

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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Email: info@ourladyofmercychurch.org
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 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 12/23	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 12/24	Christmas Eve	
	Parish Office Closed	
	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
Wed. 12/25	Christmas Day	
	Parish Office Closed	
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
Thur. 12/26	Parish Office Closed	
Fri. 12/27		
Sat. 12/28	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 12/29		

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.

#iGiveCatholic

The staff of Our Lady of Mercy would like to send out a great big **"thank you"** to all who contributed to our Giving Tuesday #iGiveCatholic campaign. Because of our generous givers, we raised over \$6,689.02 to help us close our budget gap. Thank you for your continued support.

Advent Penance Service

TODAY, Sunday,
December 22nd
3:00 p.m. at
OLM



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 12/23	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 12/24	8:30 a.m.	Gerri Gallagher (Angels in Training SCC)
	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
Wed. 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
Thur. 12/26	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 12/27	8:30 a.m.	Geno & Kathy Mazza (Jackie & Bill Loftus)
Sat. 12/28	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 12/29	9:30 a.m.	Joe Gallagher (Kathy Straneva)

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 28th at 4:30 p.m.

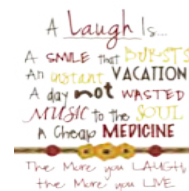
Lector.....	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel

Sunday, December 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Karen Sweeney
Lector 2.....	Rachel Still
Bowl 1.....	Nancy Clark
Bowl 2.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 1.....	Joann Collins
Cup 2.....	Nick Heise
Cup 3.....	Lorraine Bucklin
Cup 4.....	Ginny Fuhrman
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Mike Chase
Greeter.....	Jane Chase
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall

Comedy Corner

What do Santa's helpers learn in school?
The elf-abet!



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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Dec. 10 was **Keade Landfried, grade 1**, who knew that the Church dresses in purple for Advent.

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**.





Our Lady of Mercy Church

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 2

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Refreshments
- Salad
- Italian Bread
- Cookies
- Basket Raffle

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S:

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31
4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1
10:00 a.m.



Our Lady of Mercy Church
Christmas 2024



Thank you for being a part of this
Christmas celebration!
We especially welcome any visitors and guests.
You are always welcome here!

May the light of Christ bless you
this Christmas and always.
Merry Christmas!

- Fr. Matt & the Staff of Our Lady of Mercy

MUSIC FOR MASS

Communion: Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain

Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses

1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark - ness, Lord, a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night, and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends, and day is

to Refrain

1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.
2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.
3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.
4. day, you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.
5. done, then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

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Recessional: # 297 People Look East

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Processional: # 284 Christ, Circle Round Us (v. 5, 6, 7)

Offertory: Come to Us, O God

Refrain

*Come to us, O God. Be the hope with - in our long-ing. Dwell with-in us, O Light of the world: O God-with - us, Em - man - u - el.

Verses

1. Your ra - diant light gives us hope in our dark - ness.
2. Our bro - ken world cries for jus - tice and mer - cy.
3. You join us here at this ta - ble of plen - ty.
4. O Bread of Life, give us strength in our weak - ness.
5. We long for peace, teach us mer - cy and jus - tice.
6. For you a - lone heal the sor - row with - in us.
7. In times of doubt, may we trust in your good - ness.
8. You send us forth to be ser - vants of oth - ers.

to Refrain

1-8. Strength-en us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

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Membership Form

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City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ 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.

