

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

June 11, 2023 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/12	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
Tue. 06/13	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 06/14	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 06/15		
Fri. 06/16	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 06/17	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/18	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 4, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	71	\$ 3,787.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,215.55
Loose Change:		\$ 21.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,023.55

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.

Comedy Corner

Why can't Catholics worship at sea? Because while there are a lot of landmasses, there aren't any ocean masses.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/12	2 Cor 1:1-7	/ Mt 5:1-12
Tue. 06/13	2 Cor 1:18-22	/ Mt 5:13-16
Wed. 06/14	2 Cor 3:4-11	/ Mt 5:17-19
Thur. 06/15	2 Cor 3:15-4:1-6	/ Mt 5:20-26
Fri. 06/16	Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-17	/ Mt 11:25-30
Sat. 06/17	2 Cor 5:14-21	/ Lk 2:41-51
Sun. 06/18	Ex 19:2-6/ Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/12	8:30 a.m.	- No MASS -
Tue. 06/13	8:30 a.m.	Jim Morris (Ron Morris Family)
Wed. 06/14	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Joan Brochey)
Thur. 06/15	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/16	8:30 a.m.	John Green (Family)
Sat. 06/17	6:00 p.m.	All Fathers Living and Deceased
Sun. 06/18	8:30 a.m.	All Fathers Living and Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	All Fathers Living and Deceased

We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision Serving in His Name

We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

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



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 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 21 @ 7:00** at the home of Sue McCreary 6840 Heather Trail, to discuss Rainwater by Sandra Brown. In July we will discuss The Secret River by Kate Grenville.



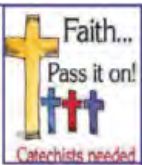
Wild About Jesus!

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 or call **814-899-6132**.



Can you help with religious education next school year?

We are looking for a 5th grade catechist Tuesday afternoons, Confirmation catechist Sundays and volunteers to work with the new Jr. High ministry. If you would like

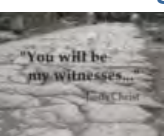
more information, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or call **814-899-6132**.

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**.



Witnessing to your Discipleship Journey

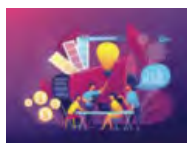


Our Lady of Mercy is a strong community because people have been sharing their faith with one another for decades.

Where have you encountered God on your discipleship journey? Will you share your story at Mass after communion? Will you write your story for publication in our bulletin or newsletter or website/Facebook? Let us know; contact any staff member.

Graphic Design and Marketing Team

Our Lady of Mercy is looking to put together a Graphic Design and Marketing team composed of volunteers who have been blessed with the passion and talents for creating content and putting it out to our parish community. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Katie in the Parish 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.

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!



Mission Cooperative Weekend



A missionary from the Sisters of Charity of Seaton Hill will visit us the weekend of **June 24/25**. This group has missions in Ecuador, China & Korea. Much of their ministry is to children. They are sending a representative from Bethel Park PA and their main office is in Greensburg, PA. Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill serve primarily in the areas of education, health care, pastoral care, and social services and have facilities in multiple places. As always, we will be offered an opportunity to support their ministries. You can give the weekend of June 24/25 or use our Faith Direct text to give or set up something in your Faith Direct account.

Food Pantry Donations Needed

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry is in need of canned fruits for our June distribution. Donations are very much appreciated and can be placed in the collection boxes by the entrances and Gathering Space.

GECAC - Spruce Up Erie



Many individuals and families who live in poverty have limited resources and have to daily make hard decisions in caring for the family's needs. Families have great difficulty providing the bare essentials for their families, and often, many needed items get passed over. The goal is to provide families with a care package that would include the items to assist in maintaining a clean and safe environment. Inside each bag is a shopping list with items that are needed. Please fill the bag with these essentials and return them to the Gathering Space **NO LATER than Tuesday, June 20th**.

HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY


During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate **10%** of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Bob Cline Eucharistic Minister 1.....Todd Beckes Eucharistic Minister 2.....Anne Spring Altar Server.....Gabby Peters Greeter.....Kathy Mauro Greeter.....Nick Mauro</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, June 18th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Joe Tarquinio Eucharistic Minister 1.....Dan Szczesny Eucharistic Minister 2.....Tish Szczesny Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Paul Sacco Greeter.....Patty Sacco AV Ministry.....Adam Baker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, June 18th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Reagan Andrews Eucharistic Minister 1.....Erica Taccone Eucharistic Minister 2.....Carole Peters Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Glory Piovarcy Eucharistic Minister 1.....Geri Extein Eucharistic Minister 2.....Marilyn Rinke Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran Greeter.....Amy D. Smith Greeter.....Shane F. Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, June 25th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Nancy Mowery Eucharistic Minister 1.....Pat Marshall Eucharistic Minister 2.....Candy Henry Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong Greeter.....Linda Kaleta Greeter.....Frank Kaleta AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Carrie Galbreath Eucharistic Minister 1.....Nancy Clark Eucharistic Minister 2.....Darlene Piotrowski Altar Server.....Milton Pearson Greeter.....Jane Chase Greeter.....Mike Chase</p>

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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Teach your child to protect him/herself at home

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not at home: Teach your child to never answer the door if home alone. Teach them to never tell anyone, on the phone, on social media, or while gaming, that their parents are not home. Make a rule to not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Have your child check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave their child home alone. For additional parent resources visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

Lets Keep Talking!

Our Lady of Mercy is continuing what it started back in 2022 with the Synod listening sessions. Join us on **Monday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in Sperry Hall as we keep the conversations going.

All are welcome, even if you didn't participate in the Synod listening sessions last year. Your voice still matters and we would love to hear from **YOU!**

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.

Congratulations KoC Scholarship Fundraiser
 We are pleased to announce that Avery Ollinger has been awarded a Knights of Columbus scholarship for the upcoming year. She graduated from Mercyhurst Preparatory School and will be attending The University of Mount Union this Fall. Please congratulate her for her impressive achievements.

Baby Bottle Returns - K of C
 Just a reminder that the baby bottles and donation envelopes are due to be returned Father's Day weekend June 17th & 18th. Bins will be provided in the gathering space and donation envelopes can also be placed in the collection baskets. Please make checks payable to the "Knights of Columbus".

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo - Children's Area – Book Sale – Craft Sale
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 generosity!



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

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!

Festival Raffle Tickets Available

Festival raffle tickets are now available! Festival raffle tickets can be mailed to homebound parishioners. Please contact the office with ticket requests. Please return any unused tickets to the baskets in the Gathering Space.

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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Membership Form

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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.