

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
Jane Mallin, 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 18, 2023 - The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/19		
Tue. 06/20		
Wed. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 06/22	6:00 p.m.	Angels in Training SCC
Fri. 06/23		
Sat. 06/24	Mission Co-Op - All Weekend Masses	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/25	Mission Co-Op - All Weekend Masses	

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 11, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	60	\$ 2,644.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,215.55
Loose Change:		\$ 188.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,047.55

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**.

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. 06/19	2 Cor 6:1-10	/ Mt 5:38-42
Tue. 06/20	2 Cor 8:1-9	/ Mt 5:43-48
Wed. 06/21	2 Cor 9:6-11	/ Mt 6:1-18
Thur. 06/22	2 Cor 11:1-11	/ Mt 6:7-15
Fri. 06/23	2 Cor 11:18-30	/ Mt 6:19-23
Sat. 06/24	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26	/ Lk 1:57-66
Sun. 06/25	Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/19	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 06/20	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 06/21	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 06/22	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/23	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/24	6:00 p.m.	Donald Roth (Sisters of Scripture SCC)
Sun. 06/25	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Ron Morris (Family)

We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision Encountering Christ

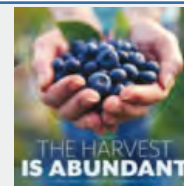
We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

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

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— 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.



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.



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.

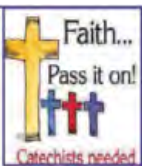
VBS Needs You!

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**.



Mission Cooperative Weekend

A missionary from the Sisters of Charity of Seton 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 cash the weekend of June 24/25; use the "Donate Now" button on our parish website; use our Faith Direct Text to Give or set up something in your Faith Direct account. For more information visit the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill website at <https://scsh.org/ministry/>



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**.

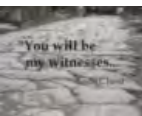
Women's Summer Scripture Study

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.



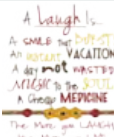
GECAC - Spruce Up Erie

If you took a bag to fill for "Spruce Up Erie" please return them to the Gathering Space **NO LATER than Tuesday, June 20th**. Their distribution is on Saturday, June 24th, so it is important to have the donations at the church by this time. Thank you!



Comedy Corner

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



CSA 2023 Update

As of May 30: 156 Pledges for \$80,810. Thank you to our generous givers. We are still hoping to raise another \$12,000 to help pay for the \$43,000 we already spent this year on capital improvements. If you have not yet made a pledge, please find forms in the church office or on our website.

Semi Annual CSA Pledge Reminder

If you have made a semi-annual pledge for CSA, June is the month suggested for a half payment. We still do not have the database running to send regular monthly pledge reminders by mail. Envelopes are on the bulletin tables.

Text-To- Give from Faith Direct

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.

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		*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*	
<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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Tom Eckendorf Eucharistic Minister 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf Eucharistic Minister 2.....Kathy Mauro Altar Server.....Amelia Bernatoqicz Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig Greeter.....Christine Stroker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 2nd at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Rachel Still Eucharistic Minister 1.....Dave Seyboldt Eucharistic Minister 2.....Rochelle Edwards Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Gary Smith Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith AV Ministry.....Adam Baker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 2nd at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Chrissy Saber Eucharistic Minister 1.....Judy Iesue Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gail Cook Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone Greeter.....Joyce R zodkiewicz Greeter.....Jason R zodkiewicz</p>		

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!**

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!

Festival Raffle Tickets Available

Festival raffle tickets will be available for pick up **THIS WEEKEND!** 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.



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**

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Restaurant Gift Cards, Lottery Tree,
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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Membership Form

Name _____

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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.