

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



VISION STATEMENT

Encountering Christ,
Growing in His love,
Serving in His name.

Discipleship Pathway

Listening to our hearts, we respond to the Lord's invitation to journey together on the path of discipleship.



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Creator,
as advocate whom the Father sent,
fall afresh with the sparks of faith
on this community.

Ignite our hearts to give bold witness of your love;
creating a culture of belonging.

Open our eyes to the present,
enable us to see your vision for our future;
showing us the way to go.

Give us the wisdom to wait for you
as we trust you to teach us and guide us.

May we be filled with passion and desire
to intentionally and eagerly journey
the path you have laid out for us.

Amen

October 13, 2024 - The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 10/14	9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION
	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
	6:30 p.m.	PARISH MISSION
Tue. 10/15	9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION
	9:30 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. 10/16	6:30 p.m.	PARISH MISSION
	8:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	9:00 a.m.	PARISH MISSION
	9:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	Sophia's Circle SCC
	6:30 p.m.	GR Meeting
Thur. 10/17	7:00 p.m.	OLM Book Group
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	9:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 10/18		
Sat. 10/19		Anointing of the Sick - All Masses
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/20		Anointing of the Sick - All Masses
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

We Remember...

Ross Owens, who passed away recently. Please hold him, and his family in prayer during this difficult time.



MERCY MEMORIES

On June 30, 1997, Victor King, from Crowner/King Architects was selected as the architect to head the building project.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/14		- NO MASS -
Tue. 10/15	8:30 a.m.	Helen Behringer (Mary Jane Wiser)
Wed. 10/16	8:30 a.m.	
Thur. 10/17	8:30 a.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Fri. 10/18	8:30 a.m.	Donald Blau (Laura Bender)
Sat. 10/19	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 10/20	9:30 a.m.	Gerri Gallagher (Angels in Training SCC)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you

Please notify the Parish Office of any schedule changes

Saturday, October 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Jason Rzodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce Rzodkiewicz

Sunday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Chrissy Saber
Lector 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Nancy Clark
Cup 2.....	Carole Peters
Cup 3.....	Joann Collins
Cup 4.....	Nick Heise
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Gary Smith
Greeter.....	Mary Beth Smith
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery

STAFF EXTENSION NUMBERS

Our new phone system allows someone to dial the staff extension directly if you get our recorded message. Here is the staff directory:

- Fr Matt.....226
- Deacon Paul.....233
- Katie.....210
- Irene.....214
- Kirk.....216
- Brandon.....211
- Sue.....213



A new way to communicate!

Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 6, 2024

Envelopes returned:	68	\$ 3,752.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 101.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 7,036.95

Comedy Corner

What do farmers wear under their shirts when they're cold? A har-vest.



Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission is here! Join us
**6:30 p.m. Sunday thru Tuesday or
9:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday.**



Tricia Hoyt is an internationally recognized storyteller and scripture scholar. Through humor, prayer, story and powerful insights, she will challenge us to be renewed in spirit to live with gospel courage.

Trunk or Treat



Our Lady of Mercy is planning a Trunk or Treat event for all on **Saturday October 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30**

p.m. Find your best costume, bring some yummy candy, decorate your trunks and have a spooktacular afternoon with family and friends. If the weather doesn't cooperate, no need to panic! We will move into the gym. This event is free and all are welcome! **NEW THIS YEAR:** We are only asking that you RSVP and let us know if you are planning on Trunking! RSVP on our Facebook event page, at the display in the Gathering Space, or by calling the Parish Office at **814-899-5342**. This event depends on the community to show up, so let's show our OLM and Halloween spirit and enjoy this afternoon together!

Vatican II Study

Our reflection on the documents of the Second Vatican Council will continue on **Monday, Oct. 21 at 9:00 a.m.** as we turn our attention to *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This is the document that gave rise to the changes in the Mass that most Catholics associate with Vatican II. You do not have to have been part of the reflection on *Gaudium et Spes* to join us for this discussion. All are welcome.



Celebrating the Day of the Dead



Once again, the Sister Parish committee invites you to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones who have gone to their heavenly home. United with our sister parish in Peto, Mexico, we will set up a Day of the Dead altar in the Gathering Space to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are now among the Communion of Saints. They may no longer share our earthly home, but we remain connected in affection and memory. Pictures and mementos can be brought in the weekend of Oct. 26-27 and placed on the altar. You are asked to reclaim your items the weekend of Nov. 9-10.

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 16** at the home of Donna Huff, 4517 North Woods Dr, @ **7:00** to discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner. Our November title will be The God of the Woods by Liz Moor.



Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Sept. 30 was **Rosalie Gilchrist, grade 1**, who knew that Jesus gave his followers the Our Father to pray.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:00**. This gathering is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no need to commit to further meetings. Whether you attend once or 20 times, whether you are grieving a family member or friend, whether your loss is recent or years old, whether you belong to OLM or another faith tradition, you are welcome.

The Groove Is Back!

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a dance featuring Erie's most popular band, "The Groove" on **Friday, November 8 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 \$15 per person. The dance has been a sell out in the past, so get your tickets early. Capacity is limited.



Save the Date



The next Discover the Woman event will be held on **November 6 at 6:30 p.m.** This event's presenter will be our very own Mary-ellen Madigan.

To All Men of the Parish

The Men's Night Out Committee would like to invite all men of the parish to our next Men's Night Out Event. It will be held **Wednesday October 30th starting at 6:00 p.m.** with dinner followed at **7:00** with a talk by Chuck "Boo" Hagerty. Boo, as he likes to be called, is a lifelong Erie resident and is currently the President of the Hamot Health Foundation. His talk will focus on his commitment to the betterment of health in the Erie area and the faith that motivates him to accomplish that mission. Reservations may be made by contacting Tim Fuhrman at **814-873-5632** or knoyle@yahoo.com, Phil Legler at **814-464-7293** or legler.phil@gmail.com or the Parish Office at **814-899-5342** secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org



St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish offers "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" video series



St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East, is offering a video series entitled "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" on the following dates: **Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 from 6-7:30 p.m.** All events

will begin with supper except for Oct. 23 which will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek, where a special teaching Mass will be led by Father Matt Kujawinski. The video series is presented by Dr. Edward Sri from the "ASCENSION" Publishing Group. There is no fee, and all are welcome!



PARISH MISSION

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**The Heart of a Community:
Building Gospel Courage &
Spiritual Wholeness
into our Daily Lives**

Sunday, October 13 thru Tuesday, October 15
9 a.m. Mon. - Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sun. - Tues.

In these times of confusion, divisions, and even uncertainty and fear, the winds are blowing for fresh air, for inspiration, for courage and even joy. What better time to treat ourselves to a series of uplifting sessions offered in our parish community by Irish-born storyteller, biblical scholar, and poet Tricia Hoyt?

In Tricia's words, "Taking on the courage of the Gospels and the deep well of spiritual wholeness offered to us through God's wisdom in the ancient sacred texts is mighty work... some might say intimidating and almost too complex! But no, I say it's the perfect opportunity for creativity, poetry, humor, and story to enlighten us with respect to the spiritual depth we need in our families and communities today."

Bringing a heart wide and light to stories old and ever-new, Tricia Hoyt offers three evenings that will enthrall, challenge, and inspire us.

Tricia Hoyt is a biblical scholar, retreat director, leadership trainer, educator, and writer. Originally from Ireland, she resided in France and Peru before moving to the U.S. in 1981. She worked for 30 years as an educator and leadership trainer in Arizona, serving as director of the Diocesan Office of Peace and Justice; director of the School of Biblical Studies at Kino Institute of Theological Studies; and director of the Leadership Wellness Center at the Franciscan Renewal Center. She has traveled frequently across the U.S. and in Europe to offer workshops on biblical storytelling and a spirituality for justice. Tricia holds a MA in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Denver, and completed ten years of doctoral work in Biblical Interpretation at Brite Divinity School (TCU), Fort Worth. She has four adult children and 9 extraordinary grandchildren.



For more information, call the parish at 814-899-6132.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Is Your Child Street Smart?

Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When your street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can "read" people. Teach your child who are strangers - (-anyone they do not know or kind of know- and to never approach a strangers vehicle. Teach to your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help. Places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren't safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they are scared. For more information visit

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

Online Giving Changes

If you are currently giving through our online giving platform, *Faith Direct*, you will be contacted by our Business Administrator, Sue Berdis, in the coming weeks/months. Due to the rising costs, we have made the decision to switch our online giving platform to FlockNote. If not, the staff is ready to help. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Online Giving



Women Of Light Present:

Living History:

Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



Tickets available in the office.

October 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road
Men and Women - \$10.00
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For Questions call Peggy Williams 814-490-5504

Join us for one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into wealth during America's Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this thoroughly researched and engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American first lady and stateswoman.

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS...

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Prize for Best Decorated Trunk!

TRUNKERS ONLY

PLEASE RSVP IN THE GATHERING SPACE OR ON FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 741 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

Offertory: The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean And do such as
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?
 prayer In you and you in me?
 mean In you and you in me?
 sound In you and you in me?
 grow In you and you in me.

Communion: Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses
 1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

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Recessional: # 827 Alleluia! Raise the Gospel

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

____ Change of Address ____ Moving out of the Parish

____ New Parishioner

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