

# 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  
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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation  
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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 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

August 4, 2024 - The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

Mon. 08/05		
Tue. 08/06	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Picnic
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 08/07	5:00 p.m.	Cursillo Set-Up
	6:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	GR Group
Thur. 08/08	Cursillo Weekend	
Fri. 08/09	Cursillo Weekend	
	Parish Office Closed	
Sat. 08/10	Cursillo Weekend	
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/11	Cursillo Weekend	

### 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.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 08/05	Jer 28:1-17	/ Mt 14:13-21
Tue. 08/06	Dn 7:9-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10	
Wed. 08/07	Jer 31:1-7	/ Mt 15:21-28
Thur. 08/08	Jer 31:31-34	/ Mt 16:13-23
Fri. 08/09	Na 2:1-3; 3:1-7	/ Mt 16:24-28
Sat. 08/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	/ Jn 12:24-26
Sun. 08/11	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51	

### 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**.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/05		- No Mass -
Tue. 08/06	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (Pat Kosobucki)
Wed. 08/07	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Ray & Barb Alghren)
Thur. 08/08	8:30 a.m.	Chris Plonski (Barb Jones)
Fri. 08/09	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 08/10	4:30 p.m.	Suzanne Seyboldt (Dave & Marilyn Rinke)
Sun. 08/11	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TIME

### CHANGES

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year  
Religious Ed times will be as follows:

**Grades K-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.**

### PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108

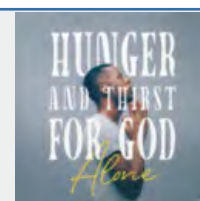
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



## THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

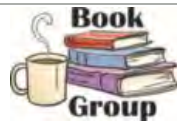
We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 **TODAY August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Any article emailed to [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org) prior to that date is guaranteed to be featured in our August edition.

### We Remember...

**Dorothy Kraus**, mother of Janet Sedelmyer ; who passed away recently.

Please hold her and her family in prayer during this difficult time.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

### 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

### Saturday, August 17th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....Marilyn Rinke  
 Bowl 1.....Gerri Extein  
 Bowl 2.....Kay Kaerberlein  
 Cup 1.....Kathy Mauro  
 Cup 2.....Angie Matrogran  
 Altar Server.....Nick Mauro  
 Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz  
 Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz

### 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

### Sunday, August 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chris Morealli  
 Lector 2.....Chrissy Saber  
 Bowl 1.....Candy Henry  
 Bowl 2.....Ginny Fuhrman  
 Cup 1.....Frank Kaleta  
 Cup 2.....Linda Kaleta  
 Cup 3.....Tim Lynch  
 Cup 4.....Sandi Matts  
 Altar Server.....Madden Inthavong  
 Altar Server.....Makayla Inthavong  
 Greeter.....Mike Chase  
 Greeter.....Jane Chase  
 AV Ministry.....Lisa Spelling  
 CLW Leader.....Carolyn Brigham

### 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.



## Comedy Corner

When do you go at red and stop at green?  
 When you're eating a watermelon!

*A Laugh Is...*  
 A SMILE that BUSTS  
 AN INSTANT VACATION  
 A day ~~not~~ WASTED  
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 the More you LIVE

# 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  
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## Membership Form

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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.

