

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
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy
Nick Heise, Youth Minister

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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 9, 2023 - The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/10	6:00 p.m.	Festival Clean Up
Tue. 07/11	6:00 p.m.	Edge Team Meeting
Wed. 07/12	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 07/13	7:00 p.m.	Women's Summer Scripture Study
Fri. 07/14		
Sat. 07/15	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/16	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

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

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.

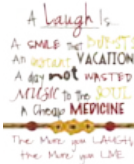
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



Comedy Corner

Why are chickens banned from church?

They use foul language.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/10	Gn 28:10-22	/ Mt 9:18-26
Tue. 07/11	Gn 32:23-33	/ Mt 9:32-38
Wed. 07/12	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-24	/ Mt 10:1-7
Thur. 07/13	Gn 44:18-29; 45:1-5	/ Mt 10:7-15
Fri. 07/14	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	/ Mt 10:16-23
Sat. 07/15	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26	/ Mt 10:24-33
Sun. 07/16	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/10	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 07/11	9:00 a.m.	Willard & Mary Baker (Family)
Wed. 07/12	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Monica & Robert Kirschmann
Thur. 07/13	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 07/14	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 07/15	6:00 p.m.	Helen Szklenski (Joe & Lois Heise)
Sun. 07/16	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Mary Lou Osiecki)
	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**.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

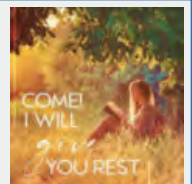
Offertory for the weekend of June 25, 2023

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

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

— 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.



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. Can you shepherd a group of children through the activities? Would you be willing to put out and clean up snack? All adult volunteers need clearances to . To get involved, 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 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 13** we will discuss the 3rd & 4th 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.



Thank You From Sister Edie

Your welcome of me, Sister Edie, to your parish would truly attract me to become a member of your parish if I lived in your area. Thank you for a delightful weekend. Thank you, too, for your generosity toward the missions of the Sisters of Charity in Ecuador, China, and South Korea, both in prayer and financially. I wish you an enjoyable time and good weather for your festival!

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 or **814-899-6132**.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*	
<p align="center">Saturday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lector.....Clara Camillo Eucharistic Minister 1.....Marilyn Rinke Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gerri Extein Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran Greeter.....Kathy Mauro Greeter.....Nick Mauro</p> <p align="center">Sunday, July 16th at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>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</p> <p align="center">Sunday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lector.....Christine Morealli Eucharistic Minister 1.....Claudette Terrill Eucharistic Minister 2.....Pat Kosobucki Altar Server..... Greeter.....Amy D. Smith Greeter.....Shane F. Smith</p>		<p align="center">Saturday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lector.....Deb Barko Eucharistic Minister 1.....Anne Spring Eucharistic Minister 2.....Todd Beckes Altar Server.....Amelia Bernatowicz Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel Greeter.....Lisa Spelling</p> <p align="center">Sunday, July 23rd at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lector.....Tim Fuhrman Eucharistic Minister 1.....Karen Meyer Eucharistic Minister 2.....Brian Meyer Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Gary Smith Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith AV Ministry.....Adam Baker</p> <p align="center">Sunday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lector.....Nathan Henry Eucharistic Minister 1.....Erica Taccone Eucharistic Minister 2.....Carole Peters Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone Greeter.....Jill Henry Greeter.....Nathan Henry</p>	

CSA & Capital expenses for Building Upkeep

162 CSA Pledges.....	\$83,960.00
4 Capital Improvement Pledges.....	\$2,200.00
Total Pledges.....	\$87,260.00
CSA assessment.....	-\$70,600.00
Capital expenses 2022-23.....	-\$43,071.00
Paid From Savings.....	\$(26,411.00)

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

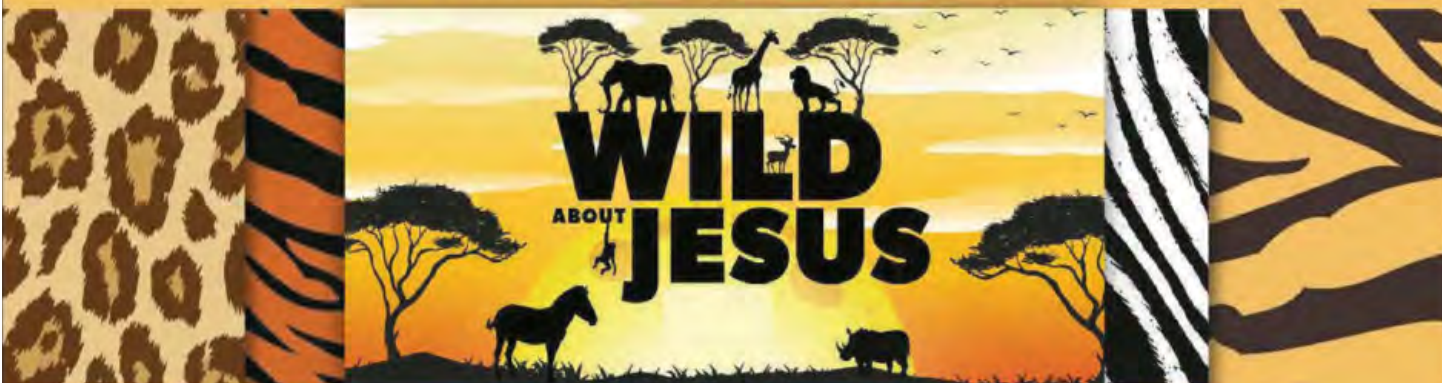
Text a dollar amount to **814-892-0055**. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to this OLM phone number. For Existing accounts: If the email address entered does match an existing account, you will have the option to apply the gift to your existing account.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2023



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

cordially invites the Faithful
of the Diocese of Erie
to a

**Farewell Mass for
The Reverend Monsignor Edward M. Lohse, JCD
Bishop-Elect of Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

3:00pm

St. Peter Cathedral
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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Membership Form

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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.