

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

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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
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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

February 9, 2025 - The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 02/10	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Sofia's Circle SCC
	4:00 p.m.	Fruit of the Vine SCC
Tue. 02/11	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	10:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
Wed. 02/12	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 02/13	7:00 p.m.	Ultreya
	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	12:00 p.m.	Hallelujah Girls SCC
Fri. 02/14	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	Sat. 02/15	10:00 a.m.
Sun. 02/16	10:00 a.m.	Cursillo Team Meeting
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-9
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Findley

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, February 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Clara Camillo
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Altar Server.....	Rochelle Edwards
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Christine Stroker

Sunday, February 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Carrie Galbreath
Lector 2.....	Denise Lewandoski
Bowl 1.....	Pat Marshall
Bowl 2.....	Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....	Kathy Pearson
Cup 2.....	Donna Schersten
Cup 3.....	Chip Shamburg
Cup 4.....	John Skuce
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Greeter.....	Marilyn Garwig
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW.....	Rachel Still

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, **this podcast is for you.** In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.



MERCY MEMORIES

The Baptismal Font is a key feature in our Worship Space. It's location at the entrance represents the beginning of our Christian journey and leads us to the altar and Eucharist. The two leveled pools of water offers both infant baptisms and full emersion adult baptisms. A water circulation system flows water from the upper font to the lower basin and has capabilities for water warming. The elevation of the Font and surrounding flexible seating permit good congregation visibility and space during various ceremonies. On the floor around the font, there are polished granite tiles extending into the worship and gathering spaces. This suggests taking action with our Baptism to the Eucharistic Table and out into the world.

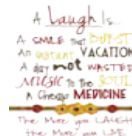


MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 02/10	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 02/11	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (Kevin & Michelle Kaspar)
Wed. 02/12	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Thur. 02/13	8:30 a.m.	Lisa Baronner (Candy Henry)
Fri. 02/14	8:30 a.m.	Clemens & Millie Herrmann (Margaret McCurdy Family)
Sat. 02/15	4:30 p.m.	Ross Owens (Gary & Diane)
Sun. 02/16	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

Comedy Corner

What did one plate say to the other on Valentine's Day?
"Tonight, dinner's on me."



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



Book Group

Join us **Wednesday, Feb. 19** at the home of Cheri Longua, 4512 North Woods Dr., to discuss Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Our March title will be The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Leftari.

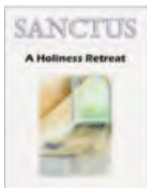


Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Jan. 27 was **Lachlan Eighmy, grade 4**, who knew that we bless throats on the feast day of St. Blaise.

Eucharist to the Homebound

Would you be willing to bring Christ to a member of our parish who is unable to join us due to age or illness? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring the eucharist to the homebound. If you can assist, contact Irene. **Need Communion?** 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.



Sanctus

Prepare for Lent! Take a day to strengthen your walk with Christ. Make a Sanctus Retreat at OLM on **Saturday, March 1**. There is no cost. Meals are provided. But registration is required and space is limited. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin tables. Questions? Contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is in need of new leaders. If you would be willing to help our young children to hear and reflect on the Word of God during the **9:30 Mass**, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. CLW leaders need state clearances. Training will be provided.



Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 10:45 *Guarding the Digital Frontiers: Protecting Your Cyber World in the Modern Age*. Join us for an engaging session where we explore the critical importance of cybersecurity in today's interconnected world. Learn about the latest threats, including malware, phishing, and ransomware, and discover practical strategies to protect your data, devices, and personal information. From mastering strong passwords and leveraging multi-factor authentication to understanding the power and risks of AI in cybersecurity, this talk provides actionable insights to stay safe online. Whether you're an individual or an organization, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge to navigate the digital age securely. Don't miss this opportunity to fortify your digital defenses! Presenter: **Dr. Christopher Mansour**. Christopher Mansour is the founding member and Chair of the Computing and Information Science Department at Mercyhurst University, where he has been developing and teaching the Cybersecurity program for six years. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering with a concentration in Cyber Security and a Master of Science in Computer Engineering from Villanova University.

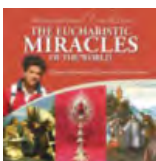


Lenten Reflections

This Lent, we are inviting members of our parish to share their reflections on the daily Mass readings. You are asked to pick a week day reading and write a short reflection (no more than 3 paragraphs). These will be emailed to members of this community who sign up on FlockNotes to receive them. We have an incredible gift of wisdom in this community. As we share our insights and read the thoughts of others, our Lenten journey will be richly blessed. Sign up sheets and copies of the readings will be available in mid-February.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

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OLM Men's Softball League

It's almost softball season. Are you looking to get some good exercise in the spring? Join the OLM men's softball league. Ages 16-?...everyone is welcome. It's a good time for fellowship. Please join us! For information, call Mike Bleil **814-528-1132** or Ken Bleil **814-806-4675**.



Parent Baptismal Prep Session

The next Parent Baptismal Preparation Session at OLM will be held on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m.** These sessions are held semi-annually at OLM. The Diocese of Erie asks all parents to attend a preparation session prior to scheduling their child's baptism. Please register by calling the parish office at **814-899-5342**.





SANCTUS

March 1, 2025

Retreat! Step back from the hectic pace of life to spend a day with God. Give yourself the gift of time to hear afresh the story of God's great love, to renew your faith and deepen your walk with Christ.

Join us for prayer, reflection, sharing and renewal.

🍴 Meals are provided 🍴 There is no cost 🍴

To register, complete the bottom portion of this flier and return it to the RE Office or in the collection basket by Feb. 9.

Questions? Call Irene @ 814-899-6132
or email ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Space is limited

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you have any special needs? _____

Check All That Apply

Female Male

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Catholic Non-Catholic



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate 25 years of the dedication of our Church Building!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:00p.m. Mass
Bishop Persico, president

followed by an hors d'oeuvre reception

if you plan to attend the reception,
please RSVP to Cheri Longua
cllongua@gmail.com or (814) 464-4832 by March 24

An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Got Quilt Squares?



If your family took a quilt square to decorate and hang as part of our Parish Quilt in the worship space, please return the decorated square to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Sunday Morning *C*A*F*E*

Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 10:30

JOIN US FOR FRESH BREWED COFFEE, HOMEMADE TREATS AND AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.



TITLE:
GUARDING THE DIGITAL FRONTIERS: PROTECTING YOUR CYBER WORLD IN THE MODERN AGE

Summary:
Join us for an engaging session where we explore the critical importance of cybersecurity in today's interconnected world. Learn about the latest threats, including malware, phishing, and ransomware, and discover practical strategies to protect your data, devices, and personal information. From mastering strong passwords and leveraging multi-factor authentication to understanding the power and risks of AI in cybersecurity, this talk provides actionable insights to stay safe online. Whether you're an individual or an organization, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge to navigate the digital age securely. Don't miss this opportunity to fortify your digital defenses!

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MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 448 Holy, Holy, Holy

Preparation of the Gifts: # 655 These Alone Are Enough

Communion: # 818 Here I Am, Lord

Recessional: # 589 O God, Beyond All Praising

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A Special "Thank You"

A big "thank you" to the youth who made cookies and especially to Nathan, who delivered them to us (and his parents). Also, thank you to the teachers who are instilling these acts of kindness. I don't bake much any more and Steve loves his sweets, so as we say down south - he was in "hog heaven". You all gave us a special holiday. God Bless you all. - Donna and Steve Smicker



Bl. Carlo Acutis,

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Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

___ 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.



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