

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

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

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, *Pastor*

Deacon Paul Barko, *Deacon Assistant*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant
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Linda Peters, *Director of Music*

Matthew Clark, *Director of Liturgy*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

Andrea Maille, *Lifelong Faith Formation Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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 6, 2022 - THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/07	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Mailing Party
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 11/08	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3
	4:00 p.m.	Gr. 4-6 Retreat
	6:00 p.m.	New SCC
Wed. 11/09	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 11/10	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/11		
Sat. 11/12	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 11/13	9:30 a.m.	Gr.K-2 & 7-8 Religious Ed
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday CAFE



PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Call **Donna Smicker** at 814-899-9108
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Call **Gerri Extein** at 814-490-9681



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 11/07	Ti 1:1-9	/ Lk 17:1-6
Tue. 11/08	Ti 2:1-14	/ Lk 17:7-10
Wed. 11/09	Ez 47:1-12 / 1 Cor 3:9-17	/ Jn 2:13-22
Thur. 11/10	Phlm 7-12	/ Lk 17:20-25
Fri. 11/11	2 Jn 4-9	/ Lk 17:26-37
Sat. 11/12	3 Jn 5-8	/ Lk 18:1-8
Sun. 11/13	Mal 3:19-20	
	2 Thes 3:7-12	/ Lk 21:5-19

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **October 30, 2022**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	67	\$ 3,214.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,636.95
Loose Change:		\$ 148.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 5,960.55

MASS INTENTION UPDATE

We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 11/07	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Tue. 11/08	8:30 a.m.	Irene Abbate (Jim & Sue Sokolowski)
Wed. 11/09	8:30 a.m.	James Boris (The Extein's)
Thur. 11/10	8:30 a.m.	Robert Liebel (The Liebel Family)
Fri. 11/11	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Sat. 11/12	6:00 p.m.	Bill Spring (Jack Eaglen)
Sun. 11/13	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Lewis Peters (Family)

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 20:27-38

"That the dead will rise..."

Have you ever wondered what we will look like after the resurrection? This came up in conversation recently while looking through a family photo album. Will we be young, old, prime of life? Will there be bad hair days in the hereafter? Horn-rimmed glasses? For that matter, have you ever wondered what we will do for all eternity?

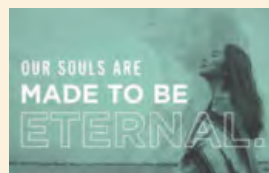
Jesus gives us an answer to these questions when he answers the Sadducees in today's Gospel. They tried to trick him with the question of the seven brothers who all in turn legally married the same woman. Whose wife would she be at the resurrection, they asked? Jesus tells them that the coming age will be different. Those "deemed worthy...can no longer die, for they are like angels."

In other words our human concepts of young, old, prime of life won't matter. Nor will our feeble understanding of time. At the resurrection those "deemed worthy" will exist beyond our human limits of understanding.

In restating the Old Testament promise of resurrection Jesus tells us not to worry about the limitations of this life as we aspire to eternal life.

For Reflection: How can my questions about resurrected life lead me to hope?

Peter Dwyer



Day of the Dead Altar

Thank you to all who brought in items for our Day of the Dead altar. Please claim your pictures and mementos after Mass today. The altar will be taken down on Monday. Any unclaimed items will be placed in the Faith Formation Office.



Harvest Fest

Let's gather to celebrate the blessings of the season. Join your parish family at **noon today** for some soup sampling and time with friends.



Newsletter Mailing Party

Can you help us fold newsletters and stuff envelopes? We will be getting the newsletter ready for the mail at **9:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7**. Contact Irene if you can help ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Book Group

Join us on **November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss Have you Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde. In December, we will watch and discuss Father Stu. For anyone who wants to read ahead, our January title will be Elizabeth Is Missing by Emma Healey.



Sunday Morning CAFÉ

Join us next **Sunday, Nov. 13 from 9:45-10:45** at the Sunday Morning CAFÉ in Sperry Hall. "The Synod: What Did It Reveal and How Will the Church Respond". Bob Cline served as the representative from OLM to the diocese for the synod listening sessions. This is an opportunity to learn what came from the synod listening sessions around the diocese, what was heard in listening sessions in the wider Church and what will come next.



Join the Christmas Choir!

Linda Peters, our music director, would like to invite you to sing at our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. This will be multi-generational! All ages are welcome. Only 4 rehearsals on **11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m.**, in the church. Come and enjoy making music with us! Email Linda at: lpeters001@gmail.com, or call **607-731-5908** and let her know you'll be there!



Mystery Items found in parish closets

We found a few things in the closets when we were cleaning out Fr Ritchie's stuff. If you know anything about these items, please let us know: Silver plated tea pots and tray; a framed poster of the Ten Commandments in German. If you know anything about these items please see Donna Clark.



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Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of October 25 was **Ryleigh Lander, grade 6**, who knew that Nov. 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation.

KofC Supports The Mercy Center



As part of our Community Outreach the OLM Knights of Columbus have joined the efforts of the Knights from St. Luke and Holy Rosary to provide needed OTC supplies for the women at the Mercy Center. We would like your help. Boxes for donations are in the gathering space. The Mercy Center for Women located at 1039 East 27th Street, Erie is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and is committed to enhancing the dignity of each person it serves through the healing of body, mind, and spirit.

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**.



Annual feather party scheduled Nov. 19

The 62nd Annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel feather party will be held on **Nov. 19** at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. The event will run from **5:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Doors open immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass. Admission is free. The evening will feature free refreshments, tips, instant raffles, a wine booth, fruit basket raffles and the opportunity to win your Thanksgiving turkey. The evening will conclude with a cash raffle with three prizes awarded: \$1500, \$250 and \$100. For more information, visit www.OLMC-erie.org or contact the OLMC Parish Office at SBerdis@olmc-erie.org.

Eucharistic Revival at Our Lady of Mercy

What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

What Does The Eucharist Mean to You? Many Catholics were shocked when a national survey revealed that most Catholics have a limited understanding of the Eucharist and a tenuous connection to this central Mystery of our faith. As the Bishops of the U.S. launch a two year Eucharistic Revival, OLM is taking a moment to reflect on what the Eucharist means to each of us. The most significant way to influence others is by sincerely sharing from the heart. Therefore, each of us is invited to make a short 2 to 3 minute video witnessing to what the Eucharist means to each one of us personally. These videos will be posted on the parish Facebook and webpage in October and November. If anyone needs help making the

recording, just visit the parish office and Katie will record you on her phone. Willing to write but not willing to speak on camera? Submit your reflection in writing and a volunteer will record it for you. Feel free to find a format that feels comfortable to you. Interview your child or grandparent about the meaning of the Eucharist in their life, share a meaningful quote, describe a moment when your connection to the Eucharist got you through a painful time or when the Eucharist finally made some sense to you, tell us what you wish your grandchild or other Catholics could feel about the Eucharist. Your approach is as personal as your connection to the Eucharist. There are sign-up lists and instructions in the Gathering Space.

Remember to record your reflection in landscape mode.

Synod News

The national synthesis, a culmination of ten months of intentional listening throughout the church in the U.S., is now available on the diocesan website at:

www.eriercd.org/synodregionIII.html. www.eriercd.org/synodregionIII.html.

For the results from Our Lady of Mercy and the Erie Diocese check on our parish website: www.ourladyofmercychurch.org



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
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Join us
Sunday, November 13
from 9:45-10:45
@ the OLM
CAFÉ

Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment
Bob Cline

Synod Process: Where It's Been and Where It's Going.

Synod come from ancient Greek. It can be translated as "journeying together." While synods have been held since ancient times, the work synodality is very new. It means that the entire People of God assembling together, journeying together, and actively participating in the evangelizing mission of the Church. Last year Pope Francis invited all the faithful to join together to consider how we are journeying together in our pilgrimage of faith. At Our Lady of Mercy all were invited to participate and over fifty parishioners accepted the invitation. At listening sessions of approximately ten people per session the following questions were considered. *What are the ways in which Our Lady of Mercy and the Erie Diocese most successfully bring people together in their faith journey? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a faith community living the Gospel message?* All are invited to come to a comparison of the reports highlighting what common themes run throughout the reports.

Bob Cline served as the parish coordinator for this synod process.



HARVEST FEST

Sunday November 6
at Noon

~Enjoy the blessings of the
season

~Sample homemade
soups

~Spend time with
your parish family



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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.