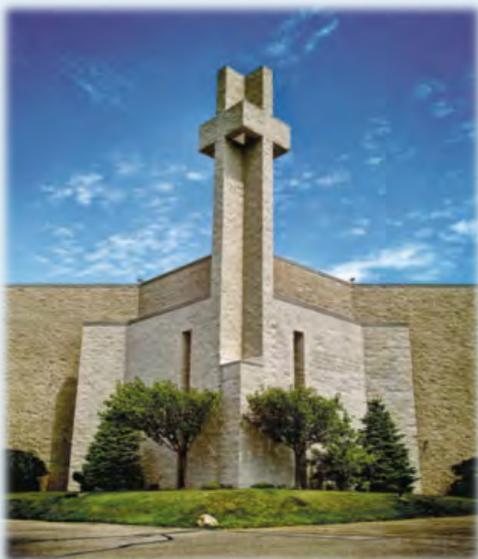


OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



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

Contact Information

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Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org
Website: 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

August 13, 2023 - The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/14	4:30 p.m.	VBS Follow Up Meeting
Tue. 08/15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 08/16	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 08/17	6:00 p.m.	Angels in Training SCC
Fri. 08/18	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 08/19	Religious Ed Registration	
	- after all Masses	
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Family Bonfire
Sun. 08/20	Religious Ed Registration	
	- after all Masses	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 6, 2023

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	66	\$ 3,963.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	134	\$ 3,339.57
Loose Change:		\$ 206.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,508.57

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



Prayer Line Day Shift

Donna Smicker will be unavailable for calls from **August 13th through August 21st**. Please call Joanne Cargioli at **814-898-1068** during this time. You can leave her a message if necessary.
 Thank you very much!

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 • Kirk.....216
- Deacon Paul.....233 • Donna.....213
- Katie.....210 • Brandon.....211
- Irene.....214 • Nick.....220

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

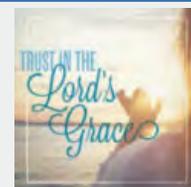
We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/14	Dt 10:12-22	/ Mt 17:22-27
Tue. 08/15	Rv 11:19, 12:1-10	
	1 Cor 15:20-27	/ Lk 1:39-56
Wed. 08/16	Dt 34:1-12	/ Mt 18:15-20
Thur. 08/17	Jos 3:7-17	/ Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri. 08/18	Jos 24:1-13	/ Mt 19:3-12
Sat. 08/19	Jos 24:14-29	/ Mt 19:13-15
Sun. 08/20	Is 56:1-7/ Rom 11:13-32	/ Mt 15:21-28

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/14	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 08/15	8:30 a.m.	Girolama & Antonio Abbate (John Abbate)
	6:00 p.m.	
Wed. 08/16	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Kelly & Demaris Edwards)
Thur. 08/17	8:30 a.m.	Sandy Jordan (Morning Mass Group)
Fri. 08/18	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 08/19	6:00 p.m.	Arlene Kuholski (Carol Rogers)
Sun. 08/20	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Norene & Bill Miller (Brett & Patti Hammel)

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

Due to a lack of interest, the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion has been canceled. If the interest grows in the future, there may be another opportunity to make this pilgrimage.



Book Group



Join us on **Wednesday, August 16 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Rochelle Edwards, 8010 Lewis Rd., to discuss The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. In September we will discuss O William by Elizabeth Strout.

Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will take place after all Masses the weekend of **August 19-20**. All children intending to participate in the program this year must be registered by the signature of a parent on the appropriate forms. This includes youth who participated in previous years.



Parish Bonfire



Let's spend time together this summer. Join us for a parish bonfire immediately after the Vigil Mass on **Aug. 19**. Bring a chair, a stick to toast marshmallows and bug spray.

Blessing of Students

We invite all families to join us for Mass the weekend of **Aug 26-27**, just before the first day of school, when we will bless our youth as they begin the new year. We are inviting all our youth to take part in the ministries of Mass that weekend. If your child would like to bring up the gifts, altar serve, etc., contact Deacon Barko.



Our Lady of Mercy is On Instagram



Our Lady of Mercy is Instagram official! Follow along with us at <https://www.instagram.com/olmchurch814/> or you can simply search: olmchurch814. The content shared on our Instagram page will be unique to the app and unlike our other social media posts.

Comedy Corner

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? "We Noah guy."



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.

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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Requirements for working with children

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/ to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE		*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*	
<p align="center"><u>Saturday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Deb Barko Eucharistic Minister 1.....Marilyn Rinke Eucharistic Minister 2.....Todd Beckes Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz</p>		<p align="center"><u>Saturday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Fred Kaeberlein Eucharistic Minister 1.....Kay Kaeberlein Eucharistic Minister 2.....Anne Spring Altar Server.....Nick Mauro Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel</p>	
<p align="center"><u>Sunday, August 20th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Joe Tarquinio Eucharistic Minister 1.....Karen Sweeney Eucharistic Minister 2.....Sandra Emling Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong Greeter.....Tony Gilmore Greeter.....Christine Stroker AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall</p>		<p align="center"><u>Sunday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Tim Fuhrman Eucharistic Minister 1.....Ginny Fuhrman Eucharistic Minister 2.....Tim Lynch Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still Greeter.....Linda Kaleta Greeter.....Frank Kaleta AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling</p>	
<p align="center"><u>Sunday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Denise Lewandoski Eucharistic Minister 1.....Pat Kosobucki Eucharistic Minister 2.....Carole Peters Altar Server.....Gabby Peters Greeter.....Jill Henry Greeter.....Nathan Henry</p>		<p align="center"><u>Sunday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Lector.....Adriana Grosch Eucharistic Minister 1.....Erica Taccone Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gail Cook Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone Greeter.....James Terrill Greeter.....Claudette Terrill</p>	

**FAMILY BONFIRE AT
 OUR LADY OF MERCY
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
 AT 7 PM PAVILLION AREA!**



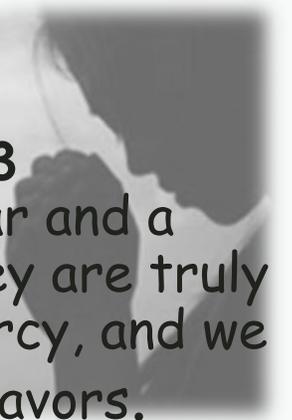
All are invited!

**Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on, bug spray, and a
 marshmallow roasting fork. S'More ingredients and water
 will be provided.**

**BLESSING OF STUDENTS
 DURING ALL MASSES**

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 26/27, 2023

A wonderful way to start the school year and a beautiful way to show our students that they are truly a part of our Community at Our Lady of Mercy, and we support them through all of their endeavors.



Religious Ed Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 religious education program will take place after all liturgies the weekend of **August 19-20.**

If you have found that you have missed the general registration weekend, please stop by the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation during normal working hours. All families with children intending to participate in the 2023-2024 Rel. Ed. program are asked to register at this time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Again this year, there will be a \$10 discount on the registration fee for those families who provide the parish with current clearances for at least one parent. If you already submitted clearances and they are less than 3 years old, the discount will apply. As most of you know, all those who volunteer with children must have government issued clearances, both Criminal Background checks and Child Abuse Clearances. This law applies to parents helping with a classroom party, chaperoning a field trip, religious education substitutes and the like. These clearances are free for volunteers. However, they must be on file with the sponsoring organization before any volunteer can assist with any aspect of any program.

Program Fees may be paid at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mercy Religious Education. Program fees are:

- \$40.00 Registration-One Child
- \$50.00 Registration-Two Children
- \$60.00 Registration-Three or more children
- \$55.00 Registration-Per Child Non-Parishioner
- \$10.00 Youth Ministry fee per child Gr 7-12
- \$25.00 Youth Ministry Fee for 3 or more children Gr. 7-12

For a family who has current Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse Clearances on at least one parent on file at OLM, the fee schedule is:

- \$30.00 Registration-One Child
- \$40.00 Registration-Two Children
- \$50.00 Registration-Three or more children
- \$45.00 Registration-Per Child Non-Parishioner
- \$10.00 Youth Ministry fee per child Gr 7-12
- \$25.00 Youth Ministry Fee for 3 or more children Gr. 7-12



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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Membership Form

Name _____

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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.