jesus Today. Through the dialogue we encourage each other and grow in our understanding of how to listen to God's voice. Questions call Donna Clark.

### Summer Scripture Study



Our Summer Scripture Study continues each **Thursday evening at 7:00** on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. All are welcome. On **July 7**, we will be looking at the parable of the Pearl of Great Price.

### 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).

### Grief Support

Feeling alone in grief is a common experience. Participating in the grief support group on **Monday July 18 at 7 p.m.** can help ease the burden that often comes with feeling alone on the grief journey.



### Book Group

Join us on **July 20 at 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 109 Kraus Drive, to discuss The Guardian by John Grishem. In August, we will discuss The Last Ship Home by Heather Webb.

### Vacation Bible School: All Aboard!

We are off to explore the many places and meet the many people of the Bible. Our adventure is open to children age 4 through grade 6. Children do NOT need to be a member of the parish. Join us for a week of fun, friends and faith **July 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. The week is free, but children need to be registered to ensure there is ample supplies. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables, on the parish website or requested by email. We are also looking for high school and adult volunteers to help with this week of summer fun. For more information, call Irene at 814-899-6132.



## 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.

### An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.



### A Special Message

What a blessing to be part of a parish that is so generous with prayers and support for fellow parishioners going through the loss of a loved one. We experienced two losses of loved ones in the past year, especially the loss of our son on May 18, 2022. Our beloved pastor had a wonderful memorial service for both of these losses followed by a funeral dinner. Thank you Judy Mitcheltree and her kitchen crew of lovely ladies who provided us with this dinner along with all the volunteer ladies who provided the much appreciated dishes. We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of love that went into these dinners. Thank you so much. - Fred and Kay Kaeberlein p.s. They say action speaks louder than words! Judy is stepping down as the coordinator of these dinners after 16 years of dedication. Judy is such a wonderful worker and dedicated member of our parish. I volunteered to step in as Judy's replacement. Fred and I now felt the love that goes into these dinners and the importance to families at this time of loss. If anyone is willing to help the kitchen crew, please let me know (814-873-4354). - Kay Kaeberlein



# 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 8th - 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> from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 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

Baked goods for the Festival can be dropped off in the Conference Room on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> and at the Bake Sale table on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Lets make this a great “Bake Sale.”

### 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.

## 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).

## Prayer For A New Director of Music & Liturgy

Ever-constant God,  
You remain eternal and unchanged  
while the earth spins us each day  
toward a new sunrise and a new reality.

Help us as we search  
for a minister of music and liturgy.

Strengthen us to live for a time  
within the haze of uncertainty  
assured that you are present with us  
and already acting  
to provide for our needs.

Open our hearts and minds  
to recognize and welcome  
into our midst a new guide  
to engage our spiritual imagination,  
touch our hearts and form us  
ever more deeply  
in the spirit of the liturgy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord,  
Amen.







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

*Famous*

## **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 -  
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Book Sale**

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*Membership Form*

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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.