

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 10, 2022 - THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/11	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
	6:00 p.m.	Festival Clean-Up
Tue. 07/12	11:30 a.m.	Potter's Clay
Wed. 07/13	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 07/14	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/15		
Sat. 07/16	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/17	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 3, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	63	\$ 4,412.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,714.20
Loose Change:		\$ 90.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 8,216.20

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. 07/11	Is 1:10-17	/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue. 07/12	Is 7:1-9	/ Mt 11:20-24
Wed. 07/13	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16	/ Mt 11:25-27
Thur. 07/14	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	/ Mt 11:28-30
Fri. 07/15	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	/ Mt 12:1-8
Sat. 07/16	Mi 2:1-5	/ Mt 12:14-21
Sun. 07/17	Gn 18:1-10 / Col 1:24-28	/ Lk 10:38-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/11	8:30 a.m.	Betty Weber (Joyce & John Maleski)
Tue. 06/12	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate (Frances Lafata)
Wed. 06/13	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Thur. 06/14	8:30 a.m.	Bill Spring (Family)
Fri. 07/15	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 07/16	6:00 p.m.	George & Betty Dietrich (Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)
Sun. 07/17	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (The Perrotto's)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

A Special "Thank You"

The family of Rosemary Shaffer would like to express their appreciation for the wonderful luncheon that was prepared by the Bereavement ministry. The out of town guests commented on how they felt welcomed and a part of OLM. - Demaris Edwards

thank
you!

Prayers for Fr. Ritchie

Please hold Fr. Ritchie in prayer, as he undergoes surgery on Tuesday, July 12 to remove part of his lung as part of his treatment for lung cancer.

May the peace and comfort from God surround you during your time of recovery.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 10:25-37

A Samaritan traveler...approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

From the late 1950s through most of the 60s the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. ministered to a society broken and beaten by racial hatred. The America of that era was like a person assaulted, robbed, and left for dead by the powers of racism and mistrust between peoples. Though the white majority was the obvious oppressor of the black minority, the entire nation was victimized by the inequality.

Though few may have admitted it at the time, Dr. King, a man of color, an outsider like the Samaritan in today's reading, was a healer. He treated as neighbors the very people who hated him. In doing so, he helped them heal the wounded soul of a nation.

Similarly, Mohandas K. Gandhi treated as neighbors the oppressors of his country and by nonviolent means helped secure the independence of India. Both Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. King were slain for their radical beliefs and actions of others because they saw those who hated them not as enemies but as their neighbors.

We "go and do likewise" when we acknowledge fiercely held ideologies and opinions, but refuse to respond to them in a violent way.

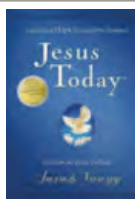
For Reflection: If I treated everyone in my life as my neighbor, whose life would be most transformed?

David LeSieur



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 14**, we will be looking at the parable of the Mustard Seed.

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 secretary@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 Grisham. In August, we will discuss *The Last Ship Home* by Heather Webb.



Vacation Bible School: All Aboard!



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 AM 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. We are in need of someone to lead music for our week of Vacation Bible School.

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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 or 814-899-6132.

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.



Smile for Our Lady of Mercy

To link to our Amazon Smile charity listing visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1563277>. If you shop Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and naming "Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek" as your charity.



Domestic Violence Support

Do you know someone who is living through domestic violence? You can help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline for resources and support 800-799-SAFE (7233) {TTY 800-787-3224} or find help on line at thehotline.org.



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.

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



JULY 25-29, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All travelers - age 4 thru entering 6th grade

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Registration Deadline is July 17th

Family Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____
Phone #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2022/2023	Special/Dietary Needs
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: _____ Story Time: _____ Craft: _____ Games: _____ Music: _____

Aide: _____ Kitchen: _____ Set-Up: _____ Other: _____



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 –
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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.