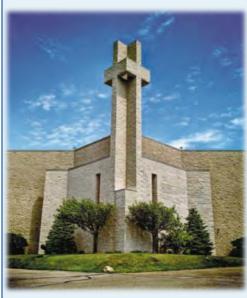
Our Lady of Mercy Church



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

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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

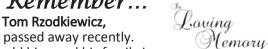
June 1, 2025 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/02 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC Tue. 06/03 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club 10:00 a.m. Apple la Tarining SCC		
10:00 a.m. Angels In Training SCC		
1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC		
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club		
Wed. 06/04 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club		
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation		
6:00 p.m. Book Sale Meeting		
6:00 p.m. Pickleball Club Party		
Thur. 06/05 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club		
10:00 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting		
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club		
Fri. 06/06		
Sat. 06/07 Mission Co-Op Weekend	Mission Co-Op Weekend	
10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club		
1:00 p.m. Container Garden Class	5	
3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance		
Sun. 06/08 Mission Co-Op Weekend		
10:30 a.m. Sundae Sunday		

We Remember...



who passed away recently. Please hold him, and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

MERCY MEMORIES



Our worship space is filled with an abundance of natural light. Thanks to large vertical windows above the roof line, we catch sunlight in various angles as the day progresses especially on the Baptismal font and behind the altar.

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



A Laugh Is

VACATION

MEDICINE

Comedy Corner

What do you call someone who doesn't believe it is June yet? A May-Sayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	06/02	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue.	06/03	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith
			(Janet Smith)
	06/04	8:30 a.m.	For the Staff of OLM
Thur.	06/05	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri.	06/06	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate
			(John Abbate)
Sat.	06/07	4:30 p.m.	Ross Owens
			(Don & Jane Mallin)
Sun.	06/08	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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.

<u>Saturday, May Sist at 4.50 p.m.</u>				
Lector	Deb Barko			
Bowl 1	Nick Heise			
Altar Server	Nick Mauro			
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz			
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz			
Sunday, June 1st at 9:30 a.m.				
Lector 1	Reagan Andrews			
Lector 2	Maureen 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				
AV Ministry				
CLW				
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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 BBQ Chicken Dinner



Vacation Bible School 2025

Mark your calendars for July 28-Aug. 1 and Make A Splash at OLM from 9:00noon. 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@ourladvofmercychurch.org or 814-898-4383.

Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, June 18 @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Irene Lucas to discuss <u>Allegedly</u> by Tiffany Jackson. Want to read ahead? In July we will



discuss River Sing Me Home by Eleanor Shearer.

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 <u>ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org</u> or **814-899-6132**. If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at <u>ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org</u> 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 today**, **Sunday**, **June 1**. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested, contact Irene at <u>ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org</u> or **814-899-6132**. The level of parish interest will determine if OLM moves forward with this.



OLM Book Sale

The book sale will be held the weekend of the festival, on July 11th, 12th and July 13th. Donations of books, puzzles, DVD's,

CD's can be dropped off at the church classrooms by the Gathering Space starting **June 23rd**. A meeting will be held at the church **June 4th at 6:00** for anyone who would like to help me set up the book sale. Please NOTE **NO** Reader Digest, text books, **NO** Chicken Soup for the Soul books, **NO** ripped, torn, dirty books as these will not sell and will be thrown out. Also any plastic bags donations would be appreciated. Any questions please contact **Jan Brown** at **814-490-3115**.

Sundae Sunday

Let's celebrate the birthday of the Church with cake and ice cream. Join us on **Sunday, June 8 immediately after Mass** for a make-your-own-sundae-bar and a cake walk. The event is free and open to everyone. We need donations of cakes for the cake walk.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Listen

This summer, when children are out of school, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure your children know they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key in creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For additional resources visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

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!



Hospital Ministry

We are reviving our Hospital Visitor Ministry. COVID had put this ministry on hold for parishes. But local hospitals are once again making lists available. If you are interested in joining a

team of volunteers who bring the eucharist to parishioners in the hospital, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. Reminder if you are admitted to the hospital, you must indicate on the forms that you are a member of OLM to be added to their list. If you know of a family member who is hospitalized, please let the parish office know so that we can visit them.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of new leaders. If you would be willing to help our young children to hear and reflect on the Word of God during the 9:30 Mass. contact



Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. CLW leaders need state clearances. Training will be provided.

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 Sperry Halll 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. 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.

Got Quilt Squares?



If your family took a quilt square to decorate and hang as part of our Parish Quilt in the worship space, please return the decorated square to the parish office at your earliest convenience.



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



- 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 2. 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 5. methods.
- Support orphanages, group homes and orphans at 6. 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.

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.

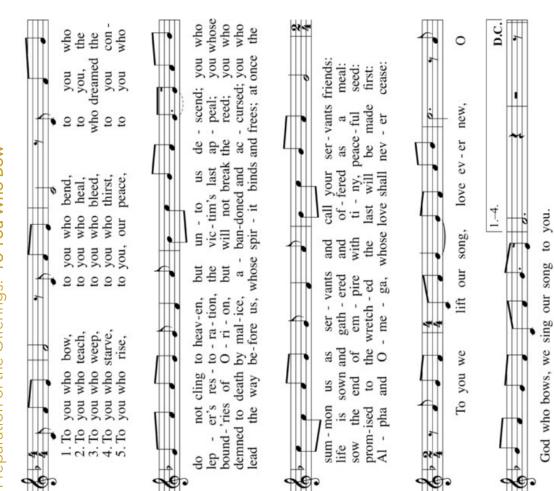
The Catholic Church in Kenya has a unique role in the lives of its citizens. Improving the lives of the people is usually accomplished through the efforts of the church rather than of the government. Because of the prayers and past support of Catholics in the United States, the church in Machakos has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

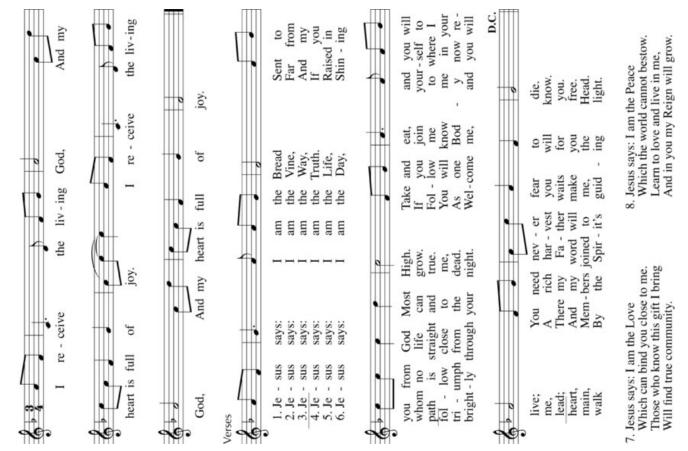


Processional: # 458 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (verses 1, 2, 5)

Preparation of the Offerings: To You Who Bow



Communion: I Receive the Living God (opposite page)



Recessional: # 466 At the Name of Jesus (verses 3 & 4)



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