

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*

Linda Peters, *Director of Music*

Matthew Clark, *Director of Liturgy*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AUGUST 28, 2022 - THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/29		
Tue. 08/30		
Wed. 08/31	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
Thur. 09/01	9:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
Fri. 09/02		
Sat. 09/03	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/04		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/29	1 Cor 2:1-5	/ Mk 6:17-29
Tue. 08/30	1 Cor 2:10-16	/ Lk 4:31-37
Wed. 08/31	1 Cor 3:1-9	/ Lk 4:38-44
Thur. 09/01	1 Cor 3:18-23	/ Lk 5:1-11
Fri. 09/02	1 Cor 4:1-5	/ Lk 5:33-39
Sat. 09/03	1 Cor 4:6-15	/ Lk 6:1-5
Sun. 09/04	Wis 9:13-18 / Phlm 9-17	/ Lk 14:25-33

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 21, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,274.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,766.20
Loose Change:		\$ 67.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,107.20

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. 08/29	8:30 a.m.	Jim Erwin (The Morris Family)
Tue. 08/30	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Margaret McCurdy)
Wed. 08/31	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Thur. 09/01	8:30 a.m.	Edward C. Spellman Jr. (Family)
Fri. 09/02	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 09/03	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 09/04	8:30 a.m.	Gretchen Schofield (Mary Jean Weiser)
	11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)

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 14:1, 7-14

"Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

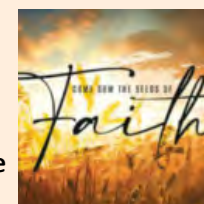
"They were observing him carefully." And conversely, Jesus was observing and assessing their behavior at mealtime. He seized on this situation as a teachable moment.

Humility was not a virtue among this crowd as evidenced by their jockeying for places of honor. Who better than Jesus to make a point regarding the value of putting others first and oneself last? This Jesus, Son of God, who chose not only to accept Incarnation as a human, but became a man in the lowliest of circumstances, being laid in a manger soon after birth? A place for sustenance for livestock became a place of repose for the Food of Everlasting Life. This Jesus, who was born into a poor carpenter's family and left what little material possessions he had to preach the Kingdom of God? This Jesus who had such total self-giving as to accept a death sentence to make atonement for others' sins, for our sins? He did so while forgiving his accusers, some of whom were probably with him at this dinner. This Jesus, when taken from the cross, was placed in a borrowed tomb!

Jesus knew the subject of humility well, and he would enjoy exultation in his resurrection.

For Reflection: Do I have the humility to admit that all the good things of this earth are gifts from God?

Frank Zanolfo



Book Group

Join us on **September 21** to discuss We Begin At The End by Chris Whitaker.



No New News



We anxiously await the appointment of a new pastor for our community, and it is hard not to speculate who the Priest Personnel Board will choose for us, throwing out a name or a wish as we chat among ourselves. The Personnel Board asked us to be patient with the

process and give them until the end of September to find the best fit for us. There have been no official leaks – if you hear a rumor, please ask the staff. Until then let us continue to be the loving caring community that Fr. Sperry and Fr. Ritchie raised us to be.

Perhaps we could all pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit that the Pastoral Council composed for our visioning process.

Technician needed

We are looking for one or two people willing to learn how our livestream and sound systems work. At the minimum learn how to set up the computer and start the livestream. Complete step by step instructions provided. See Donna Clark.



The Groove Is Back!



The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on Friday, **September 16** in our gym from **7 to 11 p.m.** Tickets will go on

sale after Masses starting **August 21** and will be available in the Parish Office from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ticket price is still only **\$15** per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.

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Cantors Needed for Music Ministry

Linda Peters, our new music director wants to extend a warm welcome to all current cantors, and invite anyone that has previously considered being a cantor to give it a try this year! We need you! Please don't hesitate – Linda will make sure you're comfortable with what you need to do. She can be contacted at **607-731-5908**, or you can email her at: lpeters001@gmail.com.



The Healing Ministry



The healing ministry will be available **after the 8:30 Mass on the first and third Sundays** of the month. For other requests, please call the office.

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.



Religious Education Registration

Religious education begins on September 6. Any child who will be involved in religious education this school year must have a parent signature on the appropriate forms before attending class. Any family unable to register this past weekend should stop by the Faith Formation Office during normal working hours.

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 or 814-899-6132.

Religious Education classes begin on Sept. 6

There are several important parent/youth meetings during the first week of religious education.

Gr. 9 Parent and Youth Meeting
@ 6:00 p.m. Sept. 7

Gr. 10 & 11 Parent and Youth Meeting
@ 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 8

K - Gr. 2 Parent/Youth Meeting
@ 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 11

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Creator,
as advocate whom the Father sent,
fall afresh with the sparks of faith
on this community.

Ignite our hearts
to give bold witness of your love;
creating a culture of belonging.

Open our eyes to the present,
enable us to see your vision
for our future;
showing us the way to go.

Give us the wisdom to wait for you
as we trust you
to teach us and guide us.

May we be filled with passion and desire
to intentionally and eagerly
journey the path you have
laid out for us.

Amen



Sept 2	Reagan Kelly	4
Sept 7	Kayla Kohut	17
Sept 8	Georgia Weber	17
Sept 9	Logan Gerrans	9
Sept 10	Aiden Ollinger	15
Sept 11	Louis Morgan	7



Sept 11	Riley Whitney	14
Sept 12	Ryder Daniels	13
Sept 12	Sadie Lander	14
Sept 14	Annie Sarvis	18
Sept 17	Anthony Allegretto	15
Sept 22	Clara Camillo	14
Sept 22	Lily Brigham	2
Sept 27	Lillian Zielinski	14
Sept 27	Montgomery Varo	16
Sept 28	Cole Maloney	5
Sept 30	Annabelle Cillessen	3



SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Mission Co-op	29 8:30am Mass	30 8:30am Mass 7:30pm AA	31 8:30am Communion Service 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough	1 8:30am Mass 9:00am Angels in Training 12:00pm Midday Prayer	2 8:30am Communion Service	3 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
4 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30am Healing Ministry	5 Labor Day - Parish Office Closed No Mass	6 8:30am Mass 4:00pm Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 7:00pm Pastoral Council 7:30pm AA	7 Communion Service 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 6:00pm Gr. 9 Parent/ Candidate Meeting	8 8:30am Mass 12:00pm Midday Prayer 6:00pm Gr. 10 & 11 Parent/Candidate 6:00pm Prayer Shawl	9 8:30am Communion Service	10 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
11 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30am Gr. 7 & 8 Rel. Ed. 9:30am Gr. K-2 Family Faith Event	12 8:30am Mass 6:30pm Roman Candles SCC	13 8:30am Mass 2:00pm Prayer Shawl 4:00pm Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 7:30pm AA	14 8:30am Communion Service 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 6:30pm AGIFT Meeting 7:00pm Knights of Columbus	15 8:30am Mass 9:00am Angels in Training 12:00pm Midday Prayer 6:00pm Prayer Shawl	16 8:30am Communion Service 7:00pm Dance with the Groove	17 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass
18 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 8:00am Pre-Cana 9:30am Gr. 7 & 8 Rel. Ed. 9:30am Gr. K-2 Rel. Ed. 9:30am Healing Ministry	19 8:30am Mass 10:00am Sisters of Scripture 7:00pm Grief Support Group	20 8:30am Mass 2:00pm Prayer Shawl 4:00pm Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 7:00pm LFF Mtg. 7:30pm AA	21 8:30am Communion Service 8:30am Food Pantry Distribution 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough 7:00pm OLM Book Group	22 8:30am Mass 12:00pm Midday Prayer 6:00pm Prayer Shawl	23 8:30am Communion Service	24 10:00am AA
25 Parish Feast Day 10:30am Feast Day Mass 12:00pm Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event	26 8:30am Mass 6:30pm Roman Candles	27 8:30am Mass 2:00pm Prayer Shawl 4:00pm Gr. 3-6 Rel. Ed. 7:30pm AA	28 8:30am Communion Service 1:00pm Diamonds in the Rough	29 8:30am Mass 9:00am Angels in Training 12:00pm Midday Prayer 6:00pm Prayer Shawl	30 8:30am Communion Service	1 10:00am AA 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance 6:00pm Mass

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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.