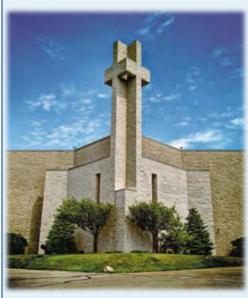
Our Lady of Mercy Church



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

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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

October 13, 2024 - The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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Mon.	10/14	9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION					
		9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC					
		4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC					
		6:30 p.m.	PARISH MISSION					
Tue.	10/15	9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION					
		9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club					
		1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC					
		2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl					
		4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6					
		6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club					
		6:30 p.m.	PARISH MISSION					
Wed.	10/16	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution					
		9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION					
		9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club					
		1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC					
		6:30 p.m.	GR Meeting					
		7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group					
Thur.	10/17	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group					
		9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club					
		4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive					
		6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal					
		6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl					
		6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club					
Fri.	10/18							
Sat.	10/19	-	f the Sick - All Masses					
-		3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance					
Sun.	10/20	-	f the Sick - All Masses					
		10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9					
		10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry					

We Remember...



Ross Owens, who passed away recently. Please hold him, and his family in prayer during this difficult time.

MERCY MEMORIES

On June 30, 1997, Victor King, from Crowner/King Architects was selected as the architect to head the building project.



MASS INTENTIONS

	10/14 10/15	8:30 a.m.
	10/16 10/17 10/18	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.
Sat. Sun.	10/19 10/20	4:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

NO MASS Helen Behringer
(Mary Jane Wiser)

Patsy & Ann Marie Sette Donald Blau (Laura Bender) For the People of OLM Gerri Gallagher (Angels in Training SCC)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Please notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes

Saturday, October 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Clara Camillo						
Bowl 1	Judy lesue						
Altar Server	Nick Mauro						
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz						
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz						
Sunday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m.							
Lector 1	Chrissy Saber						
Lector 2	Chip Shamburg						
Bowl 1							
Bowl 2	Steve Brainard						
Cup 1	Nancy Clark						
Cup 2	Carole Peters						
Cup 3	Joann Collins						
Cup 4	Nick Heise						
Altar Server	Zachery Henry						
Greeter							
Greeter							
AV Ministry	•						
CLW Leader							
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STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

• Fr Matt226	• Kirk216
• Deacon Paul233	• Brandon211
• Katie210	• Sue213
• Irene 214	



A new way to communicate! Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 6, 2024							
Envelopes returned:	68	\$	3,752.00				
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$	3,183.95				
Loose Change:		\$	101.00				
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$	7,036.95				

Comedy Corner

What do farmers wear under their shirts when they're cold? A har-vest.



Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission is here! Join us 6:30 p.m. Sunday thru Tuesday or 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday.



Tricia Hoyt is an internationally recognized storyteller and scripture scholar. Through humor, prayer, story and powerful insights, she will challenge us to be renewed in spirit to live with gospel courage.

Trunk or Treat

Our Lady of Mercy is planning a Trunk or Treat event for all on **Saturday October 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30**

p.m. Find your best costume, bring some yummy candy, decorate your trunks and have a spooktacular afternoon with family and friends. If the weather doesn't cooperate, no need to panic! We will move into the gym. This event is free and all are welcome! NEW THIS YEAR: We are only asking that you RSVP and let us know if you are planning on Trunking! RSVP on our Facebook event page, at the display in the Gathering Space, or by calling the Parish Office at **814-899-5342**. This event depends on the community to show up, so let's show our OLM and Halloween spirit and enjoy this afternoon together!

Vatican II Study

Our reflection on the documents of the Second Vatican Council will continue on **Monday, Oct. 21 at 9:00 a.m.** as we turn our attention to *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.



This is the document that gave rise to the changes in the Mass that most Catholics associate with Vatican II. You do not have to have been part of the reflection on *Gaudium et Spes* to join us for this discussion. All are welcome.



Celebrating the Day of the Dead

Once again, the Sister Parish committee invites you to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones who have gone to their heavenly home. United with our sister parish in Peto, Mexico, we will set

up a Day of the Dead altar in the Gathering Space to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are now among the Communion of Saints. They may no longer share our earthly home, but we remain connected in affection and memory. <u>Pictures and</u> <u>mementos can be brought in the weekend of **Oct. 26**-<u>27</u> and placed on the altar. You are asked to reclaim your items the weekend of **Nov. 9-10**.</u>

Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 North Woods Dr, @ 7:00 to discuss Long Island Compromise by

Group

Taffy Brodesser-Akner. Our November title will be <u>The</u> <u>God of the Woods</u> by Liz Moor.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept. 30 was **Rosalie Gilchrist, grade 1**, who knew that Jesus gave his followers the Our Father to pray.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:00**. 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.

The Groove Is Back!

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on **Friday, November 8 in our gym from 7 to 11 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale



after Mass and will be available in the Parish Office, **Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ticket price is still only \$15 per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.

Save the Date



The next Discover the Woman event will be held on **November 6 at 6:30 p.m**. This event's presenter will be our very own Mary-Ellen Madigan.

To All Men of the Parish

The Men's Night Out Committee would like to invite all men of the parish to our next Men's Night Out Event. It will be held **Wednesday October 30th starting at 6:00 p.m.** with dinner followed at **7:00** with a talk by Chuck "Boo" Hagerty. Boo, as he likes to be called, is



"Boo" Hagerty. Boo, as he likes to be called, is a lifelong Erie resident and is currently the President of the Hamot Health Foundation. His talk will focus on his commitment to the betterment of health in the Erie area and the faith that motivates him to accomplish that mission. Reservations may be made by contacting Tim Fuhrman at **814-873-5632** or <u>knoyle@yahoo.com</u>, Phil Legler at **814-464-7293** or <u>legler.phil@gmail.com</u> or the Parish Office at **814-899-5342**

secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish offers "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" video series

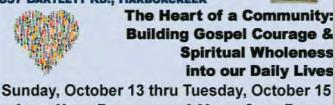


St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East, is offering a video series entitled "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" on the following dates: Oct. 2, Oct. 9. Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. All events

will begin with supper except for Oct. 23 which will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek, where a special teaching Mass will be led by Father Matt Kujawinski. The video series is presented by Dr. Edward Sri from the "ASCENSION" Publishing Group. There is no fee, and all are welcome!

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837 BARTLETT RD., HARBORCREEK



9 a.m. Mon. - Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sun. - Tues. In these times of confusion, divisions, and even uncertainty and fear, the winds are blowing

for fresh air, for inspiration, for courage and even joy. What better time to treat ourselves to a series of uplifting sessions offered in our parish community by Irish-born storyteller, biblical scholar, and poet Tricia Hoyt?

In Tricia's words, "Taking on the courage of the Gospels and the deep well of spiritual wholeness offered to us through God's wisdom in the ancient sacred texts is mighty work. some might say intimidating and almost too complex! But no, I say it's the perfect opportunity for creativity, poetry, humor, and story to enlighten us with respect to the spiritual depth we need in our families and communities today.

Bringing a heart wide and light to stories old and ever-new, Tricia Hoyt offers three evenings that will enthrall, challenge, and inspire us.

Tricia Hoyt is a biblical scholar, retreat director, leadership trainer, educator, and writer. Originally from Ireland, she resided in France and Peru before moving to the U.S. in 1981. She worked for 30 years as an educator and leadership trainer in Arizona, serving as director of the Diocesan Office of Peace and Justice; director of the School of Biblical Studies at Kino Institute of Theological Studies; and director of the Leadership Wellness Center at the Franciscan Renewal Center. She has traveled frequently across the U.S. and in Europe to offer workshops on biblical storytelling and a spirituality for justice. Tricia holds a MA in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Denver, and completed ten years of doctoral work in Biblical Interpretation at Brite Divinity School (TCU), Fort Worth. She has four adult children and 9 extraordinary grandchildren



For more information, call the parish at 814-899-6132.

Women Of Light Present:

Tickets

available in

the office.

Living History: Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Is Your Child Street Smart?



Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When your street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can "read" people. Teach your child who are strangers - (-anyone they do not know or kind of know- and to never approach a strangers vehicle. Teach to your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help. Places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren't safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they are scared. For more information visit www.kidshealth.org. For additional resources visit

www.eriercd.org/childprotection

Online Giving Changes

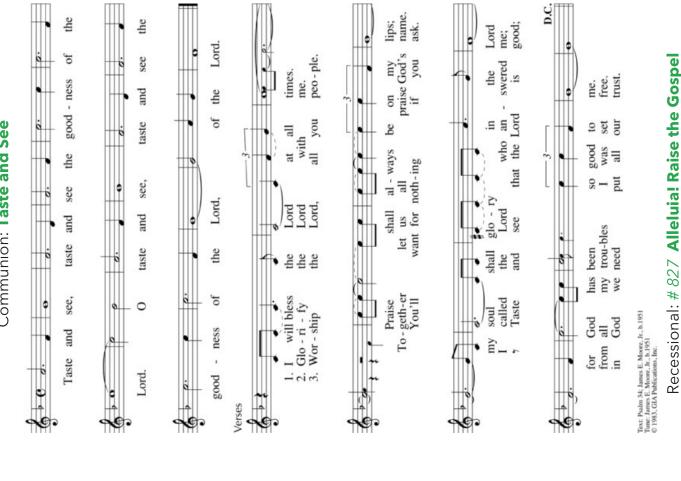
If you are currently giving through our online giving platform, Faith Direct, you will be contacted by our Business Administrator, Sue Berdis, in the coming weeks/months. Due to the rising costs, we have made the decision

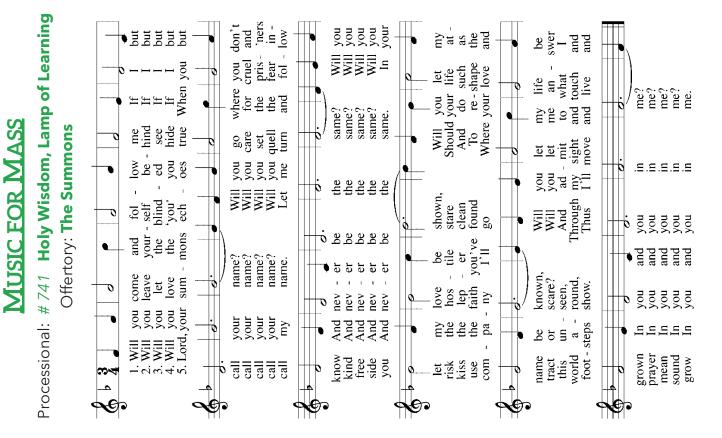




to switch our online giving platform to FlockNote. If not, the staff is ready to help. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.







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