

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
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator
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

March 10, 2024 - The 4th Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/11	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Tue. 03/12	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
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Wed. 03/13	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:10 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Pastus Presentation
Thur. 03/14	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 03/15	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 03/16	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 03/17	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 Retreat
	6:00 p.m.	Gr. 9 & 10 Penance Service

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 03/11	Is 65:17-21	/ Jn 4:43-54
Tue. 03/12	Ez 47:1-9, 12	/ Jn 5:1-16
Wed. 03/13	Is 49:8-15	/ Jn 5:17-30
Thur. 03/14	Ex 32:7-14	/ Jn 5:31-47
Fri. 03/15	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	/ Jn 7:1-30
Sat. 03/16	Jer 11:18-20	/ Jn 7:40-53
Sun. 03/17	Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9	/ Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 03/11		- NO MASS -
Tue. 03/12	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Ray & Barb Ahlgren)
Wed. 03/13	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
	5:30 p.m.	
Thur. 03/14	8:30 a.m.	Robert Collins (Anthony & Jean Barry)
Fri. 03/15	8:30 a.m.	Theresa Ignasiak (Susan Szymeczek & Family)
Sat. 03/16	6:00 p.m.	Tom Berdis (Kevin & Sue Berdis Family)
Sun. 03/17	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Gerri Gallagher (Kathy Straneva)

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	• Brandon.....211
• Katie.....210	• Sue.....213
• Irene.....214	

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



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

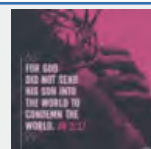
THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir
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Lenten Pastus Series

Our Lenten Pastus series will conclude on **Wednesday, March 13**. Be nourished by the Eucharist at **5:30**, by a homemade soup supper at **6:10** and by a presentation at **7:00**. Everyone should feel free to attend only the portion of each evening that fits their schedule and interest. Our final program will be an exploration of Buddhism, what it has in common with Christianity and what it might teach us. *Dr. Thomas Forsthoefel is Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst Univ. specializing in religions of India.*



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00** at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 N. Woods, to discuss The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O'Connor. In April we will discuss The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

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**. If you are willing to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office.



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.

Knights of Columbus Star Council

March 11, 2024 Knights of Columbus monthly meeting in Sperry Hall will be an Insurance meeting. We are hosting this to qualify for Star Council Award. Please invite your significant other to attend. We need to have a qualifying number attending. Light refreshments will follow. Thank you, Dave Cottrell G.K.



St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party



St. Marks Seminary Card Party will be held on **April 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Raffle tickets will be available before and after Mass on **Saturday March 9th and Sunday March 10th**. The first prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$300, third and fourth prizes are \$100. Tickets are sold for a \$1 donation or you can purchase 6 tickets for \$5. Need not be present to win.

**Happy Birthday to Lydia Peters
who will be turning 9
on March 19th!
HAVE A GREAT DAY, LYDIA!**

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 Feb. 19 was **Anthony Bly, grade 5**, who knew that we tell God we are sorry in the Act of Contrition.

Meal Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy has a new ministry to provide meals for families during difficult times. If you know of a parish family who would be blessed by having a home cooked meal arrive at their door, contact Irene at **814-899-6132**.



The Ella Cochran Food Pantry

Help us provide Easter dinner to our Food Pantry neighbors. We have provided "shopping list" that will be available in the Gathering Space on **Saturday, March 2nd**. Please return items by **March 17th**. Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors.



Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Many of our parishioners are limited by age or physical ability to drive to doctor appointments. They need their parish family to be the arms of Christ to help them. We are starting a new ministry at OLM of people willing to be called on if a parishioner needs a ride to a doctor's appointment. If you are willing to be on a list of people we can call on, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or call **814-899-6132**.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at **814-451-1521**. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. To report abuse directly to the diocese call **814-451-1543**.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Lector.....Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....Chris Kaschak
Bowl 2.....Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....Tom Eckendorf
Cup 2.....Carol Stauffer
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
Greeter.....Christine Stroker

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

Lector 1.....Denise Lewandoski
Lector 2.....Carrie Galbreath
Bowl 1.....Rachel Still
Bowl 2.....Dan Szczesny
Cup 1.....Tish Szczesny
Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
Cup 3.....Nick Heise
Cup 4.....Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Paul Sacco
Greeter.....Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling

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

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard
Bowl 2.....Judy Iesue
Cup 1.....Carole Peters
Cup 2.....Pat Kosobucki
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, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein
Cup 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf
Cup 2.....Tom Eckendorf
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, March 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chris Morealli
Lector 2.....Sue McCreary
Bowl 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
Bowl 2.....Amy Garten
Cup 1.....Candy Henry
Cup 2.....Geoff McCreary
Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....Jane Chase
Greeter.....Mike Chase
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, March 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....Carole Peters
Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
Greeter.....Jill Henry
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

As a Parish Community, 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.

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.

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.



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#2	GAME NIGHT	
#3	COFFEE	
#4	GRILLIN'	
#5	RESTAURANT	
#6	ERIE	
#7	BOYS ACTIVITIES	

	BASKET THEME	# OF TICKETS
#8	GIRLS ACTIVITY	
#9	FALL (SEASON)	
#10	BOOKWORM	
#11	CANDY	
#12	CIGAR	
#13	SPA	
#14	LOTTERY	

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

BASKET NUMBERS: _____

Drawing will be 03-23-2024 @ 5 p.m.
Call Nick Heise (814-392-6517) or the
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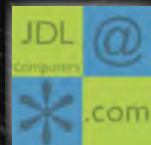
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☐ New Parishioner
To start the new
member process
please call the parish
office at 899-5342; or
request a phone call by
filling out this form and
returning it to the office
by mail or collection
basket.

