

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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April 23, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 p.m.**

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Weekday: **8:30 a.m.**

Holy Day of Obligation: **8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Brandon Vogt, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Marsha MacKinnon McKinley, *Admin. Assistant*

Gerri Hadlock, *Youth Minister*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

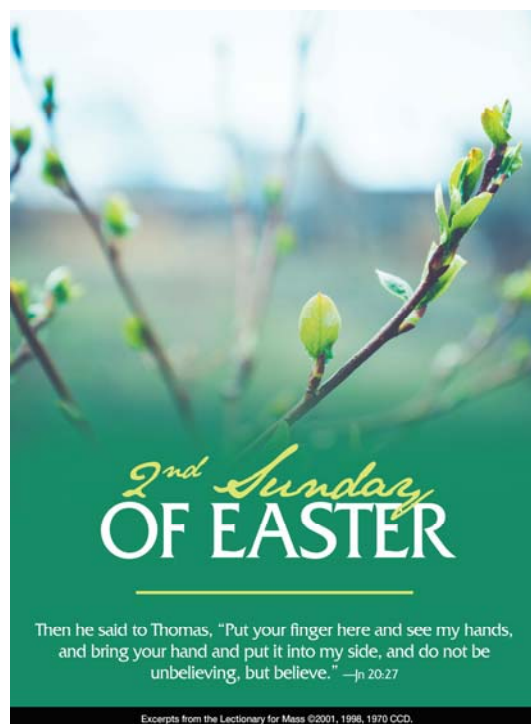
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MISSION STATEMENT

*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*

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit

ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Monday 4/24

- 11:00 a.m. Meditation (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Fruit of the Vine (scc)

Tuesday 4/25

- 12:30 p.m. Meditation (Chapel)
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Religious Education (Grades 3-6)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 4/26

- 7:00 p.m. Festival Coordinator Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry Session

Thursday 4/27

- 9:00 a.m. Painting Class (Sperry Hall)
- 1:30 p.m. Meditation (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Conference Room)
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)

Friday 4/28

- 1:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Library)

Saturday 4/29

- 8:45 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Event (Second Harvest)
- 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation Room)

Sunday 4/30

- 9:30 a.m. Council Nominee Meeting (Library)
- 9:30 a.m. Religious Education (Kindergarten—Grade 2)
- 11:00 a.m. CLW
- 12:00 p.m. Sundae Sunday Family Event

For Mercy Sake Deadline: The deadline to submit articles for the May issue of *For Mercy Sake* newsletter is **TODAY, Sunday, April 23**. Items can be brought to the Lifelong Faith Formation Office or emailed to ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

A Parishioner in Lawrence Park would like a ride to either Sunday Mass once a month, can you help? Contact Donna Clark.

Hearing assisted devices are available for those who have difficulty hearing at Mass. Contact Donna Clark.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS



Monday

4/24.....

....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2 John 3:1-8

Tuesday 4/25.....Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
1 Peter 5:5b-14 Psalm 89 Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday 4/26.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Acts 5: 17-26 Psalm 34 John 3:16-21

Thursday 4/27.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34 John 3:31-36

Friday 4/28.....Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27 John 6:1-15

Saturday 4/29.....Saint Catherine

8:30 a.m. Diane Gerlach—Frank Gerlach
6:00 p.m. Richard Henry—Candy Henry
Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 John 6:16-21

Sunday 4/30.....Third Sunday of

IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember **Allena Marie Kalie**, mother of Debbie Brown and sister of Ed Meyer. *Please keep her and her family in your prayers.*



PRAYER LINE

9 a.m.—4 p.m. /Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-91089

4 p.m.—9 p.m. /Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875

Hospital Visitor for the week: **Gerri Gallagher**

EASTER GRATITUDE

A word of thanks to all who helped make our Easter Triduum liturgies a beautiful and worthy celebration to honor the Resurrection.

Thank you...

... to all of the liturgical ministers – greeters, ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, to our team of Altar Servers

...to the Art & Environment team who beautifully decorated the Church; to Dave Parmenter who built the new pedestals and to all who donated to the Easter Flower Fund.

...to the Music Ministry - singers and instrumentalists - who spent many hours preparing to lead us in our sung prayer

...to the Children’s Choir and their parents

...to those who helped “behind the scenes” in various ways

... to any of those forgotten in this list...

...to all of you, the People of God in this community who give so generously of your time and talent

...to Dusckas-Taylor Funeral Home for generously printing our Triduum worship aids

May God bless all of you for your effort, your energy and your spirit. May this Easter Season be a time of joy and gratitude for all that the Risen One has blessed us with!

Brandon Vogt
Director of Liturgy & Music

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 16, 2017

Envelopes sent:	470
Envelopes returned:	157 \$5,851.98
Faith Direct Deposits:	103 \$2,813.00
Loose Change:	\$885.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY:
\$9,549.98

\$7,136 is needed to meet our regular operating expenses.

(This does not include our CSA or Mortgage Payment)

FAITH FORMATION

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you an un-baptized adult who would like to learn more about the Christian faith? Have you been thinking about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church but need more information? Inquiry Sessions have begun for those who want to explore the Catholic Christian faith. To learn more, contact Irene Lucas at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. **Our next session is Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

First Eucharist Retreat

Families with children in the First Eucharist preparation process are reminded that there is a mandatory retreat on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 8:45 a.m. Bring your First Eucharist banners, a dozen cookies and a parent to share the day.

First Eucharist Practice

First Eucharist Practice is Saturday, May 6.

Sundae Sunday

He is Risen: Let us celebrate the Easter Season! **All are invited to a Make-Your-Own-Sundae-Bar and Cake Walk on Sunday, April 30 at noon in Sperry Hall.** Please RSVP to let us know if you are coming so that we buy enough ice cream. You can RSVP by contacting Irene at 899-6132 or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or signing up in the Gathering Space the weekend of April 22-23. **Deadline is April 25. We are looking for volunteers willing to bake and donate cakes for the Cake Walk. When you RSVP, let us know if you plan to bring a cake.**

Rice Bowls

Reminder to all families to return your Rice Bowl to the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation or your child’s religious education class by the final day of religious education classes.

Question & Answer With The Pastor

Join us for a casual conversation with Fr. Ritchie around your questions about the Catholic faith on **Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.** Enjoy light snacks, a friendly environment and the opportunity to have your questions answered. Bring a friend along.

Ink Jet Fundraiser

Please donate used black or color ink jet cartridges to the Religious Education ministry. Your donation of used printer cartridges helps to support our ministry to the children of the parish. Previously refilled and remanufactured cartridges can not be redeemed.

MINISTRY

Mission Statement of the Stewardship Committee

To create an environment of welcome and gratitude in which parishioners discover their God given strengths and through gratefulness give back to God by sharing their strengths.

Divorced & Separated Support Group

This group meets on **Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** There will be a discussion around issues faced during a separation or divorce followed by a closing prayer. Interested but can't make this time? Contact Donna Clark in the parish office. One-on-one supportive conversation also available.

Healing Workshop

Learn how our thoughts and behaviors affect our bodies and our health. This healing workshop on **Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** will give us; a basic understanding of the body's energy centers, how the use of affirmations can improve our health and insight into our call to discipleship and imitation of Christ. Pre-registration requested along with a \$15 donation for materials. Contact Donna Clark. Class size limited.

Nursery Ministry

A nursery room is available during Mass. When the toddler learns how to run and you want an enclosed space where you can continue to hear and watch Mass on TV, head to the nursery in the classroom area (the hallway to the right near the Bartlett Rd doors). Available during all Masses. Currently the 11:00 Mass has a rotating schedule of parents who take turns watching each other's children. For more information please contact Donna Clark.

Counseling Help Available

Individual and family counseling will be available from an experienced professional counselor. This parishioner will offer her gifts to Our Lady of Mercy faith community in a professional, respectful, and compassionate environment. The counselor will offer three meetings with each person. If four or more sessions are needed then we ask that a person make a small love donation to the church. Counseling meetings are at the church, in a confidential setting. **To schedule an appointment, contact Donna Clark at 899-5342.**

Our Neighbor's Place

Check out Our Neighbor's Place Ministry inspirational video at: <https://youtu.be/5fTfKgvPa-k>.

K of C Golf & Sports Raffle

The Knights of Columbus hope parishioners and friends can attend our **24th Annual Golf & Sports Raffle on Friday, May 12 from 6-11 p.m.** Your involvement in the past has produced very successful results. **Tickets are available in the Gathering Space after weekend Masses through May 7.** If you can help out at the event, please sign-up. There are two shifts: 6-8:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. If you wish to buy or sell tickets, they are available in the parish office. **Please return sold and unsold tickets to any Knight or to the parish office by May 10.** We thank you for your support.



OLM Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, May 17** to discuss Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick.

A Cursillo Invitation for Men

Do you want a deeper more intimate relationship with Christ? Then Cursillo could be for you. Please visit the Cursillo website at www.ericcursillo.org or contact Tim and Norma Lynch, parish coordinators, at 899-2681. **The next Men's Cursillo is May 18-21 at Our Lady of Mercy Church.**



Cursillo Coordinator Needed

Are you on fire with your faith and seeking a great ministry to share your talents? We are currently looking for someone to fill the open Cursillo Coordinator position within our parish. This ministry is extremely rewarding. If interested, please contact the parish office to learn more.

The Loving Search for God

On retreat with Fr William Meninger, a Trappist monk, you will gain the benefit of his distillation of the book The Cloud of Unknowing and his own books as he guides us to an elevated sense of love, insight and experience of God. **Save the Dates: Sept 15 & 16.**

Small Christian Communities' Prayer & Potluck Dinner

The Core Team invites members & guests to attend the **Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a dish to share (Meat and drink provided). Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Pastoral Facilitators are asked to give a total count for their group to Dave Jacquel at 814-602-4622 or davehasbs@yahoo.com. **Please RSVP by Friday, April 28.**

Women's Luncheon

Monday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Bootleggers. For women who live alone and would like to share in some laughter.

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Our Famous

837 Bartlett (Bartlett & Dutton Roads)

BBQ CHICKEN

DINNER

&

SUMMER FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH



Dine in our Air Conditioned Sperry Hall or

Carry Out from the Air Conditioned Gathering Space

Noon to 5 pm

\$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and under free

Raffles – Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo –
Children's Area – Pony Rides \$1000 Grand Prize,
55 in TV, Amazon Echo, and other prizes

See www.ourladyofmercychurch.org for details