March 1, 2026 —The 2nd 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.

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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.	**03/02**	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
		5:30 p.m.	Wild Hope SCC
		6:00 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
		6:30 p.m.	Fireside Chatters SCC
Tue.	**03/03**	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
		9:15 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
		1:00 p.m.	Potters Clay SCC
		4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
		6:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation
		6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Wed.	**03/04**	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
		6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
		6:00 p.m.	**Lenten Soup Supper**
		6:30 p.m.	**Lenten Speaker Series**
Thu.	**03/05**	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
		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Liturgy at St. James
Fri.	**03/06**	**7:00 p.m.**	**Stations of the Cross**
Sat.	**03/07**	8:00 a.m.	Sanctus Retreat
		8:00 a.m.	Cursillo Team Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
		3:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance
		5:30 p.m.	**Lenten Scripture Study**
Sun.	**03/08**	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Gr. K-2
		10:30 a.m.	Baptismal Prep Class

We Remember

Steve Smicker,
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	**03/02**	8:30 a.m.	**NO MASS**
Tue.	**03/03**	8:30 a.m.	**Richard Liebel** (John Abbate)
Wed.	**03/04**	8:30 a.m.	**Ray & John Simpson** (The Simpson Family)
Thu.	**03/05**	8:30 a.m.	
Fri.	**03/06**	8:30 a.m.	**Randy Martin** (Mary & Chuck Guzowski)
Sat.	**03/07**	4:30 p.m.	**Fran Hatheway** (The Merry Widows)
Sun.	**03/08**	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, March 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1	Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server	Bill Matrogran
Greeter	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Adriana Grosch
Lector 2	Nathan Henry
Bowl 1	Pat Marshall
Bowl 2	Ken Marshall
Cup 1	Brian Meyer
Cup 2	Ed Meyer
Cup 3	Karen Meyer
Cup 4	Marlene Meyer
Altar Server	Zachery Henry
Greeter	Jill Henry
Greeter	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry	Lisa Spelling
CLW	Carolyn Brigham

CSA 2026

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our current pledge amount is $48,000. Our assessment is $60,187. Meaning we are currently $12,000 below our assessment. 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.

Diocese of Erie 2026 Catholic Services Appeal

Confirmation Liturgy

Our parish community is invited to attend the Confirmation Liturgy at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday March 5th at St. James Roman Catholic Church.** Our Lady of Mercy has 8 candidates that will celebrate this special sacrament at this liturgy. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 15 was **Patrick Cillessen, grade 3**, who knew that we don't eat meat on Fridays during Lent.

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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday, March 4, will begin our annual Lenten Pastus series. We will gather at **6:00** for prayer and soup supper, followed by a speaker at **6:30**. This year our speakers will share their experience of the unfolding Kingdom of God in settings that most of us may not have been part of.

Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB, lived and taught in Tanzania for several years As part of the seminary faculty, she experienced the universality of the Catholic Church. She has returned multiple times to introduce others to the beauty of the Tanzanian people and Church.

On her most recent trip, her group worked to give a village clean water.

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.

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.

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.

Invitation to a Small Christian Community

Lent is beginning. If you are looking for something to enrich your Lenten journey, consider a small faith group. Here is what someone has experienced.
"My Small Christian Community helps me stay grounded in my Catholic faith through scripture reading and sharing what it means to each of us. Through our outreach to the Warming Shelter and Mercy Center for Women we spread our love out into our community." -Peggy Jacquel
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.

The Sunday Silly

I'm giving up negativity for Lent.
We'll see how long that lasts.

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.

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 then 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: **We Remember**

Offertory: **Christ Before Us** - # 640
Communion: **Transfigure Us, O Lord** - # 726
Recessional: **From Ashes to the Living Font**

1. From ashes to the living font
   your Church must journey, Lord,
   baptized in grace, in grace renewed
   by your most holy word.

2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity
   your voice speaks deep within,
   returning us to ways of truth
   and turning us from sin.

3. From desert to the mountaintop
   in Christ our way we see,
   so, tempered by temptation's might
   we might transfigured be.

4. From ashes to the living font
   your Church must journey still,
   through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
   in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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