

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

July 2, 2023 - The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/03	
Tue. 07/04	FOURTH OF JULY Parish Office Closed
Wed. 07/05	1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough 5:00 p.m. Festival Set Up
Thur. 07/06	6:00 p.m. Angels in Training SCC 7:00 p.m. Women's Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/07	9:00 a.m. Book Sale 10:00 a.m. Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 07/08	9:00 a.m. Book Sale 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/09	11:00 a.m. Book Sale 12:00 p.m. PARISH FESTIVAL

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 25, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	55	\$ 3,446.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	134	\$ 3,370.67
Loose Change:		\$ 63.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,879.67

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



Comedy Corner

Bob volunteered to paint the local church. Unfortunately, he only bought one can of paint. To make it last, he kept adding water to it and it looked progressively worse. The pastor came to inspect and said, "**Bob, repaint and thin no more!**"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/03	Eph 2:19-22	/ Jn 20:24-29
Tue. 07/04	Gn 19:15-29	/ Mt 8:23-27
Wed. 07/05	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	/ Mt 8:28-34
Thur. 07/06	Gn 22:1b-19	/ Mt 9:1-8
Fri. 07/07	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	/ Mt 9:9-13
Sat. 07/08	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29	/ Mt 9:14-17
Sun. 07/09	Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9-13	/ Mt 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/03	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 06/04	9:00 a.m.	For Our Nation
Wed. 06/05	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 06/06	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 06/07	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann (Family)
Sat. 07/08	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Family)
Sun. 07/09	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Gross (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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**.

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

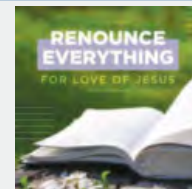
We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

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 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, July 19** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss The Secret River by Kate Grenville. Our August title will be The Art of Racing in the Rain by Gert Stein.



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**.



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.

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

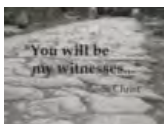
September 12 to 14, 2023. Departing from Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday Sept 12 for three days and two nights.



- 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. Ph: **814-897-7716** email: dkaschak21@gmail.com The cost is \$450 per person. Information sheets available in the gathering space.

Witnessing to your Discipleship Journey



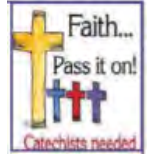
Our Lady of Mercy is a strong community because people have been sharing their faith with one another for decades. Where have you encountered God on your discipleship journey? Will you share your story at Mass after communion? Will you write your story for publication in our bulletin or newsletter or website/Facebook? Let us know; contact any staff member.

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.

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**.



KofC Baby Bottle Update



If you still have donation returns of baby bottles or donation envelopes please take them to the parish office. Donation envelopes can also be placed in the collection baskets at Mass.

Donation to the Sisters of Charity of Seaton Hill

A missionary visited us last weekend and shared the major work of the sisters in Ecuador, China & Korea with physically and mentally challenged children. They also work to help stop human trafficking in South Korea. It is not too late to give a donation by dropping a labeled envelop in the collection. You can give using the "Donate Now" button on our parish website or our Faith Direct Text to Give **814-892-0055** or set up something in your Faith Direct account.



Prayer For The 4th Of July

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4th of July. We ask for your blessings on our country and our people. Help our leaders make wise decisions. Keep our soldiers safe. Give us peace and unity.

Let us always remember to be kind to each other, to help when we can, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We give you all the glory and praise. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you

Saturday, July 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Fred Kaeberlein
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Chris Kaschak
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel

Sunday, July 9th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Maria Carney
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Sandi Matts
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Lorraine Bucklin
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Paul Sacco
 Greeter.....Patty Sacco
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Beth Stephenson
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Nathan Matusiak
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Jill Henry
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

Saturday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Clara Camillo
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Marilyn Rinke
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gerri Extein
 Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran
 Greeter.....Kathy Mauro
 Greeter.....Nick Mauro

Sunday, July 16th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Denise Lewandoski
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Kathleen Pearson
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Donna Schersten
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Christine Morealli
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Claudette Terrill
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Pat Kosobucki
 Altar Server.....
 Greeter.....Amy D. Smith
 Greeter.....Shane F. Smith

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)**

Monthly CSA Pledge Reminder

We still do not have the database running to send regular pledge reminders by Mail. Envelopes are on the bulletin tables.

Thank you for helping us reach our CSA assessment Goal. We still have a need for pledges to help fund the capital expenditures from this past year.

Parking Lot repairs August 2022.....\$13,030.00
 Rear Concrete and Drain Replacement
 and Gas Line Repair, Oct 2022.....\$8,850.00
 Roof Repairs Oct to January 2023.....\$ 21,191.39
 Total Capital Expenses:.....\$43,071.39

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.



July 2	Landon Stephenson	11
July 3	Arianna Kelley	12
July 4	Chloe Knepper	15
July 7	Adaleen Mikolajewski	16
July 7	Falynn Baker	9
July 7	Laina Drabic	13
July 11	JT Parente	15



July 12	Addy Casillas	14
July 12	Connor DeVore	18
July 14	Liam Burick	6
July 16	Kami Kinter	15
July 16	Jamieson Forrester	10
July 17	Cianna Mazur	18
July 20	Nathan Henry	14
July 27	Kaede Landfried	6
July 27	Lucy Vahey	11
July 28	Joseph Lewandowski	9
July 29	Liliana Gelotte	14
July 29	Thomas Gunther	16



SUMMER FESTIVAL

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 7th - 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

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!

BOOK SALE

July 7th & 8th
9am to 2pm

July 9th
11am to 5pm

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Books, Dvd's, cd's, and puzzles

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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

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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.