

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: 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 30, 2024 - The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/01	6:30 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Tue. 07/02	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 07/03	6:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
Thur. 07/04	4th of July Parish Office Closed	
	8:30 a.m.	KofC 10k Run
Fri. 07/05	Parish Office Closed	
Sat. 07/06	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/07	Casserole Club Drop Off	
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of June 23, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	57	\$ 2,983.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 95.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,261.95

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/01	Am 2:6-10, 13-16	/ Mt 8:18-22
Tue. 07/02	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12	/ Mt 8:23-27
Wed. 07/03	Eph 2:19-22	/ Jn 20:24-29
Thur. 07/04	Am 7:10-17	/ Mt 9:1-8
Fri. 07/05	Am 8:4-6, 9-12	/ Mt 9:9-13
Sat. 07/06	Am 9:11-15	/ Mt 9:14-17
Sun. 07/07	Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10	/ Mk 6:1-6

COMING SOON



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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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/01		- NO MASS -
Tue. 07/02	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Wed. 07/03	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 07/04	8:30 a.m.	FOR OUR NATION
Fri. 07/05	8:30 a.m.	Joanne Smith (Liana Wathen)
Sat. 07/06	6:00 p.m.	Barry Zonno (Fred & Kay Kaerberlein)
Sun. 07/07	8:30 a.m.	Millie Herrmann (Family)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

MASS TIME CHANGES

Beginning August 3rd & 4th

Weekend Mass times will be as follows:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TIME CHANGES

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year

Religious Ed times will be as follows:

Grades 1-2 & 7-9

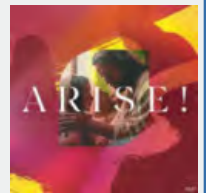
Sunday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

— Father John Muir

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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, July 17 @ 7:00** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W.



Eaglewood Dr, to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Want to read ahead? Our August title will be The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore.

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.

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.



KofC Baby Bottle Returns

Remaining baby bottle & donation envelope returns should be taken to the parish office before or after Mass or during regular office hours.

Grief Support Group

The pain of losing a loved one can send clouds over the sunniest day and chill the warmth of summer. The OLM Grief Support Group is an opportunity to experience God's presence in the mutual support and in the prayer of others who also know a similar loss. It does not matter how recent or long ago the death occurred, if you want to come one time or every month, what church you attend, all are welcome. The next gathering of the Grief Support Group will be **Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. The Grief Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



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.

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:



Grade 1 – 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.

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.



Summer God Moments

God's power is seen in mountain grandeur and the rolling waves. God's goodness is seen in the play of children and the laughter of family. God's love is found on a grandparent's lap and in the kindness of a stranger. Where have you seen God revealed this summer? Take a picture of a "God Moment": a beautiful sunset, a community at play, a tender act. Email it to Nancy at pnkmowery@msn.com. Add a short description. It will go on our FB page so that we can witness to the world of the goodness of our God. These pictures will also become a collage for our Gathering Space at the end of the summer.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Colette Landfried
 Bowl 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
 Bowl 2.....Chris Kaschak
 Cup 1.....Anne Spring
 Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, July 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Christine Morealli
 Lector 2.....Chrissy Saber
 Bowl 1.....Lorraine Bucklin
 Bowl 2.....Rochelle Edwards
 Cup 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
 Cup 2.....Candy Henry
 Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
 Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Gary Smith
 Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith
 AV Ministry.....Adam Baker
 CLW Leader.....Nancy Mowery

Sunday, July 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Sophie Bleil
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Carole Peters
 Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
 Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil
 Greeter.....Jill Henry

Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Deb Barko
 Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
 Bowl 2.....SUB NEEDED!
 Cup 1.....Nick Mauro
 Cup 2.....Kathy Mauro
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
 Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, July 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Rachel Still
 Lector 2.....Karen Sweeney
 Bowl 1.....Dave Lefaiver
 Bowl 2.....Marge Lefaiver
 Cup 1.....Tim Lynch
 Cup 2.....Sandi Matts
 Cup 3.....Geoff McCreary
 Cup 4.....Greg Morealli
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Mike Chase
 Greeter.....Jane Chase
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall
 CLW Leader.....Carolyn Brigham

Sunday, July 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Reagan Andrews
 Bowl 1.....Nancy Clark
 Bowl 2.....Stacy Heidecker
 Cup 1.....Nick Heise
 Cup 2.....Joann Collins
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

A special visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will arrive at St. Ann Church at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 21. There will be an opening procession followed by a special 8:30 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. The statue will remain in the church for the 11 a.m. Mass the same day and will be available for veneration until 4 p.m., when a farewell will be held. This visit is sponsored by the Diocese of Erie World Apostolate of Fatima, the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary.



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.

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.

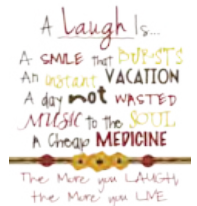


Help Needed

The Office of Faith Formation is looking for a part-time secretary. This is a paid position of 5 to 10 hours a week. Applicant should be comfortable working in Microsoft Word and Publisher, and in managing a database. Work hours are flexible. For more information, contact Irene Lucas at 814-899-6132.



Comedy Corner
 Why don't oysters share their pearls?
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ROCK OL MERCY FEST

open  July 12th & 14th     Music

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

Our Lady of Mercy - 837 Bartlett Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421

Raffles:

\$1000 Grand Prize, \$500 Second Prize, Two Lottery Trees, Two Restaurant Gift Card Trees, 3 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests, Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!

Costs:

Friday Night - Free Admission
 Sunday Chicken Dinner - \$15 for adult / \$9 for children 6-12 years old
 Raffle Tickets - 1 for \$5 / 3 for \$10 / 7 for \$20

Calling all Bakers:

We need donations of freshly made, sweet treats for our bake sale! We are no longer in need of bagged cookies for dinner, but would appreciate donations of baked goods to help our bake sale!

WANTED:

Crafters, Gardeners, Sewers, Painters, Woodworkers, Metal workers, and any other Hand Crafted Items that you can donate to Summer Festival 2024 for sale at the Craft Table Sales!



July 2	Landon Stephenson	12
July 4	Chloe Knepper	16
July 7	Falynn Baker	10
July 7	Laina Drabic	14



July 11	JT Parente	16
July 14	Liam Burick	7
July 16	Kami Kinter	16
July 20	Nathan Henry	15
July 27	Kaede Landfried	7
July 27	Lucy Vahey	12
July 28	Joseph Lewandowski	10
July 29	Liliana Gelotte	15
July 29	Thomas Gunther	17



**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

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Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

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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.