

BACK TO SCHOOL



Pray for all students
and teachers to excel
and be safe.



From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



This weekend is our parish celebration of “Reunite in Christ” wel-
coming everyone back to Our Lady
of Mercy! It has been a long time
since we have been able to gather
as a parish family. While variants of
COVID remain a concern, under Di-

ocesan guidelines, we are fully open, and we fully imple-
ment safety procedures outlined by the Diocese. I hope
everyone has taken the opportunity to enjoy some activities
of our “block party” celebrating our oneness in Christ.
Thanks to Doug McIlvaine who chaired the “Reunite in
Christ” committee, along with the members of the com-
mittee; Fr. James, Deacon Tom, Zara Tan, Phil Zwick, Miro-
slava Manzanares, and Alex Baier for their efforts to cele-
brate our welcoming back events.

Also, I want to extend a great big thanks to **EVERYONE**
who pulled together in meeting the challenges to put on our
in-person Vacation Bible School August 2 – 6. Thank God
too for the stunningly beautiful weather we had that week!
There were 100 campers! Thanks to the 25 adult volunteers
and 45 tween & teen volunteers who worked with the kids
in their various stations. Thanks to Mary Jo, Jean Palasz,
and Len Eickhoff for all the advance preparations and leg-
work. Thanks to Maybird D’Silva for photography. And a
HUGE thanks to our Art & Environment Committee who
made all the props and created the jungle/safari/cave envi-
ronment to enhance our children in discovering that they
are treasure – and treasured by God!

Unfortunately, the Mission Appeal scheduled for this
weekend has to be re-scheduled. The new date is the week-
end of September 11/12. I look forward to my friend Er-
tha’s arrival and sharing with you her ministry of founding
an orphanage and school for impoverished children outside
of Duchity, Haiti. Please welcome her and be as generous
as your means allow. Thank you!

Next weekend (except Saturday 4pm Mass), Fr. Steven
Borello, our Joliet Diocesan Vocations Director will give the
homily at all Sunday Masses on the theme of vocations. As
we welcome Fr. Steven, please be open to his message on
how parishes and families can support vocations to the
priesthood and religious life.

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. Tom



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23 - St Rose of Lima, Virgin

- 8:00 am Int of Mike Abernathy
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int of Joyce, by Intercessory Prayer Group
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, August 24 - St Bartholomew, Apostle

- 8:00 am † Rose Delima, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Nathaniel Centeno, Jr. by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 25 - St Louis; St Joseph

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Edilberto & Juanita Rivera, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, August 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am Int of Fr James Parker, by Betsy Gallo
- 8:00 am † Denise Soltysik, by Maria
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, August 27 - St Monica

- 8:00 am † Apolinar Pacheco, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, August 28 - St Augustine, Bishop

- 8:30 am † Rita Kaib, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Int of Jimmy Uy, by Family
† Frank Kingsley, by His Daughter

Sunday, August 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Sherry DeYoung White, The Beltz Family
- 10:00 am † Kenneth Hickey, by Karen Hickey
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Alfonso, Sr & Estela Ramirez, by Family
- 5:30 pm † William H Connolly, Jr. by The Maher Family



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions.

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| 1. Dorothy Helgren | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Ann Borberg |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. George & Willie Durante | 12. Anne Heckel |
| 5. Carol Black | 13. Jimmy Woods |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Marilyn Larkin |
| 7. New Projects | 15. Ashley Sanchez |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

August 28 & 29

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm | Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Fr Don McLaughlin |
| | 10:00 am | Fr Steven Borello Dcn Art Tiongson |
| | 12:00 pm | Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal |
| | 5:30 pm | Fr Steven Borello Dcn Tim Kueper |



We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
Pat Dunne
Jose Ellis
William Gardaphe
Bridget Garry
Hailey Hartnett
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Antoinette Humanski
Helen Joseph
Maria Luna
Helga Manglinong
Kristen Manning

Susan Massett
Janice Melisi
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse
La Moua
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Diane Pazos
Valerie Plesha
Julia Schremp
Diane Singer
Lou Skonieczny
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Kathy Walowski

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

Those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
Roberto Ramos, US Army
Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
SSG Gina Maro, USAF
Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
Aaron Godinez, US Marines
SPC Mason Webber, US Army
LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
LTJG Marion Bautista, US Navy
SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army
SN Joshua San Diego, US Navy

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



¡Este fin de semana es nuestra celebración parroquial de “Reunirse en Cristo” dando la bienvenida a todos a Our Lady of Mercy! Ha pasado mucho tiempo desde que pudimos reunirnos como una familia parroquial. Si bien las variantes del COVID siguen siendo una preo-

cupación, bajo las pautas Diocesanas, estamos completamente abiertos e implementamos enteramente los procedimientos de seguridad descritos por la Diócesis. Espero que todos hayan aprovechado la oportunidad para disfrutar de algunas de las actividades de nuestra “Fiesta del Vecindario” celebrando nuestra unidad en Cristo. Gracias a Doug McIlvaine, quien presidió el comité “Reunirse en Cristo”, junto con los miembros del comité: el Padre James, el diácono Tom, Zara Tan, Phil Zwick, Mirosława Manzanara y Alex Baier por sus esfuerzos para celebrar nuestros eventos de bienvenida.

También, quiero extender un gran agradecimiento a **TODO**s los que se unieron para enfrentar los desafíos de organizar nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en persona del 2 al 6 de agosto. ¡Gracias a Dios también por el clima increíblemente hermoso que tuvimos esa semana! ¡Había 100 campistas! Gracias a los 25 voluntarios adultos y los 45 voluntarios preadolescentes y adolescentes que trabajaron con los niños en sus distintos puestos. Gracias a Mary Jo, Jean Palasz y Len Eickhoff por todos los preparativos y el trabajo preliminar. Gracias a Maybird D’Silva por la fotografía. Y un **ENORME** agradecimiento a nuestro Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente que hizo todos los accesorios y creó el entorno de la jungla/safari/cueva para que nuestros niños descubrieran que son un tesoro, ¡y que Dios los atesora!

Desafortunadamente, la Campaña de Misión programada para este fin de semana debe ser reprogramada. La nueva fecha es el fin de semana del 11 y 12 de septiembre. Espero la llegada de mi amiga Ertha para compartir con ustedes su ministerio de fundar un orfanato y una escuela para niños empobrecidos fuera de Duchity, Haití. Por favor, denle la bienvenida y sean tan generosos como se lo permitan sus medios. ¡Gracias!

El próximo fin de semana (excepto la Misa del sábado a las 4 p.m.), el Padre Steven Borello, nuestro Director Diocesano de Vocaciones de Joliet, dará la homilía en todas las Misas dominicales sobre el tema de las vocaciones. Al dar la bienvenida al Padre Steven, por favor estén abiertos a su mensaje sobre cómo las parroquias y las familias pueden apoyar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Bob



Lecturas de la Semana

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| Domingo | Jos 24, 1-2a. 15-17. 18b; Sal 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19. 20-21. 22-23; Ef 5, 21-32; Jn 6, 60-69 |
| Lunes | 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8b-10; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Mt 23, 13-22 |
| Martes | Apoc 21, 9b-14; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 17-18; Jn 1, 45-51 |
| Miércoles | 1 Tes 2, 9-13; Sal 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab; Mt 23, 27-32 |
| Jueves | 1 Tes 3, 7-13; Sal 89, 3-4. 12-13. 14 y 17; Mt 24, 42-51 |
| Viernes | 1 Tes 4, 1-8; Sal 96, 1 y 2b. 5-6. 10. 11-12; Mt 25, 1-13 |
| Sábado | 1 Tes 4, 9-11; Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9; Mt 25, 14-30 |
| Domingo | Dt 4, 1-2. 6-8; Sal 14, 2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5; Stgo 1, 17-18. 21b-22. 27; Mc 7, 1-8. 14-15. 21-23 |

August 22, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-racking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way – it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us – being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! – we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

ACTION Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.

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Pastoral Care

Back to School Tips

Going back to school this year stirs a variety of emotions for children and parents. The following suggestions are offered on how to better manage children's emotional health and well-being.

It is important to provide children with support as soon as it is needed. Take time to talk with children and listen to their worries or concerns. Take proactive steps to reduce stress and provide a strong support system. The pandemic has and is still causing stress and disruption in the lives of school children. Validate your child's feelings by saying it is okay to feel upset, scared, anxious or even angry. Make sure your child knows that they can ask questions at any time.

Parents need to pay attention to their children's moods and uncharacteristic changes in behavior. Help define boundaries and create regular routines. Limit exposure to news coverage including social media. If there are any concerns, discuss them with your pediatrician, family physician or a professional counselor to help find ways to reduce unhealthy stress and improve your child's overall health. Wishing you a healthy and happy school year!

Health & Wellness Ministry

The Lord calls us to take care of our body, mind and soul. We are called to share our gifts and talents to help others in their journey of life to do the same. There are a variety of opportunities to support this initiative in our faith community such as assisting with blood pressure screenings once a month after Sunday Masses, planning workshops to learn about and practice healthy lifestyle choices and decreasing the stigma of mental illness. You may be a health care professional or not. What is important is that you have the passion and compassion for promoting the physical, spiritual, emotional and mental health of the parish. If you would like to join the ministry, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse at jolenel@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380.

Grandparents Ministry

The ministry is planning to meet (in-person and/or via ZOOM) on September 21 in Room 114 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Save the date on your calendar if you would like to join. More details will follow on the focus of the meeting and direction of the ministry. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please contact Allyson and Deacon Tony Martini at tonym@olmercy.com.

Open Hearts Ministry

The mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish will meet on Monday, September 13 in Room 218 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. During the month of September, there is a national focus on suicide awareness and prevention. The ministry offers spiritual support, resources and education. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care Services

Experiencing losses in life are challenging. It may be the loss of a loved one, job loss or the loss of good health. You may be faced with end-of-life decisions or not able to come to church due to mobility loss or illness. You are not alone. Your faith community is here for you. Please reach out for pastoral care by connecting with Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



Citizenship Classes

Citizenship classes start on September 13th at St. Mary's Parish Center at 432 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL. The classes will help you prepare and pass your citizenship test and interview. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. The Covid vaccination is required for attendance. Call 630-898-4636 to register for the class. The class is free. A \$10.00 donation is requested for study materials.

Clases de Ciudadania

Clases de Ciudadania empiezan el trece de septiembre en el Centro Parroquial de la Iglesia Santa Maria en el 432 E. Downer Place Aurora, IL. Las clases te ayudaran a prepararte para pasar tu examen de ciudadania y la entrevista. Las clases son los Lunes y Miercoles por las noches de 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. y los Martes y Jueves por las mañanas de 9:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. La vacuna del Covid es requerida. Llame al 630-898-4636 para registrarse en la clase. La clase es gratis. Una donacion de \$10.00 es requerida por los materiales.

A Glimpse of OLM's TREASURED VBS COMMUNITY



Our pastor, Fr. Don, supported all our efforts to make VBS 'pandemic style' a reality! YOU ARE TREASURED!



On "God Comforts You" day, campers, during their Service Activity time completed no sew blankets for kids fighting cancer. A BIG thank you to OLM's Loving Hands group for preparing this project for us!



Our Saint of the Day Station became a new favorite, treasured by campers each day in our sacred space!



VBS Treasured Theme Music & Movement offered campers an experience of God KNOWING, HEARING, COMFORTING, FORGIVING, and CHOOSING each of them!



A great spirit of kindness among our 100 campers and exceptional service from our 65 Tween, Teen, & adult Volunteers and staff! YOU ARE TREASURED!!



Marty Kadziela & Karen Schwartz worked tirelessly with OLM's fabulous Art and Environment Team to make our VBS spaces and places safe and engaging. Special thanks to Jim Fischer for his donations and woodworking skills.

Job Postings

Director of Sacred Music

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Mokena, IL

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Mokena is seeking to hire a Director of Sacred Music that will continue and grow the parish's legacy of orthodox, beautiful, and reverent sacred music. This includes use of antiphons, chant, and Christocentric hymns at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and para liturgical celebrations. This is a full-time benefited position that requires 40 – 50 hours per week with flexible hours. Organ and vocal training a must with a strong background and knowledge of liturgical music and liturgy in the Roman Catholic Tradition. To apply, interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Stephen Warunek at swarunek@stmarymokena.org

Full-time Maintenance/Custodian Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill, IL

The Diocese of Joliet in Crest Hill is seeking to hire a full-time Maintenance/Custodian. This person will receive written work or verbal instructions from Facility Manager to assist in the maintenance of the building and grounds of the properties of the diocese and will oversee the safety of those using the facility. Candidate should be mechanically disposed and proficient in all building trades, especially electrical, plumbing and carpentry work. Must have a valid drivers' license. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Director of Youth and Young Adult Formation, St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield, IL

St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield is seeking to hire a Director of Youth and Young Adult Formation. The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is responsible for collaborating with Faith Formation Ministers to create and provide to our youth and young adults in the parish with opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ through catechesis, evangelization, service, and worship. The Director facilitates the ongoing development of a personal and communal faith life of our youth and young adults through prayer, sacramental experiences and fellowship and advocates for them to the larger parish and parish ministries. Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or Theology and Certification or experience in Youth Ministry required. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Laura VanHam at Ivanham@smip.org.

Join us for a Block Party

FRIDAY 8/20 is **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**

- Featuring "TWO CROWNS" a movie docu-drama of the extraordinary life of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe.
- Parking lot opens up at 7pm.
- Movie starts at sunset estimated at 7:45pm.
- Bring your folding chairs, lawn blankets, and dinner! Oh and bring bug spray!
- There will be a popcorn stand and a cotton candy stand for the children.

SATURDAY 8/21 is **FOOD TRUCKS & OUTDOOR CONCERT**

- Starts 5pm (right after the 4pm Mass).
- A variety of food trucks consisting of Mexican and American food vendors such as *Tacos Diablos*, *Five Squared Pizza Bakery*, *Cheesie's Grilled Cheese*, and *Cookout on Wheels* as well as *Solemn Oath Brewery* just to name a few.
- Starts at 6pm with a family-friendly concert, featuring *Josh Goodman* and *a Few Good Men* with an eclectic mix of children-friendly, popular music as well as Christian music. *Children be prepared to be invited to sing and dance in front of the stage area.* We will also hear from Father Don and Father James as well!
- *Face painting and balloon art with MVP Balloon Art and Magic Show by 12-year-old Madeline Victoria Pacheco and 9-year-old Maxamiliano Victor Pacheco.*

SUNDAY 8/22 is **COOKIES & DONUTS CHECK OUT THE MINISTRIES & GROUPS AFTER ALL MASSES**

- Stop by the Parish Life Center (PLC) and converse with people from the Ministries and Groups we have at Our Lady of Mercy! *See how our parish can be here for you spiritually, physically, and mentally.*
- Have some delicious cookies or donuts from the bakery around the corner from us *Ciambella Bakery.*

Parish Sacrificial Giving

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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections | \$ | 145,671 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget | \$ | 150,000 |
| Amount Short of Budget | \$ | (4,329) |
| 08/01/21 Sunday Collection | \$ | 32,739 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal | \$ | 30,000 |
| Amount in Excess of Goal | \$ | 2,739 |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i> | | |
| For the Budget Year 2021/22 we have increased the Parish Sunday goal by 10%, to \$30,000/week, due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. | | |

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

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| April, 2009 | \$ | 1,950,000 |
| June, 2021 | \$ | 677,461 |
| July, 2021 | \$ | 667,240 |



Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com and click "Give" located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

Note: *If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.*



It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

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| Parish Goal | \$ | 154,400 |
| Amount Pledged | \$ | 152,953 |
| Amount Paid | \$ | 136,318 |
| Remaining Balance | \$ | 16,635 |
| Rebate Amount | \$ | 0 |
| # of Families Pledged | | 509 |

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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) 6:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday 12:00pm

Thursday 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

Confessions

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm

1st Fridays of the Month 8:30-9:15am

Or by Appointment

Prayer Chapel

Open weekdays 7:00am-8:00pm

Adoration

Monday & Thursday 8:30am-6:00pm

Wednesdays 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month 12:00pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

Parish Directory

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