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February 1, 2026
The Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Daily Mass: Monday 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(No morning Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!

If you are new to the area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. To register or to update your address or phone number, please complete this form and mail it to the Parish Office or place in the collection box. *Thank you.*

New Parishioner Address/Phone Number Change

Name: _____

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Would you like to receive weekly envelopes? Yes No

“Do whatever He tells you.”

Mary to the disciples of Jesus (John 2:5)



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, January 31st St. John Bosco
 8:00 a.m. Lewellyn Boucher requested by Family
 12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**
 4:00 p.m. Mass for the People of
 Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Sunday, February 1st 4th Sunday in Ordinary time
 8:30 a.m. For All Special Intentions
 10:30 a.m. Edward Aszklar requested
 by Carol Haddad

Monday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord
 6:00 p.m. Bridget O'Sullivan – Hemond
 requested by Rose Hyjek

Tuesday, February 3rd Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Mass: Blessing of the Throats

Wednesday, February 4th Weekday
No Mass Today

Thursday, February 5th St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 8:00 a.m. Annette Soucy requested
 by Daughter

Friday, February 6th St. Paul Miki & Companions
 8:00 a.m. Helen Papa requested
 by Barbara Wallace
 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 7th St. Paul Miki & Companions
 8:00 a.m. Gladys Waz requested by Friends
 12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**
 4:00 p.m. Robert J. Bonola requested by Grace

Sunday, February 8th 5th Sunday in Ordinary time
 8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of
 Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 10:30 a.m. Zbigniew Baran requested
 by Nowicki Family

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Bob A., Sarah C.
Sunday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Francine W., Sophia Winiarski
Sunday, February 8th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Jessica M., Brian R.
Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Bob A.

Lectors

Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Susan C.
Sunday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Cathi McQ.
Sunday, February 8th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Nicolas V.
Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Susan C.

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, January 31st
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, February 1st
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. AA, *Rm. 103*

Monday, February 2nd
9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, *Rm. 102*
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*

Tuesday, February 3rd
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*

Wednesday, February 4th No Activities

Thursday, February 5th
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Worship, *Rm. 101*

Friday, February 6th No Activities

Saturday, February 7th
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, February 8th
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. K of C Breakfast, GYM
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. AA, *Rm. 103*

Recently Deceased

Please remember the recently
 Deceased members of our Parish
 in your prayers.

Rena (Alice) Chaper

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."

St. Anthony's Society Valentine's Day Raffle

Feb. 7th and Feb. 8th after all Masses.



Offertory: See next weeks Bulletin.

Please place your Donations in the offertory baskets during the Mass. **Thank you!**
 For your generous support. May God Bless You!



OUR LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

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Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Mass: Feb. 18th
8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: Feb. 25th–Apr. 1st
Every Monday During Lent: 6:30 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent:
Stations of the Cross
Feb. 20th–Apr. 3rd at 7 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Sun., Apr. 12th at 3:00 p.m.
Confessions After Chaplet is Finished

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The Passion of the LORD

Easter Mass Schedules:

Mar. 28th: Vigil for Palm Sunday at 4 p.m.

Mar. 29th: Palm Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Apr. 2nd: Holy Thursday:
The Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Apr. 3rd: Good Friday Service at 3 p.m.

The Resurrection of the LORD!

Apr. 4th: Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Apr. 5th: Easter Sunday:
at 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.



Faith Formation Schedule: First Reconciliation: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. OLM Church
First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Church
The Sacrament of Confirmation: (2nd year 10th - 12th grade) Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at
The Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, CT

Pilgrimage Trip to Portugal in July 2026

Join Fr. Ken Brighenti, Vice Rector of The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH, on an unforgettable pilgrimage trip to Portugal in July 2026. Explore Lisbon, Fatima, Nazre, Avila, and Porto, enjoying activities like port wine tasting, tapas bars, street food, boat trips on the Tagus and Douro rivers, and a captivating Fado Show. Experience the spiritual ambiance of Fatima's candlelight processions and immerse yourself in Portugal's rich history, culture, and faith.

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Palms: The Blessed Palms given on Palm Sunday are Sacramentals and must be disposed of in the following ways: **Burn** the palm fronds, then bury the ashes in soil. **Bury** the palm fronds, in a garden or soil in your yard. **We have enough ashes so please do not return the palms to the Church.**

Mary, Mother of Jesus Prayer

Mary, Mother of Jesus give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him, and serve Him as you served Him, in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. Amen.

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Sponsored by the Plainville Knights of Columbus, on 1/31/2026 and 2/1/2026, The Blessed McGivney Relic will be coming to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. All parishioners will have the opportunity after all masses to visit and venerate the relic.



1. Traditional Gestures of Veneration

When you are in the presence of his relic (often a bone fragment or a piece of his clothing), you can use these common Catholic practices:

- **A Profound Bow:** A simple, respectful bow of the head or from the waist as you approach the reliquary.
- **Touching or Kissing:** It is common to gently touch or kiss the glass case (the reliquary) containing the relic. This is a sign of affection and honor for the holy person it represents.
- **The Sign of the Cross:** Making the Sign of the Cross before or after touching the relic.
- **Venerate, Don't Adore:** Remember that we *venerate* saints but *adore* God alone. You should not genuflect (drop to one knee) to a relic as you would for the Eucharist; a bow is the correct gesture.

2. Spiritual Practices & Intentions

Father McGivney is often turned to for specific needs. You might focus your prayer on:

- **Protection of the Family:** He founded the Knights specifically to protect widows and orphans. Pray for the strength and unity of your own family.
- **The "Second Miracle":** For a Blessed to become a Saint, a second miracle attributed to their intercession is required. Many pilgrims specifically pray for a miracle (often a physical healing) to occur through his intercession to help his cause for canonization.
- **Support for Priests:** As a dedicated parish priest, he is a patron for those in the ministry. Pray for your local pastor and for an increase in vocations.

3. Use of Sacramentals

If you have a personal item like a rosary, a medal, or a prayer card, you can gently touch it to the reliquary. In Catholic tradition, this creates what is known as a **third-class relic**, making that item a special "souvenir" of your pilgrimage that carries a spiritual connection to Blessed Michael McGivney.



Knights of Columbus

Annual Valentine Flower Sale will take place on January 31st & February 1st after all Masses. Don't forget to get something beautiful for your **Valentine!**



Knights of Columbus

Breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center Gym, kids 12 and under **Free!**



A Prayer for Father McGivney's Guidance

Our Father, we humbly seek the intercession of Father McGivney, a beacon of faith and compassion. May his guidance inspire us to serve others with love and dedication. Help us to embody his spirit of charity and unity, fostering a community rooted in Your grace. Grant us wisdom in our decisions and strength in our actions, as we strive to follow Your path. Amen.



<https://stmparish.org/prayer/saints-and-biblical-figures/father-michael-mcgivney-prayer/>



February 2nd Has Two Names in the Church

February 2nd has two names in the Church. It is called the purification of Mary and Candlemas. The purification 40 days after the birth of a child was part of the Hebrew tradition for mothers to be ritually purified.

Candlemas is a celebration of light. There is a long tradition of blessing candles in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. This can be done any time. Yet on **Candlemas**, there is a very special blessing that is available on this one day only at the beginning of Holy Mass.

I would encourage anyone coming to the **Monday Mass on February 2nd**, to bring their own personal candles to be blessed at the very beginning of Mass. Some say they should be 100% beeswax candles, others say at least 51% beeswax and still others say they just need to be candles used for no other purpose. I cannot find anything authoritative, so I am happy to bless any candles without secular imagery.

Should you choose to have candles blessed please label them (perhaps with a sticky note with your name) and have them at Mass 5 minutes before the Mass begins.

Why Bless Candles?

Jesus is THE LIGHT (John 14:6) it is good to have this reminder of Him.

It helps dispel the darkness. Bad attitudes in your home? PRAYERFULLY light a blessed candle. It will reduce the tension levels in the home (reduce, not necessarily eliminate.)

It is a sign of hope. (Proverbs 4) A means of resisting temptation by having the Light of Christ present.

Then on **Tuesday, February 3rd** at the 8 a.m. Mass, we will use freshly blessed candles to bless throats in honor of St. Blaise.



Praise be Christ Jesus now and forever

Rev. M. David Dawson



Thankfulness Is Good For The Health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed, or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them:

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be. **Gather inspiration.** Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food. TV, internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back. **Guard the company you keep.** Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest! Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.

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