

# 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: Saturday	3:45 p.m.

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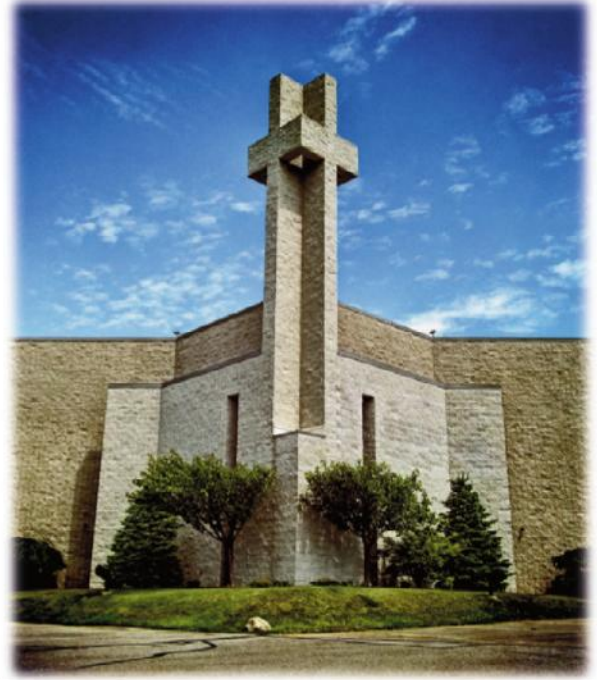
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## The Week Ahead

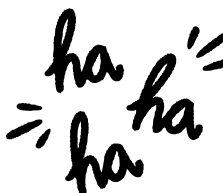
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- Mon. 09/29** 9:00 a.m. Fall Scripture Study  
 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC  
 6:30 p.m. Fall Scripture Study  
 6:30 p.m. Women of Light Event
- Tue. 09/30** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
 1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC  
 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
 4:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6  
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 10/01** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Mtg  
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Thu. 10/02** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
 9:00 a.m. Painting/Crafting Group  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Fri. 10/03**
- Sat. 10/04** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 10/05** **Casserole Club Drop Off**  
 10:30 a.m. Baptismal Prep Class  
 10:30 a.m. Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9  
 10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry



## The Sunday Silly.

What do you call a small pepper  
 in the fall?  
 A little chili.



## Mass Intentions

- Mon. 09/29** 8:30 a.m. NO MASS
- Tue. 09/30** 8:30 a.m. **Carol Perrotto**  
 (Irene & Bob Lindgren)
- Wed. 10/01** 8:30 a.m. **Patsy & Ann Marie Sette**
- Thu. 10/02** 8:30 a.m. **Joanne Fournier**  
 (Craig Fournier)
- Fri. 10/03** 8:30 a.m. **Don McCurdy**  
 (Margaret McCurdy)
- Sat. 10/04** 4:30 p.m. **Leo Heise**  
 (The Heise Family)
- Sun. 10/05** 9:30 a.m. **For the People of OLM**

## 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, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

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| <b>Lector</b>       | Marilyn Rinke     |
| <b>Bowl 1</b>       | Anne Spring       |
| <b>Altar Server</b> | Nick Mauro        |
| <b>Greeter</b>      | Jason Rzodkiewicz |
| <b>Greeter</b>      | Joyce Rzodkiewicz |

### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

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| <b>Lector 1</b>     | Joann Collins    |
| <b>Lector 2</b>     | Maria Carney     |
| <b>Bowl 1</b>       | Steve Brainard   |
| <b>Bowl 2</b>       | Maureen Brainard |
| <b>Cup 1</b>        | Erica Taccone    |
| <b>Cup 2</b>        | Nancy Clark      |
| <b>Cup 3</b>        | Joann Collins    |
| <b>Cup 4</b>        | Carole Peters    |
| <b>Altar Server</b> | Zachery Henry    |
| <b>Greeter</b>      | Paul Sacco       |
| <b>Greeter</b>      | Patty Sacco      |
| <b>AV Ministry</b>  | Lisa Spelling    |
| <b>CLW</b>          | Carolyn Brigham  |



## Women of Light

The speakers for Women of Light event on **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** will be Thasia Anne & Remlee Peck. These amazing women shared their stories in the book, "20 Lives Ignited"-How 20 women over 60 are creating success on their own terms. Their stories of triumph and struggle will help women realize that they are brave enough to make their goals a reality by energizing Faith.

## Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group is open to anyone who is living with the pain of grief. The group meets on the **third Monday of each month at 7:00.** Come once or come every month. Together we can ease one another's burden. The next gathering will be **October 20 @ 7:00 p.m.**

## Attention All Artists & Crafters

Feeling the "hum-drum" of Erie's fall and winter grey atmospheres? Consider coming to Our Lady of Mercy's Sperry Hall on **Thursdays from 9 – 11 a.m.** for hours of bright and upbeat crafting/art activities of your choice!



## Mass of Remembrance

**Saturday, November 8th  
10:00 a.m.**

**Followed by hospitality in Sperry Hall.** The Bereavement Ministry invites all members of Our Lady of Mercy to attend this annual Mass of Remembrance to support the families of our parish who have lost loved ones during the past year. After the Mass, please join us for a social gathering in Sperry Hall sponsored by the members of the Bereavement Meal Ministry.

## Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept 14 was **Luca Burick, grade 5**, who knew that we are in the season of Ordinary Time.



Trunk or Treat is quickly approaching and we want to make it bigger and better than ever before! With the generous help from Julie Hicks, we will offer a "Haunted Picnic Pavilion". For this to work, we need your help. We are actively looking for donations of Halloween decorations, old costumes and of course...volunteers. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Any questions, or interested in volunteering your time? Contact Julie Hicks at **814-397-5683.**

## Month of the Rosary

October is the Month of the Rosary. It also celebrates Mission Sunday. The Sister Parish Committee will offer a gift of a Mission Rosary available in the Gathering Space during the month. We encourage you to take a Rosary and pray for all the people of the world.

## Baptismal Prep Parent Session

All parents desiring the baptism of their child is asked to attend a preparation session. These are held semi-annually at OLM The next session will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 5 immediately after Mass.** Those intending to attend are asked to register by calling the parish office **814-899-5342 no later than noon on Thursday, Oct. 2.**





## FEATURED EVENT

### "Our Lady of Mercy"

By: Mary Ann



Jesus came down to earth,  
and by his majestic birth;  
we now have His Blessed mother  
full of grace;  
just look at her radiant face!  
We honor her today  
in every way;  
as this is her feast day.  
Our Lady of Mercy;  
ask your son Jesus  
to have mercy on us everywhere,  
as we kneel in prayer.  
Mary, you are our ray of hope;  
in this world, helping us to cope.  
And dear Blessed Mother hold us by the hand;  
now, in these pressing times in our dear land.  
It's not easy, but I know we'll make it through;  
knowing we have Jesus and you.  
Our Lady of Mercy, you make our life complete;  
and we'll be true until we kneel at Jesus's feet.

## Celebrating the Day of the Dead

Uniting with our sister parish in Peto, Mexico, Our Lady of Mercy will once again create a Day of the Dead altar to remember our loved ones who await us in Heaven. Everyone is invited to bring in a picture and/or memento of a family member or friend who has died. It does not matter how long ago their death was. Remembrances can be brought and placed on the altar in the Gathering Space the weekend of **Oct.. 25/26**. Items should be reclaimed the weekend of **Nov. 15/16**.



## We're Participating in #iGiveCatholic!

We are excited to announce that Our Lady of Mercy Parish will once again participate in #iGiveCatholic on **Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025**.

This year, our parish goal is to raise funds to enhance the security of our campus, ensuring that all who come to worship, learn, and gather can do so in a safe and welcoming environment.



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Advanced Giving begins in just 57 days — on **Monday, November 17 — and runs through December 1**.



We invite you to join us in prayer and generosity as we prepare for this important campaign. Your support will help us move forward in faith, service, and community.

🙏 Thank you for your continued generosity!

## olm book group

Join us on **October 15 @ 7:00** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin. In November, we will discuss The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters.



## The Groove Is Back!



The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on **Friday, November 7 in our gym from 7 to 11 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale after Mass and will be available in the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket price is still only \$20 per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.

# SAVE THE DATE

Sep 29	Fall Bible Study Begins
Sep 29	Women of Light Event
Oct 5	Parent Baptismal Prep Class
Oct 8	Eucharistic Adoration
Oct 12	Pancake Breakfast
Oct 12	Women of Light - Leslie Goddard presenting Lucille Ball
Oct 17-19	Women's Cursillo Weekend
Oct 25	Trunk or Treat
Nov 6	Blood Drive
Nov 7	KofC Dance w/ The Groove
Nov 8	Mass of Remembrance
Nov 16	Pancake Breakfast
Dec 14	A Merry Mercy Christmas

## Lament: An Opening to Hope Prayer Service

Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Rd., Erie, will host a special prayer service of lament and hope on **Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.** in the monastery chapel. The Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble will take part, helping to express the prayer through movement alongside music, chant and spoken word. Rooted in the Old Testament, the prayer of lament acknowledges the sorrow we experience in a world marked by suffering and injustice and, when shared communally, leads us to renew our hope and trust in God's faithfulness and promise. This service offers all pilgrims of hope an opportunity to lift their voices and hearts together.

# The Feast of *Our Lady of Mercy*

The title of "Our Lady of Mercy" is almost 900 years old. Tradition holds that around the year 1218 AD, both St. Peter Nolasco and King James I of Aragon and Catalonia experienced separate apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary requesting them to establish a religious order entrusted with the responsibility of rescuing the many Christians who were being held captive by the Moorish armies who invaded the Iberian peninsula.

In 1235 AD, the Order of Our Lady of Mercy received papal approval by Pope Gregory IX, and succeeded in liberating thousands of Christian prisoners from captivity. The Order was later able to shift its mission toward education and social work.

Today, the Virgin Mother is honored under the title of "Our Lady of Mercy" throughout the world by countless parishes, schools and hospitals who embrace her as their Patroness.





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