

February 22, 2026 – The 1st Sunday of Lent

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.



OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

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8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Week Ahead

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

- Mon. 02/23** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
4:00 p.m. Fruit of the Vine SCC
- Tue. 02/24** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
9:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl
10:00 a.m. Angels In Training SCC
1:00 p.m. Potters Clay SCC
4:00 p.m. Religious Ed Gr 3-6
6:00 p.m. Sister Parish Committee
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 02/25** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
1:00 p.m. Hallelujah Girls SCC
6:00 p.m. Sanctus Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Thu. 02/26** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
9:00 a.m. Painting/Crafting Group
9:30 a.m. Lenten Scripture Study
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Fri. 02/27** 5:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation Practice
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- Sat. 2/28** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
1:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation
3:45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:30 p.m. Lenten Scripture Study
- Sun. 03/01** Casserole Club Drop Off
10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Gr. K-2 & 7-8
10:30 a.m. 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg
10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
5:45 p.m. Confirmation Practice
& Penance Service

We Remember

Tom Cuba, brother of Carol Stauffer,
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family in your prayers
during this difficult time.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 02/23** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 02/24** 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. 02/25** 8:30 a.m.
- Thu. 02/26** 8:30 a.m. **Mark Slomski**
(Linda & Tom Zagencyk)
- Fri. 02/27** 8:30 a.m. **Burton Fish**
(Canticles of the Son)
- Sat. 02/28** 4:30 p.m. **For the People of OLM**
- Sun. 03/01** 9:30 a.m. **Lou Ann Nowosielski**
(Family)

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, February 28th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Marilyn Rinke
Bowl 1	Jim Peters III
Altar Server	Gabby Peters
Greeter	Lisa Spelling
Greeter	Mo Rizzo

Sunday, March 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Erica Erwin
Lector 2	Tim Fuhrman
Bowl 1	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2	Steve Brainard
Cup 1	Joann Collins
Cup 2	Carole Peters
Cup 3	Ginny Fuhrman
Cup 4	Candy Henry
Altar Server	Madden Inthavong
Greeter	Marilyn Garwig
Greeter	Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry	Ken Marshall
CLW	Sally Donikowski

CSA 2026

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church.

As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support.

Together, In Christ, We Are One.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used to help close the budget gap.



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Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 8 was **Mila Burick, grade 6**, who knew that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. ?

The Amigo Program Needs You

The Amigo Program from the Mission Office of the Diocese of Erie partners parishioners in our diocese with families in Merida. Families hold each other in prayer, exchange letters of friendship and learn about each other's lives. Erie partners are asked to make a monthly monetary donation to assist their family who is struggling to provide for their basic needs. The suggested monthly donation is \$35. For more information, see the brochures and registration forms on the bulletin tables.

olm book group

Join us on **Wednesday, March. 11 @ 6:30**, at the home of Kay Kaeberlein, 190 Kraus dr., to discuss Queens of Crime by Marie Benedict. Our April title will be Theo of Golden by Allen Levi.



The Sunday Silly.

I'm giving up spreadsheets for forty days.
Excel Lent.



Sanctus



The annual Sanctus retreat at OLM will be held **Saturday, March 7**. The event is free and open to all out of high school. Looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life this Lent? Register for Sanctus. Forms can be found on the bulletin tables. Deadline to register is **Feb. 22**.

No Greater Love

Join us for a Lenten study. "No Greater Love" is a biblical journey through the Passion of Christ. Dr. Edward Sri will bring together the events of Holy Week with their Old Testament allusions and current spiritual implications. Each week will begin with a 30 minute video presentation followed by group discussion. The study will be offered twice each week, **9:30 Thursday morning or 5:30 Saturday evening** in the Conference Room. There is no cost, no registration, no obligation to attend every week. Participants can purchase a companion book at Ascension Press, but it is not needed for the study.

Eucharist to the Homebound

If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning, let us bring the eucharist to you. Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132** to let us know of your need.

Invitation to a Small Christian Community

Invitation to a Small Christian Community: Lent is just around the corner. If you are looking for something to enrich your Lenten journey, consider a small faith group. Here is what one parishioner has experienced.

“Our SFG is like a Sisterhood. We meet in the Ritchie Room several times a month. If we need prayer for someone or ourselves, it is only a touch, text, or call away. We have several outreach programs going. Our meetings are enjoyable as we listen to God's Word and pray for others. And hopefully grow in our faith.”

- Marlene Meyer

If you would like more information about joining a small faith group, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org. We have communities to meet a variety of schedules.

Grace Over Uncertainty

Join us on the Fridays of Lent, immediately following the Stations of the Cross, for a brief Lenten reflection exploring Mary's journey of faith amid fear, loss, and uncertainty. Through the Flight into Egypt and the other Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will reflect on how God's grace sustains us when the path forward is unclear. All are welcome to stay and pray.

From the Diocese Child Protection and Creating Safe

Environments- AI-generated Explicit Images

With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim's knowledge. An offender may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-person meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender – but children are most at risk. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service called, “Take It Down,” that can help one remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos of minors. For information visit <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>.

For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

BAPTISMAL PREP SESSION

All parents anticipating the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism with a child is asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to scheduling that event. The next Preparation Session at OLM will be held on **Sunday, March 8 at 10:30** in the Conference Room. Please register no later than **March 5 at noon**. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342**.

Make A Cursillo

Hear Ye Hear Ye...Let the word go out that the 2026 Cursillo season is here!

We will be kicking off the season with a Men's Cursillo #257 right here at Our Lady Of Mercy on the weekend of **March 20 through the 22nd**. And the Ladies Cursillo #266 will be held the weekend of **April 17 through the 19th** again right here at Our Lady Of Mercy. What a wonderful way to prepare your soul for the Easter season! Cursillo which means “little course” is a wonderful 3 day spiritual experience, to help you have a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Cursillo is not only moving spiritually, friendships have been made at Cursillo that last a lifetime, and a good time is always had by all!

Please won't you prayerfully 🙏 “THINK ABOUT IT!” More information and Application's are online at eriecursillo.org or you can call parishioners **Tim Lynch at 814-392-2365** or **Norma Lynch at 814-340-1814** and they will be more than happy to help you! As we say in Cursillo DeColores! 🌈 All the colors of the world to you! 🌈

Make A Cursillo

Music for Mass

Gathering: Led By the Spirit - # 351

Offertory: Tree of Life

Communion Remember Your Love - # 533

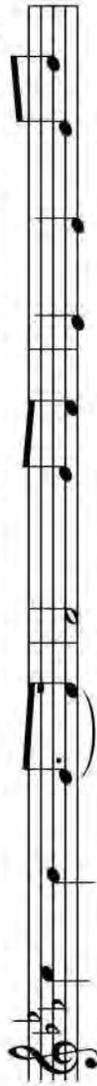
Recessional: Hosea - # 529

REFRAIN

All



Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch-es hold-ing



fast to the vine. Pa-tient Keep - er, draw us



to your ten-der mer - cy, Tree of Life.

VERSES

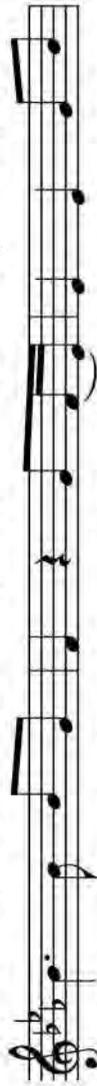
Cantor



1. We re - mem - ber we are mor - tal, breath of

2. We are sin - ful, we are pride - ful. We have

3. As we trav - el on our jour - ney take our



1. God but of the earth. Through the des - ert we must

2. all - gone a - stray. Deep with - in us we are

3. hearts and make them new. Je - sus walked this road be -

To Refrain



1. trav - el, tast - ing hun - ger, know-ing thirst.

2. need - ful of a clean heart day by day.

3. fore - us as our God, but hu - man, too.

Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,

Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him

in the discernment of our new bishop.

May the one chosen have the strength

to be a compassionate leader,

who models humility and joy.

Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,

the courage of the apostles,

and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie

that he is called to serve.

May we welcome him with open hearts

and work with him in a spirit of synodality,

called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,

St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,

and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,

may we journey the path of life

with an unwavering focus

on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



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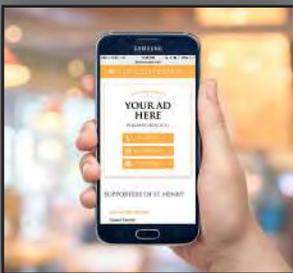


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