

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
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Irene Lucas, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
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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

March 2, 2025 - The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Mon. 03/03	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. 03/04	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
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Wed. 03/05	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Thur. 03/06	8:30 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Painting/Crafting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Sister Parish Committee
	6:00 p.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 03/07	5:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Practice
	6:30 p.m.	First Friday Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Ultreya
Sat. 03/08	10:00 a.m.	OLM Pickleball Club
	1:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation
	3:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sun. 03/09	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 9



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 03/03	8:30 a.m.	- No Mass -
Tue. 03/04	8:30 a.m.	Ed Heidt (The Kujawinski Family)
Wed. 03/05	8:30 a.m.	Linda Kaleta (Laura Nagy Couch)
	6:00 p.m.	Patsy & Ann Marie Sette
Thur. 03/06	8:30 a.m.	Denny Smith (Janet Smith)
Fri. 03/07	8:30 a.m.	Ann Nagosky (Kevin & Michelle Kaspar)
Sat. 03/08	4:30 p.m.	For the People of OLM
Sun. 03/09	9:30 a.m.	Diane Bock (John Abbate)

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, March 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Deb Barko
Bowl 1.....	Judy Iesue
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling
Greeter.....	Rochelle Edwards

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

Lector 1.....	Joe Tarquinio
Lector 2.....	Karen Sweeney
Bowl 1.....	Pat Marshall
Bowl 2.....	Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....	Brian Meyer
Cup 2.....	Ed Meyer
Cup 3.....	Marlene Meyer
Cup 4.....	Karen Meyer
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Jill Henry
Greeter.....	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry.....	Adam Baker
CLW.....	Scott Gotham

MERCY MEMORIES

Our Holy Oils are reserved in a special glass enclosure next to the Baptismal Font. This enclosure is called the Ambry. The oils in the Ambry are reminders of the Church's mission to evangelize, care for the sick, and call forth gifts of the Spirit. They are also a connection to the global Church. There are three types of oils: Oils of the Infirm or OI, Oils of the Catechumens or OC, and Sacred Chrism SC.



Comedy Corner

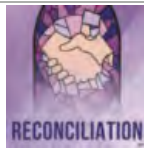


Please join our "flock" by signing up at olmharborcreek.flocknote.com or using the QR code provided.



First Reconciliation Celebration

Youth of OLM will celebrate their First Penance next **Saturday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m.** All are invited to share in this Penance Celebration.



Book Group



Join us **Wednesday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood Dr., to discuss The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Leftari. Our April title will be Maybe You Should Talk To Someone by Lori Gottlieb.

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.



The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs



The Gospel of John is written with a lyrical and mystical beauty. Unlike the other gospels, John does not rush the reader from one miraculous moment in the life of Jesus to the next.

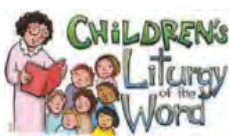
Instead, John offers 7 carefully selected "signs" that point to profound truths. Each week of this Lenten study, we will explore one of those signs and what it reveals for the disciple who is journeying with Christ toward the cross. This 6-week Lenten study will be offered twice, Thursday morning **March 6-April 10 from 9:30-10:30 and Saturday after the Vigil Mass 5:30-6:30.** No registration required, no books except the Bible. Participants are free to move between sessions depending on their schedule.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Liturgical Ministers please send your conflicts for the April-May schedule to Katie no later than **Sunday March 16.** Any conflicts sent after this date can not be guaranteed to be met on the upcoming schedule.



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.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Feb. 17 was **Gordon Peterson, grade 4**, who knew that our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132. 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.



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.

Grief Support

During Lent, we reflect on the cross of Christ. Our lives also require the carrying of a cross. The loss of a loved one may be the heaviest cross of all. But like Simon, we can ease the burden for one another. All are invited to the monthly gathering of the Grief Support group on **Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** This is open to all; you don't need to belong to OLM.



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.





25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 Come celebrate 25 years of the dedication of our Church Building!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
 6:00p.m. Mass
 Bishop Persico, presider
 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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal



The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at **814-451-1521**. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling **814-451-1543**.



Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope
 Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025

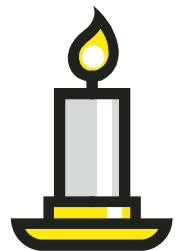
The Book of Signs ~ The Gospel of John
A Lenten Scripture Study



Thursday, Mar. 6 thru Apr. 10
9:30-10:30 a.m.

OR

Saturday, Mar. 8 thru Apr. 12
5:30-6:30 p.m.



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MUSIC FOR MASS

Communion: As Christ is For Us

Verses

1. In the bread we share with the hun - gry, in the help we the
 2. May the bread we share give us cour - age to re - store the
 3. May the bread we share keep us mind - ful and the fruit of the

1. give to the poor, in the kind - ness we show to the
 2. earth in this time. For the sake of our chil - dren's de -
 3. vine make us one. Let the whole hu - man fam - 'ly to -

Refrain

we find Christ the o - pen door.
 let us hon - or God's an - cient de - sign.
 heed the cry of our com - mon home.

So we rise with him each morn - ing, and we work, as work we must,

to be Christ for oth - ers as Christ is for us,
 to be Christ for oth - ers as Christ is for us.

Bridge
 And as we care for each other air that we breathe, waters that run,
 so must we care for our home: flowing with life for the good of all. (to Verse 3)

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Recessional: # 827 Alleluia! Raise the Gospel

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Processional: # 585 Praise to the Lord

Preparation of the Gifts: Christ in Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.
 Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.
 Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
 2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see, On - ward to the king - dom,
 2. where I must go. } to Refrain

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who
 formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,
 my whole be - ing thrives in you.

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___ Change of Address ___ Moving out of the Parish

___ New Parishioner

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