

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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Website: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org
Daytime Prayer Line (Donna): 814-899-9108
Evening Prayer Line (Gerri): 814-490-9681

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

September 8, 2024 - The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 09/09	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Women of Light
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Tue. 09/10	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 09/11	7:00 p.m.	Environment Committee
	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Anniversary/Jubilee Planning Meeting
Thur. 09/12	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. 09/13	7:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sat. 09/14	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	OLM Campfire
Sun. 09/15	10:30 a.m.	Gr 9 Confirmation Prep
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2

MERCY MEMORIES

At the Pastoral Council meeting on **January 5, 1995**, the council decided to write to Bishop Trautman requesting permission to initiate a renovation process of the parish facilities. Members of the Council at that time were Tim Eisert, Pete Froess, Marilyn Garwig, Sr. Rosemary O'Brien, Kay Ray, Fr. Ritchie, Claudette Terrill, Tom Wuerstle, and Lorie Daugherty.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/09		- NO MASS -
Tue. 09/10	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Ray & Barb Alghren)
Wed. 09/11	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Thur. 09/12	8:30 a.m.	Christopher Kaerberlein
Fri. 09/13	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Sat. 09/14	4:30 p.m.	Ann Nagosky (Terry Miller)
Sun. 09/15	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, September 14th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling

Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Adriana Grosch
Lector 2.....	Nathan Henry
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....	Joann Collins
Cup 3.....	Carole Peters
Cup 4.....	Nick Heise
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery

Saturday, September 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Gerri Extein
Cup 1.....	Sub Needed!
Cup 2.....	Kathy Mauro
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Joann Collins
Lector 2.....	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....	Nancy Clark
Bowl 2.....	Lorraine Bucklin
Cup 1.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 2.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 3.....	Candy Henry
Cup 4.....	Tim Lynch
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Carolyn Brigham

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **September 1, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 4,237.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 103.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,523.95

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. In October we will discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner.



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.

Let's Go Kayaking

Starting **Tuesday Aug 13th through every Tuesday until September 24th from 6-7 p.m.** everyone is invited to join Nick Heise 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! Nick will be waiting at the dock with his kayak.



The Church In The Modern World

As the Church prepares to enter a Jubilee Year in 2025, Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to be renewed by reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A 3-week study on Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) will be held **Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 6** at OLM. This important document called the Church to listen to and to serve the wider world. This is the work of every baptized Catholic, not just the responsibility of professional religious. Sixty years old, this text continues to challenge and inspire. Gatherings will be at both **9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, as long as there is interest in either time slot. For more information, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.

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**.

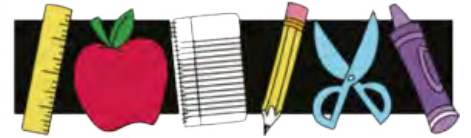


Healing Ministry

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**.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

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

All youth intending to participate in formal religious education during the 2024-2025 school year need to be registered by a parent signature on the forms. If any family was unable to register last 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.

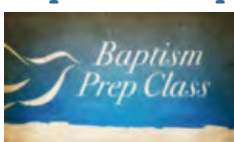
All parents are asked to meet their child inside the building at their classroom each dismissal to ensure safety.

Women of Light

Save the date for our next speaker for women of the light on **September 9th at 6:30** at OLM worship space. The speaker is woman of great faith, Renee Majckrzak. Renee is the Children's pastor for the 3C church on Bartlett Road and a fitness guru at the YMCA. She is dynamic, full of energy and humor. She is going to talk about her journey as a woman of light. You will not be disappointed.



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**.

The gift

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6:00 - 9:00 pm

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

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There is no charge for this course.

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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 *audemus* 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
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Women of Light Present:

Living History:
Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



Tickets
available in
the office.

October 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road
Men and Women - \$10.00
High School Students Free

For Questions call Peggy Williams 814-490-5504

Join us for one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into wealth during America's Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this thoroughly researched and engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American first lady and stateswoman.

Meet us at the Pit Campfire

Rain or Shine

Fun for
all ages!

This is a
BYOB event.



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Sept. 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at **814-824-1195**.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional:

Jesus Christ, By Faith Revealed

1. Je - sus Christ, by faith re-vealed In your gath-ered
 2. Je - sus Christ, by faith re-vealed In the ho - ly
 3. Je - sus Christ, by faith re-vealed With us now in
 4. Je - sus Christ, by faith re-vealed In all deeds of

Church at prayer, In the Spir - it, giv - ing thanks
 Word pro - claimed— Truth en - kind - ling mind and heart,
 sa - cred sign— Cleans - ing wa - ter, heal - ing oil,
 jus - tice done, Mer - cy shown to weak and poor,

For all bless - ings of your care: God-with - us as
 Gos - pel wis - dom here ac - claimed: God-with - us as
 Gift of self in Bread and Wine: God-with - us as
 Wel - come warm with - held from none: God-with - us as

life, we pray, Make your pres - ence known to - day!
 light, we pray, Make your pres - ence known to - day!
 grace, we pray, Make your pres - ence known to - day!
 love, we pray, Make your pres - ence known to - day!

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Open My Eyes

Communion: **We Remember** (next page...)

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,

and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;

and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come

in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we

cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses

4. See the face of Christ re - vealed In"/>

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls Are
 2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, We
 3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" To
 4. See the face of Christ re - vealed In

year - ing just to touch you and be healed;
 bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
 all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,
 ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side:

Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
 Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
 Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
 Gifts to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

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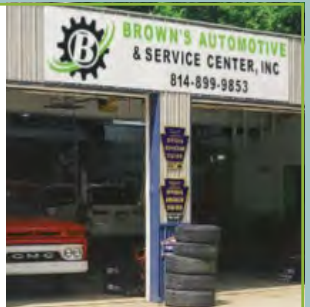
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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

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.

