

March 8, 2026 – The 3rd 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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## The Week Ahead

For a complete calendar of events, please visit:  
[ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar](http://ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar)

- Mon. 03/09** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC  
1:00 p.m. Sophia's Circle SCC  
4:00 p.m. Fruit of the Vine SCC
- Tue. 03/10** 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  
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- Wed. 03/11** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
**6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration**  
6:30 p.m. OLM Book Group  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
- Thu. 03/12** 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. 03/13** **7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**
- Sat. 03/14** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club  
3:45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance  
**5:30 p.m. Lenten Scripture Study**
- Sun. 03/15** 10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry  
11:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Gr. K-2  
11:00 a.m. Gr. 7 & 8 Retreat

## We Remember

**Suzanne Selleny,**

who passed away recently.

Please hold her and her family in your prayers  
during this difficult time.

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. 03/09** 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
- Tue. 03/10** 8:30 a.m. **Tom Cuba**  
(The Stauffer Family)
- Wed. 03/11** 8:30 a.m. **John Hromyak**  
(The Kujawinski Family)
- Thu. 03/12** 8:30 a.m. **Dr. Loren Prichard**  
(Family)
- Fri. 03/13** 8:30 a.m. **Analida Braeger**  
(Tom Braeger)
- Sat. 03/14** 4:30 p.m. **For the People of OLM**
- Sun. 03/15** 9:30 a.m. **Carol Perrotto**  
(Bob & Kathy Thomas)

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

<b>Lector</b>	Clara Camillo
<b>Bowl 1</b>	Bonnie Eckendorf
<b>Altar Server</b>	Rochelle Edwards
<b>Greeter</b>	Lisa Spelling
<b>Greeter</b>	Rochelle Edwards

### Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.


<b>Lector 1</b>	Denise Lewandoski
<b>Lector 2</b>	Chris Morealli
<b>Bowl 1</b>	Greg Morealli
<b>Bowl 2</b>	Chris Morealli
<b>Cup 1</b>	Tom Palisin
<b>Cup 2</b>	Kathy Pearson
<b>Cup 3</b>	Chip Shamburg
<b>Cup 4</b>	Donna Schersten
<b>Altar Server</b>	Kaylyn Still
<b>Greeter</b>	Paul Sacco
<b>Greeter</b>	Patty Sacco
<b>AV Ministry</b>	Ken Marshall
<b>CLW</b>	Scott Gotham

# 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.



## Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 22 was **Miles Lewandoski, grade 1**, who knew that we think about our sins when we examine our conscience. 

## olm book group

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



## 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.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

**Wednesday, March 18**, will continue 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. Kathleen McCarthy, OSB, was a member of the L'Arch Community for decades. Christ was revealed to her in profound ways through those who live with intellectual disabilities. Her sisters and brothers in the L'Arch Community taught her to grow in holiness.*

## Holy Spirit Filled

# HEALING MASS

**MARCH 10TH - 6:15PM**

Main Celebrant: Father Chris Singer

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Worship by Harmony's House at 6:15 - Mass at 6:30

## 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.



## Invitation to a Small Christian Community

Spring brings the promise of new life. If you are looking for some new life in your relationship with God, consider a small Christian Community. Here is what one person has experienced as part of a SCC.

Here is what someone has experienced.

“When my husband died in 2016 I joined Potter's Clay. I was in shock from my husband's sudden and tragic death. I was lost. They saved me and helped me find a new life for myself without my beloved husband. The ladies of Potter's Clay became treasured friends and like a family to me. We became Sisters in Christ. They lift me up. Thank you my Sisters in Christ! Love you all!” Janet Smith  
If you would like more information about joining a small faith group, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org). We have communities to meet a variety of schedules.

## The Sunday Silly.

For Lent this year...  
I'm just giving up.

ha ha  
ha ha

## 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.

## Daily Easter Reflections



The Family Faith Formation Committee will be publishing a daily thought for the Season of Easter. Each day a verse from Scripture and a related activity for the family will be sent by text or email through FlockNote.

If you would like to receive these daily thoughts, you can sign up on your FlockNote account or use the QR code here.

## 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 **TODAY Sunday, March 8 at 10:30** in the Conference Room.

## Make A Cursillo

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](http://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! 🌈

# Music for Mass

Gathering: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy - # 712

Offertory: As the Deer

**Refrain**

As the deer yearns for wa - ter, so have I longed for you,  
 on - ly in you, the liv - ing God, rest - ing my whole life through.

**Verses**

1. Thirst - ing for you, my God. Know - ing your truth with -
2. Tears have be - come my bread, tears ev - ery night and
3. Why so cast down, my soul? Why do you groan with -
4. Ev - ery new day you send me all your lov - ing

to Refrain

1. in me. When can I see you as you are, God of my life?
2. morn - ing. Ques - tion - ing voic - es all day long: Where is your God?
3. in me? Hope in God and praise him still, Sav - ior and God.
4. kind - ness. Through ev - ery night I sing your praise, God of my life!

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Communion: Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6: 51-58, by Robert J. Buassaint, b. 1942, and the Tuizé Community  
 Tune: Jacques Bernhiser, 1973-1991  
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Recessional: Led By the Spirit (vs. 1, 3, 4) - # 351





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