

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
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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

October 29, 2023 - The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/30	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tue. 10/31	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Wed. 11/01	All Saints Day	
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
	7:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
Thur. 11/02	All Souls Day	
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 11/03	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Ultreya
	6:30 p.m.	Dunkin' Discussion
Sat. 11/04	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/05	Casserole Club Drop Off	
	9:30 a.m.	Gr. K-2 Family Faith Event
	9:30 a.m.	Gr. 9 Religious Ed.
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

We Remember...

Gerri Gallagher, & Joan Eastman,
 mother of Dave Horanic;
 who passed away recently.
 Please hold them and their
 families in prayer during this
 difficult time.


In Loving Memory

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.

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



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **October 22, 2023**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	61	\$ 4,067.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	134	\$ 3,339.57
Loose Change:		\$ 112.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,518.57

SCRIPTURE READINGS


Mon. 10/30	Rom 8:12-17	/ Lk 13:10-17
Tue. 10/31	Rom 8:18-25	/ Lk 13:18-21
Wed. 11/01	Rv 7:2-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3	/ Mt 5:1-12a
Thur. 11/02	Dan 12:1-3 / Rom 6:3-9	/ Jn 6:37-40
Fri. 11/03	Rom 9:1-5	/ Lk 14:1-6
Sat. 11/04	Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29	/ Lk 14:1-11
Sun. 11/05	Mal 1:14-2:2b, 8-10	
	1Thes 2:7-9, 13	/ Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/30	8:30 a.m.	- NO MASS -
Tue. 10/31	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 11/01	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
	6:00 p.m.	
Thur. 11/02	8:30 a.m.	For Deceased Parishioners of OLM
Fri. 11/03	8:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)
Sat. 11/04	6:00 p.m.	Christopher Kaeberlein (Dave & Marge Lefaiver)
Sun. 11/05	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Hawryliw (Morning Mass Group)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— Father John Muir
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Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you are or if you know of a parishioner who is unable to be present for the Sunday Mass due to frail health or limited mobility and who would like the Eucharist brought to their house, please call Irene in the parish office at **814-899-6132**.



The Groove Is Back!

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on **Friday, November 10** in our gym from **7 to 11 p.m.** Tickets are on sale after Mass and will be available in the Parish Office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket price is still only \$15 per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.



Day of the Dead Celebration

If you brought in a picture or memento for our altar in the Gathering Space, please pick it up **next weekend**. The altar will be dismantled on **Nov. 6**.



For Mercy Sake Mailing Party

Can you give an hour to prepare the newsletter for the mail? Join us at **9:00 a.m.** in Sperry Hall **Monday, November 6** to fold and to stuff envelopes. Your help is appreciated.



Mass of Remembrance

The annual Mass of Remembrance is **Saturday, November 11th at 10 a.m.** The Bereavement Ministry invites all members of Our Lady of Mercy to attend this annual Memorial Mass to support the families of our parish who have lost loved ones during the past year. Please join us for this special celebration.



Book Group

Join us on **Nov. 15** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Drive at **7:00** to discuss We Band of Angels by Elizabeth Norman. In December we will watch a movie together based on a book, The Art of Racing in the Rain.



Young Adult Silent Retreat

Looking for a quiet few days to bring your questions to Jesus and follow his Voice? Plan to attend the 5 day retreat at Villa Maria Spirituality Center **January 3 to 7, 2024**. For more information go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/silentretreat.html> or contact Donna Clark in the parish office.



Save the date

I Give Catholic is **Nov 27**. It coincides with Giving Tuesday.

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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Oct. 16 was **Falynn Baker, grade 3**, who knew that we have a sister parish in Mexico.

Discover the Woman Within

Please join us for an evening of Discovering the Woman Within, as speaker, Pattie Stempka inspires us with stories of Holy Moments from her life. Date: **Wednesday, November 15, 2023** Time: **7:00 p.m.** Location: Our Lady of Mercy 837 Bartlett Rd Harborcreek, PA Light Refreshments will be served following the program.



Extra Vision T-shirts available for Sale

Contact the parish office to purchase a vision T shirt. \$6.50 each or \$8.00 for XXL. Sizes available: M, L, XL.



Mercy Center for Women

Selling fresh pine wreaths for \$30 and all payments are cashless. Please visit the Mercy Center website for the link to purchase or contact Andrea Maille at **814-898-0755** for more information. Orders need to be in by **November 1st**.



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

Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Fred Kaeberlein
 Bowl 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf
 Bowl 2.....Tom Eckendorf
 Cup 1.....Chris Kaschak
 Cup 2.....Marilyn Rinke
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Jane Chase
 Greeter.....Mike Chase

Sunday, November 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Denise Lewandoski
 Bowl 1.....Sandi Matts
 Bowl 2.....Ken Marshall
 Cup 1.....Pat Marshall
 Cup 2.....Tim Lynch
 Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
 Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 AV Ministry.....Adam Baker

Sunday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Reagan Andrews
 Bowl 1.....Nathan Matusiak
 Bowl 2.....Erica Taccone
 Cup 1.....Donna Schersten
 Cup 2.....Nancy Clark
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Claudette Terrill
 Greeter.....Jim Terrill

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

Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Nancy Mowery
 Bowl 1.....Anne Spring
 Bowl 2.....Carol Stauffer
 Cup 1.....Todd Beckes
 Cup 2.....Gerri Extein
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Kathy Mauro
 Greeter.....Nick Mauro

Sunday, November 12th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Sue McCreary
 Bowl 1.....Candy Henry
 Bowl 2.....Amy Garten
 Cup 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
 Cup 2.....Geoff McCreary
 Cup 3.....Sandra Emling
 Cup 4.....Rochelle Edwards
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, November 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 1.....Judy Iesue
 Bowl 2.....Stacey Heidecker
 Cup 1.....Carole Peters
 Cup 2.....Darlene Piotrowski
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Finance Report

Operating Budget for July - September 2023

Income	\$127,967	Budget: \$144,521
Expenses	\$132,189	Budget: \$130,577
Net Loss	\$(4,222)	
Includes Festival Proceeds of:	\$24,915	

CSA Reminder

Please continue to make your regular CSA payments. We still do not have the ability to send out individual monthly reminders. For a balance please call the parish office.

Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Darrell Garwig

Witnessing the total solar eclipse in Nebraska. There were a few thousand people but all fell silent at totality. The air got cooler and the birds started singing. Most amazing 4 minutes looking at God's creation.



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



DUNKIN' DISCUSSION

Join our Parish Impact Coordinator, Nick Heise at Dunkin' Donuts 4007 Buffalo Rd, Erie PA 16510 for a theological discussion on the movie *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* Friday November 3rd 6:30-8:00 p.m.

What are Dunkin' Discussion Nights?

Dunkin' Discussion Nights are an opportunity for the young people to meet at Dunkin' Donuts and have a guided theological conversation about modern day blockbusters!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2	Delaney Andrews	14
Nov. 5	Maceio Pearson	11
Nov. 11	Jazmyn McGerl	14



Nov. 14	Logan Schneider	9
Nov. 15	Ryleigh Lander	13
Nov. 17	Addison Matusiak	14
Nov. 20	Makayla Inthavong	11
Nov. 20	Carson Shamburg	8
Nov. 21	Maximo Coletta	17
Nov. 25	Ashton Keil	9



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Trunk or Treat event!

This event continues to be a community favorite and it's all because of your generosity.

I hope you know that your time, effort and money helped make the Halloween season that much more special for many children in our community.

THANK YOU!



Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Each year, we gather together to celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance, hosted by members of the Bereavement Ministry. Join together in prayer on

Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 10 a.m.

All members of Our Lady of Mercy are invited to attend this annual Mass to support the families of our parish who have lost loved ones during the past year.

During this service, votive candles will be lit for the deceased family members.

Please join us for this special celebration.



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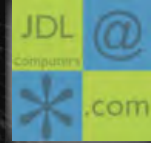


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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

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.

