

# 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  
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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

# May 5, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 05/06</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Women In Leadership
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Visioning Team Meeting
<b>Tue. 05/07</b>	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
<b>Wed. 05/08</b>	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
<b>Thur. 05/09</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Fri. 05/10</b>	6:00 p.m.	KofC Golf Raffle
<b>Sat. 05/11</b>	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 05/12</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>	

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Mon. 05/06</b>	Acts 16:11-15	/ Jn 15:26-16:4
<b>Tue. 05/07</b>	Acts 16:22-34	/ Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wed. 05/08</b>	Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1	/ Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thur. 05/09</b>	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/ Mk 16:15-20	
<b>Fri. 05/10</b>	Acts 18:9-18	/ Jn 16:20-23
<b>Sat. 05/11</b>	Acts 18:23-28	/ Jn 16:23-28
<b>Sun. 05/12</b>	Acts 1:15-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11-19	

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of April 21, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	64	\$ 4,001.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 128.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>		<b>\$ 7,312.95</b>

## 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



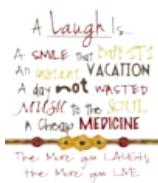
## We Remember...

Jenne Chmielewski,  
mother of Joe Chmielewski;  
who passed away recently.  
Please hold her and her family in prayer during this  
difficult time.



## Comedy Corner

Does February march?  
No, but April May

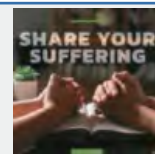


## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 05/06</b>		<b>- NO MASS -</b>
<b>Tue. 05/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Butera</b>
<b>Wed. 05/08</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Helen Behringer</b> (Carol Ann)
<b>Thur. 05/09</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 05/10</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Ed Lander</b> (Family)
<b>Sat. 05/11</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>All Mothers</b> - Living & Deceased
<b>Sun. 05/12</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>All Mothers</b> - Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	<b>All Mothers</b> - Living & Deceased

## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir  
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## Vacation Bible School 2024

Mark your calendar for a week of summer fun **July 29-Aug. 2**. VBS is open to all children age 4 years old through grade 6. Calling all lords and ladies, maidens and pages, all Guardians of God's Kingdom to put on your helmet of holiness and take up your shield of salvation and be part of this great summer event.



### VBS Seeking Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to make this week a success. If you can help for one day or all five, if you can help with story time or craft, with being an age group leader or

making game time fun, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**. Clearances are required for all volunteers, so sign up in time to complete the paperwork.

### Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, May 15 @ 7:00** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood to discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Our June title will be *Women* by Kristin Hannah.



### 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**.

### Summer Scripture Study

This summer, U.S. Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for a celebration of the gift we have in the Eucharist. We will hold a 3 week study on the Eucharist in June to unite with this historic event. This study will look at the Eucharist pre-figured in the Hebrew Scripture, revealed by Christ in the Gospel, and celebrated in the early Church. The study will run twice: at **9:30 a.m.** at the parish and at **7:00 p.m.** on the patio of Irene Lucas, 1019 Bartlett Rd. The dates will be **Thursday, June 13, 20 & 27**. We will be using a book from Little Rock Scripture Study. If you want Irene to order you a book, please contact her at **814-899-6132** or add your name to the list on the easel in the Gathering Space by May 26. The cost of the books is \$6 and payment is due at the first session.



### Grief Support Group



Grief support group is meeting again at our lady of mercy on **Monday May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Grief has no limits, so your love list could be yesterday or years ago and tears or heart aches can surface at anytime or place. Call

Darlene for more information **814-746-1286**

## 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 April 22 was **Jonny Catrabone, grade 5**, who knew that the Blessed Sacrament is stored in a ciborium placed inside the tabernacle so that it can be brought to the sick.

### 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.



### Knights of Columbus Golf & Sports Raffle

The 28th Golf & Sports Raffle will be held on **Friday May 10** in the Gym and Sperry Hall from **6 to 11 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after Mass on **May 5**. Tickets will also be on sale in the Parish Office during the week from 8 till 3. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The grand prize this year is \$ 1,000! Our Golf & Sports Raffle has become the largest in the Erie area thanks to the support of our parish and our many ticket sellers. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support youth programs in the parish, provide scholarships for parish high school seniors, and fund capital projects. Please help the Knights help the parish.



### KofC Basket Raffle Donations Needed

The Knights are currently accepting donations for the basket raffle. Please drop items off in Classroom 1. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Kaerberlein.

### KofC Scholarship

Scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors are being accepted by the Our Lady of Mercy Knights of Columbus Council. The scholarship program began almost 30 years ago with the purpose of awarding a portion of the annual Golf and Sports Raffle proceeds to college-bound students, who along with their parents are members of the parish. An application form, brief essay and certified and sealed transcript from the applicant's school are required. The deadline for application is **Sunday, May 12**. It is understood that the transcript will only include grades through the most recent grading period. Please remind others who may be interested in applying. Watch the bulletin and check the OLM website for reminders.

<b>LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>		<b>*If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you*</b>	
<b><u>Saturday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.</u></b>	
Lector.....	Clara Camillo	Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	Nick Mauro	Bowl 1.....	Gerri Extein
Bowl 2.....	Kathy Mauro	Bowl 2.....	Fred Kaerberlein
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer	Cup 1.....	Kay Kaerberlein
Cup 2.....	Todd Beckes	Cup 2.....	Chris Kaschak
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters	Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel	Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling	Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz
<b><u>Sunday, May 12th at 8:30 a.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m.</u></b>	
Lector 1.....	Denise Lewandoski	Lector 1.....	Chris Morealli
Lector 2.....	Sue McCreary	Lector 2.....	Chrissy Saber
Bowl 1.....	Dave Lefaiver	Bowl 1.....	Geoff McCreary
Bowl 2.....	Marge Lefaiver	Bowl 2.....	Brian Meyer
Cup 1.....	Pat Marshall	Cup 1.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 2.....	Sandi Matts	Cup 2.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 3.....	Greg Morealli	Cup 3.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 4.....	Kathleen Pearson	Cup 4.....	Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still	Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards	Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel	Greeter.....	Linda Kaleta
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall	AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery	CLW Leader.....	Linda Kaleta
<b><u>Sunday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m.</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m.</u></b>	
Lector.....	Nathan Henry	Lector.....	Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....	Stacy Heidecker	Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Judy Iesue	Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Erica Taccone	Cup 1.....	Nancy Clark
Cup 2.....	Nick Heise	Cup 2.....	Carole Peters
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone	Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle	Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle	Greeter.....	Maureen Rizzo

**OLM Bus Trip**

We are organizing a bus trip to St. Anthony Chapel in Pittsburgh, the home of the world’s largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican. Join us **Saturday, June 22** aboard an Anderson bus. The day will include a visit to Pittsburgh’s famous Strip District for lunch and shopping, a tour at St. Anthony Chapel, Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Stanislav Chapel and dinner in Cranberry. Cost is \$65 (which does not include food). There are only 10 seats left, so sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space. Payment is due to the Faith Formation Office by **May 15**.



**Our Lady of Mercy Men’s Softball**

Our Lady of Mercy Men’s softball team is forming. Come one, come all, for some Christian fellowship. Ages 16 and over. Season starts Memorial Day week and goes through Labor Day. If interested, please contact Mike Bleil at **814-528-1132** or Ken Bleil at **814-806-4675**.



**Women of Light**

Are you saddened by the unrest in the world. Imagine a world where there is love and not hate; understanding and not anger; community and not polarization or war. Ladies, please join us for Women of Light on **Monday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Worship Space. Our topic will be the light and love that each of us have that can bring healing to the world. The speakers will be Peggy Williams, Sandi Matts, and Sharon Kessler. Bring a friend. All are welcome and are invited to stay for fellowship after the program.



**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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or call **814-899-6132**.



## 2024 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 3rd 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 then, 661 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 is now facing a difficult crisis. For the past thirty years, the State of Pennsylvania allocated funds to organizations such as the Women's Care Center that promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy and parenting support services. The current Governor of Pennsylvania made the decision to end this program. This has caused a significant loss of funding to our Women's Care Center's Erie locations that need our financial support more than ever. Baby bottles will be distributed at the church entrances on **Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12th)**. 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 **Father's Day weekend (June 15-16th)** 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 the unborn.

Women's   
**Care Center**

29th Annual Knights of Columbus  
*Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144*

# GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE Casino Night

*Benefitting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish*

**Friday, May 10, 2024**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall**

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

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The Ascension of the Lord  
is on Thursday, May 9th  
This is a Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass will be celebrated  
at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



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**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Membership Form*

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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.