

# 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.



## Parish Staff

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, Pastor  
Deacon Paul Barko, Deacon Assistant  
Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation  
Katie Stephenson, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Berdis, Business Administrator  
Kirk Mientkiewicz, Maintenance Coordinator  
Brandon Vogt, Director of Music and Liturgy  
Nick Heise, Parish Impact Coordinator

## Contact Information

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Website: [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org)  
Daytime Prayer Line (Donna): 814-899-9108  
Evening Prayer Line (Gerri): 814-490-9681

## 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

December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

<b>Mon. 12/09</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	8:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass
	9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
	4:00 p.m. Fruit of the Vine SCC
	4:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee
	6:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass
	6:00 p.m. Roman Candles SCC
	7:00 p.m. Fireside Chatters SCC
<b>Tue. 12/10</b>	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
<b>Wed. 12/11</b>	8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m. Women of Light Meeting
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
	7:00 p.m. Ultreya
<b>Thur. 12/12</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
	8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m. Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
<b>Fri. 12/13</b>	
<b>Sat. 12/14</b>	10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
	3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
<b>Sun. 12/15</b>	10:30 a.m. Religious Ed Gr K-2
	10:30 a.m. Healing Ministry
	2:00 p.m. A Merry Mercy Christmas

## 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, December 14th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Colette Landfried
Bowl 1.....	Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....	Nick Mauro
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

### Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m.

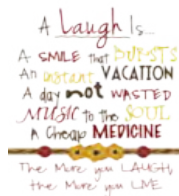
Lector 1.....	Sue McCreary
Lector 2.....	Chris Morealli
Bowl 1.....	Tom Palisin
Bowl 2.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 1.....	Teresa Shamburg
Cup 2.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 3.....	John Skuce
Cup 4.....	Gary Smith
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery

## Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 22nd  
3:00 p.m.  
at Our Lady of Mercy

## Comedy Corner

What often falls in winter  
but never gets hurt?  
Snow.



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon. 12/09</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Dr. Loren Prichard</b> (Linda Prichard)
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Shirley Mae Szyplik</b> (Paul & Kathy Ditrich)
<b>Tue. 12/10</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mr. Ed Heidt</b> (John Abbate Family)
<b>Wed. 12/11</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Lewis Peters</b> (Family)
<b>Thur. 12/12</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Kim Peters</b> (Carole Peters)
<b>Fri. 12/13</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Patsy &amp; Ann Marie Sette</b>
<b>Sat. 12/14</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>Ann Nagosky</b> (Fred & Kay Kaerberlein)
<b>Sun. 12/15</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of OLM</b>



Please join our "flock" by signing up at [olmharborcreek.flocknote.com](http://olmharborcreek.flocknote.com) or using the QR code provided.



### Ella Cochran Food Pantry Giving Tree

The Food Pantry Giving Tree gifts need to be returned wrapped and with the tag this weekend, **Dec. 7/8th**.



### Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you are or if you know of a parishioner who is unable to be present for the Sunday Mass due to frail health or limited mobility and who would like the eucharist brought to their house, please call Irene in the parish office at **814-899-6132**. If you are willing to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Irene Lucas in the Faith Formation Office.

### Hearing Impaired Devices Available

For those who have a problem hearing at Mass we have help for you. Hearing receiver units are available that have ear buds that receive a signal directly from a transmitter behind the altar. Speaking voices are clear with adjustable volume control. If you are interested call **Tom Palisin at 814-572-5437** or see or call Katie in the office.



### Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood as we view "Cabirini". We will return to our books in January as we discuss In The Woods: Dublin Murder Squad #1 by Tana French.



### Knights In Action

At the last Knights of Columbus Council meeting the Knights voted to make a donation of \$ 1,300 to the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. The food pantry's resources have been stressed recently due to an increase in the needy. This gift is to be used to buy additional food for the pantry and to buy Christmas presents for the children of the food pantry's clients. The Knights also provide support to a needy family at Thanksgiving and another family at Christmas. Proceeds from the recent Groove Dance were used to help fund these efforts.



**Women of Light**  
We would like to thank all the women for making the first year of Women

of Light successful. To plan for next year, we are having a meeting on **Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00** at Our Lady of Mercy. Please join us as we meet to discuss how to take this movement forward. We are open and grateful for any ideas or input. If you are unable to attend and have any ideas, please contact Peggy Williams at **814-490-5504**. Thanks again for all your support.



**Question of the Week**  
Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Nov. 19 was **Kara Taccone, grade 3**, who knew that we celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the Universe on the last Sunday of the Church Year.

**Bulletin Deadlines**  
Please be aware that the publisher bulletin deadlines change during the busy holiday season. To assure your content makes it into the bulletin in a timely manner, please send your announcements to Katie **2 weeks before** the bulletin you want published in is published.



**Gift Basket Auction for Faith Formation**  
Once again the Faith Formation Ministry will be running a gift basket auction in conjunction with the February spaghetti dinner. As you are shopping for Christmas deals, please consider our gift baskets. Donations can be brought to the Faith Formation office. Your generosity is appreciated. Please only donate new items; broken, used or discolored items can not be included in baskets. We do not have any way to store perishable food items.



**A Special Thank You**  
On behalf of the Kaleta and Sonntag families, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Our Lady of Mercy Community. We appreciate the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time as we grieve the loss of Linda. While the loss is great, it is comforting to know we are surrounded by so many people that care and a community that will continue to be there for us. We would also like to recognize and thank the wonderful bereavement team that organized and catered the luncheon after mass. We are fortunate to belong to such a caring and loving community. We will be forever grateful for your love and kindness. Please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude, Frank, Jennifer, Scott, Jonathan, Kylie, Brian and Jenn





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<https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-mercy-parish-4b60a05f-7657-40cc-a47a-0bb8b871de44>

The donation deadline has been extended from December 3rd to December 10th.



**1 WEEK UNTIL  
A Merry Mercy  
Christmas**

**DECEMBER 15  
2-6 pm**

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### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Be Vigilant



It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at **814-824-1195**.

## November Stewardship

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. **Every contribution** helps to ensure that our parish can continue its important work. If you would like to set up online giving, please contact our office for assistance.

	Offertory	YTD Offertory	Budgeted
Electronic Envelopes	\$11,059.00	\$64,400.03	\$79,979.73
Regular Envelopes	\$15,284.72	\$79,579.45	\$74,038.46
Total	\$26,343.72	\$143,980.08	\$154,018.19
Difference			<b>(\$10,038.11)</b>



# MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 284 Christ, Circle Round Us (v. 1, 2, 3)

Offertory: Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord

Refrain

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Verses

1. Make straight in the desert a high-way for our God.
2. Fill ev-'ry val-ley, bring all moun-tains low.
3. Go up to a moun-tain and shout with a loud voice.
4. Say to all peo-ple, Here is your God.

D.C.

Text: Isaiah 40:3-4, 9  
Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b. 1951  
© 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Recessional: Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Tazé Community, 1984  
Tune: Jacques Berther, 1923-1994  
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Communion: Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain

Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels sing.

Verses

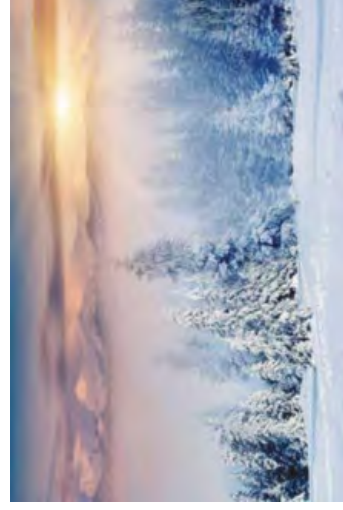
1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord, a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night, and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends, and day is

to Refrain

1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.
2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.
3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.
4. day, you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.
5. done, then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

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*Membership Form*

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\_\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_\_ Moving out of the Parish

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner

To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.

