### THE CHURCH BULLETIN

August 3, 2025 –18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady of Mercy Church

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Confessions: 3:45 p.m.

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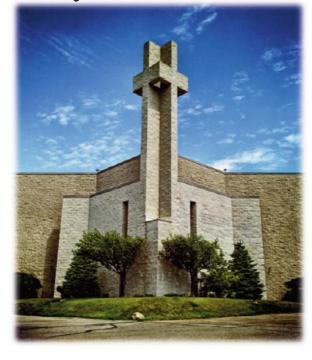
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For a complete calendar of events, please visit: ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

The Week Ahead

Mon. 08/04

Tues. 08/05 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

1:00 p.m. Potter's Clay SCC

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Picnic

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

Wed. 08/06 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

Thurs. 08/07 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club

Fri. 08/08

Sat. 08/09 10:00 a.m. Wood Refinishing

with Nick Heise

10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club

3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

Sun. 08/10



Mass Intentions

Mon. 08/04 8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Tue. 08/05 8:30 a.m. Timothy Rose

(The Kujawinski Family)

Wed. 08/06 8:30 a.m. Dr. Loren Prichard

(Family)

**Thu. 08/07** 8:30 a.m. **Kim Peters** 

(Carole Peters & Family)

Fri. 08/08 8:30 a.m. Chris Plonski

(Barb Jones)

Sat. 08/09 4:30 p.m. Nathan Salada

(Fred & Kay Kaeberlein)

Sun. 08/10 9:30 a.m. For the People of OLM

The Sunday Silly

Why did the shark befriend the dolphin?

Because it wanted more porpoise in its life



from the Office

The deadline for articles for the August edition of our <u>For Mercy's Sake</u> Newsletter is

**TODAY Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please send all articles to Katie at

secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you & notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes.

#### Saturday, August 9th at 4:30 p.m.

LectorGlory PiovarcyBowl 1Rochelle EdwardsAltar ServerNick MauroGreeterJason RzodkiewiczGreeterJoyce Rzodkiewicz

#### Sunday, August 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Erica Erwin
Lector 2	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1	Candy Henry
Bowl 2	Tim Lynch
Cup 1	Pat Marshall
Cup 2	Ken Marshall
Cup 3	Chris Morealli
Cup 4	Greg Morealli
Altar Server	Madden Inthavong
Greeter	Jane Chase
Greeter	Mike Chase
AV Ministry	Adam Baker
CLW	Rachel Still

# The Ins & Outs of Finishing & Restoring Wood

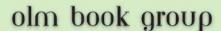
Interested in restoring or refinishing a piece of furniture?! Have you ever wondered if there is a difference between a factory finish and what's on the shelf at a box store?! Join master carpenter, Nick Heise, at 10 a.m. on August 9th in the picnic pavilion to learn the basics and truth about working with one of God's first creations (wood).

## SISTER PARISH CELEBRATION The Sister Parish Committee invites the

parish to a celebration in honor of our sister parish's feast day, the Assumption of Mary. Join us for breakfast tacos **after** the 9:30 Mass on Aug. 17. All are welcome. There is no cost.

# Join a Small Faith Gr

Let the Gospels touch your heart and guide your life. Reflect on the Word of God in an intimate and honest setting of fellow parish members. Small Faith Communities are an opportunity to listen deeply to what God is saying, to gain insights from others and to develop communities of mutual support. SFCs meet at various times at OLM, accommodating every schedule. To get connected and find an SFC best for you, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Join us on August 20 @ 7:00 at the home of Rochelle Edwards, 8010 Lewis to discuss Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. Want to read ahead? Our September title will be James by Percibal Everett.



Through our baptism and confirmation, we have all been called and equipped to proclaim the Good News to others. Catechasts fulfill this commission in a powerful way. If your children are grown, would you consider supporting young families by volunteering to teach religious ed? If you are a parent with a child in the program, would you share the experience with your child? Clearances are required on all religious education volunteers. You do not need to be a trained teacher, just a person who loves God.

The following volunteers are needed for the coming year:

- Kindergarten Sunday morning
- Grade 2/First Reconciliation Sunday morning
  - Grade 5 Tuesday after school
  - Junior High Team Sunday morning
  - We also need a volunteer to supervise a small group of Klein children who arrive 45 minutes before the other schools on Tuesday afternoons.

For more information, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

It's that time of year, time to think about the start of another school year. We will be holding religious ed registration after the weekend Masses Aug. 16 & 17. The policy of the Diocese of Erie is for children to attend a full year of faith formation prior to beginning the preparation for First Reconciliation. Our religious education ministry at OLM begins with Kindergarten.

## End of Summer Family Picnic

Let's gather after Mass on August 24 in the picnic pavilion to celebrate the blessings of another summer. Enjoy a hotdog, play corn hole or other yard games, try to win a gift certificate in a family friendly game of bingo. Please let us know if you are comi<mark>ng by adding your name to the s</mark>ign-up list/ on the easel in the Gathering Space.





# **FEATURED EVENT**

# We are excited to announce that Our Lady of Mercy will take part in

Erie Gives Day on Tuesday, August 12th

This is our first year participating, and it's a wonderful opportunity for our parish to receive donations that are boosted by a matching gift from the Erie Community Foundation. Your support can make a big difference in helping us maintain our ministries, meet rising expenses, and keep our parish budget in the black. Please consider making a gift to Our Lady of Mercy during Erie Gives - and help spread the word to family and friends!

All check donations must now be received no later than Tuesday, August 5—no exceptions.

Checks should be made payable to: The Erie Community Foundation

Each check must be accompanied by an official Check Donation Form

Checks cannot be accepted on August 11 or 12

# SAVE THE DATE

Wood Refinishing with Nick Heise
Sister Parish Breakfast
Family Picnic
Parish Feast Day
Trunk or Treat
KofC Dance w/ The Groove
A Merry Mercy Christmas

## 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 or 814-899-6132.

If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at <a href="mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org">ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org</a> or <a href="mailto:814-899-6132">814-899-6132</a> to let us know of your need.

## From the Diocese

Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments
Diocesan Requirements for working with
children

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

# Music for Mass

Gathering: #768 Gather Your People

Offertory: #655 **These Alone Are Enough** 

Communion: #793 One Bread One Body

Recessional: #827 Alleluia! Raise The Gospel

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of new leaders. If you would be willing to help our young children to hear and reflect on the Word of God during the 9:30 Mass, contact Irene at

ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or

814-899-6132. CLW leaders need state clearances.

Training will be provided.

# 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.





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