

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

September 3, 2023 - The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 09/04	Labor Day Parish Office Closed
Tue. 09/05	2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 4:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council
Wed. 09/06	1:00 p.m. Diamonds in the Rough 6:00 p.m. Gr. 9 & 10 Parent/ Candidate Meeting
Thur. 09/07	6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 09/08	
Sat. 09/09	4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/10	8:00 a.m. Pre-Cana 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 12:00 p.m. Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Meeting

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **August 27, 2023**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	56	\$ 3,018.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	134	\$ 3,339.57
Loose Change:		\$ 75.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,432.57

We Remember...

Barbara Talkish;
who passed away recently.

Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

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. 09/04	1 Thes 4:13-18	/ Lk 4:16-30
Tue. 09/05	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	/ Lk 4:31-37
Wed. 09/06	Col 1:1-8	/ Lk 4:38-44
Thur. 09/07	Col 1:9-14	/ Lk 5:1-11
Fri. 09/08	Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30	/ Mt 1:1-23
Sat. 09/09	Col 1:21-23	/ Lk 6:1-5
Sun. 09/10	Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10	/ Mt 18:15-20

PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108

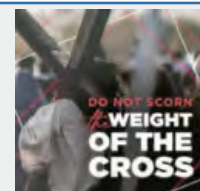
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/04	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 09/05	8:30 a.m.	Edward Clarence Spellman (Family)
Wed. 09/06	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Thur. 09/07	8:30 a.m.	Dan Sweeney (Karen Sweeney)
Fri. 09/08	8:30 a.m.	Sandy Jordan (Janet Smith)
Sat. 09/09	6:00 p.m.	Rose Cerula (Rose Galeza)
Sun. 09/10	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Mary Lou Osieki)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

Baptismal Prep Session for Parents

Welcoming a child into a family is a source of great joy. Welcoming that child into the family of faith is a cause for celebration. If you are planning for the Baptism of a child in the coming months, the Diocese of Erie invites you to attend a parent preparation session prior to scheduling the baptism. The next preparation session at OLM will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 15 at noon**. If you are unable to attend this session, you can attend one at another Catholic parish. Parents are asked to register for the session by **Oct. 12**. As a reminder, *at least one of the godparents needs to be a Confirmed practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years old.*

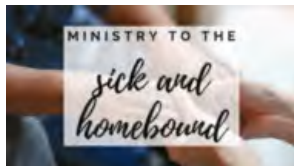


An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

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.

Eucharist For the Homebound

We are reviving our ministry of bringing communion to those unable to join us on Sunday due to frail health. If you or a parishioner you know would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring communion, please call Irene Lucas in the parish office at 814-899-6132. If you would like to serve in this ministry, call Irene in the parish office.



Discover the Woman Within



Ladies, mark your calendars for Discover the Woman Within on **Thursday, October 12th at 7:00**. Our speaker will be Helen Schneider. Join us and bring a friend!

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.

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss O William by Elizabeth Strout. Our October title will be The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Beginning next Sunday, the ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at the 8:30 Mass. All children age 3 to 6 years are invited to hear and reflect on the Sunday readings in a way that is accessible to them. There is no special registration to participate. Fr. Kujawinski will invite the children forward after the opening prayer to receive a blessing. They will be led to Marys Chapel with a trained CLW leader and will return to their families as the gifts are brought to the altar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education Registration

Any family who has not yet had an opportunity to register their child for religious education are reminded to stop by the Faith Formation Office during working hours Monday-Friday.

Religious Education Parent Meetings

Parent meetings for various grade levels begin the year of faith formation.

- Gr. 9 & 10 Parent and Candidate Meeting on **Sept. 6 @ 6:00 p.m.**
- Gr. 7 & 8 Parent Meeting on **Sept. 10 @ 12:00**
- Gr. K-2 Family Gathering on **Sept. 10 @ 9:30** (Parents and children in kindergarten -grade 2 will begin the year with a family gathering at 9:30 on Sept. 10 in the large classroom. At 10:15, children will meet their teachers and go to their class while parents remain for a parent meeting.)

Religious Education Begins

The 2023-2024 year of religious education will begin on **Tuesday, September 5** for grade 3-6 and **Sunday, Sept. 10** for other grades.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Chris Kaschak
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Gerri Extein
 Altar Server.....Amelia Bernatowicz
 Greeter.....Kathy Mauro
 Greeter.....Nick Mauro

Sunday, September 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Nancy Mowery
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Ed Meyer
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Marlene Meyer
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 Greeter.....
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Stacy Heidecker
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Nancy Clark
 Altar Server.....
 Greeter.....James Terrill
 Greeter.....Claudette Terrill

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

Saturday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Fred Kaerberlein
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz
 Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, September 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Denise Lewandoski
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Linda Kaleta
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Frank Kaleta
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Chrissy Saber
 Eucharistic Minister 1.....Gail Cook
 Eucharistic Minister 2.....Judy Iesue
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Jane Chase
 Greeter.....Mike Chase

TO ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

The Mens Knight Out Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #11144 of Our Lady of Mercy, would like to invite you to our next Mens Knight Out Event! It will be held **Wednesday,**



September 13th in Sperry Hall with dinner and beverages at **6:00 p.m.** followed at **7:00 p.m.** with a talk by our very own Mark Krahe. Mark is our former District Justice and a Fellow Knight of Columbus! Marks talk will focus on his many years of service to the Communities of Wesleyville, Lawrence Park and Harborcreek, as well as his passion for the Lord and the Law. You do not need to be a Knight of Columbus to attend, the event is open to ALL men of the Parish and their friends and family! We look forward to sharing an evening of Fun, Food and Fellowship on **September 13th!!!** RSVP to Tim Fuhrman knoyle@yahoo.com, or text to **814-873-5632** You may also contact Katie at the Parish Office **814-899-5342**

Join the Music Ministry!

The OLM Music Ministry is committed to enhancing, accompanying and encouraging participation in the music for Mass and other liturgical gatherings.



We have been blessed to have many singers and musicians who are willing to share their talents and lead the assembly as we rejoice and worship God. Music brings joy to the Liturgy and sends our community forth with a song in their heart. New members of all ages are always welcome! Please consider "trying out" the choir for our Parish Feast Day: Rehearsals for our Feast Day Mass (September 24) are: **Thursday, September 7 @ 6 p.m. and Wednesday, September 20 @ 6 p.m.** Regular Thursday Rehearsals begin on **October 5 at 6 p.m.** (more info about forming a Children's Choir coming soon...) Questions: contact Brandon Vogt at music@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **(814) 899-5342, ext. 211**

Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Anonymous

The powerful storms that have passed through but left everyone okay. A bald eagle flying over the treetop height as I mowed.



Order your Our Lady of Mercy Vision T Shirt for Feast Day.

This emblem will be on the
upper left chest of a
navy-blue shirt.



Use the QR code below or use the direct
link on our parish website. Or check your
email for an e-blast from the parish.

T-Shirt Order links



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Sept 4th by 11:00pm**

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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.