

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

APRIL 16, 2023 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 04/17	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Ministry Focus Group
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Ministry Focus Group
Tue. 04/18	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr. 3-6
	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Wed. 04/19	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	12:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 04/20	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 04/21	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 04/22	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 04/23	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Event

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 04/17	Acts 4:23-31	/ Jn 3:1-8
Tue. 04/18	Acts 4:32-37	/ Jn 3:7-15
Wed. 04/19	Acts 5:17-26	/ Jn 3:16-21
Thur. 04/20	Acts 5:27-33	/ Jn 3:31-36
Fri. 04/21	Acts 5:34-42	/ Jn 6:1-15
Sat. 04/22	Acts 6:1-7	/ Jn 6:16-21
Sun. 04/23	Acts 2:14-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35	

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 04/17	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 04/18	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 04/19	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 04/20	8:30 a.m.	Leo Kosobucki (John Abbate & Family)
Fri. 04/21	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 04/22	6:00 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 04/23	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (The Perrotto's)
	11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Carole Peters)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 9, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	60	\$ 5,766.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	136	\$ 3,325.57
Loose Change:		\$ 212.00
Easter Collection:		\$ 1,730.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 11,033.57

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on
Wednesday May 10th
from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



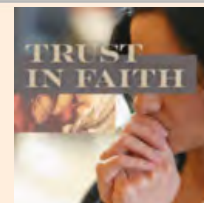
PRAYER LINE

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

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir
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Focus Group for Grief Support

Monday April 17 at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. We need some input to help reorganize our Grief Support for the parish. Although a support group has been very beneficial sometimes the monthly schedule is too infrequent. Please come for casual conversation and refreshments to either the afternoon or the evening session.



Book Group



Join us on April 19 at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 North Woods Dr., to discuss Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. Our May title will be Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.

Parent Baptismal Preparation Session

If you were unable to attend the Baptismal Prep Session in March, another class has been scheduled for 1:30 on April 30. Please call the parish office at 814-899-5342 by April 27 to register for the session.



Sundae Sunday



Birds are nesting. Bulbs are blooming. Trees are budding. It must be time for Sundae Sunday. Mark your calendar and join us for an ice cream sundae bar and cake walk at noon on April 30. Can you donate a cake for the cake walk? A sign up list will be in the Gathering Space after

Easter. Let's get together and celebrate all the goodness of the season!

For Mercy Sake Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the spring issue of For Mercy Sake is Sunday, April 23. Send submissions to secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org.



Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*



Join us at 9:45 TODAY, Sunday, April 16 for our spring Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E* in Sperry Hall. Get your week off to a great start with fresh brewed coffee, delicious homemade treats and a challenging presentation. Erin Tubbs, Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Erie, will share the many ways that Catholic Charities serves the people of northwestern Pennsylvania.

A Special "Thank You"

Dear friends at Our Lady of Mercy, Thank you so much for the desserts/cookies provided in memory of dad. It was greatly appreciated
- The Family of Ross Peters



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 April 2, was Maceio Pearson, grade 4, who knew that the days of the Triduum are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

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.

Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



Knights of Columbus Golf Raffle

The 28th Golf & Sports Raffle will be held on Friday May 12 in the Gym and Sperry Hall from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering space after Mass on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7.



Tickets will also be on sale in the Parish Office during the week from 9 till 3. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The grand prize this year is \$ 1,000! Our Golf & Sports Raffle has become the largest in the Erie area thanks to the support of our parish and our many ticket sellers. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support youth programs in the parish, provide scholarships for parish high school seniors, and fund capital projects. Please help the Knights help the parish.

Chinese Auction Baskets & Items Needed!

The Knights of Columbus are collecting auction baskets and items for the upcoming Golf and Sports Raffle. Please bring all auction baskets and items to the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event continues to be successful because of your generous donations. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus 2022 Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

Bishop Persico will be blessing the Ultrasound Van and Ultrasound Machine that was made possible through generous donations from the 2022 Knights of Columbus fundraiser. This event will be held on April 22nd at 10 a.m. in front of the St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. All Knights and parishioners with their families are cordially invited to attend this event. There is ample parking behind the St. Mark Catholic Center to which you will be directed from the West entrance. There will be no parking available in the front of the building. Please plan on arriving by 9:45 a.m.

Our Neighbor's Place

For four weeks this winter it took a minimum of 14 volunteers to care for 45 individuals each night at the overflow shelter at St. John the Baptist Church. Whether you were able to donate your time, your resources or prayer, you answered the call to make this a reality and we thank you. This seasonal shelter ran from November until April so we all need to continue to pray for our guests that are now unsheltered. God Bless You. Mary Hoffman and Mary Ellen Lieb



Comedy Corner

What did the stormtrooper say when he went into a church for the first time?

Pew. Pew, pew, pew. Pew, Pew.



Save the Date

Double Dedication

April 28, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

The Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Mercy & the Dedication of the Ritchie Room & Gathering Space to honor the late Msgr. Gerald Ritchie. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

SUNDAE SUNDAY



Sunday, April 30 12:00 Noon in Sperry Hall

Celebrate the Easter Season Make-Your-Own Sundae Bar & a Cake Walk

Please tell us if you can bake & donate a cake for the Cake Walk. You can email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or add your name to the list in the Gathering Space.

CSA 2023

We are almost there only \$2,000 more to go to meet our assessment!!! Now comes the real challenge to raise extra money for our work projects which include: Replacing the skylight in the atrium \$5,000; replace the east gym storage room roof \$13,300; and replace the garage and food pantry roof \$24,500. A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Pledge forms are in the Parish Office or on our website. We are counting on families to give \$500 this year if possible. But as always, any pledge will help us.

Text-To- Give from Faith Direct

To securely make a gift to CSA 2023, text a dollar amount to 814-892-0055. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to this OLM phone number. For Existing accounts: If the email address entered does match an existing account, you will have the option to apply the gift to your existing account.

Pledge Payment Reminders

There has been a delay with the Pledge Payment Reminders this year. If You would like a current Pledge Statement, please contact the Parish Office.

28th Annual Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144

GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE

Casino Night

Benefitting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Friday, May 12, 2023

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

**ALL TICKETS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS
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FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

All prizes must be claimed by August 31, 2023

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF AND SPORTS RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

1. \$1,000 CASH - **STAN'S GARDEN CENTER**
2. \$300 Value Vehicle Services - **MCMILLEN'S CAR CARE**
3. Two Steelers Tickets / 50 Yard Line "You Pick Game" - **WIDGET FINANCIAL**
4. Four Tickets Kaulig Sr. Tourney Akron, OH - **ROSETO-SUTER OVERHEAD DOOR**
5. Men's Strata Set of Irons - **OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING**
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - **GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.**
7. 55" HDTV - **VNET**
8. Membership for One Year - **FOX RUN**
9. Callaway Paradym Driver - **H AND H DIRECTIONAL DRILLING**
10. Golf for Four - **WHISPERING WOODS GOLF COURSE**
11. **Scenic Heights Golf Course** - One Year Membership - **WAC**
12. Bill's Logo Golf Bag - **JOE B'S CARPET**
13. Three Walleye Passes - **TELL NO TALES CHARTER** - **N.E. TIRE & SERVICE**
14. **GREEN MEADOWS GOLF** and **RICARDO'S** Dinner for Four
15. Women's Strata Set of Irons - **BATES COLLISION / NIETHAMER & OWENS**
16. Callaway Stand Bag - **LAKEVIEW MOTEL**
17. Golf for Four with Cart - **LAKESIDE GOLF COURSE**
18. Four Seawolves Tickets at 2 Games - **PRO WASTE SERVICES**
19. Ladder Tree Stand - **EAST ERIE MOOSE**
20. Two 3 Hour Sessions - **THE CLUBHOUSE INDOOR GOLF**

**DONATION
\$10.00 EACH
OR
3 FOR \$25.00**

Tickets may be purchased at: Our Lady of Mercy Church 9-3 (M-F) and at the door

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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.