

# 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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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation  
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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](http://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.	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		<b>Mission Co-Op Weekend</b>
	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Container Garden Class
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 06/08		<b>Mission Co-Op Weekend</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Sundae Sunday

### We Remember...

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

*Living  
Memory*

## 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.



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[olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com)  
 or using the QR code provided.



## 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)
Wed. 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.

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.....Baileigh Bleil  
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling  
 CLW.....Sally Donikowski

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
 Vacation Bible School 2025  
**Make A Splash**  
 July 28 - August 1  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Age 4 thru entering 6th grade  
 For more information call Irene Lucas 814-899-5342  
 or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
 Registration Deadline is July 21st

## 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 BBQ Chicken Dinner



## 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.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 Allegedly 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 [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 today, Sunday, June 1**. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) 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.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Hall 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](mailto: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



### 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 which 610,150 is Catholic with 112 Diocesan Priests and 22 Religious Priests. Though smaller in size, Machakos Diocese has evangelization 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.
2. 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.
5. 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 from poor families.
8. Support medical care and insurance for priests and senior seminarians.

# MUSIC FOR MASS

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

Preparation of the Offerings: To You Who Bow

1. To you who bow, to you who bend, to you who  
 2. To you who teach, to you who heal, to you, the  
 3. To you who weep, to you who bleed, who dreamed the  
 4. To you who starve, to you who thirst, to you con-  
 5. To you who rise, to you, our peace, to you who

do not cling to heav-en, but un - to us de - scend; you who  
 lep - er's res - to - ra - tion, the vic - tim's last ap - peal; you whose  
 bound - ries of O - ri - on, but will not break the reed; you who  
 demned to death by mal - ice, a - ban-doned and ac - cursed; you who  
 lead the way be - fore us, whose spir - it binds and frees; at once the

sum - mon us as ser - vants and call your ser - vants friends;  
 life is sown and gath - ered and of - fered as a meal;  
 sow the end of em - pire with ti - ny, peace - ful seed;  
 prom - ised to the wretch - ed the last will be made first:  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga, whose love shall nev - er cease:

To you we lift our song, love ev - er new, O  
 God who bows, we sing our song to you.  
 1.-4.  
 D.C.

Communion: I Receive the Living God (opposite page)

I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my  
 heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing  
 God, And my heart is full of joy.  
 Verses  
 1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to  
 2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from  
 3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my  
 4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth, If you  
 5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in  
 6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing

you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will  
 whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to  
 path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I  
 fol - low close to me, You will know me in your  
 tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -  
 bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will  
 live; You need nev - er fear to die.  
 me, A rich har - vest you will know.  
 lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.  
 heart, And my word will make you free.  
 main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.  
 walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love  
 Which can bind you close to me.  
 Those who know this gift I bring  
 Will find true community.

8. Jesus says: I am the Peace  
 Which the world cannot bestow.  
 Learn to love and live in me,  
 And in you my Reign will grow.

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

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\_\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_\_ Moving out of the Parish

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner

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