

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*

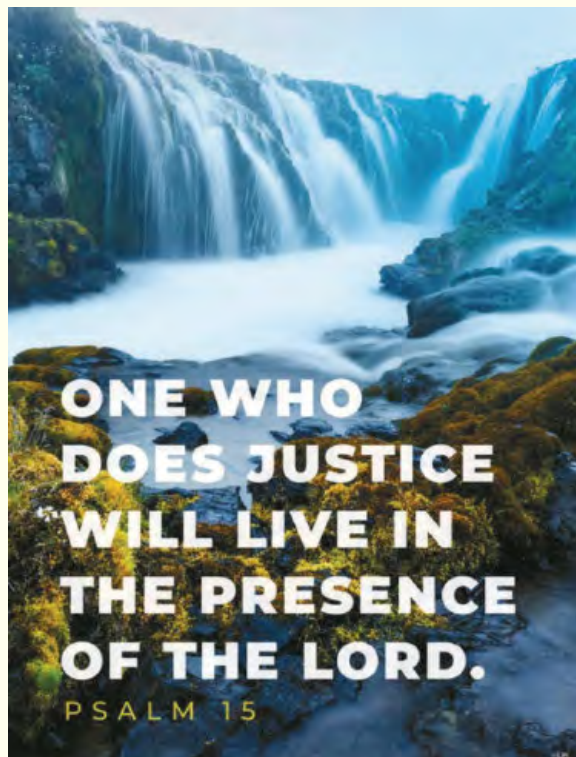
CONTACT INFORMATION

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JULY 17, 2022 - THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/18	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 07/19	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 07/20	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 07/21	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/22		
Sat. 07/23	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/24		

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. 07/18	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8	/ Mt 12:38-42
Tue. 07/19	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	/ Mt 12:46-50
Wed. 07/20	Jer 1:1, 4-10	/ Mt 13:1-9
Thur. 07/21	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	/ Mt 13:10-17
Fri. 07/22	Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17	/ Jn 20:1-18
Sat. 07/23	Jer 7:1-11	/ Mt 13:24-30
Sun. 07/24	Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13	

MASS INTENTION UPDATE

We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. Due to the limited weekday Mass schedule, the rescheduling of missed Mass Intentions will take top priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/18	8:30 a.m.	Agnes & Peter Boris (The Exteins)
Tue. 07/19	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady's Intentions (Todd Beckes)
Wed. 07/20	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Thur. 07/21	8:30 a.m.	Bill Spring (Dick & Ann Nagosky)
Fri. 07/22	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 07/23	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 07/24	8:30 a.m.	Marsha Rzodkiewicz (Joe & Rose Tarquinio)
	11:00 a.m.	Sam Garwig (Liana Wathen)



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 10, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	55	\$ 3,010.60
Faith Direct Deposits:	143	\$ 3,714.20
Loose Change:		\$ 68.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,792.80

Prayers for Fr. Ritchie

Please hold Fr. Ritchie in prayer, as he recovers from his surgery that removed 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 10:38-42



"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

Jesus calls Martha by name twice. Across two millennia and a huge culture gap, it still sounds the same: a reminder to Martha to get a hold of herself. Imagine everyone in the neighborhood gathered at your house for the Super Bowl, though, and that family member who promised to help fry chicken wings just decided the pregame show was more interesting.

It just doesn't sound right, Jesus. She was supposed to help! And if Martha hadn't fed them all, whose house would Jesus and his companions go to the next time they came through town? Not Martha's, that's for sure.

But if Martha listens very carefully, what she won't hear is any criticism of her care, her cooking or her work ethic. What she did was good. It was valued.

When high school students get a day off to go to a college fair, daily lessons are dropped. Creating a desire for a higher education is worth postponing one day's lessons. Jesus came to proclaim the good news of the reign of God, and Mary thought that was more important than chores. And it was.

Mary chose something better.

For Reflection: Can I let go of what I have to do long enough to hear who I am being called to be?

Clifford Yeary

For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the summer issue of the parish newsletter is **TODAY July 17**. Items can be sent to secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org



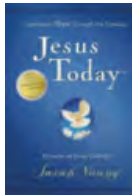
Grief Support

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



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 21**, we will be looking at the parable of the Laborers In the Vineyard.



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!

Last call! We are about to take off for our adventure. Deadline to register is today, July 17. 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.



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

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.



Festival Thank You

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and to those who donated to help make the OLM 2022 Festival the BEST FESTIVAL EVER! The donation of your time, gifts and hard work is appreciated and the very reason for another successful Festival season.

Festival Winners

- Grand Prize - Darcy Snyder
- TV—Steve Huling
- Restaurant Cards - Tricia Thompson
- Lottery - Kathy Concilla
- 50/50 - Amy Mlaker
- Quilt - Ron Grosch
- Afghan - Sandy Onderko
- Wine Basket - Doris Lewis, Maryann Cass, Joe Heise & Linda Bailey
- Craft Beer Basket - Tim Tyzinski

Congratulations to all of our prize winners!

PADRE, PADRE

By Mother Time

Padre, Padre, your old and grey,
Not moving like the youth of your day,
Your feet are clumsy and they get in your way,
Clippety clop, clippety clop-don't dismay.

Padre, Padre you took your vows
No necking or smooching is allowed
But the camel she loved you, and kissed your
brow
Clippety, clop, clippety clop- your heart went
WOW

Padre, Padre you keep us in line,
With prayers and sermons you're doing just fine
But the kneeling and the standing are just benign
Clippety clop, clippety clop- are you Divine?

Padre, Padre you rarely ask for cash
And when you do we dig into our stash,
There's gatherings and festivals and lots of bash
Clippety clop, clippety clop- where are you for
trash

Padre, Padre some folks are very blind,
They put the chairs back, but they're not aligned
We see the look you give- you almost lose your
mind,
Clippety clop, clippety clop, time to redesign

Padre, Padre we know you like your drink
And it's not water from the kitchen sink
A night cape or two and you're feeling no kinks
Clippety clop, clippety clop, it's better than zinc

Padre, Pare you must stand tall
You've lived among us and heard the call
You've married and buried and cared for all
Clippety clop, clippety clop, please don't fall.

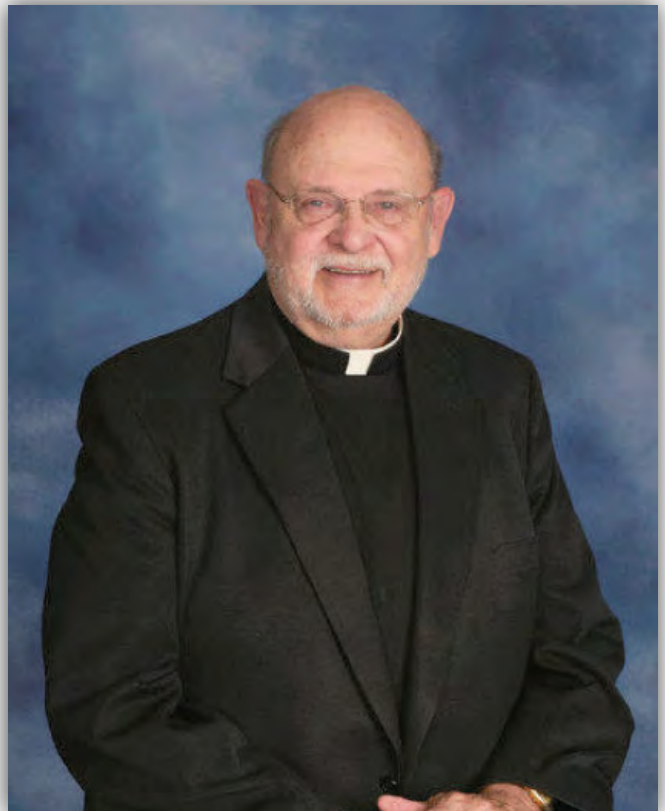
Padre, Padre from where we sit
Your sermons and stories show great wit
But your closing line of think about it
Clippety clop, clippety clop, now that's a big hit

Padre, Padre you give us quite a scare.
You're going in for surgery and we're holding you
in prayer
The doctors and nurses they've got your care
Clippety clop, clippety clop they'll do a good
repair

Padre, Padre, you'll be back in no time
Kicking up your heels and feeling in your prime
The bishop won't replace you that would be a
crime
Clippety clop, Clippety clop we'll bribe him with a
dime.

Padre, Padre, when you've died
The Bishop won't know that we've lied
With robotics and stuffing you'll still preside
Clippety Clop, Clippety clop, we'll take it in stride.

Padre, Padre we roast you don't be blue
How you've lived to 80 we haven't a clue
You've been our good shepherd that's our view
Clippety clop, clippety clop -WE LOVE YOU!!!



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: ___

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Membership Form

Name _____

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.