

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

July 28, 2024 - The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 07/29	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tue. 07/30	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
	10:00 a.m.	Angel's in Training SCC
Wed. 07/31	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thur. 08/01	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Fri. 08/02	Parish Office Closed	
	10:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Sat. 08/03	9:00 a.m.	Cursillo Team Meeting
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/04	Casserole Club Drop Off	
	Newsletter Deadline	
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/29	Jer 13:1-11/Jn 11:19-27/Lk 10:38-42
Tue. 07/30	Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43
Wed. 07/31	Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Mt 13:44-46
Thur. 08/01	Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53
Fri. 08/02	Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58
Sat. 08/03	Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Mt 14:1-12
Sun. 08/04	Ex 16:2-15 / Eph 4:17-24/ Jn 6:24-35

Comedy Corner

Why do fish swim in saltwater?
Because pepper water would make them sneeze!



We Remember...

Philip Zmijewski, brother of Ellen Benczkowski, **Bernard Devorak**, brother of Carole Peters &

Wanda Felice, mother of Jim Felice; who passed away recently.

Please hold them and their families in prayer during this difficult time.



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. 07/29		- NO MASS -
Tue. 07/30	8:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (Morning Mass Group)
Wed. 07/31	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 08/01	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri. 08/02	8:30 a.m.	Bernard Devorak (Morning Mass Group)
Sat. 08/03	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 08/04	9:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)

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.

Confession: **Saturday at 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TIME

CHANGES

Beginning with the **2024-2025 school year**

Religious Ed times will be as follows:

Grades 1-2 & 7-9

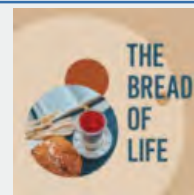
Sunday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6

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

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

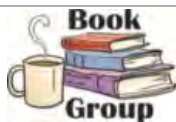
No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, August 21 @ 7:00**, at the home of Rochelle Edwards, 8010 Lewis Rd., to discuss The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore. If you want to read ahead, our September title will be The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon.



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.

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.

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**.



Let's Celebrate!

The Sister Parish Committee is hosting a celebration in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption, the name of our sister parish in Peto. Join us in Sperry Hall after the evening Mass on **Thursday, August, 15**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for a taco bar dinner. Enjoy music, friends and good food in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Mexico. All are welcome. There is no cost.



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.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, August 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
 Bowl 1.....Gerri Extein
 Bowl 2.....Kay Kaeberlein
 Cup 1.....Kathy Maruo
 Cup 2.....Carol Stauffer
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
 Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Saturday, August 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....Colette Landfried
 Bowl 1.....Marilyn Rinke
 Bowl 2.....Angie Matrogran
 Cup 1.....Nick Mauro
 Cup 2.....Kathy Maruo
 Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
 Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
 Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, August 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Carrie Galbreath
 Lector 2.....Sue Haynes
 Bowl 1.....Rachel Still
 Bowl 2.....Karen Sweeney
 Cup 1.....Erica Taccone
 Cup 2.....Nancy Clark
 Cup 3.....Judy Iesue
 Cup 4.....Carole Peters
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong
 Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong
 Greeter.....Paul Sacco
 Greeter.....Patty Sacco
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall
 CLW Leader.....Rachel Still

Sunday, August 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Denise Lewandoski
 Lector 2.....Sue McCreary
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Joann Collins
 Cup 2.....Nick Heise
 Cup 3.....Lorraine Bucklin
 Cup 4.....Rochelle Edwards
 Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Gary Smith
 Greeter.....Mary Beth Smith
 AV Ministry.....Adam Baker
 CLW Leader.....Nancy Mowery

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".



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.



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.

Women Of Light

Flappers and Fellas

Join us for a "Roarin" good time

THE SPEAKEASY

Music by:



Date: Friday, August 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 -10:00 pm

**Location: Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road**

Tickets \$10.00



**Signature Drink
"The Charleston"**

**Tickets (limit 200) available in the office or by
calling Peggy Williams at 814-490-5504**

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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.