

# OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



## *VISION STATEMENT*

Encountering Christ,  
Growing in His love,  
Serving in His name.

## Discipleship Pathway

Listening to our hearts, we respond to the Lord's invitation to journey together on the path of discipleship.



## 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  
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator  
Andrea Maille, Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

## 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

**May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday**

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 05/29</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Tue. 05/30</b>	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
<b>Wed. 05/31</b>	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
<b>Thur. 06/01</b>	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
<b>Fri. 06/02</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
<b>Sat. 06/03</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 06/04</b>	<b>Casserole Club Drop Off</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

## As a Parish Community, We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision



### Encountering Christ

We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

## 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

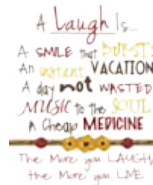
<b>Mon. 05/29</b>	Acts 1:12-14	/ Jn 19:25-34
<b>Tue. 05/30</b>	Sir 35:1-12	/ Mk 10:28-31
<b>Wed. 05/31</b>	Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16	/ Lk 1:39-56
<b>Thur. 05/01</b>	Sir 42:15-25	/ Mk 10:46-52
<b>Fri. 05/02</b>	Sir 44:1, 9-13	/ Mk 11:11-26
<b>Sat. 05/03</b>	Sir 51:12-20	/ Mk 11:27-33
<b>Sun. 05/04</b>	Ex 34:4-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18	

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/29</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>- NO MASS -</b>
<b>Tue. 05/30</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Irene Abbate</b> (John Abbate)
<b>Wed. 05/31</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Theresa Swanson</b> (Diane & Rich Valahovic)
<b>Thur. 05/01</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Fri. 05/02</b>	8:30 a.m.	
<b>Sat. 05/03</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Helen Heise</b> (Joe & Lois Heise)
<b>Sun. 05/04</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Norene Miller</b> (The Donikowski Family)

## Comedy Corner

What's a Catholic's favorite type of coffee?  
Holy grounds!



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of May 21, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,243.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,215.55
Loose Change:		\$ 55.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,513.55</b>

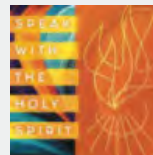
## STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

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
- Deacon Paul.....233
- Katie.....210
- Irene.....214
- Kirk.....216
- Donna.....213

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### PENTECOST SUNDAY



I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir  
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### Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, **June 21 @ 7:00** to discuss Rainwater by Sandra Brown.



### Wild About Jesus!

Mark your calendar for **July 31-Aug. 4** for a week of Vacation Bible School fun.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin tables and at the parish website. All children age 4 years through 6th grade are welcome. The event is free.

### VBS Needs You!

Vacation Bible School succeeds because of the many adults willing to give a week of their summer to create a fun and inviting experience for the children. We need adults and teens who can work with the children. If you can help **July 31 to Aug. 4 from 9:00-noon**, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.



### Can you help with religious education next school year?

We are looking for a 5th and 6th grade catechist Tuesday afternoons, Confirmation catechist Sundays and volunteers to work with the new Jr. High ministry. If you would like more information, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.

### Women's Summer Scripture Study

All women, parishioners and friends, are invited to a casual Scripture Study on **Thursday, July 6, 13 & 20**. We will meet on the patio of Irene Lucas 1019 Bartlett Rd at **7:00**. Sacred Strangers by Nancy Haught will guide our conversation. The book is \$8.40 if ordered in bulk. If you would like Irene to order you a copy, contact her by **June 20**.



### Do you have an old chair with arms?

One of our older parishioners is looking for a chair with arms that she needs so she can stand up. (Like a dining room captain's chair.) If you have one you are willing to part with please call Katie or Donna in the parish office.



### 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.



### NEED A SUMMER JOB?

If you are a high school or college student looking for a summer job, Our Lady of Mercy is looking for summer help with maintenance and landscaping. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at **814-899-5342**.

## 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.

### CAFE June 11 - CPR and Defibrillator Training

You have all heard the story of Damar Hamlin the Buffalo Bills football player who suffered sudden cardiac arrest and whose life was saved by timely CPR and Defibrillation. Our church has a Defibrillator located in the hallway leading to Sperry Hall and we had a training class on how to use the machine a number of years ago. It's time to refresh ourselves on its use and we will also have a class on CPR training. The class will be conducted by Chris Morealli, who is a certified EMT with the Fairfield Hose Co, on **Sunday June 11 at 9:45** in Sperry Hall.



### Fleece Material Needed

If you have any extra fleece material lying around, the VBS staff could use it! We are searching for scrap fleece big enough to cut 12 inch circles out of. Please drop any scrap donations off in the Parish Office. Thank you for your help!



### 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**.



# SUMMER FESTIVAL

Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo  
 Children’s Area – Book Sale – Craft Sale  
 – Funnel Cakes

Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt,  
 50/50, 4 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20  
 Guests, Restaurant Gift Cards, Lottery  
 Tree, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

The Book Sale is BACK!  
 July 6th - 9th

We need donations of books, cd's,  
 dvd's and puzzles, no reader digest,  
 magazine

**Calling all Bakers:**

We need donations of freshly made,  
 sweet treats for our bake sale! **We are  
 no longer in need of bagged cookies for  
 dinner**, but would appreciate donations  
 of baked goods to help our bake sale!

**WANTED:**

Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters,  
 Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any  
 other Hand Crafted Items that you can  
 donate to Summer Festival 2023 for  
 sale at the Craft Table Sales!

**Now Accepting Auction Items!**

Auction items can be dropped off in  
 the Parish Office Monday-Friday from  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Thank you for your

**Our Lady of Mercy's**  
*Famous*  
**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER**  
**& Summer Festival**

**SUNDAY JULY 9TH**  
**Dinner Starts at 12 p.m.**

**Dine in**  
 our air conditioned Sperry Hall or  
**Drive Thru Take-Out**  
 from the parking lot

**\*Delivery to Senior Homes Available\***

**\$13 for adults, \$7 ages 6-12, 5 and under free**

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 Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt, 50/50,  
 4 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests,  
 Restaurant Gift Cards, Lottery Tree,  
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## June Birthdays

June 2	Maggie Scully	1
June 4	Philip Drotar	2
June 4	Bella Infantino	17
June 9	Amelia Bernatowicz	13
June 12	Benjamin Vahey	14
June 12	Estella Beckman	11



June 14	McKenzie Skarzenski	18
June 15	Kaylyn Still	12
June 18	Sophie Bleil	16
June 20	Hannah Damond	17
June 20	Nathan Ford	12
June 21	Addison Kelly	7
June 23	Kaden Pinetti	15
June 25	Noah Skarzenski	6
June 25	Colton Catrabone	13
June 26	Sarah Dorosch	17
June 27	Joel Skarzenski	15
June 29	David Parente	13





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

## Knights of Columbus- 2023 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Our Knights Council has joined together with 23 other Knights Councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. It will benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie's goal of purchasing a new, state of the art Ultrasound Machine to replace and older unit at one of their other locations. Your donations will also be used to offset the operating costs of the ultrasound van that was purchased from the 2022 fundraiser. Last year through your contributions, \$119,000 was collected toward the cost of the ultrasound van. The Knights of Columbus Supreme based in Connecticut donated an additional \$59,000 to cover the entire cost of the ultrasound machine for the van. We will be distributing baby bottles and optional donation envelopes as you leave church Mother's Day weekend, **May 13-14**. Bottles and envelopes will still be available in the Gathering Space following that weekend. We ask that you fill the bottles with your coins, cash, or checks and return

them Father's Day weekend, **June 17-18**. Paper currency or checks may be put in the envelopes that can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the Parish office. Please make all checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your time and we pray that you will join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.

## ULTRASOUND VAN VISIT TO OLM

The Ultrasound Van and Ultrasound Machine which your generous donations helped pay for will be on display in our church parking lot immediately following **8:30 Mass on Sunday June 4th**. Please come out and tour this exciting new addition to the Women's Care Center of Erie.

## Thank you - Thank you - Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the parishioners of OLM for their support of our recent Golf and Sports Raffle. Your purchasing of tickets, attendance and donations to Chinese Auction baskets was critical to our success. Attendance was over 600 and when all the bills are in we're confident that the profits will be a record high! We are looking forward to helping the youth of the parish with scholarships and financial support of the Religious Ed programs; funding church capital projects; assisting various ministries and supporting projects in our community.

## Finance Report

Our fiscal year started July 2022. Although we have had some unexpected expenses our year-to-date operating expenses still fall within our budget. The net loss of \$18,000 as of April 2023 includes expenses that happened to fall in this last month. These expenses will be offset by the income from May and June.

Although we have pledges that will cover our CSA assessment, we have already spent the \$30,000 we had hoped to raise over our goal. The \$43,000 spent since July was mostly for roof repairs.

Operating Budget	As of April 2023
Income	400,870.10
Expenses	419,370.30
Net loss	(18,500.20)
CSA	
Pledges	\$ 81,160.00
CSA assessment	-70,600.00
Building Repair	-43,071.39
Money from Savings	(32,511.39)

## JOIN US!

**Eucharistic Procession on the  
Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Body and Blood of Christ  
"Corpus Christi"**

**Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Peter Cathedral.**



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**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Membership Form*

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City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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.