

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

March 17, 2024 - The 5th Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/18	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:00 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue. 03/19	9:30 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
	6:00 p.m.	Lifelong Faith Formation
Wed. 03/20	6:30 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Thur. 03/21	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 03/22	6:00 p.m.	Small Faith Group Training
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 03/23	12:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 03/24	PALM SUNDAY	
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of **March 10, 2024**

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	61	\$ 2,780.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 49.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,239.95

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. 03/18		- NO MASS -
Tue. 03/19	8:30 a.m.	Justin Raydo (Cheryl & Stan Kendzior)
		Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Wed. 03/20	8:30 a.m.	James Wilhelm (Family)
Thur. 03/21	8:30 a.m.	Joe Gallagher (Family)
Fri. 03/22	8:30 a.m.	Suzanne Seyboldt (Dave & Marilyn Rinke)
Sat. 03/23	6:00 p.m.	Louis DeLuca (Rose Marie DeLuca)
Sun. 03/24	8:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM
	11:00 a.m.	

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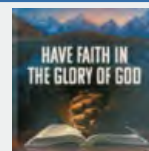
We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 03/18	Dn 13:41-62	/ Jn 8:1-11
Tue. 03/19	2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22/ Lk 2:41-51	
Wed. 03/20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-95	/ Jn 8:31-42
Thur. 03/21	Gn 17:3-9	/ Jn 8:51-59
Fri. 03/22	Jer 20:10-13	/ Jn 10:31-42
Sat. 03/23	Ez 37:21-28	/ Jn 11:45-56
Sun. 03/24	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7	
	Phil 2:6-11	/ Mk 14:1-15:47

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times

— Father John Muir
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Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00** at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 N.

Woods, to discuss The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O'Connor. In April we will discuss The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.



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.

Pilgrimage Through The Symbols of Holy Week



Our annual pilgrimage through the powerful symbols of the Holy Week liturgies will take place on **Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00**. Bring a wine glass and wear comfortable shoes. The event is held inside the church building. For those unable to stand for long periods, seating is available. This event will help you to experience the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter with new eyes and deeper understanding.

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.

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party

St. Marks Seminary Card Party will be held on **April 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Raffle tickets will be available before and after Mass on **Saturday March 9th and Sunday March 10th**. The first prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$300, third and fourth prizes are \$100. Tickets are sold for a \$1 donation or you can purchase 6 tickets for \$5. Need not be present to win.



Confirmation Prayer Pals

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **April 8** with St. Gregory parish. Remember to pray for the young person highlighted in your Prayer Pal booklet. Send her or him a note of support and sign your name. If you were not here the weekend that the booklets were distributed, extra copies can be found on the bulletin tables.

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

Levi Gilchrist, grade 3, as the question winner the week of Feb. 26. He knew that there are 14 stations in the Stations of the Cross.

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of March 4 was **Colette Landfried, grade 5**, who knew that our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

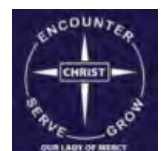
Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Many of our parishioners are limited by age or physical ability to drive to doctor appointments. They need their parish family to be the arms of Christ to help them. We are starting a new ministry at OLM of people willing to be called on if a parishioner 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**.



Everyday Encounters with Christ

Name: Kay

I encountered Christ while sitting on my deck after a difficult day. I relaxed with my husband and we started counting our blessings. A cardinal came close to us and I felt the love of God showing us His love and peace.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Lector.....Bob Cline
 Bowl 1.....Todd Beckes
 Bowl 2.....Gerri Extein
 Cup 1.....Bonnie Eckendorf
 Cup 2.....Tom Eckendorf
 Altar Server.....Colton Catrabone
 Greeter.....Marilyn McDaniel
 Greeter.....Lisa Spelling

Sunday, March 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....Chris Morealli
 Lector 2.....Sue McCreary
 Bowl 1.....Ginny Fuhrman
 Bowl 2.....Amy Garten
 Cup 1.....Candy Henry
 Cup 2.....Geoff McCreary
 Cup 3.....Frank Kaleta
 Cup 4.....Linda Kaleta
 Altar Server.....Kaylyn Still
 Greeter.....Jane Chase
 Greeter.....Mike Chase
 AV Ministry.....Ken Marshall

Sunday, March 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Lector.....Adriana Grosch
 Bowl 1.....Maureen Brainard
 Bowl 2.....Steve Brainard
 Cup 1.....Judy Iesue
 Cup 2.....Carole Peters
 Altar Server.....Zachery Henry
 Greeter.....Jill Henry
 Greeter.....Maureen Rizzo

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

Lectors

please see the Liturgical
 Ministry Table in the
 Gathering Space for
 Holy Week and Easter
 assignments.

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers

please visit the Liturgical
 Ministry Table in the
 Gathering Space to sign up
 for available slots for Holy
 Week and Easter Sunday.

As a Parish Community, We Invite You To Live Out Our Vision

Encountering Christ

We strive to build an environment for you to
 recognize and experience God, feeling his
 profound presence so that you want more. At Our
 Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with
 opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real,
 personal, and intimate way.

Growing in His Love

We at Our Lady of Mercy work to gradually
 become more faithful followers of Christ with lives
 transformed by the Gospel and guided by the
 Holy Spirit. We provide pathways to nurture your
 desire to respond in love and come to know what
 God's desire is for your life.

Serving in His Name

We encourage you to share your experiences
 with God, letting God's love permeate everything
 you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by
 the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we
 seek opportunities to serve those in need.



Eclipse Viewing Events with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie April 7-8, 2024

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Details, schedule, and registration at
eriebenedictines.org/eclipse



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Our Lady of Mercy gathers together to keep Christ at the center of this Lenten season.



Please join us for

Eucharistic Adoration

March 20th at 6 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service

March 20th at 7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Friday, March 29

3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Stations will be at

1:00 p.m.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Saturday, March 30

10:30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30

9:00 p.m.

EASTER LITURGIES

Sunday, March 31

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed
on Good Friday, March 29th
and Easter Monday, April 1st.



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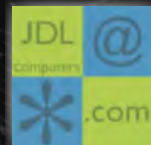
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Membership Form

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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.



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