

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
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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 21, 2024 - The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/22	5:00 p.m.	VBS Team Meeting
Tue. 07/23	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 07/24	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo GR Group
Thur. 07/25	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 07/26	Parish Office Closed	
Sat. 07/27	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 07/28		

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of July 14, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	53	\$ 2,630.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 31.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,261.95

We Remember...

Dave Zukowski & Travis Stauffer,
who passed away recently.
Please hold them and their
families in prayer during this
difficult time.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/22	Sg 3:1-4	/ Jn 20:1-18
Tue. 07/23	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	/ Mt 12:46-50
Wed. 07/24	Jer 1:1, 4-10	/ Mt 13:1-9
Thur. 07/25	2 Cor 4:7-15	/ Mt 20:20-28
Fri. 07/26	Jer 3:14-17	/ Mt 13:18-23
Sat. 07/27	Jer 7:1-11	/ Mt 13:24-30
Sun. 07/28	2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15	

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. 07/22	- No MASS -	
Tue. 07/23	8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 07/24	8:30 a.m.	Sam Garwig (Liana Wathen)
Thur. 07/25	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 07/26	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 07/27	6:00 p.m.	Roberta Buckel (Friends of OLM)
Sun. 07/28	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Barb Jones)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

MASS TIME CHANGES

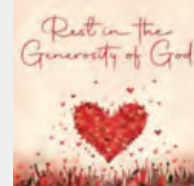
Beginning August 3rd & 4th
Weekend Mass times will be as follows:
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

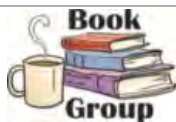
The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.

What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve.
— Father John Muir

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, August 21 @ 7:00**, to discuss 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

Vacation Bible School is next week. If you have not yet registered your child or grandchild, forms can be found on the table in the Gathering Space or on the parish website. 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. Deadline to register is **July 22**. There is no cost.



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.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for our quarterly newsletter "For Mercy's Sake" is **August 4th**. Any article emailed to secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org prior to that date is guaranteed to be featured in our August edition.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Lector.....Bob Cline
 Bowl 1.....Kay Kaeberlein
 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

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

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, Usher 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.

We're on Facebook!

Please join our Liturgical Ministry Facebook group by searching: "OLM Liturgical Ministries".

Upcoming Schedule

Please be on the lookout for the upcoming schedule. When they are complete later this week, you will have a copy sent to your email. It will also be posted on our Facebook group page. Hard copies will be on the table in front of the Parish Office.

Thank You Liturgical Ministers!

We wanted to send out a special "thank you" to our active Liturgical Ministers. We appreciate everything you have done and continue to do for our parish community. Thank you for your ministry to Our Lady of Mercy!



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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.



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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.



NEW
 CHURCH
 OFFICE HOURS



EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY
 Parish Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**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

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2023/2024	Special/Dietary Needs
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: ____ Story Time: ____ Craft: ____ Games: ____ Music: ____

Aide: ____ Kitchen: ____ Set-Up: ____ Other: ____

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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.

