

# 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*

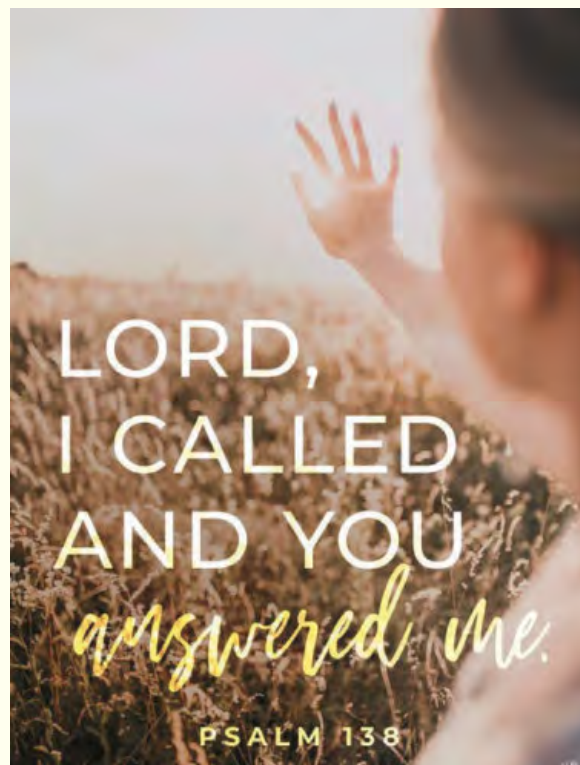
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**JULY 24, 2022 - THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/25	Photo Directory Sessions
	9:00 a.m. Quilters
	9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Tue. 07/26	9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Wed. 07/27	9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Thur. 07/28	9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
	12:00 p.m. Jesus Today Prayer
	7:00 p.m. Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/29	9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Sat. 07/30	4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/31	

## 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. 07/25	2 Cor 4:7-15	/ Mt 20:20-28
Tue. 07/26	Jer 14:17-22	/ Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 07/27	Jer 15:10, 16-21	/ Mt 13:44-46
Thur. 07/28	Jer 18:1-6	/ Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 07/29	Jer 26:1-9 / Jn 11:19-27	or Lk 10:38-42
Sat. 07/30	Jer 26:11-16	/ Mt 14:1-12
Sun. 07/31	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 / Col 3:1-5, 9-11	/ Lk 12:13-21

## 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. 07/25	8:30 a.m.	Gerald Stauffer (Dave & MaryAnn Hardner)
Tue. 07/26	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case (Family)
Wed. 07/27	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>- COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Thur. 07/28	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)
Fri. 07/29	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>- COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Sat. 07/30	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 07/31	8:30 a.m.	John Bailey (Phil & Liz Legler)
	11:00 a.m.	Betty Weber (Don, Andrea & Nathan Lutz)



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 17, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	51	\$ 1,937.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,763.70
Loose Change:		\$ 56.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,956.70</b>

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*

Beverly Smith, mother of Shane Smith, & Cheryl Knepper; who passed away recently. Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 11:1-13



"He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

Have we really ever earnestly prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to come into our lives? We may think we know all God wants us to know by just attending weekly Mass and saying a few daily prayers. A priest friend of mine once said in his homily to the Sunday Mass congregation, "If you think that coming to Mass on Sunday will get you to heaven, you're wrong."

There are messages God wants us to know personally. How can we know God's desires for us unless we pray for God's Holy Spirit to reveal them to us?

We must be persistent in our prayers and have faith that God will keep his promise and be pleased to send the Holy Spirit into our lives and hearts. God wants to surprise us with great spiritual treasures and messages of love we never dreamed of. If we really want to know all truth and receive this precious gift, we must persist in asking, and persist in receiving what God unveils for us at each moment of our lives.

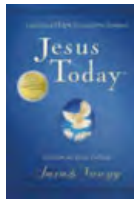
"Our world is so exceedingly rich in delusions that truth is priceless." C.J. Jung

For Reflection: What am I doing to open myself to God's desires in my life? Am I persistent in desiring to hear God's voice?

Terry Upchurch

### Jesus Calling

Many people remember the book, Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young. She has written a few more books like this one. Every **Thursday at noon** a small group gets together to read from one of Ms. Young's other books, Jesus Today: Enjoying Hope through His Presence. The insights we gain from the reading and from the group reflection strengthen our faith. Join us any Thursday. Books provided.



### Summer Scripture Study



Our Summer Scripture Study concludes this Thursday evening at 7:00 on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. All are welcome. On July 27, we will be looking at the parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge.

### Music & Liturgy Update

Our Lady of Mercy has hired a music director, Linda Peters, who auditioned with us last year and has played for some of our Saturday 6pm Masses. Linda will begin playing for all Masses and leading our choirs on August 20. The staff supports forming a Music and Liturgy Team with Linda and Matt Clark, who has been acting as our interim music and liturgy directory. This team will work with us as a parish community to strengthen our liturgies and prepare engaging prayerful liturgies.



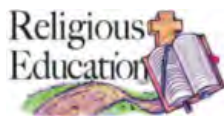
### For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

Can you lend a hand? We will be folding the newsletter and stuffing envelopes at 9:00 a.m. Monday August 8 in Sperry Hall.



### Religious Education Registration

Another summer is flying by. It is time to register children for the 2022-2023 year of religious education. Registration will take place after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 13-14. All children need to be registered each year that they participate in the parish program.



### Catechist Needed

The ministry of the catechist is one of the oldest and most revered ministries in the history of the Church. It is a privilege and an honor to be able to pass along the gift of our faith to a new generation of believers.

We are looking for a few faith-filled people to share in this ministry. Training will be provided. In particular, we are looking for

- Grade 2 Sunday morning
- Grade 6 Tuesday afternoon
- Grade 7/8 Sunday Morning
- Grade 9 Home Session Leader.

For more information, contact Irene Lucas at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 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.



### Book Group

Join us on August 17 at 7:00 to discuss The Last Ship Home by Heather Webb.

### 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.



### 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.

## 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.

# 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.

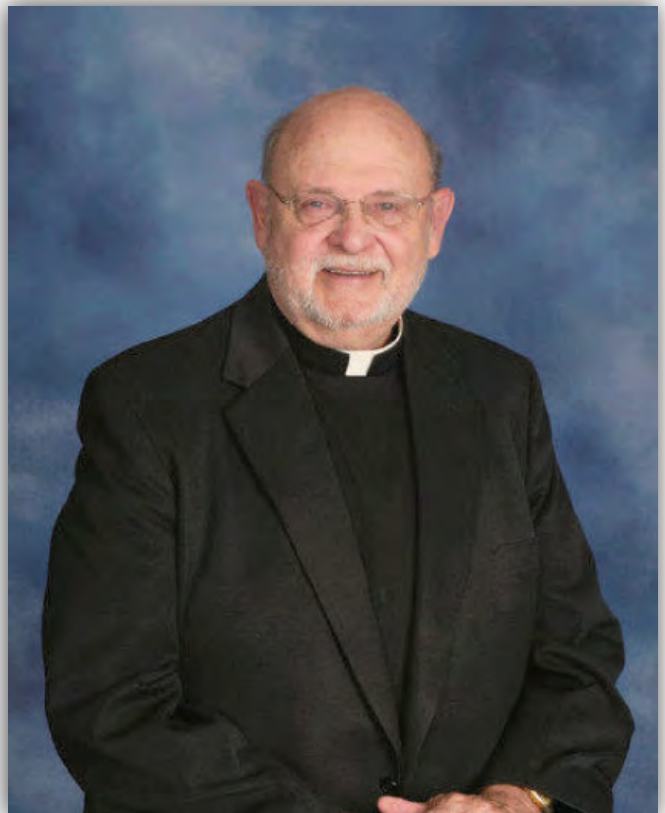
Padre, Padre from where we sit  
Your sermons and stories show great wit  
But your closing line of think about it  
Clippety clop, clippety clop, now that's a big hit

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!!!



# Harborcreek Youth Ministry

• Food

• Music

• Games

• Tie-Dye



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*Membership Form*

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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.