

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
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy
Nick Heise, Parish Impact Coordinator

Contact Information

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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 18, 2024 - The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 08/19		
Tue. 08/20	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 08/21	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	GR Group
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
Thur. 08/22	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 08/23	Parish Office Closed	
Sat. 08/24	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/25		

MASS TIME CHANGES

Weekend Mass times are now as follows:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, August 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Kay Kaeberlein
Cup 2.....	Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards

Sunday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Rachel Still
Lector 2.....	Karen Sweeney
Bowl 1.....	Geoff McCreary
Bowl 2.....	Brian Meyer
Cup 1.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 2.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 3.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 4.....	Greg Morealli
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Scott Gotham

Saturday, August 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Angie Matrogran
Cup 2.....	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....	Nancy Mowery
Bowl 1.....	Tom Palisin
Bowl 2.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 1.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 2.....	Teresa Shamburg
Cup 3.....	Dan Szczesny
Cup 4.....	Tish Szczesny
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Linda Kaleta

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 11, 2024

Envelopes returned:	59	\$ 2,925.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 170.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,278.95

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**.



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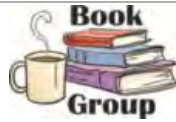


MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 08/19		- NO MASS -
Tue. 08/20	8:30 a.m.	Rev. Robert Schriefer (David & Sue Taccone)
Wed. 08/21	8:30 a.m.	Ron Morris (Family)
Thur. 08/22	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 08/23	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. 08/24	4:30 p.m.	Larry Rogers (Carol Rogers)
Sun. 08/25	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

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

Volunteers are needed to make the coming year of religious education 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.

Religious Ed Registration

Registration for the coming year of religious education will take place after both Masses **this weekend**. All youth intending to participate in formal religious education during the 2024-2025 school year needs to be registered by a parent signature on the forms. If any family is unable to register this weekend, they can stop by the Faith Formation Office during normal working hours beginning Monday, Aug. 19. Every youth needs to be registered annually. For more information about the policies and structure of the religious education ministry, see the article in the current issue of the parish newsletter, For Mercy Sake.



Let's Go Kayaking

Starting **Tuesday Aug 13th through every Tuesday until September 24th from 6-7 p.m.** everyone is invited to join me at Shades Beach to go kayaking, and encounter Christ on the waters of Lake Erie, rain or shine! Please bring your own kayak; no reservation needed simply show up! I'll be waiting at the dock with my kayak.



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**.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00** in the Conference Room. This gathering is

open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no need to commit to further meetings. Whether you attend once or 20 times, whether you are grieving a family member or friend, whether your loss is recent or years old, whether you belong to OLM or another faith tradition, you are welcome.

Baptismal Prep Session

The next Baptismal Prep Session for parents and godparents will be **Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:30**. Parents are asked by the Diocese of Erie to attend a preparation session before scheduling the baptism of their child. Registration is required. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342**.



Needed – Baptismal Prep Session Leader

After many, many years serving the Baptismal Prep Ministry, Vickie and Larry Gilcrist will be stepping down after the October session. These sessions are run twice a year. If you are willing to take over this ministry, please call the Faith Formation Office at **814-899-6132**.



Local Knights of Columbus Sponsors Silver Rose in Honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe

A silver rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at St Gregory Thaumaturgus in North East, PA on **August 21 at 6 p.m.** The program is sponsored by Knights of Columbus to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The journey of the silver rose begins each year in March and ends on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico.





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Friday, September 20th, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 21, 2024
9am - 3:30 pm
(lunch provided)

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Healing Ministry

Those wanting to learn more about the Healing Ministry and training, please call the Parish Office at **814-899-5342** or Sharon Kestler at **814-882-2183**.



Pilgrims of Hope Journeying Toward the Jubilee: A Fall Study



Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year. In the months leading to the opening of the Holy Door, he has called the faithful to a time of prayerful preparation. As part of preparing for the Jubilee Year, Catholics are encouraged to spend time reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. These documents offer an inspiring vision of the Church as they call all of God's people to lives of holy witness and courageous service in building the Reign of God.

This fall, we will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss one of these documents, to let it renew our commitment to the Church and inspire us to live with audeius hope.

Monday, Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 7
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
OLM Conference Room
Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes):

The church must read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel. The church does not exist alongside or apart from the world; the church is part of the world, and its mission is to serve the whole human family in order to make the human race's history more human.

For more information, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Parish Festival 2024 Results

REVENUE	
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,220.07

EXPENSES	
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$12,915.06
TOTAL PROFIT	\$26,305.06

- ### Festival Winners
- Grand Prize #1 - Nick Mauro
 - Second Prize - Brian Meyer
 - Lottery - Maryellen Brennan
 - Restaurant Cards - Carol Perrotto
 - Restaurant Cards - Andrea Maille
 - Wine Basket - Jeff G.
 - Beer Basket - Gerri Extein
 - Limo Service - Patty Lanich
 - Beer Pyramid - June Pomorski
- Congratulations to all of our prize winners!*

Festival 2022 Results	
Income	\$30,418.03
Expenses	\$9,346.33
Profit	\$21,071.70

Festival 2023 Results	
Income	\$33,705.85
Expenses	\$11,878.91
Profit	\$21,823.94

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 793

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.
And I will raise you up...

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.
And I will raise you up...

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927, © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Offertory: # 805
Bread of Life

Communion: I Receive the Living God

Refrain

I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my

heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing

God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses

1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from
3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth, If you
5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing

you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me. You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will

live; You need nev - er fear to die.
me, A rich har - vest you will know.
lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.
heart; And my word will make you free.
main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

D.C.

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Recessional: # 458 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

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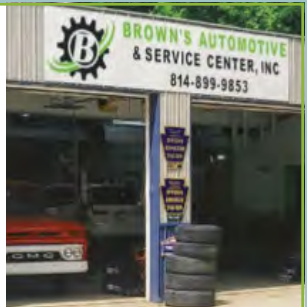
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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

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.

