

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
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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

December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 12/16	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 12/17	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:30 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
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 12/18	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Welcoming Committee
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Thur. 12/19	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 12/20		
Sat. 12/21	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 12/22	3:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Due to holiday bulletin deadlines, the weekly financial support portion of the bulletin will not be available. If you have questions regarding weekly financial support amounts, please contact the Parish Office.

Comedy Corner

Who is Frosty's favorite aunt?
Aunt Arctica.



We Remember...

Nancy Mowery, & Charlotte Chase,
mother of Mike Chase; who passed away recently.
Please hold them, and their families in prayer during this difficult time.

Loving Memory

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 12/16	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 12/17	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate (John Abbate Family)
Wed. 12/18	8:30 a.m.	Travis Stauffer (Karen Sweeney)
Thur. 12/19	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Carole Peters)
Fri. 12/20	8:30 a.m.	Marlies Finch (Liana Wathen)
Sat. 12/21	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 12/22	9:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)

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, December 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Jim Peters
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

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

Lector 1.....	Chrissy Saber
Lector 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Rachel Still
Cup 2.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 3.....	Erica Taccone
Cup 4.....	Carole Peters
Altar Server.....	Madden Inthavong
Greeter.....	Gary Smith
Greeter.....	Mary Beth Smith
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	Sally Donikowski

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 22nd
3:00 p.m.
at Our Lady of Mercy



Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.



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.



Hearing Impaired Devices Available



For those who have a problem hearing at Mass we have help for you. Hearing receiver units are available that have ear buds that receive a signal directly from a transmitter behind the altar. Speaking voices are clear with adjustable volume control. If you are interested call **Tom**

Palisin at 814-572-5437 or see or call Katie in the office.

Knights In Action

At the last Knights of Columbus Council meeting the Knights voted to make a donation of \$ 1,300 to the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. The food pantry's resources have been stressed recently due to an increase in the needy. This gift is to be used to buy additional food for the pantry and to buy Christmas presents for the children of the food pantry's clients. The Knights also provide support to a needy family at Thanksgiving and another family at Christmas. Proceeds from the recent Groove Dance were used to help fund these efforts.



Bulletin Deadlines



Please be aware that the publisher bulletin deadlines change during the busy holiday season. To assure your content

makes it into the bulletin in a timely manner, please send your announcements to Katie **2 weeks before** the bulletin you want published in is published.

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



Our Lady of Mercy is On Instagram

Our Lady of Mercy is Instagram official! Follow along with us at <https://www.instagram.com/olmchurch814/> or you can simply search: **olmchurch814**. The content shared on our Instagram page will be unique to the app and unlike our other social media posts.

Gift Basket Auction for Faith Formation

Once again the Faith Formation Ministry will be running a gift basket auction in conjunction with the February spaghetti dinner. As you are shopping for Christmas deals, please consider our gift baskets. Donations can be brought to the Faith Formation office. Your generosity is appreciated. Please only donate new items; broken, used or discolored items can not be included in baskets. We do not have any way to store perishable food items.

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**.





MUSIC AT
A MERRY MERCY
CHRISTMAS

December 15
2:00-6:00 PM

2:30 p.m.


Erie Playhouse Show Stoppers

4:00 p.m.

Mercyhurst Prep Show Choir

5:30 p.m.


Our Lady of Mercy Choir



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MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 284 Christ, Circle Round Us (v. 4, 5, 6)

Offertory: # 649 There is a Longing

Communion: # 274 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Recessional: Come and Fill Our Hearts



Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no



You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts
quo - ni - am bo-nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni



with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

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SUNDAY
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15
2:00 - 6:00 PM

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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