

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
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, Parish Impact Coordinator

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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

January 14, 2024 - The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 01/15	Gr. 9 & 10 Confirmation Retreat
	9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus and the Eucharist (at St. James)
	6:30 p.m. Dunkin Discussion
Tue. 01/16	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m. Angels In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m. Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m. Religious Ed Gr. 3-6
	6:30 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 01/17	8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m. Celebrating Donna Clark
Thur. 01/18	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m. The Chosen
	6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 01/19	10:00 a.m. Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 01/20	12:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 01/21	9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 & 9
	9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
	9:45 a.m. First Penance Parent Mtg.
	11:00 a.m. The Search
	12:00 p.m. EDGE Gr. 7 & 8

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/15		- NO MASS -
Tue. 01/16	8:30 a.m.	Mary Bleil Karpinski (Tom & Linda Bleil)
Wed. 01/17	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Thur. 01/18	8:30 a.m.	Jim Wolf (Charlotte Kujawinski)
Fri. 01/19	8:30 a.m.	Theresa Zamoski
Sat. 01/20	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Judith Pentz)
Sun. 01/21	8:30 a.m.	Norine Mulvin (Judy & Gus Manna)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 7, 2024

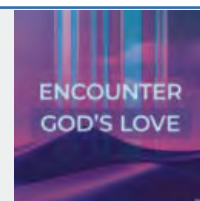
Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	49	\$ 2,485.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	134	\$ 3,339.57
Loose Change:		\$ 91.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 5,915.57

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 01/15	1 Sm 15:16-23	/ Mk 2:18-22
Tue. 01/16	1 Sm 16:1-13	/ Mk 2:23-28
Wed. 01/17	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	/ Mk 3:1-6
Thur. 01/18	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	/ Mk 3:7-12
Fri. 01/19	1 Sm 24:3-21	/ Mk 3:13-19
Sat. 01/20	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-19, 23-27	/ Mk 3:20-21
Sun. 01/21	Jon 3:1-10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31	/ Mk 1:14-20

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

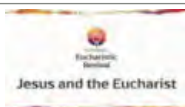
It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir
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Jesus and the Eucharist

The bishops of the United States have invited all Catholics into a year of deepened understanding of and renewed faith in the Eucharist. The parishes of St. Mark, St. James and Our Lady of Mercy are coming together for a 7 week study of the Eucharist. Beginning **Monday, January 8, from 6:30 to 8:30**, you are invited to learn, pray and share with other Catholics as together we grow in our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Each evening will include video presentation, discussion and prayer. Because this event is shared by 3 parishes, we will rotate among these locations. Please call Irene at 814-899-6132 if you will join us so that each parish can arrange the best space for the size of the group. You do not have to attend every night. The schedule will be **1/15 St. James, 1/22 OLM, 1/29 St. Mark, 2/5 St. James, 2/12 OLM, 2/19 St. Mark.**



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 Jan. 1 was **Alex Bryan, grade 6**, who knew that the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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**.



First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

There will be an important meeting for all parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation this March. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 21 at 9:45**.

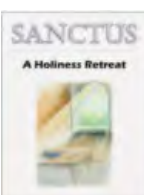


Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Basket Auction Fundraiser for Religious Education

Plan to join us for our delicious spaghetti dinner in support of religious education on **Feb. 4**. Tickets are on sale after all Masses the weekends in January. The cost is \$13 for a full size and \$8 for a half size dinner. We are collecting new items and baskets for our gift basket auction the same weekend. As you come across great deals during the holiday season, consider making a donation of new items for our fundraiser. Unwanted Christmas gifts? Regift to this event. Items can be brought into the faith formation office at any time.



Sanctus



Make a New Year's resolution to get into spiritual shape. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of prayer and reflection on the spiritual life on **Saturday, Feb. 17**. The event is free and open to all adults. Registration forms are available on the bulletin tables and the parish website.

Questions? Contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 7:00** to discuss *Finding Me* by Viola Davis.



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**.

Celebrating Donna!

The community of Our Lady of Mercy would like to thank Donna Clark for her **20 years of service to our parish!**

Though we will miss her, we are excited for her to follow God's whispers that lead her on this new journey.

Please consider joining us on **Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m.**

as we celebrate Donna's 20 years at OLM and wish her only the best on her future adventures.

We Remember...

Helen Behringer

who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein
Cup 1.....Fred Kaeberlein
Cup 2.....Kay Kaeberlein
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, January 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Maria Carney
Bowl 1.....Sandra Emling
Bowl 2.....Tim Lynch
Cup 1.....Amy Garten
Cup 2.....Candy Henry
Cup 3.....Dave Lefaiver
Cup 4.....Marge Lefaiver
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Paul Sacco
Greeter.....Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, January 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Carrie Galbreath
Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....Erica Taccone
Cup 1.....Nancy Clark
Cup 2.....Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

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

Saturday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1.....Chris Kaschak
Bowl 2.....Anne Spring
Cup 1.....Tom Eckendorf
Cup 2.....Bonnie Eckendorf
Altar Server.....Bill Matrogran
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, January 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector.....Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
Bowl 2.....Ken Marhsall
Cup 1.....Pat Marshall
Cup 2.....Sandi Matts
Cup 3.....Geoff McCreary
Cup 4.....Greg Morealli
Altar Server.....Liliana Gelotte
Greeter.....Mike Chase
Greeter.....Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....Adam Baker

Sunday, January 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....Carole Peters
Bowl 2.....Maureen Brainard
Cup 1.....Nancy Clark
Cup 2.....Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Lunch with the Lord

A wonderful time to come together to share a meal and share
our faith journeys, joy and challenges.

Host sites will provide the warm and welcoming space and
liquid refreshments.

Attendees are responsible for bringing their own lunches.
Pre-registration is not required but appreciated.

When: January 24, 2024

Time: 11:30 am

Host Church: Grace Harborcreek

2420 Cumberland Rd.

in the main atrium of the church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Anonymous

I encounter Christ every
week at church when I hear
that Jesus will even save
someone like me!



HOLY HOUR

for the National Eucharistic Revival

At St. Mark Church - 695 Smithson Ave

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 3:15 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECTION

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION



WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

PART-TIME OFFICE MANAGER

POSITION OBJECTIVE:

Manage welcome and support operations for an effective Church Office.

Maintain office services by managing operations and procedures for the day-to-day function of the church office. Organize and give priority attention to the multi-faceted needs of people who interact with it. Oversee and provide necessary and sound business practices in the areas of accounting, payroll, and computer maintenance.

SKILLS NEEDED TO PERFORM JOB:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills to interact with customers, vendors, guests, and employees. Patience and listening skills to respond appropriately and interact positively with others.
- Proficient with computer technology specifically QuickBooks and ability to maintain accurate EXCEL spreadsheets
- Proficient math skills required to handle both cash receipts and cash disbursements functions
- Ability to stay focused and organized and give full attention to detail.
- Discretion in handling confidential information

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: High School Diploma

Experience: Two (2)-four (4) years' experience

- Responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll functions. Monitors cashflow and banking activity. Oversees volunteers who assist with deposits and payroll submission and handles any changes in employment paperwork including clearances.
- Monitors overall parish spending and reports regularly to the pastor and finance council. Assists with preparation of annual budget and annual report.
- Manage Faith Direct account including website content and marketing mailings.
- Oversees computer maintenance and troubleshooting for the parish.
- Attend regular staff meetings and prepare action item minutes from meeting.
- Assist Pastor/Deacon with reports, correspondence, research, and special assignments as requested.
- Provides assistance to Program Staff with projects and support as requested. Offertory counters and food pantry Liaison.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are interested in becoming the new part-time Office Manager at Our Lady of Mercy Church, please email your resume to info@ourladyofmercychurch.org
Please include "ATTN: Hiring Committee" to the subject line.

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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.



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