

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

July 14, 2024 - The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/15		
Tue. 07/16	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 07/17	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	2:00 p.m.	Jubilee/Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 07/18	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	12:00 p.m.	Visioning Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 07/19	Parish Office Closed	
	6:30 p.m.	Ultreya
Sat. 07/20	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/21	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

We Remember...

Ann Nagosky,
who passed away recently.
Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/15	Is 1:10-17	/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue. 07/16	Is 7:1-9	/ Mt 11:20-24
Wed. 07/17	Is 10:5-7; 13-16	/ Mt 11:25-27
Thur. 07/18	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	/ Mt 11:28-30
Fri. 07/19	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	/ Mt 12:1-8
Sat. 07/20	Mi 2:1-5	/ Mt 12:14-21
Sun. 07/21	Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34	

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. 07/15		- NO MASS -
Tue. 07/16	8:30 a.m.	Rose Cerula (Rose Galeza)
Wed. 07/17	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (Morning Mass Group)
Thur. 07/18	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 07/19	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 07/20	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Family)
Sun. 07/21	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Loren Prichard (Jackie Loftus & Bill & Rick)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

MASS TIME CHANGES

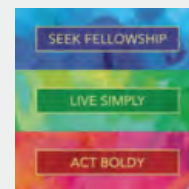
Beginning **August 3rd & 4th**
Weekend Mass times will be as follows:
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father John Muir

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.



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.

Home Health

On occasion, parishioners contact the parish looking for help to care for a sick parent or spouse at home. If you would like to be on a list of names we could give to those inquiries, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Back to School Supplies



The Ella Cochran Food Pantry is collecting back to school supplies. Items suggested are pens, pencils, hi-lighters, markers, single subject notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pocket

folders, and 1 inch binders. Donated items can be placed in boxes identified in the Gathering Space. All donations are appreciated and will be collected through **August 11th**.

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 Grief Support Group meets the **second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**



Religious Ed Registration

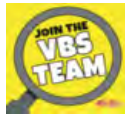


Mark your calendar for the weekend of **August 17-18**. Registration for the coming year of religious education will

take place after both Masses that weekend.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The first "Speak Easy" dance on **August 16th** at Our Lady of Mercy from **7-10 p.m.** sponsored by Ladies of Light. Music will be provided by, "The HighLife". In addition to outstanding music, the atmosphere at OLM will be transformed to a time of yesteryear. An added bonus will be a "speak easy signature drink" available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 per person and are limited to 200 attendees. Tickets will sell fast so you are going to want to get them quick. They can be purchased at OLM office or through Ladies of Light members: Jan Brown, Sharon Kessler, Sandi Matts, Sue McCreary, Beth Tarquinio or Peggy Williams. If you have questions you can ask any committee member or call Peggy at 814-490-5504.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Clara Camillo
 Bowl 1.....Chris Kaschak
 Bowl 2.....Anne Spring
 Cup 1.....Carol Stauffer
 Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Jason R zodkiewicz
 Greeter.....Joyce R zodkiewicz

Sunday, July 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Nancy Mowery
 Lector 2.....Erica Erwin
 Bowl 1.....Pat Marshall
 Bowl 2.....Ken Marshall
 Cup 1.....Brian Meyer
 Cup 2.....Ed Meyer
 Cup 3.....Marlene Meyer
 Cup 4.....Tom Palisin
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
 Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling
 CLW Leader.....Scott Gotham

Sunday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 1.....Steve Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Maureen Brainard
 Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
 Cup 2.....Pat Kosobucki
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Saturday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
 Bowl 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
 Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein
 Cup 1.....Nick Mauro
 Cup 2.....Kathy Mauro
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo
 Greeter.....Christine Stroker

Sunday, July 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Maria Carney
 Lector 2.....Tim Fuhrman
 Bowl 1.....Kathleen Pearson
 Bowl 2.....Donna Schersten
 Cup 1.....Teresa Shamburg
 Cup 2.....John Skuce
 Cup 3.....Gary Smith
 Cup 4.....Mary Beth Smith
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
 Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
 AV Ministry.....Adam Baker
 CLW Leader.....Linda Kaleta

Sunday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Carole Peters
 Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
 Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
 Greeter.....Baileigh Bleil
 Greeter.....Jill Henry

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 and will be available for veneration until 4 p.m., when a farewell will be held.



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**.



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

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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.

