

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
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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 19, 2024 - Pentecost

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 05/20	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Women of Light Group
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball Taco Night
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 05/21	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	1:00 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 05/22	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Women of Light
Thur. 05/23	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 05/24		
Sat. 05/25	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 05/26		

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 05/20	Gn 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/ Jn 19:25-34
Tue. 05/21	Jas 4 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37
Wed. 05/22	Jas 4:13-17 / Mk 9:38-40
Thur. 05/23	Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:41-50
Fri. 05/24	Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12
Sat. 05/25	Jas 5:13-20 / Mk 10:13-16
Sun. 05/26	Dt 4:32-40/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **May 12, 2024**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	58	\$ 2,040.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 97.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 5,320.95

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



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

PENTECOST SUNDAY



When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir
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We Remember... *In Loving Memory*
Patrick Martin, brother of
 Beth Stephenson and **Joan Wilde**,
 sister of Marilyn McDaniel;
 who passed away recently.
 Please hold them and their families in prayer during
 this difficult time.

OLM Bus Trip

One seat remain for our bus trip to St Anthony Chapel on **June 22**. The trip will include a stop at the Strip District in Pittsburgh, a tour of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, evening Mass at St. Stanislaus Chapel and dinner in Cranberry. The cost is \$65 (not including food). If interested, add your name to the list in the Gathering Space. Money can be turned in to the Faith Formation Office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 05/20		- NO MASS -
Tue. 05/21	8:30 a.m.	Laurie Dart (The Kujawinski Family)
Wed. 05/22	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate (John Abbate)
Thur. 05/23	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Fri. 05/24	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 05/25	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Family)
Sun. 05/26	8:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 19 @ 7:00** to discuss Women by Kristin Hannah.



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.

Women of Light

Do you feel you are being called? Do you wonder if it is the Holy Spirit? Or maybe you just want to be lifted up in the Spirit. If yes, to either of these questions, join us for "Women of Light" on **May 22nd at 6:30** at OLM worship space. The speaker will be Mimi O'Conner. She is one of the most inspirational teachers and beautiful souls you will ever encounter. Bring a friend to share this evening that will touch your soul.



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 or **814-899-6132**. Clearances are required for all volunteers, so sign up in time to complete the paperwork.



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.



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.

Grief Support

Our Lady of Mercy Grief Support Group is an opportunity for those carrying the pain of grief to gather in prayer and mutual support. Whether your loss was last month or five years ago, whether you are grieving the death of a spouse, a friend, a child, a parent, you are welcome. The Grief Support group meets the **second Monday** of each month at **7:00**. Our next meeting will be **June 10**.



Golf Raffle Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to say thank you to all who played any part in making our Golf and Sports Raffle a great success. We must admit we are always concerned about attendance. But we must also admit that this year was one of confidence and the raffle proved that to be true. It might have been The Best Raffle Ever – words often heard around OLM. Financials will verify that once completed. However, The Golf Raffle is about more than just profit. It reaches out further than just our church and has become an Area Community Event, bringing people together in a way our world needs - especially today. It's about people coming together to enjoy one another. We are grateful for those who purchased and sold tickets, donated items and their time in countless ways, the ladies who organized the ever-popular and profitable basket raffle and for those who attended on Friday night and made our guests feel welcome. Again, thank you – for making the Golf Raffle enjoyable and successful. I believe all of us are already looking forward to next year.

An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Colette Landfried
 Bowl 1.....Nick Mauro
 Bowl 2.....Kathy Maruo
 Cup 1.....Anne Spring
 Cup 2.....Todd Beckes
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chip Shamburg
 Lector 2.....Rachel Still
 Bowl 1.....Donna Schersten
 Bowl 2.....Dave Seyboldt
 Cup 1.....John Skuce
 Cup 2.....Gary Smith
 Cup 3.....Mary Beth Smith
 Cup 4.....Karen Sweeney
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Paul Sacco
 Greeter.....Patty Sacco
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
 CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Carole Peters
 Cup 1.....Erica Taccone
 Cup 2.....Nick Heise
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Our Lady of Mercy is currently seeking Liturgical Ministers. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Greeter or AV Minister, please contact the Parish Office. We are especially in need of Altar Servers. If you have received your First Eucharist, you are able to become an Altar Server. Training will be provided.



Our Lady of Mercy is On Instagram

Our Lady of Mercy is Instagram official! Follow along with us at <https://www.instagram.com/olmchurch814/> or you can simply search: **olmchurch814**. The content shared on our Instagram page will be unique to the app and unlike our other social media posts.

STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

- Fr Matt.....226
- Deacon Paul.....233
- Katie.....210
- Irene.....214
- Kirk.....216
- Brandon.....211
- Sue.....213

As a Parish Community, We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision

Encountering Christ

We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

Growing in His Love

We at Our Lady of Mercy work to gradually become more faithful followers of Christ with lives transformed by the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit. We provide pathways to nurture your desire to respond in love and come to know what God's desire is for your life.

Serving in His Name

We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

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.

OL MERCY FEST

July 12th & 14th

Friday July 12
5-10 p.m.

- Live Music • Food Trucks
- Beer, Wine & Spirits



Sunday July 14
12-5 p.m.

- Chicken Dinner
- Kids Area • Games

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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.