

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.

OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

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 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Week Ahead

For a complete calendar of events, please visit:
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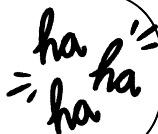
- Mon. 12/22** 9:30 a.m. Steel Magnolias SCC
 4:00 p.m. Fruit of the Vine SCC
- Tue. 12/23** 8:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 1:00 p.m. Potter's Clay SCC
 6:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
- Wed. 12/24** **Christmas Eve**
Parish Office Closed
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
- Thu. 12/25** **Christmas Day**
Parish Office Closed
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
- Fri. 12/26**
- Sat. 12/27** 10:00 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club
 3:45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance
- Sun. 12/28**

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 12/22** **No Mass**
- Tue. 12/23** 8:30 a.m. **Marlies Finch**
 (Lianna Pasquale)
- Wed. 12/24** 8:30 a.m.
 4:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Mass**
 10:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Mass**
- Thu. 12/25** 10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass**
 (Dave & Marilyn Rinke)
- Fri. 12/26** 8:30 a.m. **Fran Hatheway**
 (Barb & Joe Doyle)
- Sat. 12/27** 4:30 p.m. **For the People of OLM**
- Sun. 12/28** 9:30 a.m. **Andrew Cerula**
 (Rose Galeza)

The Sunday Silly.

Why do reindeer wear bells?
 Because their horns don't work!



Save the Date

Dec 24	Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 & 10 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m.
Dec 31	Holy Day Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Jan 1	Holy Day Mass at 10 a.m.
Jan 11	Pancake Breakfast
Jan 17	Skill Sharing Event - Fishing
Feb 1	Spaghetti Dinner



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, December 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector	Tom Camillo
Bowl 1	Rochelle Edwards
Altar Server	Gabby Peters
Greeter	Maggie Wuerstle
Greeter	Colton Wuerstle

Sunday, December 28th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1	Erica Erwin
Lector 2	Joann Collins
Bowl 1	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2	Steve Brainard
Cup 1	Erica Taccone
Cup 2	Judy Johnson
Cup 3	Candy Henry
Cup 4	Carole Peters
Altar Server	Zachery Henry
Greeter	Jill Henry
Greeter	Baileigh Bleil
AV Ministry	Lisa Spelling
CLW	NO CLW

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of Dec. 9 was **Emily Schneider, grade 3**, who knew that Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the birth of Christ.



olm book group

Join us on **Jan. 21 at 6:30**, at the home of Pat Marshall, 516 W. Eaglewood, to discuss Michael Without Apology by Catherine Ryan Hyde.



Theme Basket Auction

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Theme Basket Auction is just around the corner. As you look for great post-holiday bargains, consider a donation for our theme baskets. Get a gift you don't want, consider our theme baskets. You can donate completed baskets or new items to go into a basket. Bring donations to the Faith Formation Office by **Jan. 25**.



OUR LADY OF MERCY

Spaghetti Dinner
& BASKET RAFFLE

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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Christmas

Fr. Matt, Deacon Paul & the Staff of Our Lady of Mercy would like to wish everyone a safe & blessed Christmas season.

May the Light of Christ bring you & your family an abundance of joy this Christmas season & always.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025
4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
December 25, 2025
10:00 a.m.

“Jesus Is Born”

Christmas has come upon the earth;
for today is Jesus's glorious birth.
This is a day to rejoice,
when we hear His sweet little voice.
And as the angels sing;
his mother Mary pondered all the joy this child would bring.
Joseph too was full of glee,
knowing the great Messiah
Jesus would someday be.
He would be known for years to come,
not just by some;
but by everyone;
yes surely this is God's only Son.
When we give our gifts away,
on this day;
let us remember
to treat everyone the same;
for this is why He came.
And as the Christmas season imparts;
let us all keep Jesus
tucked within our hearts.
-By: Mary Ann McQuiston



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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.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
 Bishop of Erie



Give a Small Christian Community a Try!

We will soon be starting a new year and embracing fresh resolutions. Consider joining a small faith group in the coming year. Here is one person's experience.

Hello! My name is Sharon Garwig and I joined OLM parish in 2007 when I married my husband, Darrell, and moved to Erie. OLM was wonderful and welcoming, and had numerous SCCs. I had two kids, we had just moved, and I was looking for a full-time job. A weekly meeting to attend a SCC seemed like more than I could handle, but I yearned for new friends with a Catholic perspective that I could talk to. I found another working mother at Parish Alive who felt the same way I did – a weekly commitment was too much, but we felt that we could meet at least once a month – so we started our own SCC. 16 years later, we are still meeting! I still look forward to our meetings. It's a chance to get away from work and kids (and now grandkids) and chaos, and just listen to the Word in a calm, quiet environment and reflect on how it applies to our lives today. We read the scriptures for the coming week and share what we heard afterward. Almost always, we “hear” something none of us remembers hearing previously! And because God speaks to each of us right where we are each time we hear His Word, when we share our perspectives, scripture comes alive and becomes richer and more meaningful. We also hear God challenging us to live out His Word in our lives. We not only hold each other in prayer, we hold each other accountable to growing in faith and challenge one another to action. My SCC is made up of my closest personal friends. They are the people I call when I need prayer, or direction, or a good laugh. If you could use some “faithful” friends, a positive anchor in your life when things get crazy, and new opportunities to grow in faith – a SCC may be just what you've been looking for. As Advent begins and we think about the coming of Christ, think about your journey to the manger... you don't have to travel alone.

To join a SCC, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.



Music for Mass

Gathering: Come, O Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 3. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er,
 4. By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it

Born to set your peo - ple free; From our fears and
 Hope to all the earth im - part; Dear de - sire of
 Born a child, and yet a king; Born to reign in
 Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By your all - suf -

sins re - lease us: Christ, in you our rest shall be.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 us for - ev - er, Now your grac - ious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Hagga 2:7; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Tune: STUTTGART, 8 7 8 7; *Psalmody Sacra*, 1715; adapt. and harm. by William Henry Havergal, 1793-1870, alt.

Communion: Bread of Life - # 788



Offertory: Mary, the Daystar

Verses

1. Ma - ry, the day - star, Christ, the morn - ing light,
 2. Ma - ry, the pil - grim, Christ, the jour - ney's end,
 3. Ma - ry, the ser - vant, Christ, the sa - cred feast,
 4. Ma - ry, the tem - ple, Christ, the ho - ly shrine,

1. Ma - ry, the gar - den, Christ, the Tree of Life,
 2. Ma - ry, com - pan - ion, Christ, who calls us friend,
 3. Ma - ry, the guard - ian, Christ, the Prince of Peace,
 4. Ma - ry, the chal - ice, Christ, the pre - cious wine,

Refrain

Both ev - er blessed, the moth - er and her Son, both be - loved of
 heav - en, while on earth their praise is sung.

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Recessional: Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no

You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts
 quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni

with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!



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