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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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JULY 26, 2020
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW BISHOP

THE SIXTH BISHOP OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Ronald A. Hicks



**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS,
GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**



From The Pastor's Desk...
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Okay, I admit it. There are times I fantasize about becoming rich when I buy a lottery ticket once or twice a year. What would I do with all that money? Of course, I know when I buy the ticket that God would never put me in that dilemma! But, it is fun to dream. Today's two parables of the "treasure in the field" and the "pearl of great price" ring a bell in each of us because many people dream of striking in rich. The success of casinos and state lotteries come from the hope people have that they might win and all their problems will be solved. But, we often read stories of maybe it wasn't the best thing that ever happened to them. If we satisfy all of our material desires, emptiness remains because we are more than a body. We have a soul. Consider a human life without friendship, love, purpose or faith and we can understand why our greatest need is spiritual.

The spiritual is also the organizing principle of our life like the function on a computer that cascades all the data we enter into an order that is arranged alphabetically, numerically or chronologically, whichever way we want. The Gospel call this organizing principle of the human heart, the "kingdom of God." As Jesus says elsewhere in Matthew's Gospel, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." The kingdom of God has little to do with wealth, territory, castles, damsels in distress or knights in shining armor. It does have to do with the reign of God in our hearts, our lives and our homes.

As St. Paul writes in today's second reading, "For those who love God, everything works for their spiritual good." Once we have the true God at the center of our life, we never have to fear being trapped by false gods, becoming devotees of image and celebrity, slaves of ambition or lust, servants of power or greed, prisoners of our job or career, because we have found our greatest good in God.

However we come to the kingdom of God, by discovery, like the treasure in the field, or by search, like the fine pearl, we have to invest ourselves in His reign to discover the riches, the wealth, the perspective, the abundance of life in Christ. Those who embrace the reign of God, the kingdom of Jesus Christ, in their lives are the ones who really "strike it rich!"

Have a blessed week!

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New Schedule***Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions*****Monday, July 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Julie Watson, by Mary Houdek
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Anastasio Martinez, by Elosia Martinez

Tuesday, July 28 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Dolores Simonek, by George & Willie Durante
 6:30 PM † Donald Bruski, by John & Cheryl Whitter
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, July 29 - St Martha

8:00 AM † Evelyn McLaughlin, by Fr Don McLaughlin

Thursday, July 30 - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

6:30 AM † Charles Martinez, by The Hurtado Family
 8:00 AM Int Jerzy & Rosalie Bagninski by Barb Chapman
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, July 31 - St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 AM † Pat Lohse, by Ron & Cheryl Lohse

Saturday, August 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

8:30 AM † Jo Ann Doughty, by Son, Michael Aepli
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † George Samar, by Family
 † Frank Ramsey

Sunday, August 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 Int The LaVine Family, by Cheryl Lohse
 10:00 AM † Jesus Mendoza, by Family
 12:00 PM Int Jude Stephen Das, by Bernadine Lestourgeon
 5:30 PM † Joe Hartnett, by Peggy Harnett

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. First Responders |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Medical Professionals | 12. MRM - Health & Comfort |
| 5. Peace | 13. Those with Covid-19 |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Better Days to Come |
| 7. Jobs for the Unemployed | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 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.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, US Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 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
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Weekday 8:00AM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM

We are now taking intentions for the Tues. 6:30PM, Thur. 6:30AM and Sat. 8:30AM Masses.

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

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

Mark Hoeksema
 Wayne Draper
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki
 Helga Manglinong
 Michael Dandan
 Charlene Oates

Maria Luna
 William Nimmow
 Jill Brisceno
 Lexi Brisceno
 Michael Butler
 Hailey Hartnett
 Thomas F. Sterling
 Henrietta Pineda
 La Moua
 Valerie Plesha

Hedy Sterling
 Diane Pazos
 Diane Singer
 Joyce Craig
 John Swanston
 Robert Ciulla
 Bridget Garry
 David Bakke
 Bill Morse
 Rudolfo Gamaro

Nancy Higgins
 Marilyn Reich

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.



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Bueno, lo admito. Hay veces que fantaseo con volverme rico cuando compro un boleto de lotería una o dos veces al año. ¿Qué haría con todo ese dinero? ¡Por supuesto, cuando compro el boleto sé que Dios nunca me pondría en ese dilema! Pero, es divertido soñar. Las dos parábolas de hoy del "tesoro en el campo" y la "perla de gran precio" suenan en cada uno de nosotros porque muchas personas sueñan con hacerse ricos. El éxito de los casinos y las loterías estatales proviene de la esperanza que las personas tienen que puedan ganar y todos sus problemas se resolverán. Pero, a menudo leemos historias de que tal vez no fue lo mejor que les ha pasado. Si satisfacemos todos nuestros deseos materiales, el vacío permanece porque somos más que un cuerpo. Tenemos un alma. Consideren una vida humana sin amistad, amor, propósito o fe y podemos entender por qué nuestra mayor necesidad es espiritual.

Lo espiritual es también el principio organizador de nuestra vida, como la función en una computadora que conecta en cascada todos los datos que ingresamos en un orden dispuesto alfabéticamente, numéricamente o cronológicamente, de la manera que queramos. El Evangelio llama a este principio organizador del corazón humano, el "reino de Dios". Como Jesús dice en otra parte del Evangelio de Mateo: "Busquen primero el reino de Dios y Su justicia, y esas cosas vendrán por añadidura". El reino de Dios tiene poco que ver con riqueza, territorio, castillos, doncellas en apuros o caballeros con armadura brillante. Tiene que ver con el reino de Dios en nuestros corazones, nuestras vidas y nuestros hogares.

Como San Pablo escribe en la segunda lectura de hoy, "Para los que aman a Dios, todo funciona para su bien espiritual". Una vez que tenemos al verdadero Dios en el centro de nuestra vida, nunca debemos temer quedar atrapados por dioses falsos, convertirnos en devotos de la imagen y la celebridad, esclavos de la ambición o la lujuria, servidores del poder o la codicia, prisioneros de nuestro trabajo o carrera, porque hemos encontrado nuestro mayor bien en Dios.

Sin embargo, llegamos al reino de Dios, descubriendo, como el tesoro en el campo, o buscando, como la perla fina, nosotros mismos tenemos que invertir en Su reino para descubrir las riquezas, la profusión, la perspectiva, la abundancia de la vida en Cristo. ¡Los que aceptan el reino de Dios, el reino de Jesucristo en sus vidas, son los que realmente "se hacen ricos!".

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!


Padre Don

*Misa en
español*

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A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
 Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
 Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

THE REVELATION OF YOUR WORD SHEDS LIGHT

Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: "Can you hear me now?" Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, "Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Then let me explain it another way." He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must "play the long game" because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.



**Our Summer Celebration of the Saint Series Continues with....
Saint Ignatius Loyola, Feast Day: July 31**

What he said: "Teach us to give and not to count the cost."

What the world was like: At the time of Ignatius' birth, the Middle Ages were ending and the great European Renaissance was about to begin. During Ignatius' lifetime, the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican was built.



Who he was: Ignatius Loyola was born in northern Spain. He was the youngest of thirteen children. His family was wealthy and his father was a nobleman. As a boy, he dreamed of becoming a famous soldier. He had a quick temper and often got into trouble. Eventually he became a soldier in the Spanish army. **He was badly wounded while fighting against the French. During his long and painful recovery he asked for books to read and was given a life of Jesus Christ and lives of the saints. These books inspired him to change his goals in life.** He did not want to fight in the army anymore. He wanted to dedicate his life to Jesus. He went to live as a hermit where he devoted long hours to prayer and to caring for the sick. He wrote a book called *The Spiritual Exercises* to help people become more like Christ.

After making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Ignatius decided to study for the priesthood. Going back to school was a humbling experience since he was several years older than most of the other students. He eventually went to the University of Paris to finish his studies in Theology and Latin. His life of prayer and simplicity influenced several of his fellow students. Six of them decided to become priests as well. After they were ordained priests, they all made a special vow of obedience to the pope. This meant that they would carry out any work the pope asked them to do. **They called themselves the Society of Jesus and received formal recognition as a religious order from Pope Paul III. The Society of Jesus soon came to be known as the Jesuits.**

Ignatius was elected as the Jesuits' first general, or leader. He carried out this role until his death at the age of 65. He saw Jesuits start schools, lead retreats based on *The Spiritual Exercises*, and sail off to far away countries as missionaries. Today the Jesuits form the largest male religious order in the Catholic Church, and are present in almost every country in the world. ***The Spiritual Exercises* that Ignatius wrote so many years ago remain popular today as a way to grow closer to Christ.**

What this saint means to us: Ignatius Loyola is sometimes referred to as a "soldier for Christ." **He worked to strengthen the Kingdom of God on earth by trying to be like Christ in everything he did.** He and the order he started were able to accomplish great things by focusing on this simple goal.

Focus on Eye Care

July is designated as *Healthy Vision Month*. The National Eye Institute offers the following suggestions to protect your vision. It is important to have an eye doctor that you trust. Ask family or friends about their eye doctor and if they would refer you to go to their eye doctor. An eye doctor can help you stay on top of your eye health. One way to find eye diseases early is by getting dilated eye exams. Having routine eye appointments with your eye doctor is the best way to know how often your eyes need to be dilated. Get moving! Physical activity lowers the risk for health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure that may affect your vision. Get your heart pumping. If you do not take time to exercise, increase your activity by walking while you are talking on the phone, stretch or do push-ups while watching television or dance while listening to music or doing chores.

Find out about your family health history especially concerning eye diseases like glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration. Be sure to share this history with your eye doctor. Just like physical activity, eating healthy food will help prevent health conditions that can increase the risk for eye problems. Add more eye-healthy foods to your plate such as dark, leafy greens like spinach and kale and eat fish high in omega-3 fatty acids like halibut, salmon and tuna. Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses on sunny and cloudy days. Sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of both UVA and UVB radiation can lower the risk for cataracts. Managing chronic health conditions is important to reduce the risk of eye problems. Keep blood sugars and blood pressure in the healthy ranges. Smoking increases the risk for macular degeneration and cataracts. Make a plan to quit smoking and if you need help call 1-800-784-8669.



Scripture reminds us how important our eye and spiritual vision is. “No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light. The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is sound, then your whole body is filled with light, but when it is bad, then your body is in darkness.” (Luke 11:33-34)

Self-Care and Resilience

Each of us is dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways in our lives. Some are providing patient care on the front lines, providing community services, working at home or out of the home, supporting the faith community, taking care of a family or going through this time alone. No matter how our lives are being affected by the pandemic, practicing self-care and being resilient are more important than ever.

Some resources that may be of support are as follows. Type in each title as written and it will show you the website to connect to. CDC Coping with Stress Resources; National Alliance on Mental Health COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide and the National Council on Aging COVID-19 Resources for Older Adults and Caregivers.

For additional resources and support during this time for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns, please reach out to Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Behavioral Health Services

AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center in Aurora offers a Resource and Referral Center for behavioral health services. The centralized resource and referral center has qualified behavioral health professionals that direct callers to available community resources.

The Behavioral Health Resource Call Center is available Monday through Friday between 9am to 5:30pm at 844-569-5200. To learn more about Behavioral Health Services at AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center call the general information line at 630-801-2657.



Diocese of Joliet
Office of the Bishop



Diocese of Joliet Announces Appointment of New Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

July 17, 2020

JOLIET, IL-- Pope Francis today announced that he has named Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the sixth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL. Pope Francis had previously accepted the resignation of Bishop Emeritus R. Daniel Conlon and had named Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop could be appointed.

Bishop Hicks, 52, will be installed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Ill. on September 29, 2020.

"The Diocese of Joliet is most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop Ronald Hicks as its sixth bishop," said Bishop Pates. "The bishop owns a reputation for pastoral leadership and is totally committed to the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church. He is a worthy successor to Bishop Conlon and his predecessors."

About Bishop Hicks

Bishop Hicks, a native of Harvey, IL, grew up in South Holland, IL, where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Grade School. He graduated from Quigley Seminary South in 1985. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Nilis College of Loyola University Chicago in 1989 and his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2003, both from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

Bishop Hicks served as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago from 1994 to 1996 and then at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, IL, from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered at St. Joseph College Seminary as the Dean of Formation.

In July 2005, with permission from Cardinal Francis George, Bishop Hicks moved from Chicago to El Salvador to begin his five-year term as Regional Director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) in Central America. NPH is a home dedicated to caring for more than 3,400 orphaned and abandoned children in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

From 2010 to 2014, Bishop Hicks served as the Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he assisted with weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop Hicks was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese by Cardinal Cupich on January 1, 2015. On September 17, 2018 he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 7/12/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 1,603,495
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 1,686,400
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (82,905)

7/12/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$ 25,449
<i>Sunday Goal:</i>	\$ 27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$ (1,751)

For the Budget Year 2020/21 we have reduced the Parish Sunday goal by 15%, to \$27,200/week, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. This was due in part to the Budget shortfall that we had during the 2019/2020 year.

We have received 82% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period. We have had over 200 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time, an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
May, 2020	\$ 821,219
June, 2020	\$ 810,420

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Diocese of Joliet
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Annual Appeal

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.

Parish Goal	\$ 146,700
Amount Pledged	\$ 171,989
Amount Paid	\$ 125,752
Remaining Balance	\$ 46,237
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	669

Respect Life

Join us Friday, August 7, 2020

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 3 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst1> or please call Jane Fonner at (630) 851-8433 or email janeconner@comcast.net

A Note from Father Mark

OLM, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the gifts, cards, and your contributions to the spiritual bouquet (special thanks to the Kibler family arranging everything). I am humbled by the outpouring of love you have shown me; the love of Christ has pounded my heart through your words and generosity. Know of my continued prayers for all OLM parishioners!

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good ad-

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

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 attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register online at: <http://olmercy.com/wp-content/FamilyRegistrationForm.html>

HOSPITALITY: "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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