



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)....6:30pm
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday.....8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)..... 4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 5:30pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday
6:00pm

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Third SUNDAY of Advent

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances
give thanks,
for this is the will
of God for you
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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

It was previously announced that December 20 would be the last weekend that Deacon Mike Please would deacon Mass before moving to Tennessee.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been moved to this weekend. So, on behalf of the parish family of OLM I extend to Deacon Mike our love, support, and thanks for his diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mercy, and we wish him well in his new position with FedEx in Tennessee. God Bless you Deacon Mike and your wife Laurie and family! Deacon Mike shares his farewell message.....

Dear OLM Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I tell you I am leaving the only parish I have known for the past almost 30 years. I'm grateful for friendships made and for service to our parish as a deacon these last 4 years. I have talked about moving out of state for quite some time, but never had I envisioned this was going to take place so quickly. I guess I should have expected the unexpected this year, as 2020 was loaded with surprises. To cap off what has been a crazy year, I found out I'll need to go under the knife for the first time on 12/21, nothing major though. What a way to end this year! Since we just had an offer accepted on a house in Tennessee, my thoughts turn to ministry at a new parish. While I will stay connected to many of you through my phone (call, text, social media), I understand we will have to make new friends and adjust to parish life in Tennessee. Wherever I end up, the parishioners might say the new deacon talks with a Chicago accent! I'll do my best to try to bring a taste of Chicago to Murfreesboro (Portillo's, Giordanos). As we all navigate the many changes that take place throughout our lives, just know you will always be in my thoughts and prayers, and this is just the next chapter in my life for which I am excited to begin. Turn the page!

In Christ,
Deacon Mike

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, December 14 - St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**

8:00 AM Samantha Campion, by Tom & Joan Campion
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Javier Galvez, by Lozano Family

Tuesday, December 15 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Betty Miller, by Dan & Maryanne Kolb
 6:30 PM † Rosemary Horne, by Patty Schilz
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 16 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Ingrida Straseviciene, by Doligosa Family

Thursday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30 AM † Jerry & Donna Bruss
 8:00 AM † Joel Moen, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Mike & Carole Brogan, by Senior Gems

Saturday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM † Rinda Marie Calhoun, by Jeannine Malone
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 † James W Ray &
 † James W Ray Jr by Helean M Ray

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Patrice Klasinski
 10:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 † Khoi Dimh Pham, by The Parcels Family
 12:00 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 5:30 PM † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Jim DeZellar | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Nurses & Doctors |
| 3. Diane Pazos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Robin Pazos | 12. Bob Anderson |
| 5. Tristian Pazos | 13. Francis Flanagan |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Sister Louise Staszewski |
| 7. First Responders | 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
 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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00AM, Wednesday 12PM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM
 Monday Spanish Mass 6:30PM

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	William Nimmow	Joyce Craig	William Gardaphe
Wayne Draper	Jill Brisceno	John Swanston	Allene Doddali
Ailani Banulos	Lexi Brisceno	Robert Ciulla	Mary Dunbar
Julia Schremp	Michael Butler	Bridget Garry	
Kathy Walowski	Hailey Hartnett	David Bakke	
Flo Paprzycki	Thomas F. Sterling	Bill Morse	
Helga Manglinong	La Moua	Nancy Higgins	
Michael Dandan	Valerie Plesha	Marilyn Reich	
Charlene Oates	Hedy Sterling	Helen Joseph	
Maria Luna	Diane Pazos	Antoinette Humanski	
	Diane Singer	Alice Toschak	

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!

Anteriormente se anunció que el 20 de diciembre sería el último fin de semana en que el diácono Mike Please estaría en la Misa como diácono antes de mudarse a Tennessee.

Por imprevistos, esto se ha trasladado a este fin de semana. Entonces, en nombre de la familia parroquial de OLM, extendiendo al Diácono Mike nuestro amor, apoyo y agradecimiento por su ministerio diaconal en Our Lady of Mercy, y le deseamos lo mejor en su nuevo puesto con FedEx en Tennessee. ¡Dios te bendiga diácono Mike, a tu esposa Laurie y a tu familia! El Diácono Mike comparte su mensaje de despedida.....

Querida familia de OLM,

Es con emociones encontradas que les digo que me voy de la única parroquia que he conocido durante los últimos casi 30 años. Estoy agradecido por las amistades hechas y por el servicio a nuestra parroquia como diácono estos últimos 4 años. He hablado de mudarme fuera del estado durante bastante tiempo, pero nunca había imaginado que esto iba a suceder tan rápido. Supongo que debería haber esperado lo inesperado este año, ya que el 2020 estuvo cargado de sorpresas. Para rematar lo que ha sido un año loco, descubrí que tendré que pasar por el quirófano por primera vez el 21 de diciembre, aunque nada importante. ¡Qué manera de terminar este año! Como acabamos de recibir la aceptación de una oferta para una casa en Tennessee, mis pensamientos se dirigen al ministerio en una nueva parroquia. Aunque me mantendré en contacto con muchos de ustedes a través de mi teléfono (llamadas, mensajes de texto, redes sociales), entiendo que tendremos que hacer nuevos amigos y adaptarnos a la vida parroquial en Tennessee. ¡Donde sea que termine, los feligreses podrían decir que el nuevo diácono habla con acento de Chicago! Haré todo lo posible para intentar llevar el sabor de Chicago a Murfreesboro (Portillo's, Giordanos). Mientras todos navegamos por los muchos cambios que tienen lugar a lo largo de nuestras vidas, sepan que siempre estarán en mis pensamientos y oraciones, y este es solo el próximo capítulo de mi vida por el que estoy emocionado de comenzar. ¡Voltear la página!

En Cristo,
Diácono Mike

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. "Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena".

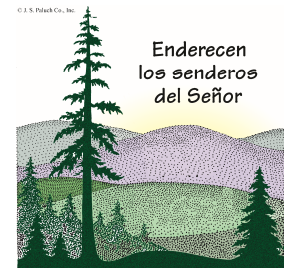
Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: "Soy el padre de Elena".

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 7:18b-23
- Jueves: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Viernes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Sábado: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
- Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Light! Here in the Midwest in December we don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

WITNESS Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.



An Advent Saint and Story to Emulate Year-Round

On December 12, we honored Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Yesterday's feast day allows us the opportunity to continue to reflect on how we live our faith as Mary does with the love, compassion, and respect.

On the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recall the appearance of Mary before Saint Juan Diego, a poor Aztec Indian peasant, on a hill in Mexico in 1531. Clothed like an Aztec princess, Mary spoke to Juan in his own language. Her request—that Juan go to the local bishop and instruct him to build a church on that very spot—took Juan by surprise. Why, he wondered, would a bishop listen to someone as lowly and humble as he? Yet Mary entrusted Juan with this important task.

After first being refused by the bishop, Juan returned to the bishop with a sign given to him by Mary—roses that bloomed, impossibly in winter. When he opened his tilma, or cloak, the roses spilled out, and inside the tilma was imprinted the beautiful image of Mary as she appeared to Juan.

The bishop built the church, and Mary's love and compassion were extended to the people of Mexico and beyond.

Mary's kindness and respect toward Juan and sensitivity to his culture are powerful reminders to respect the dignity of others, especially those who are poor or "different" from us.

Mary also evangelizes. Over the centuries, she has brought the love of her Son to millions of people who otherwise might not have known him. Her example is one to emulate in our roles as catechists, teachers, parents, and young believers!





**EDGE
Parent
& Stu-
dent Ses-**

sion information for December will be out soon! Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you have questions.

Parents are needed to assist with check-in at EDGE nights when we resume in January. Please consider helping with this vital ministry for our young people!

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>



Online Sign-Up for Faith Conversations, LIGHT Mini-

Courses and Discipleship Projects is now open! Check it out on the LIGHT webpage.

Parent Volunteers needed to help with LIGHT mini-courses and check-in teens on Sunday mornings and evenings. If you can help, please sign-up on the mini-course sign-up page.

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our LIGHT webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

PASTORAL CARE

Blue Christmas

The holiday season is one of happiness and celebration. But not for everyone. The holiday season is difficult for those whose hearts are hurting from experiencing the death of a loved one, facing life after a divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with an illness or dealing with the challenges of the pandemic. The pain and loss that some people are experiencing may be why they are saying that this year is a “Blue Christmas.”

The longest night of the year is near or on the winter solstice which is December 21. It is the day with the shortest amount of light. It is on this night that a spiritual time is being offered for reflection, a time to learn from others, a time to accept where we are and a time to experience hope and healing. The God of love wants to come to us in the midst of our pain, sadness, sorrow and loneliness.

A sacred space and time will be offered for a virtual gathering on Monday, December 21 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on ZOOM facilitated by Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care. Please reach out to Jolene to register for the service or for more details at jolene-el@olmercy.com.

Third Sunday of Advent

As you light the third candle on your Advent wreath, the pink candle is lit that represents joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle” as a reminder of the shepherds and their joy when Jesus was born. Pink or rose is a liturgical color for joy. The Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudette Sunday reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Christ. May we spread the joy that we have in our hearts because of our relationship with Jesus to all the world today!

Increase Energy in Your Day

Many people are experiencing pandemic fatigue as life has become more exhausting. As you go throughout the day, set some rewards for yourself as you accomplish tasks. Studies show that dopamine, the neurotransmitter that has a role in how pleasure is felt, has proven to increase levels of motivation, mood, focus and energy. Make these rewards healthy choices such as a five-minute walk outside, a healthy smoothie or calling a friend. Take time to focus on deep breathing that will balance the oxygen and carbon dioxide levels in the blood, flooding the brain and body with more oxygen. This will increase alertness and boosts mood. Schedule small breaks in your day. You will feel the difference!

Resource for COVID-19 Questions

AMITA Health has a resource for COVID-19 questions and concerns at amitahealth.org/covid-19. This site is continually updated with the most recent information from AMITA Health system experts.

Pastoral Care Needs

You are not alone. If you have concerns or questions about your physical, spiritual, mental or emotional health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at joleneel@olmercy.com. The Our Lady of Mercy faith community has ministries and volunteers who would like to reach out to others in their time of need. May God bless your Advent season with hope and joy!

*Registration Required
(Links go live 12/14)*

Christmas Eve
Thursday
Dec 24
3PM
5PM
7PM
9PM
12AM MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day
Friday
Dec 25
7AM
9AM
11AM
1PM

**SCHEDULE OF
UPCOMING
MASSES**

*Come thou long expected
Jesus*

Vigil of Mary
Thursday
Dec 31
4pm
Mother of God

Solemnity of
Friday
January 1
9AM & 11AM
Mary

Christmas Flower Offerings

This Christmas we will decorate the church with poinsettias around the altar. If you would like to make a gift towards the flowers please go to our website at www.olmercy.com and click on "Give" and log into Online Giving and choose "Flowers:".

If you wish to memorialize your loved ones you can add their names in the Comments section.

The recommended donation is \$10.00.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our church beautiful during the holiday season.



Advent RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAYS DEC
5th, 12th, 19th
9am - 10am
1:30pm - 2:30pm

TUESDAYS DEC
1st, 8th, 15th
7pm - 8pm
on 22nd 7pm until
all are heard

SATURDAY DEC 20th 4:30pm - 5:30pm
MONDAY Dec 21st 7pm - 8pm

PREPARE YOUR
HEART TO
RECEIVE *Jesus*

Stir up our hearts, Lord,
to make ready the paths of
Your only begotten Son

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angel
TO a FAMILY**

**GO TO OUR GIVE page and
CLICK ON "ONLINE GIVING"**

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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.

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses**

December 19 & 20

Father James will preach at all Masses.

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00p	Fr James Guarascio
	5:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/29/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	597,768
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	598,400
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(632)
11/29/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	25,035
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,165)

Thank you for your generosity!!

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.

You have donated \$4,849 to the Angel Giving Program through November 30th. Thank You!!



Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
September, 2020	\$ 777,203
October, 2020	\$ 765,997

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2020

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	\$	184,752
Amount Paid	\$	168,833
Remaining Balance	\$	15,920
Rebate Amount	\$	15,493
# of Families Pledged		700

LOOKING FOR A MESSAGE OF *hope* THIS *Christmas!*

OUR LADY OF MERCY WILL BE LIVESTREAMING ALL THEIR CHRISTMAS MASSES

livestream times

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 | FRIDAY DECEMBER 25
3PM 5PM 7PM 9PM | MIDNIGHT 7AM 9AM 11AM 1PM

I WILL BE WATCHING ONLINE AND *invite* YOU TO DO THE SAME

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Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please send an email to parishoffice@olmercy.com in the Subject line put Address Change so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Blue Christmas

A Virtual Service of Healing and Hope

Feeling blue due to the loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss or challenges of the pandemic? You are invited to a virtual gathering of reflection & support on Monday, December 21st from 7:00 to 8:00 pm via ZOOM. Please email Jolene LeRoy RN at jolene1@olmercy.com to register.





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Please update your bookmark or favorites to use this link every time for every purchase. Only purchases made through smile.amazon.com credit our account, not the main website or the app.

Thank you for supporting our parish!!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Tuesdays 7-8pm. Saturday 9-10am & 1:30-2:30pm.
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 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.

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.

HOSPITALITY: At this time Hospitality Sundays have been put on hold due to Covid-19. Please always wear a mask when in the church and Parish Life Center and remember to keep a social distance of at least six feet.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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