

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*

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

JANUARY 29, 2023 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 01/30	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
Tue. 01/31	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Open Gym
	6:00 p.m.	The Mystics SCC
Wed. 02/01	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Q&A With the Pastor
Thur. 02/02	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 02/03	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 02/04	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/05		Casserole Club Drop Off
		Monthly Food Pantry Collection
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event
	12:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner for the Religious Ed Program

We Remember... *In Loving Memory*
 Carmela Leone, sister of Frank Abate; who passed away recently.

Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 22, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	66	\$ 3,230.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	136	\$ 3,422.20
Loose Change:		\$ 40.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,692.20

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 01/30	Heb 11:32-40	/ Mk 5:1-20
Tue. 01/31	Heb 12:1-4	/ Mk 5:21-43
Wed. 02/01	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	/ Mk 6:1-6
Thur. 02/02	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18	/ Lk 2:22-40
Fri. 02/03	Heb 13:1-8	/ Mk 6:14-29
Sat. 02/04	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	/ Mk 6:30-34
Sun. 02/05	Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5	/ Mt 5:13-16

STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

- Fr Matt.....226 ● Kirk.....216
- Deacon Paul.....233 ● Linda.....211
- Katie.....210 ● Donna.....213
- Irene.....214

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/30	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Tue. 01/31	8:30 a.m.	Peggy Fama (John Abbate & Family)
Wed. 02/01	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann (Family)
Thur. 02/02	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bliss (Linda Prichard)
Fri. 02/03	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 02/04	6:00 p.m.	Sarah Selleny (Suzanne Selleny)
Sun. 02/05	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Anthony James Massaro (Family)

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

MATTHEW 5:1-12a

"Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7) could be called Jesus's "Inaugural Address." Jesus goes up the mountain, sits down (as rabbis did when teaching), and begins to teach his disciples who gather round. At the end of the sermon, the people will be "astonished by his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes" (7:28-29). We, too, can sit down and ponder sections of this great teaching.

Jesus begins with beatitudes - statements about the blessedness of our lives. Blessed (makarioi) can mean "fortunate" and is commonly translated to "happy." It's a state of being we all seek, but it doesn't come from the things of this world: power, beauty, riches, etc. It comes from being in right relationship with God.

To be "poor in spirit" does not mean we seek poverty. In Jesus' world, no one should live in poverty. Justice calls us to eliminate poverty! The late William Barclay in his commentary on Matthew says that one who is poor in spirit realizes that "things mean nothing...God means everything." Happy are those who put God first in their lives. What a challenging opening statement for us to ponder!

For Reflection: What do I usually count among my blessings? Is poverty of spirit at the top of the list? How can this kind of poverty become a gift in my life?

Lilly Hess



Question & Answer W/T Pastor

The tradition continues! Our first Q&A with Fr. Kujawinski will be **Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring your questions about the Catholic faith, prayer, Scripture or the Church. Join us in the Conference Room for a casual conversation around the questions on your mind. Share a glass of wine and a light snack. (You are welcome to bring a snack to share, but that is not necessary.) This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new pastor a bit better.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, the annual Religious Education Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Auction on **Feb. 5**. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of Jan. 8. Prices are \$10 adults and \$5 children. Two quarts of sauce and 20 meatballs are \$30. We are collecting **NEW** items for the gift auction. Consider re-gifting any unwanted Christmas gifts to our gift auction. Consider grabbing those great deals after the holidays to make a basket to donate to the gift basket auction. We also need baskets, colored tissue and clear cellophane to wrap the baskets.



Book Group

Join us on **Feb. 15 @ 7:00** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss Calico Joe by John Grisham. Want to read ahead? Our March title will be The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson.



Grief Support

During the Winter we will meet during the day. **Monday Feb 20 at 1 p.m.** Grief is a challenging emotion because it is so unpredictable. Sometimes sharing your experience and learning how others find hope can be helpful. To arrange a one-on-one meeting or if interested in an evening group session please call Donna Clark in the parish office, ext 213.



Bereavement Ministry Help

Our Bereavement Ministry needs people who are willing to be present for parish funerals. (you need not be available for every funeral since there usually is enough people in the ministry to spread out the duties.) The Bereavement Ministry provides a ministry of presence, may help by being a Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at 814-899-5342 x 213 to speak with Donna for more information.



The Parish Picture books are here

Please stop by the parish office to pick up your Parish Photo Directory. We also wish to thank the community for their patience in waiting for these books.



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.

"Formed.org is a great resource for families with young children! There are educational videos and Bible story cartoons for younger kids. So many resources for everyone to learn something! I also enjoyed the series during Lent last year with daily videos to watch." - Vickie Gilchrist

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 22, was **Falynn Baker, grade 2**, who knew that we each have a guardian angel who watches over us.

For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

Many hands make light work. Can you lend a hand to get the newsletter ready for the mail? Join us at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 13** in Sperry Hall to fold letters and stuff envelopes.



Sanctus Retreat

Join your parish family on **Saturday, Feb. 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Begin the Season of Lent with a day of prayer and reflection. Sign up for the Sanctus Retreat. It is free and open to all adults. The deadline to register for the retreat is **February 1**. For more information, see the recent issue of For Mercy Sake or contact Irene Lucas. Here is what a past participant had to say.



I moved to Harborcreek in 2020; during the peak of covid, and other than attending the outdoor Stations of the Cross, it would be over a year before I actually set foot in my newly joined parish. Once I did, I felt warmly welcomed at mass. I feel it was at Sanctus, that I really developed some community and spiritual interaction with others. It was a wonderful experience that was casual, non-threatening and deeply rich in honesty, sincerity and commitment to our faith. Elizabeth Sammartino

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Feb. 09	Cooper Benson	13
Feb. 10	Brennan Murphy	18



Feb. 11	Samuel Massella	7
Feb. 11	Dean Massella	7
Feb. 18	Sydney Kisiel	17
Feb. 21	Callum Baker	4
Feb. 24	Colin Gerrans	8
Feb. 26	Blake Nguyen	13
Feb. 28	Kinsley Durst	4





GIFT BASKET



To support the
Summer 2023 Youth Mission Trip
SATURDAY MARCH 11 12-4 P.M.
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 For tickets call Maggie 814-490-4275
 \$20 donation

- 15 Games
- Games of Chance
- Food & Drinks

If you would like to leave a donation without purchasing a ticket, please drop them off in the Parish office. Thank you!

What You Always Wanted to Know About...



Wednesday, February 1st 7:00 p.m.

Q & A With Fr. Kujawinski

Informal gathering in the Conference Room
 Wine, Cheese and Your Questions
(Feel free to bring a snack to share, if you wish)





For the Religious Education Ministry

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SANCTUS

February 25, 2023

Questions? Call Irene @ 814-899-6132
 or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and renewal.

🍽️ Meals are provided 🍽️ There is no cost 🍽️

All About Hospice

Sunday, February 19, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Barnabas Education Room

Brevillier Village, 5416 East Lake Road



Have you ever wondered about hospice? When can it be helpful? What resources does it offer? How is hospice care related to palliative care? How do you decide whether hospice is right for you or for a loved one? This community educational event will address spiritual and practical aspects of hospice. There will be time for questions and conversation.

Presenters:

Dr. Michael Cooney, MD, hospice and palliative medicine specialist
Carrie Festa, RN, Director of Professional Services, ProMedica Hospice

Jennifer Kehl, BSW, Social Worker, Brevillier Village

David Miles, Chaplain/Spiritual Care Coordinator/Bereavement Coordinator, ProMedica Hospice

RSVP by Feb. 15th to Jen Kehl at jkehl@brevillier.org
or 814-899-8600.

This event is sponsored by the Harborcreek Ministerium.

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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner

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