

# 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

## Contact Information

Address: 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421  
Parish Office: 814-899-5342  
Office of Lifelong Faith Formation: 814-899-6132  
Fax: 814-898-3306  
Email: [info@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:info@ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
Website: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)

## 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 25, 2023 - The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/26	6:30 p.m.	Synod Follow-Up
Tue. 06/27	5:30 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 06/28	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
Thur. 06/29	7:00 p.m.	Edge Meeting
Fri. 06/30		
Sat. 07/01	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/02	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 18, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,025.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	133	\$ 3,215.55
Loose Change:		\$ 26.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 5,266.55</b>

## 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



## 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**.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 06/26	Gn 12:1-9	/ Mt 7:1-5
Tue. 06/27	Gn 13:2, 5-18	/ Mt 7:6-14
Wed. 06/28	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18	/ Mt 7:15-20
Thur. 06/29	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8	/ Mt 16:13-19
Fri. 06/30	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22	/ Mt 8:1-4
Sat. 06/01	Gn 18:1-15	/ Mt 8:5-17
Sun. 06/02	2 Kgs 4:8-16/ Rom 6:3-11	/ Mt 10:37-42

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/26	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 06/27	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ella Eaglen (Diamonds in the Rough)
Wed. 06/28	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 06/29	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/30	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 07/01	6:00 p.m.	Christopher Kaeberlein (Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)
Sun. 07/02	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Michael Camera (Hank & Dorothy)

## We Remember...

Fred Gabler, father of Laura Beckes & Andrew Gabler, who passed away recently.

*In Loving Memory*

Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

## We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision Growing in His Love

We at Our Lady of Mercy work to gradually become more faithful followers of Christ with lives transformed by the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit. We provide pathways to nurture your desire to respond in love and come to know what God's desire is for your life.

## 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 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— Father John Muir  
©LPi

### Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, July 19** to 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.

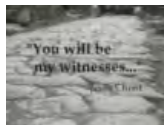


### Women's Summer Scripture Study

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 and copies can be found on the table in the Gathering Space. On **July 6** we will discuss the first 2 chapters.

### 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.



### Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion and two other shrines in the US



**September 12 to 14, 2023.** Departing from Our lady of Mercy on Tuesday Sept 12 for three days and two nights.

**Day 1:** Sorrowful Mother in Belleview Ohio

**Day 2:** The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in New Franken, Wisconsin

(This is the only Marian Apparition site in the United States approved by the Church.)

**Day 3:** The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana.

Organized by parishioner - David Kaschak. The cost is \$450 per person. Information sheets available in the gathering space.

### Comedy Corner

How do you discretely find out if someone is Catholic?  
Ask them how many O's are in Gloria.



## 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.

### Mission Cooperative This Weekend

A missionary from the Sisters of Charity of Seaton Hill will visit us this weekend. 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**; 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.



### 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.

### Financial Report As of May 2023

#### Operating Budget

Income.....	\$428,772.20
Expenses.....	\$458,642.28
Net Operating Loss.....	(\$29,870.08)

#### CSA & Capital expenses for Building Upkeep

162 CSA Pledges.....	\$83,960.00
CSA assessment.....	\$70,600.00
Capital expenses.....	-\$43,071.39

Deficit.....**-\$ (29,711.39)**

Donations to Capital Fund.....\$850.00

Paid from Savings.....**-\$ (28,861.39)**

#### Semi Annual CSA Pledge Reminder

If you have made a semi-annual payment for CSA, June is the month suggested for a half payment. We still do not have the database running to send regular 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 not match an existing account, you will have the option to apply the gift to your existing account.

<b>LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>		<b>*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*</b>	
<b><u>Saturday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Saturday, July 8th at 6:00 p.m.</u></b>	
Lector.....Tom Eckendorf	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf	Lector.....Fred Kaerberlein	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
Eucharistic Minister 2.....Kathy Mauro	Altar Server.....Amelia Bernatoqicz	Eucharistic Minister 2.....Chris Kaschak	Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig	Greeter.....Christine Stroker	Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig	Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
<b><u>Sunday, July 2nd at 8:30 a.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday, July 9th at 8:30 a.m.</u></b>	
Lector.....Rachel Still	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Dave Seyboldt	Lector.....Maria Carney	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Sandi Matts
Eucharistic Minister 2.....Rochelle Edwards	Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still	Eucharistic Minister 2.....Lorraine Bucklin	Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Gary Smith	Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith	Greeter.....Paul Sacco	Greeter.....Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....Adam Baker		AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling	
<b><u>Sunday, July 2nd at 11:00 a.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m.</u></b>	
Lector.....Chrissy Saber	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Judy Iesue	Lector.....Beth Stephenson	Eucharistic Minister 1.....Maureen Brainard
Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gail Cook	Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone	Eucharistic Minister 2.....Nathan Matusiak	Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....Joyce R zodkiewicz	Greeter.....Jason R zodkiewicz	Greeter.....Jill Henry	Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

**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!

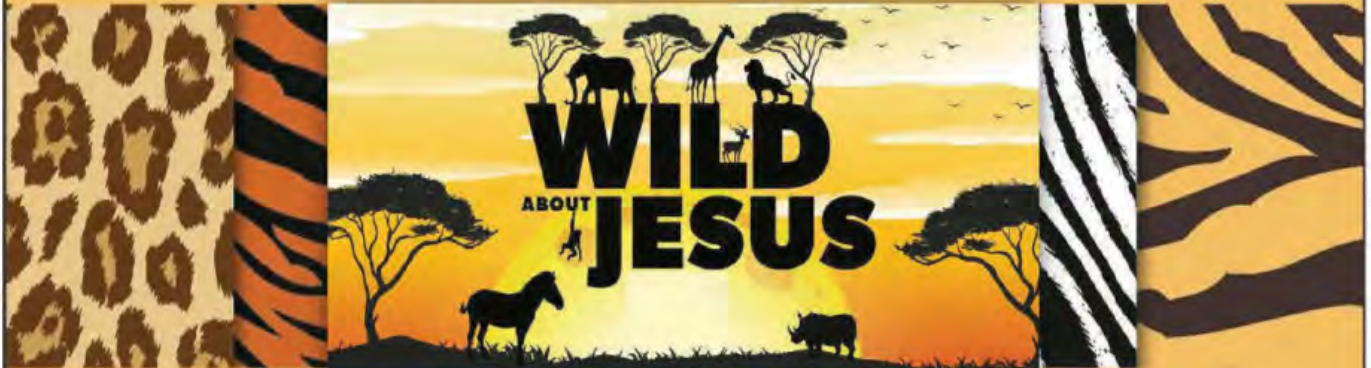
**Now Accepting Auction Items!**

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 PRESENTS... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



**JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2023**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**All Wild Ones - age 4 thru entering 6th grade**

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

\*Registration Deadline is July 23rd\*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2023/2024	Special/Dietary Needs
--------------	-----	-----------------	-----------------------

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Story Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Craft: \_\_\_\_\_ Games: \_\_\_\_\_ Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Aide: \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen: \_\_\_\_\_ Set-Up: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**HARBORCREEK**  
AUTO  
*Gallery* LLC

www.harborcreekautogallery.com  
6850 Buffalo Rd. 85 West Main  
814-315-4051 Harborcreek, PA 814-347-9090  
Northeast, PA

• Sales • PA Inspections  
• Notary • Detailing



*Where There's Always  
Something GROWING On!*

**Stan's**  
GARDEN CENTER

Josh Skarzenski – 3rd Generation Owner & Parishioner

*East* 5001 Buffalo Road Erie, PA 16510 **899.5424**  
*West* 5341 West Lake Road Erie, PA 16505 **835.6960**

**William D. Elkin  
Funeral Home**

65 South Lake St. • North East  
**725-4511**  
Timothy P. Elkin, F.D.  
William D. Elkin, F.D.  
Pre-Arrangements Available

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**

  
**Brevillier  
Village**

5416 East Lake Road  
Erie, PA 16511  
814-899-8600  
www.brevillier.org

Ball Pavilion  
Short Term Rehab  
Long Term Nursing  
Care

Barnabas Court  
Licensed Personal  
Care, Residency &  
Independent Living.

Conrad House  
Independent Living

*"Your Computer  
Professional"*

JDL Computers @ .com

**NEW SYSTEMS  
USED • REPAIRS**

*"WE SERVICE ALL BRANDS"*  
**898-8300**  
Jerry & Dee Law - Parishioners

**JDLCOMPUTERS.COM**

**OLLINGER  
PLUMBING, HEATING  
& AIR CONDITIONING**



Residential • Commercial  
Quality Installations & Service  
**899-2809**

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**


**Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and purchase  
an ad with

**AD  
CREATOR  
STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)



**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here and Support  
Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Timothy Weir**

tweir@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6568

**DUSCKAS - TAYLOR**



*Funeral Home & Cremation Services*

*Robert D. Taylor*  
Supervisor

5151 BUFFALO ROAD  
ERIE • PENNSYLVANIA 16510  
814-315-0911  
dusckas-taylorfuneralhome.com

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here and Support  
Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Timothy Weir**

tweir@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6568

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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.