

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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

February 25, 2024 - The 2nd Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 02/26	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 02/27	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels In Training SCC
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch with the Lord (at HC First Presbyterian)
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr. 3-6
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Open Gym
	5:45 p.m.	VBS Planning Mtg
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Wed. 02/28	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:10 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Pastus Presentation
Thur. 02/29	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Festival Planning Mtg
Fri. 03/01	5:00 p.m.	First Penance Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 03/02	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	First Penance
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 03/03		Casserole Club Drop Off
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 & 9
	9:45 a.m.	First Eucharist Parent Mtg
	12:00 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class
	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 7 & 8 EDGE

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 02/26		- NO MASS -
Tue. 02/27	8:30 a.m.	Jim Wolf (Charlotte Kujawinski)
Wed. 02/28	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Gallagher (Amy Edwards)
	5:30 p.m.	
Thur. 02/29	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri. 03/01	8:30 a.m.	Annie Bool (Family)
Sat. 03/02	6:00 p.m.	Lou Ann Nowosielski (Judith Pentz)
Sun. 03/03	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Mary Lou Osieki)

We Remember...

Kirsten May sister of Lisa Spelling
 & **Ann Spelling**, mother of Lisa Spelling;
 who passed away recently.

Please hold them and their families in prayer during
 this difficult time.

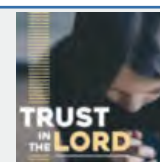
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Memory*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 02/26	Dn 9:4b-10	/ Lk 6:36-38
Tue. 02/27	Is 1:10, 16-20	/ Mt 23:1-12
Wed. 02/28	Jer 18:18-20	/ Mt 20:17-28
Thur. 02/29	Jer 17:5-10	/ Lk 16:19-31
Fri. 03/01	Gn 37:3-4, 12-28	/ Mt 21:33-46
Sat. 03/02	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	/ Lk 15:1-22
Sun. 03/03	Ex 20:1-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25	

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process.

Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir
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Lenten Pastus Series

Our Lenten Pastus series will begin on **Wednesday, Feb. 28**. Be nourished by the Eucharist at **5:30**, by a homemade soup supper at **6:10** and by a presentation at **7:00**. Everyone should feel free to attend only the portion of each evening that fits their schedule and interest. Our first presentation will be by Dr. Robert von Thaden, Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst Univ. The Church of Later Day Saints, commonly known as Mormons, is among the fastest growing religions. Born in New York in the early 19th century, it quickly took hold and spread, capturing the religious imagination and fidelity of countless converts. Dr. von Thaden will explore this piece of U.S. history and help us to understand the young missionaries that ring our bell every year.



First Reconciliation Celebration

You are invited to join our young parishioners as they celebrate their First Reconciliation next **Saturday, March 2 at 1:00**.

Parent Baptismal Prep Session

All families who have welcomed a child into their home or are expecting the arrival of a baby, the next Parent Baptismal Preparation Session at OLM will be held on **March 3 at noon**. The Diocese of Erie asks all parents to attend a preparation session prior to scheduling their child's baptism. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342 by February 29**. There will not be another session held at OLM until the fall. If this date does not work for anyone, feel free to attend a parent session at a neighboring Catholic parish.



Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00** to discuss The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O'Connor.

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.



Women's Cursillo #261



Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a Women's Cursillo **April 5-7th**. If you are interested in making this retreat, please apply online at eriecursillo.org or talk to someone who has made a

Cursillo before. OLM's very own, Kathy Pearson will be the Rector for this Cursillo.

FORMED.ORG

If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 12 was **Oscar Erickson, grade 3**, who knew that we do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent.

Meal Ministry



Our Lady of Mercy has a new ministry to provide meals for families during difficult times. If you know of a parish family who would be blessed by having a home cooked meal arrive at their door, contact Irene at **814-899-6132**.

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry

Help us provide Easter dinner to our Food Pantry neighbors. We have provided "shopping list" that will be available in the Gathering Space on **Saturday, March 2nd**. Please return items by **March 17th**. Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors.



Being the Hands and Feet of Christ



Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Many of our parishioners are limited by age or physical ability to drive to doctor appointments. They need their parish family to be the arms of Christ to help them. We are starting a new ministry at OLM of people willing to be called on if a parishioner needs a ride to a doctor's appointment. If you are willing to be on a list of people we can call on, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or call **814-899-6132**.

Let's Keep The Conversation Going!

Many parishioners from the Diocese of Erie participated in parish-level listening sessions during Phase I of the Synod on Synodality held in the winter of 2021-22. Following the international gathering in Rome last fall, synod organizers now are asking dioceses to cultivate additional dialogue before its planned October 2024 session. The Diocese of Erie is therefore facilitating additional opportunities, open to all, to deepen and broaden their prayerful reflection. Sessions will be held via Zoom in the diocese on **Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m., and Tuesday, March 5 at 12 p.m.** Registration, open to all, is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/47PyuTyARs>. More information about the synodal process and its history in the Diocese of Erie can be found at <https://www.eriecatholic.org/synod.html>.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....Anne Spring
Bowl 2.....Carol Stauffer
Cup 1.....Todd Beckes
Cup 2.....Gerri Extein
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, March 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....Nancy Mowery
Bowl 1.....Brian Meyer
Bowl 2.....Ed Meyer
Cup 1.....Karen Meyer
Cup 2.....Marlene Meyer
Cup 3.....Greg Morealli
Cup 4.....Tom Palisin
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....Marilyn Garwig
AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
Greeter.....Christine Stroker
Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

***If you can not make your scheduled Mass,
please contact another minister to sub for you***

Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf
Bowl 2.....Tom Eckendorf
Cup 1.....Kay Kaerberlein
Cup 2.....Fred Kaerberlein
Altar Server.....Gabby Peters
Greeter.....Joyce Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....Jason Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, March 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Maria Carney
Lector 2.....Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1.....Kathy Pearson
Bowl 2.....Donna Schersten
Cup 1.....Teresa Shamburg
Cup 2.....Chip Shamburg
Cup 3.....John Skuce
Cup 4.....Karen Sweeney
Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....Linda Kaleta
AV Ministry.....Adam Baker

Sunday, March 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....Stacy Heidecker
Bowl 2.....Judy Iesue
Cup 1.....Carole Peters
Cup 2.....Maureen Brainard
Altar Server.....Madden & Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter.....Colton Wuerstle

All are welcome to join a unique S.C.C. hosted by Parish Impact Coordinator, Nick Heise. This S.C.C. meets every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** via Google Meet! Simply scan the QR code to join through your phone or tablet. To join via computer please email youthministerourladyofmercy@gmail.com and you'll receive the link! We look forward to seeing you!



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of February 18, 2024

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	52	\$ 2,820.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
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TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,240.20



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 2	Sage Skarzenski	4
Mar. 5	Sophia Sartori	10

Mar. 7	Claire Stauffer	6
Mar. 6	Bailey Haislip	13
Mar. 11	Alaina Duda	3
Mar. 12	Mila Burick	11
Mar. 15	Zachery Pinetti	14
Mar. 16	Oliver Beckman	10
Mar. 16	Will Lunger	15
Mar. 24	Tyler Bryan	8



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☐ New Parishioner
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