

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 11, 2024 - The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 02/12	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Jesus and the Eucharist (at OLM)
Tue. 02/13	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr. 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Wed. 02/14	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 02/15	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 02/16	10:00 a.m.	Sisters of Scripture SCC
Sat. 02/17	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	8:00 a.m.	Sanctus Retreat
	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 02/18	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 & 9
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	11:00 a.m.	5th Grade Class Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 EDGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 02/12	Jas 1:1-11	/ Mk 8:11-13
Tue. 02/13	Jas 1:12-18	/ Mk 8:14-21
Wed. 02/14	Jl 2:12-18/ 1 Cor 5:20-6:2	/ Mt 6:1-18
Thur. 02/15	Dt 30:15-20	/ Lk 9:22-25
Fri. 02/16	Is 58:1-9a	/ Mt 9:14-15
Sat. 02/17	Is 58:9b-14	/ Lk 5:27-32
Sun. 02/18	Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22	/ Mk 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 02/12	- NO MASS -	
Tue. 02/13	8:30 a.m.	Analida Breager (Tom Braeger)
Wed. 02/14	8:30 a.m.	Clemens & Millie Herrman (Family)
Thur. 02/15	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Shaw (Jim & Carol Perrotto)
	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 02/16	8:30 a.m.	Mary Bleil Karpinski (Tom & Linda Bleil)
Sat. 02/17	6:00 p.m.	Richard Cuba (Carol Stauffer)
Sun. 02/18	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Carolyn Charney (Gus & Judy Manna)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **February 4, 2024**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	77	\$ 2,765.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 52.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,000.95

PRAYER LINE

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

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

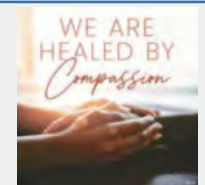
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

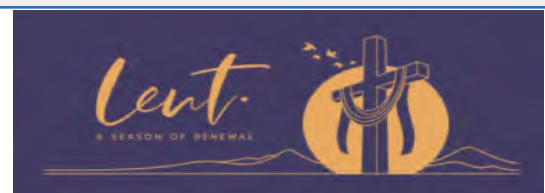


Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

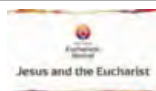
What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir



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 **2/12 OLM, 2/19 St. Mark.**



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.



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.



We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision Encountering Christ

We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

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. 29 was **Emily Schneider, grade 1**, who knew that Daniel and his friends were thrown into the fiery furnace for obeying God instead of the king, but God rescued them.

Dunkin' Discussion

February's Dunkin' Discussion will be on **Monday the 19th** at the Dunkin' on Buffalo rd. at 6:30 p.m.; middle school through college students are welcome to join for a brain teaser and an engaging discussion about the faith through the lens of a secular movie! February's movie will be the 'Barbie' movie!



Easter Candy Fundraiser for Mission Trip

The mission trip through Catholic Heart Work Camp will be at Montague, Mi **June 16-22** this year. The group is beginning their fundraising with an Easter candy sale that will be going through **February 13th**! Please stop in at the office to order your candy!



Mission Trip Gift Basket Bingo

The mission trip bingo basket raffle event is also coming up **March 2nd from 12-4** at St. James place on Buffalo rd. You can stop in to the office to purchase your tickets, they are \$20. The group is so thankful for your generosity!



Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Bob

- I encounter Christ
- 1.) when my neighbor cared for his wife as she slowly lost her health and died. He loved her with a love without limit and without end.
 - 2.) When I come down Williams Rd. on my bike I see vineyards and the lake - they reflect God's Majesty!



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 R zodkiewicz
Greeter.....Jason R zodkiewicz

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

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

Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Fred Kaeberlein
Bowl 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
Bowl 2.....Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....Chris Kaschak
Cup 2.....Tom Eckendorf
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Rachel Still
Lector 2.....Karen Sweeney
Bowl 1.....Dave Lefaiver
Bowl 2.....Marge Lefaiver
Cup 1.....Tim Lynch
Cup 2.....Pat Marshall
Cup 3.....Ken Marshall
Cup 4.....Geoff McCreary
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Mike Chase
Greeter.....Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Nathan Henry
Bowl 1.....Judy Iesue
Bowl 2.....Carole Peters
Cup 1.....Maureen Brainard
Cup 2.....Steve Brainard
Altar Server.....Madden & Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....Jill Henry
Greeter.....

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...

Stephanie Buckel, granddaughter of
Roberta Buckel;
who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her family in
prayer during this difficult time.

*In
Loving
Memory*

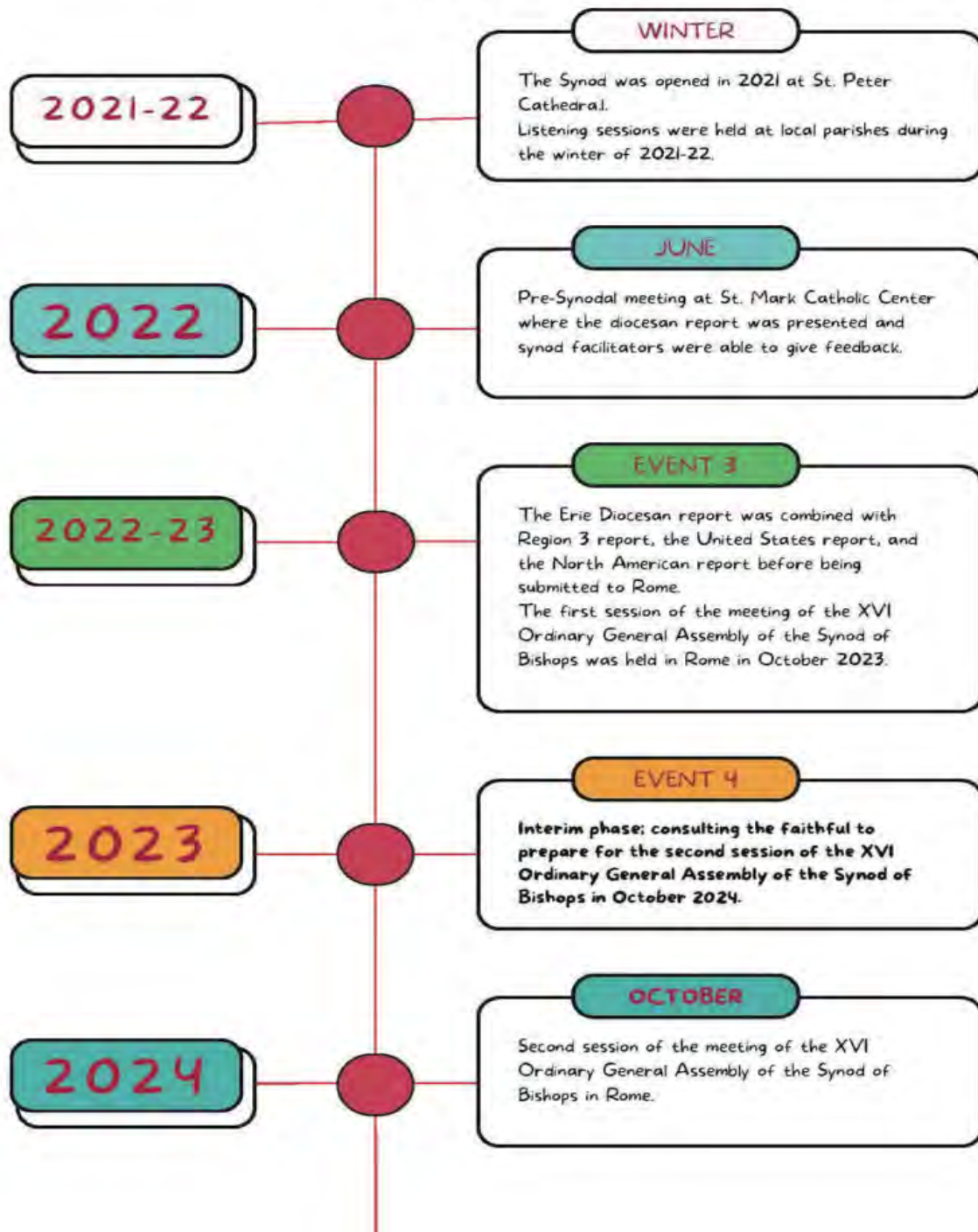


CSA 2024 - One Faith, One Family

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal One Faith, One Family. The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own. As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each one of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we unite as One Faith, One Family in carrying out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA.

SYNOD CHRONOLOGY

2021-2024



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

A Matter of Balance Class

Do you have a fear of falling? Have you stopped doing things you enjoy because you don't want to go out? YMCA of Greater Erie will be hosting an 8 week fall Prevention class to help with the mental and physical fears around falling. Class meets Wednesdays @ 10am @ St. Mark's beginning February 14th. No cost! For questions or to register call the Eastside Y @ 814-899-9622. You can also register online. https://www.ymcaerie.org/programs/1085/chronic-disease-prevention-programming#division_2192

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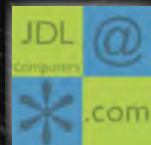
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☐ New Parishioner
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request a phone call by
filling out this form and
returning it to the office
by mail or collection
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