

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

July 29, 2018

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, *Pastor*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church.
We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit

ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon. 07/30		
Tue. 07/31	7:30 p.m.	AA
Wed. 08/01	7:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine (SCC)
Thur. 08/02		
Fri. 08/03	1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sat. 08/04	12:00 p.m.	Cursillo Picnic
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 08/05	8:30 & 11:00	Administrative Ministries Celebration
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 07/30	8:30 a.m.	Tim Eisert <i>(Dave & Peggy Jacquel)</i>
Tue. 07/31	8:30 a.m.	-No Mass- <i>(Communion Service)</i>
Wed. 08/01	8:30 a.m.	Ken Whitney <i>(Pfeiffer Family)</i>
Thur. 08/02	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 08/03	8:30 a.m.	Hilbert Jordan <i>(Family)</i>
Sat. 08/04	8:30 a.m.	Edward Tomczak <i>(James Walczak)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	For The People of OLM
Sun. 08/05	8:30 a.m.	Leo Heise <i>(The Heise Family)</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters <i>(Carole Peters)</i>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 07/30	Jer 13:1-11	/ Matthew 13:31-35
Tue. 07/31	Jer 14:17-22	/ Matthew 13:36-43
Wed. 08/01	Jer 15:10, 16-21	/ Matthew 13:44-46
Thur. 08/02	Jer 18:1-6	/ Matthew 13:47-53
Fri. 08/03	Jer 26:1-9	/ Matthew 13:54-58
Sat. 08/04	Jer 26:11-16, 24	/ Matthew 14:1-12
Sun. 08/05	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/	John 6:24-35

Celebrating the Ministries of Our Lady of Mercy

August 4 and 5 we will celebrate the Administrative Ministries. These are the Finance Council, Tech Committee (Digital Communications), Library, Newsletter and Parish Mailings, Office Help, Pastoral Council and Scrip Gift Card Program. On this weekend please wear yellow if you are involved in one of these ministries. The Library Ministry is looking for a new administrator to manage our book collection. See Donna Clark for more information.



Religious Education Registration:

Mark your calendar. Registration for the 2018-2019 religious education program will take place after all masses the weekend of August 11-12. Materials will not be ready prior to that date.

Sunset Beach Mass

Our annual Sunset Beach Mass will be Sunday, Aug. 19 at 7:00 PM on the grounds of Glinodo Conference Center overlooking Lake Erie. Bring your own lawn chair. Fellowship with cookies will follow. Please bring a plate of cookies if you can.

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Jn 6:1-15



The prophet Elisha saw the hungry crowd and commanded his servant to give the people something to eat. But the servant wondered how so many could be filled with such a scanty supply of grain. The prophet set aside these doubts and trusted in God's ability to provide. When the hungry people looked toward God with hope, God's hand opened with gifts for all.

Jesus looked with compassion on all who hungered for God's mercy. Although Jesus was fully able to supply their wants, he turned to his disciples to care for them. When they looked at their meager provisions, they felt hopeless in the face of so great a need. But Jesus saw abundance where they saw scarcity. In his hands there was always enough—and even more.

No matter how weak we think we are or how feeble our efforts seem to be, the Spirit makes it possible to live the super-abundant life we received in baptism. United as one body, we have the power to tend to the needs of all. When this happens, all people will acclaim: "This is God's prophet who has come into the world!"

For Reflection: What can I share for the good of others? Can I arouse hope in a hopeless world?



Social Justice Committee News

Many parishes throughout the country are working on local issues of peace. An example that could resonate in the Erie area comes from a Dallas parish. They have been working on issues of racial and economic justice to bring about peace. Working with other faith institutions in the area, they have built relationships with law enforcement to improve policing, including adding more officers and training them in de-escalation strategies. In addition, they are working to improve access to healthcare, end predatory payday loans and modify the local housing code to improve the unhealthy living environments in many low-income apartments. Locally, there is a peace group sponsored by the Benedictines. Among other things, they sponsor a monthly silent peace walk at various places around the Erie area. The walk is just 30 minutes but provides a time for silent prayer and solidarity for people who are encountering violent situations. Watch the bulletin for news of their next walk.

PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Call **Donna Smicker** at 899-9108
 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Call **Gerri Extein** at 899-6875
 The **Hospital Visitor** for the week is Florence Voelker

Newsletter Mailing Party

We need help preparing the newsletter for mailing. If you can help us fold and stuff envelopes at 9:00 AM Monday, August 5, please let **Irene** know at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 899-6132.

Transitions Support Group This Weekend

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet today Sunday, July 29, 2018, from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. for our annual summer picnic (rain or shine) Visit our website at: www.erieecd.org/transitions.htm for more information. Come as you are; you are always welcome.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **July 22, 2018**

Envelopes sent:	392	
Envelopes returned:	114	\$3,270.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	118	\$3,122.00
Loose Change:		\$143.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$6,535.00

Women's Luncheon

Join us for good food and good conversation. Lunch for women who live alone will be Tuesday, July 31, at 1:00 pm at the Lawrence Park Golf Course. Great fellowship and laughter is part of every lunch. Questions? Call **Donna** in the parish office at 899-5342.

Commemorate 125th Anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral

The public is welcome to participate in free tours of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, on Aug. 4-5. The tours will begin following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and after the 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Refreshments will be provided. The special weekend tour schedule commemorates the 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. We invite the people of the diocese to learn about the history of the cathedral. For more information, contact **Sheila Grove** at 814-450-7932.

Congratulations!

Isla Rose Duda, Daughter of Brian and Megan Duda celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday July 22, 2018** at 11:00 o'clock mass. Welcome to God's team, Isla!



CURSILLO FAMILY PICNIC

Please join in the fun Saturday August 4th 2018 right here at OLM, 12-5 Mass at 6 Chinese auction, music, children's games bounce house, corn hole tourney and more. Food, beer and soda provided. Please bring a dish and a SMILE to share. Please call **Cursillo office** to register at 824-1119

Coming Soon: Story Time at Our Lady of Mercy

Come join us for a time of songs, stories, rhymes and fellowship. We will be meeting every other Wednesday beginning August 8th at 9:30am at the bench area by the classrooms. While geared for children ages 0-5, older siblings are welcome to attend and sing along with us. Hope to see you there!



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Specializing in seniors and disabled, Annette will come to your home. She can do perms, shampoo and sets, haircuts, manicures, coloring and barbering. For more information or to get in touch with Annette please call 814-616-6946. Annette recently moved back to Erie and joined Our Lady of Mercy.

August 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 2	Lucas Ollinger	8
Aug. 4	Kaylee Novosel	17
Aug. 5	Kylie Pinetti	16
Aug. 7	Trevor Nelson	18
Aug. 11	Cora Rozenek	4
Aug. 12	Madison MacGurn	16
Aug. 16	Michael Pepicello	16
Aug. 16	Benjamin McKeel	13
Aug. 16	Noah Hawryliw	16
Aug. 22	Abigail Still	10
Aug. 25	Arthur Thompson	18
Aug. 26	Olivia Stephenson	8
Aug. 26	Seamus Marshall	12
Aug. 27	Kayden McKeel	11
Aug. 28	Brooke Owens	12
Aug. 29	Sergio Hodzic	9
Aug. 29	Anthony Kohut	11
Aug. 31	Anna Ramalho	17



Do You Have a Square on the Parish Quilt?

The Parish Quilt, which hangs in the back of our worship space, was begun in celebration of the Millennium Year 2000. It is a prayer of thanksgiving for all the members of Our Lady of Mercy. As new families join the parish they are encouraged to complete a quilt square. As we get enough squares to complete a quilt square. As we get enough squares to make a row new rows are continually added. Find a blank felt square with instructions on the table in the gathering space. Put a design representing your family on the square and return to the parish office.

Book Group

There is a change of title for our August gathering. All are welcome to join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday Aug. 15 at the home of Claudette Terrill, 6821 East Lake Rd., to discuss The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd. Want to read ahead? Our September book will be Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History Making Race Around the World by Matthew Goodman.

First Eucharist Pictures

Any family who ordered First Eucharist pictures through Maureen Rizzo can pick up your order in the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. The pictures have arrived.

Married, Single Young Adults Welcome to Holy Hour

Married and single young adults are welcome to an evening of Eucharistic Adoration Aug. 24 beginning at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, followed by dinner at 8 p.m. at a local eatery. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and Benediction. Those who attend may come for as much or as little of the evening as their schedules permit.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry is in need of volunteer leaders. If you enjoy working with young children but do not have the time to commitment to a weekly RE class, this ministry may be perfect for you. CLW Leaders conduct the Liturgy of the Word on a child's level: reading the Sunday Scriptures, assisting the children to understand their meaning, leading the young people in a Child's Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 11:00 Sunday Mass. CLW leaders MUST have required clearances. Training is provided. If you can help, contact **Irene** at **899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Catechists Needed

The start of religious education is only 6 weeks away. It is time to begin praying about God's call to become involved in the religious education ministry. For the coming academic year, we need a Jr. High catechist (12:00-1:15 Sunday afternoon), several Confirmation Home Session leaders for Gr. 9 (time of choosing) and a Sunday morning general aide (9:15-10:45). We also need adults willing to supervise Klein students who arrive half an hour prior to the start of class (3:15-3:50 Tuesday afternoon). All volunteers who work with youth must provide current background checks and view an on-line training for child safety. Training for the ministry of catechist will be provided. If you would like more information, contact **Irene Lucas** @ **899-6132**.



August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Mission Co-Op Speaker	30 8:30 AM Mass	31 8:30 AM Communion Service 7:30 PM AA	1 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC)	2 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM Meditation	3 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	4 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 10:00 AM Cursillo Picnic - All Facilities 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
5 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Administrative Ministries Celebration Casserole Club DROP OFF Monthly Food Pantry Collection 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 12:00 PM Gowen - Rental	6 8:30 AM Mass	7 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	8 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM AGIFT Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	9 8:30 AM Mass	10 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	11 Religious Education Registration 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
12 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS Religious Education Registration 11:00 AM Baptism -Stauffer	13 Food Pantry Hall Use 8:30 AM Mass	14 Food Pantry Hall Use 8:30 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA	15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM 8:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM Fruit of the Vine (SCC) 7:00 PM Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM OLM BOOK GROUP	16 8:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Social Justice Committee Mtg	17 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary	18 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
19 8:30 & 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Healing Ministry 7:00 PM Sunset Beach Mass	20 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	21 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Families & Faith Formation Committee 7:00 PM Core Team Mtg. 7:00 PM LFF Mtg. 7:30 PM AA	22 8:30 AM Mass	23 8:30 AM Mass	24 8:30 AM Mass 1:30 PM Legion of Mary 7:00 PM Young Adult Adoration	25 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM AA 4:30 PM Sacrament of Penance 6:00 PM MASS
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