

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: 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

June 9, 2024 - The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 06/10	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
Tue. 06/11	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	12:00 p.m.	Visioning Team Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 06/12	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 06/13	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 06/14		
Sat. 06/15	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Greg Boyle Documentary
Sun. 06/16	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

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... *In Loving Memory*
Dorothy Green Kraus,
aunt of Janet Sedelmyer;
who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **June 2, 2024**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	67	\$ 4,430.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 50.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,663.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

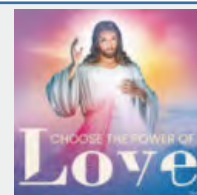
Mon. 06/10	1 Kgs 17:1-6	/ Mt 5:1-12
Tue. 06/11	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3	/ Mt 5:13-16
Wed. 06/12	1 Kgs 18:20-39	/ Mt 5:17-19
Thur. 06/13	1 Kgs 18:41-46	/ Mt 5:20-26
Fri. 06/14	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16	/ Mt 5:27-32
Sat. 06/15	1 Kgs 19:19-21	/ Mt 5:33-37
Sun. 06/16	Ez 17:22-24/ 2 Cor 5:6-10 / Mk 4:26-34	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 06/10		- NO MASS -
Tue. 06/11	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Wed. 06/12	8:30 a.m.	Ron Morris (Family)
Thur. 06/13	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Ray & Barb Alghren)
Fri. 06/14	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 06/15	6:00 p.m.	Barbara Slomski (The Spring Family)
Sun. 06/16	8:30 a.m.	Joe Gallagher (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: "How can Satan cast out Satan?" To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out Satan by Satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out Satan by Satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 19 @ 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Women by Kristin Hannah. Our July title will be Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.



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.



All Men of the Parish

Please set aside the evening of **June 26th** for the next Men's Night Out Event. We will start with dinner and beverages at **6:00 p.m.**, followed with a talk by our featured speaker, The Honorable Judge Ernie DiSantis Jr. at **7:00**. There will be more information in the next few weeks! See you there!!



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 **tomorrow, June 10**.



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.



Religious Education

As summer gets underway, Faith Formation is planning for the coming year of religious education. Volunteers are needed to make the year a success. It is our baptismal responsibility and our privilege as God's beloved to share the faith with the next generation. We need volunteer catechists for the following levels:



- Kindergarten – Sunday morning**
- Grade 4 – Tuesday after school**
- Junior High Team – Sunday**

If you are willing to share your time, your heart, your faith with the youth of the parish, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. Please do not wait until the last minute. Volunteers need clearances and training.

Basket Raffle Items Needed

We are currently accepting donations for our Festival Basket Raffle. Please drop off all auction items to Classroom 1. We are also in need of empty basket donations. If you have an empty basket you are willing to donate, please drop it off in classroom 1. A large portion of our festival success comes from the wonderful auction that is put together every year, which relies solely on your donations. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Catholic Charities Bingo

Calling all bingo enthusiasts! Get ready to win fabulous prizes including designer purses, top-of-the-line electronics, and cold hard cash. Catholic Charities bingo will be on **Friday, June 21** at the JPT Event Center – 2319 West 38th Street. Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** and tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. This is a BOYF and BYOB event and will also feature a 50/50, basket raffle and instants and tips. For tickets, please contact **Sue McCreary**.



10K/ 5 K Race and Walk

Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring our annual Liberty 10K/5K, Race and Walk on Thursday, the 4th of July. The Race & Walk will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, PA. Registration begins at **6:45 am**, with the race starting promptly at **8 am**. The fee is \$35. You can register on line: runsignup.com/Race/PA/Harborcreek/Liberty10k You can also register on the day of the race. A free "T" shirt will be given to the first 100 participants! Refreshments will be provided. 10% of all profits benefit the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Please call Greg at (814) 450-4298 for details or questions.




Parkinson's Awareness Walk at OLM

The Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk benefiting Parkinson Partners of NW PA will be held on **Saturday, June 22nd** at OLM. Registration is at **9 a.m.** and the walk starts at **10 a.m.** \$20 fee includes t-shirt and lunch (after 6/3 shirts are not guaranteed). All proceeds stay local. For more information call Lynne Gotham, Parkinson Partners director at **814-899-3030** or register at www.parkinsonpartners.org



HELP STAN'S GARDEN CENTER MAKE A DONATION TO OUR LADY OF MERCY

During the month of June, Stan's Garden Center will donate 10% of your total purchase back to OLM (excludes gift certificates and is not a discount). You can shop either location, 5001 Buffalo Rd. or 5341 West Lake Rd. All you have to do is let the cashier know that you're a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Clara Camillo
 Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
 Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein
 Cup 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
 Cup 2.....Chris Kaschak
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, June 16th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Maria Carney
 Lector 2.....Tim Fuhrman
 Bowl 1.....Geoff McCreary
 Bowl 2.....Brian Meyer
 Cup 1.....Ed Meyer
 Cup 2.....Marlene Meyer
 Cup 3.....Dave Lefaiver
 Cup 4.....Marge Lefaiver
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
 CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

Sunday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Denise Lewandoski
 Bowl 1.....Judy Iesue
 Bowl 2.....Pat Kosobucki
 Cup 1.....Erica Taccone
 Cup 2.....Joann Collins
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Jill Henry
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil

Saturday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
 Bowl 1.....**SUB NEEDED**
 Bowl 2.....Todd Beckes
 Cup 1.....Angie Matrogran
 Cup 2.....Anne Spring
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
 Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, June 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Carrie Galbreath
 Lector 2.....Sue Haynes
 Bowl 1.....Greg Morealli
 Bowl 2.....Tom Palisin
 Cup 1.....Kathy Pearson
 Cup 2.....Donna Schersten
 Cup 3.....Teresa Shamburg
 Cup 4.....John Skuce
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall
 CLW Leader.....Linda Kaleta

Sunday, June 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Joann Collins
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Nancy Clark
 Cup 2.....Carole Peters
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Stay Safe While Gaming Online

Online gaming can be lots of fun and pretty cool to compete against people from every corner of the world. Gaming can also expose your child to dangers such as cyber bullying, online harassment, and online predators. Here are some helpful tips to teach your children to ensure they are being safe while gaming. 1. Never give your identity. When creating an account, use a nickname. When creating an avatar, don't use your real picture. 2. Do not give out any personal information including phone numbers, addresses, where you go to school, and especially your age. Predators pretend to be teenagers and will talk to your child until your child feels they are safe to talk to about personal stuff. 3. Have your child mute conversations. People say mean things to one another and it's best to prevent the risk of bullying or trash talking online. 4. Block anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable. 5. Set appropriate parental controls and use parental controls to facilitate online safety and time management. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/



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.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

**GUARDIANS
OF THE KINGDOM**

JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All Lords & Ladies - age 4 thru entering 6th grade

For more information call:
Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342
Or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org
Registration Deadline is July 21st

OL MERCY FEST
July 12th & 14th

MASS TIME CHANGES
Beginning August 3rd & 4th
Weekend Mass times
will be as follows:
Saturday's at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mercy gathers together to
keep Christ at the center of our lives.
Please join us for
Eucharistic Adoration
June 12th at 6 p.m.



FLOCKNOTE COMING SOON

We have a lot of amazing things going on here at Our Lady of Mercy Church and a tremendous community. We want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all. So, we will be adopting a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us, and for us to connect with and get information out to all of you! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to your "flock". You don't have to download anything or create a login or password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up to receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. You're even able to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. Your info is kept totally private and, again, you're able to choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we'll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, inclement weather announcements, and one text message each week about the most important thing going on in our community that week. And it's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time. This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged into the many wonderful things we have going on here. We are very excited about this new communication tool for our church, as this is really going to simplify communication and increase engagement here in our community.



Our Lady of Mercy will host a viewing of "G-Dog," a documentary about the life and ministry of Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ on **Saturday, June 15th** following the vigil Mass. Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.

Fr. Boyle was recently awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2024, the highest civilian recognition, for his ministry. He has also received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, President Obama named Fr. Boyle a Champion of Change. He received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics. Homeboy Industries was the recipient of the 2020 Hilton Humanitarian Prize validating 32 years of Fr. Greg Boyle's vision and work by the organization for over three decades.

Fr. Boyle will also be a featured Speaker at the *Chautauqua Institute* this summer as part of their Faith and Spiritual Programming.

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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.