

# 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](http://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

## January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord

## THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

<b>Mon. 01/06</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
<b>Tue. 01/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
<b>Wed. 01/08</b>	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	6:00 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
<b>Thur. 01/09</b>	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo GR
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
<b>Fri. 01/10</b>	7:00 p.m.	Ultreya
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Sat. 01/11</b>	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Sun. 01/12</b>	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 01/12</b>	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 9

### THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, **this podcast is for you.**

In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 01/06</b>	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
<b>Tue. 01/07</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Denny Smith</b> (Janet Smith)
<b>Wed. 01/08</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dr. Loren Prichard</b> (Jackie & Bill Loftus)
<b>Thur. 01/09</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Justin Raydo</b> (Barb Jones)
<b>Fri. 01/10</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Margaret Gross</b> (Family)
<b>Sat. 01/11</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>
<b>Sun. 01/12</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>Tish Szczesny</b> (Terry Miller)

### 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, January 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

#### Sunday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m.

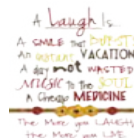
Lector 1.....	Erica Erwin
Lector 2.....	Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....	Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....	Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....	Tom Palisin
Cup 4.....	Kathy Pearson
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....	Colton Wuerstle
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW.....	Scott Gotham

### 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

My New Year's resolution was to drop my bad habits, but no one likes a quitter.



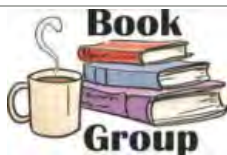
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### Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood to discuss In The Woods: Dublin Murder Squad #1 by Tana French. Want to read ahead? Our February title will be Horse by Geraldine Brooks.



### 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**

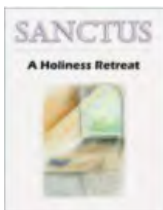
at **814-572-5437** or see or call Katie in the office.

### Got Quilt Squares?

If your family took a quilt square to decorate and hang as part of our Parish Quilt in the worship space, please return the decorated square to the parish office at your earliest convenience.



### Sanctus



Make a New Year's resolution to get in better spiritual shape. Take a day to strengthen your walk with Christ. Make a Sanctus Retreat at OLM on **Saturday, March 1**. There is no cost. Meals are provided. But registration is required and space is limited. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables.

Questions? Contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for content submission for our February 2025 Edition of the For Mercy's Sake newsletter is **Sunday January 19th**. Please send all content to Katie in the Parish Office by emailing [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org)



### Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Dec. 15 was **Charley Turbaczewski, grade 2**, who knew that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

### Theme Basket Auction for Faith Formation

Our spaghetti dinner and theme basket auction is just around the corner. If you received any gifts that you do not want to keep, donate them to our theme baskets.

If you see a post-holiday sale that you can't pass up, give that deal to our fundraiser. We are looking for completed theme baskets, new items to place in baskets and large empty baskets to fill. All donations can be brought to the Faith Formation Office.



### Eucharist to the Homebound



Would you be willing to bring Christ to a member of our parish who is unable to join us due to age or illness? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring the eucharist to the homebound. If you

can assist, contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**.

### Need Communion?

If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the Eucharist to you. Contact Irene at [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132** to let us know of your need.



### 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](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) or **814-899-6132**.



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

Our Lady of Mercy Church

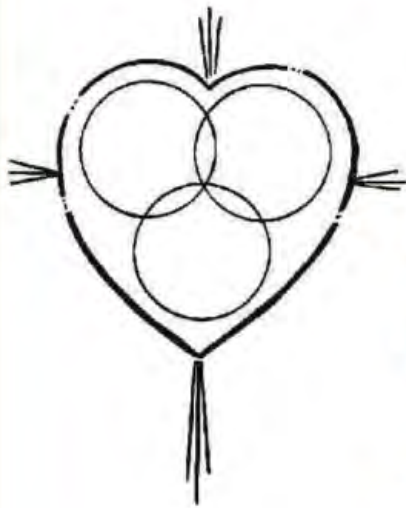
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# SANCTUS

## March 1, 2025



**Retreat! Step back from the hectic pace of life to spend a day with God. Give yourself the gift of time to hear afresh the story of God's great love, to renew your faith and deepen your walk with Christ.**

**Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and renewal.**

**🔔 Meals are provided 🔔 There is no cost 🔔**

***To register, complete the bottom portion of this flier and return it to the RE Office or in the collection basket by Feb. 9.***

Questions? Call Irene @ 814-899-6132  
or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

**Space is limited**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All That Apply**

Female  Male

Married registering w/ Spouse  Married registering alone

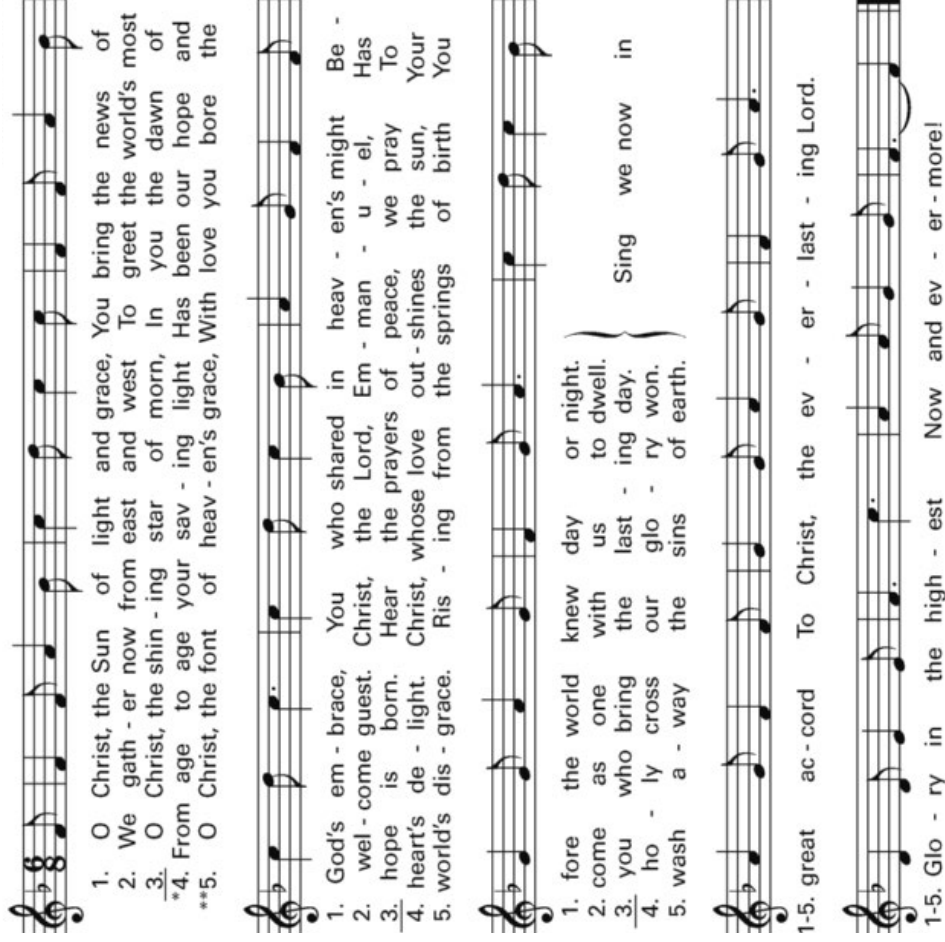
Single  Divorced  Separated  Widowed

Catholic  Non-Catholic



# MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: **O Christ, the Sun of Light**



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 Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1535; arr. adapt. fr. John Stainer, 1840-1901.

Offertory: **#329 We Three Kings**

Communion: **Beyond the Moon and Stars**



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Recessional: **# 328 The First Nowell (vs. 1, 5, 6)**

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*Membership Form*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_\_ Moving out of the Parish

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner

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