

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
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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

February 4, 2024 - The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 02/05	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sofia's Circle SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Jesus and the Eucharist (at St. James)
Tue. 02/06	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr. 3-6
	5:30 p.m.	Edge Team Meeting
Wed. 02/07	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
Thur. 02/08	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Sanctus Team Meeting
Fri. 02/09	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sat. 02/10	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sun. 02/11	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 02/05	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13	/ Mk 6:53-56
Tue. 02/06	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30	/ Mk 7:1-13
Wed. 02/07	1 Kgs 10:1-10	/ Mk 7:14-23
Thur. 02/08	1 Kgs 11:4-13	/ Mk 7:24-30
Fri. 02/09	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19	/ Mk 7:31-37
Sat. 02/10	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34	/ Mk 8:1-10
Sun. 02/11	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46	
	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	/ Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 02/05	- NO MASS -
Tue. 02/06	8:30 a.m. Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)
	8:30 a.m. Jackie Pointer (The Prayer Shawl Ministry)
Thur. 02/08	8:30 a.m. Clemens Herrmann (Family)
	8:30 a.m. Frank Slomski (The Spring Family)
Sat. 02/10	6:00 p.m. Girolama & Antonio Abbate (John Abbate)
Sun. 02/11	8:30 a.m. For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m. For the People of OLM

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of January 28, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	61	\$ 3,181.30
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 70.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,435.25

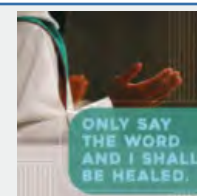
PRAYER LINE

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 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

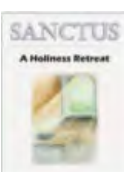
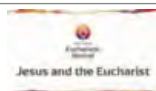
It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— 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 **2/5 St. James, 2/12 OLM, 2/19 St. Mark.**



Sanctus

This is the final week to register for 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** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss Finding Me by Viola Davis. In March we will discuss The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O'Connor.



New Ministry at OLM

We would like to organize what we have been doing as a community for decades. We are forming a ministry to

bring meals to families facing health or other difficulties. If you would be willing to serve on this ministry, to be available to help if someone needed a hot cooked meal, please contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.

Women's Cursillo #261

Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a Women's Cursillo **April 5-7th**. If you are interested in making this retreat, please apply online at eriecursillo.org or talk to someone who has made a Cursillo before. OLM's very own, Kathy Pearson will be the Rector for this Cursillo.



A Special Thank You!

Thanks to ALL who kept me in their thoughts and prayers during my recent heart surgery. I especially want to thank the Healing Ministry, the Prayer Line, and Knights of Columbus for their prayers. I am most appreciative for everything, and I am doing well!



- Mike Brown

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. 22 was **Mac Pearson, grade 5**, who knew that we all have a guardian angel.

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**.



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**.



Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Anonymous

I encounter Christ in the simple hugs I get from my grandsons and the beautiful feeling they give my heart. I know God is at the center of the love. The love between a grandparent and grandchild is truly a gift from God.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
Bowl 2.....Fred Kaerberlein
Cup 1.....Chris Kaschak
Cup 2.....Anne Spring
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, February 11th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Sue McCreary
Lector 2.....Christine Morealli
Bowl 1.....Rachel Still
Bowl 2.....Karen Sweeney
Cup 1.....Dan Szczesny
Cup 2.....Tish Szczesny
Cup 3.....Erica Taccone
Cup 4.....Nick Heise
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, February 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....Stacy Heidecker
Bowl 2.....Carole Peters
Cup 1.....Maureen Brainard
Cup 2.....Steve Brainard
Altar Server.....Madden & Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

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

Saturday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Tom Eckendorf
Bowl 1.....Carol Stauffer
Bowl 2.....Bonnie Eckendorf
Cup 1.....Todd Beckes
Cup 2.....Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, February 18th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chrissy Saber
Lector 2.....Chip Shamburg
Bowl 1.....Rochelle Edwards
Bowl 2.....Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 1.....Amy Garten
Cup 2.....Candy Henry
Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Paul Sacco
Greeter.....Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....Adam Baker

Sunday, February 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard
Bowl 2.....Judy Iesue
Cup 1.....Carole Peters
Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
Greeter.....Jill Henry
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

All are welcome to
join a unique S.C.C.
hosted by Parish
Impact Coordinator,
Nick Heise.

This S.C.C. meets
every **Thursday** at
6:30 p.m. via
Google Meet!

Simply scan the QR code to join through
your phone or tablet.

To join via computer please email
youthministerourladyofmercy@gmail.com
and you'll receive the link! We look
forward to seeing you!



We Remember...

**Barbara Schwartz, Jackie Pointer
& Joe Gallagher**

who passed away recently.
Please hold them and their families in
prayer during this difficult time.

*In
Loving
Memory*

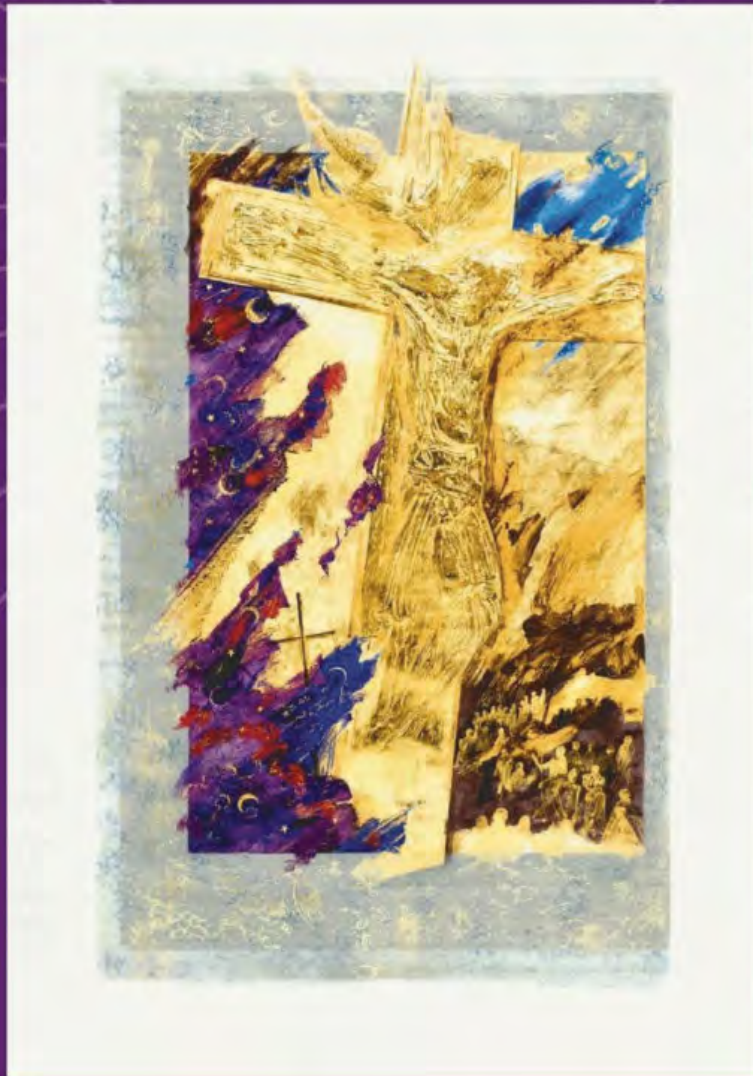


CSA 2024 - One Faith, One Family

The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal One Faith, One Family Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project **[describe parish project]**. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

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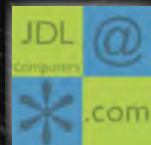
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OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

