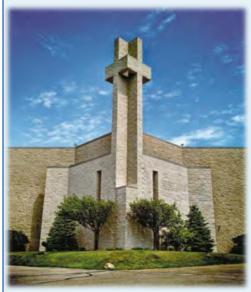
Our Lady of Mercy Church



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 Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy Nick Heise, Parish Impact Coordinator

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 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

May 25, 2025 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/26 **Memorial Day**

Parish Office Closed

Tue. 05/27 8:30 a.m. **OLM Pickleball Club** 1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Facilitator Mtg

> 6:00 p.m. **OLM Pickleball Club** 8:30 a.m. **OLM Pickleball Club**

Wed. 05/28 Pickleball Club Party 6:00 p.m.

Thur. 05/29 The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day Mass 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. **OLM Pickleball Club Holy Day Mass** 6:00 p.m. **OLM Pickleball Club** 6:00 p.m.

05/30 Fri. 05/31 Sat.

Bus Trip Departure 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Parkinsons Walk 10:00 a.m. **OLM Pickleball Club** 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

Sun. 06/01 **Casserole Club Drop-Off**

10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry 10:30 a.m. Walking With Moms in

Need Meeting



MERCY MEMORIES

Did you know that the classroom furnishings and doors were salvaged from the Junior High School when it was being renovated in 1999-2000. Our Parish Craftsmen refurbished them to like new for our education space.

MACC INTENTIONS

	TAT\	1 NIT CCE	EN HONS
Mon.	05/26	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue.	05/27	8:30 a.m.	Sam Garwig
			(John Abbate)
Wed.	05/28	8:30 a.m.	Jack Case
			(Family)
Thur.	05/29	8:30 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski
			(Family)
Fri.	05/30	8:30 a.m.	A Special Intention
Sat.	05/31	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun.	06/01	9:30 a.m.	Ray Simpson
			(Candy Henry)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

> *Please notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes*

Saturday, May 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday June 1ct at 0:20 a m				
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz			
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz			
	Nick Mauro			
	Nick Heise			
	Deb Barko			

Sunday, June 1st at 9:30 a.m.				
Lector 1	Reagan Andrews			
Lector 2	Brainard			
Bowl 1	John Skuce			
Bowl 2	Gary Smith			
Cup 1	Rachel Still			
Cup 2	Karen Sweeney			
Cup 3	Erica Taccone			
Cup 4	Lorraine Bucklin			
Altar Server	Colton Catrabone			
Greeter	Jill Henry			
Greeter	Baileigh Bleil			
AV Ministry	Lisa Spelling			
CLW				





Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.

SAVE THE DATE

OI Mercy Fest

Friday July 11th | 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Featuring local band: The Rooftop Project Food Trucks, Drink Vendors, Games and More...

Chicken Dinner & Summer Fest

Sunday July 13th | 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Basket Raffle, Kids Tent, Book Sale, Bingo, Funnel Cakes & Raffles and World Famous BBO Chicken Dinner

Comedy Corner

Why are there no knock-knock jokes on Memorial Day? Because freedom rings!





Vacation Bible School 2025

Mark your calendars for July 28-Aug. 1 and Make A Splash at OLM from 9:00-noon. Volunteers are needed to accompany groups of children as they move through the various activity areas. All Volunteers

need clearances, so sign up early. If interested, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-898-4383.

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 18 @ 7:00 p.m.** to discuss <u>Allegedly</u> by Tiffany Jackson. Want to read ahead? In July we will discuss <u>River Sing Me Home</u> by Eleanor Shearer.



Bus Trip To Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



A few seats remain open for the **May 31** bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The cost of the trip is \$65. (This does not include meals). See the easel in the Gathering Space

for more information or call the Faith Formation Office at **814-899-6132**.

Eucharist to the Homebound

Would you be willing to bring Christ to a member of our parish who is unable to join us due to age or illness? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring the



eucharist to the homebound. If you can assist, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Walking With Moms In Need



OLM is exploring the possibility of initiating a new ministry. Walking With Moms in Need is an initiative of the U. S. Bishops and the Diocese of Erie. It is an opportunity to support parents facing need either during pregnancy or as they

raise their children. There will be an informational session after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 1. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. The level of parish interest will determine if OLM moves forward with this.

Book Sale Help Needed

For anyone interested in helping with the book sale July 11-13th there will be an information meeting on



information meeting on

Wednesday June 4th at 6 p.m. in the Large Classroom.

Many hands make light work. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Brown at 814-490-3115.

SUNDAE SUNDAY



Sunday, June 8 10:30 in Sperry Hall All Welcome!

Celebrate Pentecost Make-Your-Own Sundae Bar And a Cake Walk

Please tell us if you can bake & donate a cake for the Cake Walk.

You can email

ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

or add your name to the list in the

Gathering Space.

2025 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 4th annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound



Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since 2018, 702 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound. The Women's Care Center continues to face a financial crisis due to a large cut in funding by the state of PA that began last year. They actively promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy, parenting, and adoption support services. In order to keep providing these vital services, the Women's Care Center depends on our financial support. Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (May 10-11th). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of June 21-22nd (Weekend following Father's Day). To donate electronically through FlockNote, scan the QR code above. We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of unborn children. God Bless!

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Hospital Ministry

We are reviving our parish hospital visitor ministry. COVID shut down this ministry for several years. But it is now possible to send visitors to those



hospitalized. If you are willing to be on a rotating schedule of parishioners who will bring the eucharist to those hospitalized, please contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. We will be setting a date to train those who are

We will be setting a date to train those who are interested. Reminder to all in our parish, PLEASE indicate on your admission forms that you are a member of OLM if you are hospitalized. If you do not include this info, the hospital can't let the parish know that you are admitted. Please also contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who has been admitted.

Container Gardening

If you have limited space, find it difficult to kneel down to garden or are fighting with deer, container or patio gardening may be the answer. Join us **Saturday**, **June 7 at 1:00** in the pavilion to learn



how to make a container garden, which veggies are best suited for these pots, what things to take into consideration for success and more. Cindy and Jim Skarzenski will share their extensive knowledge with us. (In case of bad weather, the event will move into Sperry Hall.) This is the first event in a new series being planned by the Adult Faith Formation Committee inviting parishioners with particular skills to teach them to the rest of us. If you have a skill you are willing to share or an idea for an event, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Online Giving Update

Flocknote is now our new online giving platform.
Please note that we have discontinued the use of Faith Direct as of April 30. If you are not yet signed up for Flocknote, your donation will no longer be processed. To continue supporting Our Lady of Mercy through online giving, please sign up on Flocknote today. If you need help getting set up, reach out to Sue Berdis, our Business Administrator—she'll be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued generosity!

April Stewardship

	Offertory	YTD Offertory	Budgeted
Electronic Envelopes	\$12,340.82	\$126,531.11	\$156,324.02
Regular Envelopes	\$16,656.62	\$164,219.46	\$144,711.51
Total	\$28,997.44	\$290,750.57	\$301,035.53
Difference			(\$10,284.96)



Mission Co-Op Weekend—June 7/8 Machakos Diocese



Machakos Diocese Information—2025 MCP

The diocese of Machakos was one of the largest in Kenya until July 22, 2023 when the Holy Father Pope Francis created Wote Diocese by hiving our Makueni County from Machakos Diocese. Machakos Diocese now has a population of 1,421,932 of with 610,150 is Catholic with 112 Diocesan Priests and 22 Religious Priests. Though smaller in size, Machakos Diocese has evangelizations challenges as only 42.9% of the population is Catholic. The Diocese also faces humanitarian challenges as over 50% is semi-arid with low and unreliable annual rainfall. Drought, famine and poverty are challenges faced by much of the population, since they depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Human disasters such as famine, malnutrition, maternal and child mortalities, HIV/AIDS, water-borne diseases are common scourges that negatively impact the population.

The Catholic Church in Kenya has a unique role in the lives of its citizens. Improving the lives of the people is usually accomplished through the efforts of the church rather than of the government. Because of the prayers and past support of Catholics in the United States, the church in Machakos has made a positive impact in the lives of the people including:

- Operating 2 hospitals and over 20 clinics/ dispensaries.
- Drilling of wells and provision of storage tanks to provide clean water.

- Supporting "Mother and Child Health" programs.
- Maintaining 21 group homes for disabled children.
- Maintaining 4 orphanages for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.
- Organizing workshops on health and nutrition issues.
- Establishing rehabilitation programs for street children
- Providing support on improved agricultural practices.
- Constructed a primary school for orphans and other needy children.

Purposes for 2025 MCP Appeal Donations

- 1. Support for seminarians in formation, catechists and lay Catholic leaders.
- Support "Mother and Child Health" program to reduce mother and child mortalities.
- 3. Provide portable water for domestic use and reduce water-borne diseases.
- 4. Support humanitarian effort of providing famine relief food to starving families.
- Support the adoption of improved agricultural methods.
- 6. Support orphanages, group homes and orphans at the Uganda Martyrs Home.
- 7. Provide school fees for needy students form poor families.
- 8. Support medical care and insurance for priests and senior seminarians.

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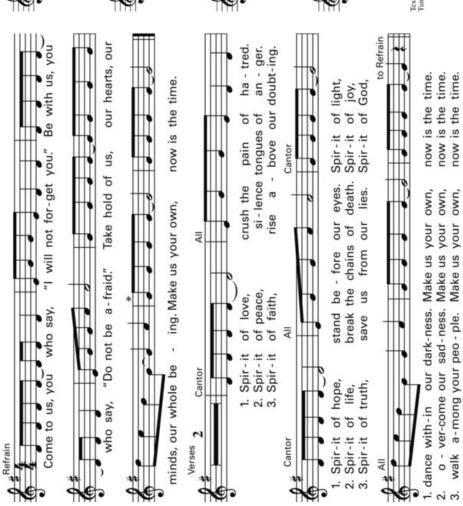
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Responsorial Psalm:

"Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord."

Preparation of the Offerings: Now Is The Time



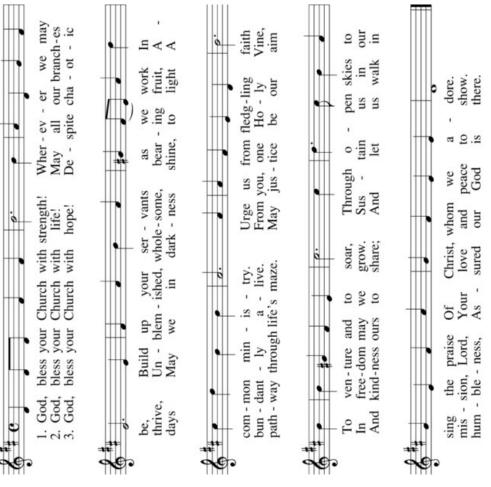
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Communion:

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Recessional: God Bless Your Church With Strength



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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.

