

# 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.

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, *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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## 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.*

## 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

**OCTOBER 30, 2022 - THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/31	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
Tue. 11/01	<b>ALL SAINT'S DAY</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m.	New SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Wed. 11/02	<b>ALL SOUL'S DAY</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thur. 11/03	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/04	10:00 a.m.	Sister's of Scripture SCC
Sat. 11/05	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/06	<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>	
	<b>Monthly Food Pantry Collection</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Gr.K-2 & 7-8 Religious Ed
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Harvest Fest



## 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. 10/31	Phil 2:1-4	/ Lk 14:12-14
Tue. 11/01	Rv 7:2-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3	/ Mt 5:1-12a
Wed. 11/02	?????	/ ??????
Thur. 11/03	Phil 3:3-8	/ Lk 15:1-10
Fri. 11/04	Phil 3:17-4:1	/ Lk 16:1-8
Sat. 11/05	Phil 4:10-19	/ Lk 16:9-15
Sun. 11/06	1 Mc 7:1-14	
	2 Thes 2:16-3:5	/ Lk 20:27-38

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 23, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	67	\$ 3,214.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	141	\$ 3,673.45
Loose Change:		\$ 148.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,960.55</b>

## MASS INTENTION UPDATE

We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/31	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Tue. 11/01	8:30 a.m.	<b>Analida Braeger</b> (Tom Braeger)
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Rose Cerula</b> (Rose Galeza)
Wed. 11/02	8:30 a.m.	<b>For Deceased Parishioners</b>
Thur. 11/03	8:30 a.m.	<b>Christopher Kaeberlein</b> (The Boys of Summer)
Fri. 11/04	8:30 a.m.	<b>Gerald Stauffer</b> (Ed & Marlene Meyer)
Sat. 11/05	6:00 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
Sun. 11/06	8:30 a.m.	<b>Leo Heise</b> (Joe & Lois Heise)
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Leo Ignasiak</b> (Susie & Family)

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### LUKE 19:1-10

"He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."

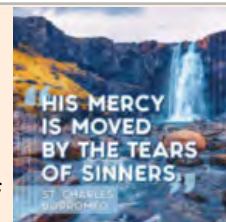
When Jesus had a good work to do, he did not shy away from people and places judged inappropriate by the cracker-barrel consensus. In that way he was politically incorrect.

The onlookers considered Zacchaeus automatically to be a sinner because he was a tax collector in a corrupt regimen, and they murmured when Jesus went to his house. Whether there was sin connected with tax collection in Zacchaeus' case we don't know, but we know he was a sinner because we all are. If Jesus hadn't gone to stay at the house of a sinner, he would have had nowhere to stay.

All day long we are called to minister to one another. Sometimes the call to service is dramatic, though most often it is very mundane. But always it will be to "the house of a sinner" where we are called, sinners among sinners, to bring the love of Christ. If we are criticized for our dealings with others, we must always examine what we are doing and why. We must be ready to change if we need to, or to continue, as Jesus did, if what we are doing is good.

For Reflection: Where am I being asked to take the message of Jesus?

Abbot Jerome Kodell, O.S.B.



### Celebrating The Day of the Dead

Let's share in solidarity with our sister parish this Nov. 1. The Sister Parish Committee will be setting up an altar in the Gathering Space the weekend of Oct. 22-Nov. 6 to remember and honor the loved ones of our community. Please take your mementos from the altar next weekend. Anything left on Monday Nov. 7 will be put in the Faith Formation Office.



### 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.

### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Oct 18 was Makayla Inthavong, grade 4, who knew that our bishop is Lawrence Persico.

### ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL SOULS DAY

Tuesday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints, when we celebrate those who are in the presence of Almighty God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Holy Day Masses are

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday is All Souls Day when we remember all our deceased. Mass is at 8:30 a.m.

### Harvest Fest

Let's gather to celebrate the blessings of the season. Join your parish family at noon on Nov. 6 for some soup sampling and time with friends. Would you be willing to donate a pot of your homemade soup for our celebration? Sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space.



### Newsletter Mailing Party

Can you help us fold newsletters and stuff envelopes? We will be getting the newsletter ready for the mail at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7. Contact Irene if you can help [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or 814-899-6132.



Newsletter

### Book Group

Join us on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Have you Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde. In December, we will watch and discuss Father Stu. For anyone who wants to read ahead, our January title will be Elizabeth Is Missing by Emma Healey.



### Sunday Morning CAFÉ

Save the date. Sunday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 will be our next Sunday Morning CAFÉ. Learn more about the synodotal process, what came from the listening sessions and what to expect next. Join us for fresh brewed coffee, delicious baked goods and great conversation.



### Join the Christmas Choir!

Linda Peters, our music director, would like to invite you to sing at our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. This will be multi-generational! All ages are welcome. Only 4 rehearsals on 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m., in the church. Come and enjoy making music with us! Email Linda at: [lspecters001@gmail.com](mailto:lspecters001@gmail.com), or call 607-731-5908 and let her know you'll be there!



### Mystery Items found in parish closets

We found a few things in the closets when we were cleaning out Fr Ritchie's stuff. If you know anything about these items, please let us know: Silver plated tea pots and tray; a framed poster of the Ten Commandments in German. If you know anything about these items please see Donna Clark.



### KofC Supports The Mercy Center

As part of our Community Outreach the OLM Knights of Columbus have joined the efforts of the Knights from St. Luke and Holy Rosary to provide needed OTC supplies for the women at the Mercy Center. We would like your help. Boxes for donations are in the gathering space. The Mercy Center for Women located at 1039 East 27th Street, Erie is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and is committed to enhancing the dignity of each person it serves through the healing of body, mind, and spirit.



### 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.



# Eucharistic Revival at Our Lady of Mercy

## What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

What Does The Eucharist Mean to You? Many Catholics were shocked when a national survey revealed that most Catholics have a limited understanding of the Eucharist and a tenuous connection to this central Mystery of our faith. As the Bishops of the U.S. launch a two year Eucharistic Revival, OLM is taking a moment to reflect on what the Eucharist means to each of us. The most significant way to influence others is by sincerely sharing from the heart. Therefore, each of us is invited to make a short 2 to 3 minute video witnessing to what the Eucharist means to each one of us personally. These videos will be posted on the parish Facebook and webpage in October and November. If anyone needs help making the

recording, just visit the parish office and Katie will record you on her phone. Willing to write but not willing to speak on camera? Submit your reflection in writing and a volunteer will record it for you. Feel free to find a format that feels comfortable to you. Interview your child or grandparent about the meaning of the Eucharist in their life, share a meaningful quote, describe a moment when your connection to the Eucharist got you through a painful time or when the Eucharist finally made some sense to you, tell us what you wish your grandchild or other Catholics could feel about the Eucharist. Your approach is as personal as your connection to the Eucharist. There are sign-up lists and instructions in the Gathering Space.

Remember to record your reflection in landscape mode.

## Synod News

The national synthesis, a culmination of ten months of intentional listening throughout the church in the U.S., is now available on the diocesan website at:

[www.eriecd.org/synodregionIII.html](http://www.eriecd.org/synodregionIII.html)

For the results from Our Lady of Mercy and the Erie Diocese check on our parish website: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)



Synod  
2021  
2023

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**Join us**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
**from 9:45-10:45**  
**@ the OLM**  
**CAFÉ**

**Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment**  
**Bob Cline**

## Synod Process: Where It's Been and Where It's Going.

Synod come from ancient Greek. It can be translated as "journeying together." While synods have been held since ancient times, the work synodality is very new. It means that the entire People of God assembling together, journeying together, and actively participating in the evangelizing mission of the Church. Last year Pope Francis invited all the faithful to join together to consider how we are journeying together in our pilgrimage of faith. At Our Lady of Mercy all were invited to participate and over fifty parishioners accepted the invitation. At listening sessions of approximately ten people per session the following questions were considered. *What are the ways in which Our Lady of Mercy and the Erie Diocese most successfully bring people together in their faith journey? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a faith community living the Gospel message?* All are invited to come to a comparison of the reports highlighting what common themes run throughout the reports.

*Bob Cline served as the parish coordinator for this synod process.*



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 2	Kiersten Redford	17
Nov 2	Delaney Andrews	13
Nov 3	Connor Marshall	18
Nov 4	Baileigh Bleil	18
Nov 5	Maceio Pearson	10



Nov 11	Jazmyn McGerl	13
Nov 13	Everleigh Durst	2
Nov 14	Logan Schneider	8
Nov 15	Ryleigh Lander	12
Nov 16	Megan Smith	18
Nov 17	Addison Matusiak	13
Nov 20	Makayla Inthavong	10
Nov 20	Carson Shamburg	7
Nov 21	Maximo Coletta	16
Nov 24	Irena Bush	13
Nov 25	Ashton Keil	8

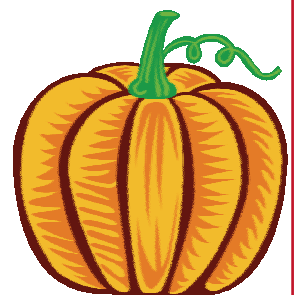


# Harvest Fest

Sunday, Nov 6 at Noon

- ~Enjoy the blessings of the season
- ~Sample homemade soups
- ~Spend time with your parish family

If you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup, sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space



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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.