

Here's a **complete and robust C# example** showing how to parse a month name using the **Italian locale** (`it-IT`) and convert it into a `DateTime` or month number.

Code Example

```
using System;
using System.Globalization;

class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.Write("Inserisci il nome del mese in italiano: ");
        string monthName = Console.ReadLine()?.Trim();

        if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(monthName))
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Errore: il nome del mese non può essere vuoto.");
            return;
        }

        try
        {
            // Use Italian culture
            CultureInfo italianCulture = new CultureInfo("it-IT");

            // Parse month name into a DateTime (day and year are placeholders)
            DateTime parsedDate = DateTime.ParseExact(
                monthName,
                "MMMM", // Full month name
                italianCulture,
                DateTimeStyles.None
            );
        }
    }
}
```

```
        Console.WriteLine($"Mese: {parsedDate.Month}  
({italianCulture.DateTimeFormat.GetMonthName(parsedDate.Month)})");  
    }  
    catch (FormatException)  
    {  
        Console.WriteLine("Errore: il nome del mese non è valido  
in italiano.");  
    }  
}  
}
```

How It Works

1. **CultureInfo("it-IT")** ensures parsing uses Italian month names.
2. **"MMMM"** format specifier matches the **full month name** (e.g., "gennaio" , "febbraio").
3. **DateTime.ParseExact** ensures strict parsing — avoids accidental matches with wrong formats.
4. **Error Handling** catches invalid month names.

Example Runs

```
Input: marzo  
Output: Mese: 3 (marzo)  
  
Input: Agosto  
Output: Mese: 8 (agosto)  
  
Input: abc  
Output: Errore: il nome del mese non è valido in italiano.
```

✓ Tip:

If you also want to accept **abbreviated month names** (e.g., "gen" , "feb"), you can

allow multiple formats:

```
string[] formats = { "MMMM", "MMM" };  
DateTime parsedDate = DateTime.ParseExact(monthName, formats,  
italianCulture, DateTimeStyles.None);
```

If you want, I can also show you a **version that works case-insensitively and ignores accents** so "Agosto" , "agosto" , and "AGOSTO" all work without errors.
Do you want me to prepare that?