

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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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

November 3, 2024 - The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 11/04	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
Tue. 11/05	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
	4:00 p.m.	Gr. 4-6 Retreat
Wed. 11/06	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation
Thur. 11/07	6:30 p.m.	Discover the Woman
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/08	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Sat. 11/09	7:00 p.m.	Dance with The Groove
Sun. 11/10	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	10:30 a.m.	Gr K-2 Family Faith Event
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr 9
	1:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Mixer

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, November 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, November 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Reagan Andrews
Lector 2.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 1.....	Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....	Tom Palisin
Cup 4.....	John Skuce
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	Rachel Still

MERCY MEMORIES

February 4, 1999 marked the beginning of the construction phase of the building project. On this date, an agreement was signed with Barnhart Builders Inc., the General Contractors for the building project.



We Remember...

In Loving Memory
 Shirley Szyplik, Dorothy Barbarini, Leo Bliley & Tammy Jackson, daughter of Ed Jackson; who passed away recently. Please hold them, and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

Comedy Corner

How do you repair a broken jack-o-lantern?
 Use a pumpkin patch.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/04		- NO MASS -
Tue. 11/05	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (John Abbate)
Wed. 11/06	8:30 a.m.	Ross Owens (The Abbate Family)
Thur. 11/07	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri. 11/08	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Sat. 11/09	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 11/10	9:30 a.m.	Leo Ignasiak (Susan Szymecki & Family)

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.

Online Giving



Mass of Remembrance

All are welcome to attend our Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m.** This celebration is a special way to remember our loved ones, especially those who have passed away in the last year. Mass will be followed by a light reception in Sperry Hall.



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 20, 2024**

Envelopes returned:	59	\$ 4,870.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 138.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 8,191.95

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 7:00** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss The God of the Woods by Liz Moor. In December we will take a break from reading to view and discuss Cabrini.



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.



Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you are or if you know of a parishioner who is unable to be present for the Sunday Mass due to frail health or limited mobility and who would like the eucharist brought to their house, please call Irene in the parish office at **814-899-6132**. If you are willing to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office.



The Day of the Dead Altar

Thank you to all who added to our altar in the Gathering Space. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the space, please take a moment this weekend to look at the photos and remember those parishioners who are now among the Communion of Saints. We ask everyone to take your items home **NEXT weekend**.



An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Oct. 21 was **Ava Still, grade 2**, who knew that we celebrate All Saints Day on Nov. 1.

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.



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**.



Part-time job opportunity

Faith Lutheran Church in Harborcreek is seeking a p/t administrative assistant to join our team. Flexible daytime hours, 12-15 hours/week. Create weekly worship bulletins, update weekly worship leaders' books, create bi-monthly newsletter, answer phone, order altar flowers, update messages on electronic sign, and assist with various other office needs. Must love interacting with people in a professional and caring manner. Must be proficient in MS Word and Publisher. All PA clearances are required. Starting salary: \$13.00-14.00/hour. Application deadline: **November 12, 2024**. Apply on Indeed, or submit your resume to faithlepastor@gmail.com.

Help Support the Youth Mission Trip

The Catholic Heart Mission Trip group from OLM and neighboring parishes are holding a raffle for Ubaniaks Meat Market. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or in the Parish Office Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. A \$2 donation will get you 1 ticket, or a \$5 donation will get you 3. The drawing will be held on Saturday November 16. Winner need not be present to win. If you have any questions, please see Nick Heise.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for content submission for our November 2024 Edition of the For Mercy's Sake newsletter is **Wednesday November 6th at 9 a.m. sharp**. Please send all content to Katie in the Parish Office by emailing secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

October Stewardship

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. **Every contribution** helps to ensure that our parish can continue its important work. If you would like to set up online giving, please contact our office for assistance.

	Offertory	YTD Offertory	Budgeted
Electronic Envelopes	\$13,009.90	\$52,911.90	\$61,802.52
Regular Envelopes	\$14,639.00	\$64,329.73	\$57,211.54
Total	\$27,648.90	\$117,241.63	\$119,014.06
Difference			(\$1,772.43)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
A MERRY MERCY
CHRISTMAS**



December 15, 2024
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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**Dance featuring
The Groove** 


**Friday November 8,
7 - 11 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church Gym
837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek**

 Cost is \$15/person and tickets are available to purchase after Mass beginning **October 6th** and in the Parish office Mon.-Thurs. from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. & will be sold at the door the night of the dance.

50-50 Raffle
to benefit projects for Our Lady of Mercy.
**Drawing to be held at the dance
Featuring The Groove**

Discover the Woman Within



"Mary-Ellen Madigan"

**Date: November 6th
Time 6:30 PM**

All women are invited to join us for an evening of inspiration, love and laughter. Light Refreshments to be served following the program.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Offertory: # 704 Bearers of Peace

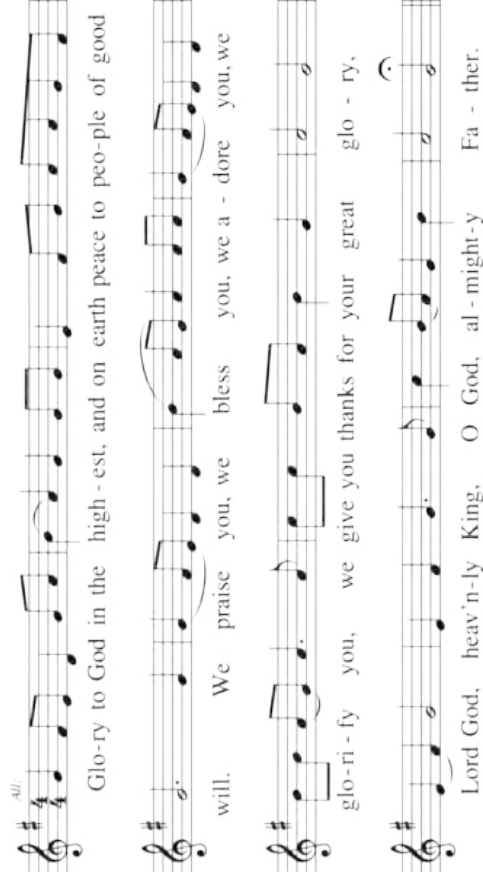
Processional: # 615 For the Fruits of This Creation

Communion: # 785 Behold the Lamb

NEW Gloria: A New Mass for Congregations

Recessional: # 827 Alleluia! Raise the Gospel

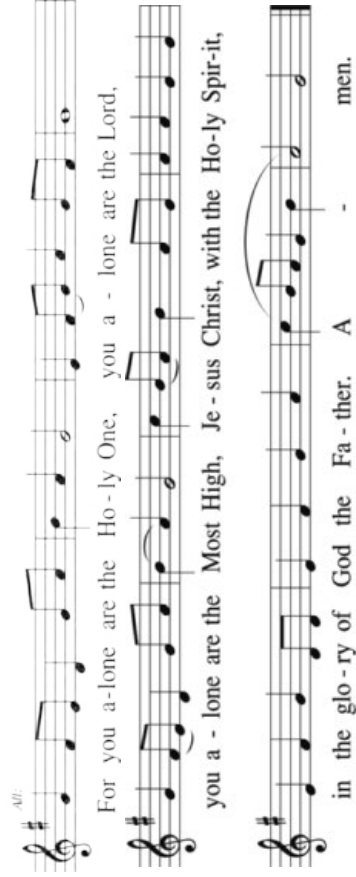
All.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

All.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.



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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.

