Our Lady of Mercy catholic church

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIGHT YOUR LIGHT

that they may see your

GOOD WORKS

& Glorify your Father who is in the automotion.

MATTHEW 5:16

## News from P.I.T. (Priest in Training)



The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life". (Lumen Gentium, 11) It is our direct contact with the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As St. John Paul II put it, "The Church constantly draws her life from the redeeming sacrifice; she approaches it not only through faith-filled remembrance, but also through a real contact, since this sacrifice is made present ever anew, sacramentally perpetuated, in every community which offers it at the hands of the consecrated minister. The Eucharist thus applies to men and women today the reconciliation won once for all by Christ for mankind in every age." (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 12)

There's a *lot* riding on the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation (the bread and wine change substantially into the Body and Blood of Jesus), so if we have any doubts about Jesus' intentions when he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, let's listen to how the early Christians unerstood what Jesus meant by the words "This is my body...do this in remembrance of me."

St. Ignatius of Antioch, writing in AD 110: "I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire his blood, which is love incorruptible." (Letter to the Romans 7:3)

"Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God.... They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes." (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 6:2–7:1)

St. Justin Martyr, writing in AD 151: "We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [i.e., has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus" (*First Apology* 66)

St. Irenaeus, writing in AD 189: "He has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own body, from which he gives increase unto our bodies. When, therefore, the mixed cup [wine and water] and the baked bread receives the Word of God and becomes the Eucharist, the body of Christ, and from these the substance of our flesh is increased and supported, how can they say that the flesh is not capable of receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life—flesh which is nourished by the body and blood of the Lord, and is in fact a member of him?" (Against Heresies, 5:2).

**Father James** 



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 6 - S Paul Miki and Companions

8:00 am † Steve Bodda, by Family 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Martina Preciado, by Raul Peciado Family (Spanish Mass)

#### Tuesday, February 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Lois Mattison, by Grandchildren 6:30 pm Int Ronald G. Adams, by Christine Adams

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

#### Wednesday, February 8 - St Jerome Emiliani

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Aleta Nawrot, by Louise Ventrella 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

#### Thursday, February 9 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am In Thanksgiving, by The Dagang Family 8:00 am † Nancy Basten, Keith & Janet Johnson

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

#### Friday, February 10 - St Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 am Int Frank & Rose Marsala Family

#### Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

8:30 am † Patrice Klasinski

9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM) 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM) 4:00 pm Vigil - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr.

By Helean Ray

† Richard Ceci, by Family

#### Sunday, February 12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Ann Borberg, by Diane Reiter

10:00 am † Joseph Saraceni, by Luchie Saraceni

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy

5:30 pm † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- 1. Fr Don McLaughlin
- 2. Candace Avila
- 3. First Responders
- 4. Baby Riley Chick
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Baby Cerina Skye
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. The Feldman Family
- 10. Peter Schettek, Jr.
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. The Sick
- 13. Medical Professionals
- 14. Peace in Home & Marriage
- 15. Teachers
- 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

February 11 & 12

Father M	ichael will p	reach at all Masses.
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney



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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.

and their families.
David Bakke
Alfredo Chavez
Baby Riley Chick
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Mary Dunbar
Bridget Garry
Connie Hegg
Jim Hegg
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Antoinette Humanski
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph

Baby Penelope Keene

Rev. Don McLaughlin

Michelle Maeirs

Kristen Manning Susan Massett

Susan Mennenga Bill Morse La Moua **Charlene Oates** Flo Paprzycki Diane Pazos Valerie Plesha Jim Pluskota Julia Schremp **Diane Singer Hedy Sterling** Thomas F. Sterling John Swanston Rev. Gerald Tivy Bernice Tokarski Kathy Walowski Judy Wiltgen

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 PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy LT Daniel Moran, US Army

## Noticias del P.I.T. (Sacerdote en formación)



La Eucaristía es la "fuente y cumbre de la vida Cristiana" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Es nuestro contacto directo con la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Como dijo San Juan Pablo II, "La Iglesia constantemente saca su vida del sacrificio redentor; se acerca a él no sólo a través del recuerdo lleno de fe, sino también a través de un contacto real, ya que este sacrificio se hace presente siempre de nuevo, perpetuado sacramentalmente, en cada comunidad que lo ofrece de manos del ministro consagrado. La Eucaristía aplica así a los hombres y mujeres de hoy la reconciliación ganada una vez por todas por Cristo para

la humanidad en todos los tiempos" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 12).

Hay mucho en juego en la doctrina Católica de la transubstanciación (el pan y el vino se transforman sustancialmente en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús), así que si tenemos alguna duda sobre las intenciones de Jesús cuando instituyó la Eucaristía en la Última Cena, escuchemos cómo los primeros cristianos entendieron lo que Jesús quiso decir con las palabras "Esto es mi cuerpo... haced esto en memoria mía".

San Ignacio de Antioquía, escribiendo en el año 110 DC: "No tengo gusto por la comida corruptible ni por los placeres de esta vida. Deseo el pan de Dios, que es la carne de Jesucristo, que era del linaje de David; y como bebida deseo su sangre, que es el amor incorruptible" (*Carta a los Romanos 7:3*).

"Tomen nota de los que tienen opiniones heterodoxas sobre la gracia de Jesucristo que ha venido a nosotros, y vean cuán contrarias son sus opiniones a la mente de Dios. . . . Se abstienen de la Eucaristía y de la oración porque no confiesan que la Eucaristía es la carne de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, carne que padeció por nuestros pecados y que ese Padre, en su bondad, lo resucitó. Los que niegan el don de Dios perecen en sus disputas" (Carta a los de Esmirna 6:2–7:1). San Justino Mártir, escribiendo en el año 151 DC: "Llamamos a este alimento Eucaristía, y nadie más puede participar de él, excepto aquel que cree que nuestra enseñanza es verdadera y que ha sido lavado en el lavatorio que es para la remisión de los pecados y para la regeneración [es decir, ha recibido el bautismo] y por lo tanto está viviendo como Cristo ordenó. Porque no como pan común ni bebida común los recibimos; pero puesto que Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador, se encarnó por la palabra de Dios y tuvo carne y sangre para nuestra salvación, así también, como se nos ha enseñado, el alimento que se ha convertido en la Eucaristía por la oración Eucarística establecida por él, y de cuyo cambio se nutre nuestra sangre y carne, es a la vez la carne y la sangre de aquel Jesús encarnado" (Primera Apología 66).

San Ireneo, escribiendo en el año 189 DC: "Él ha declarado que la copa, una parte de la creación, es su propia sangre, de la cual Él hace que fluya nuestra sangre; y el pan, una parte de la creación, lo ha establecido como su propio cuerpo, del cual da crecimiento a nuestros cuerpos. Cuando, por lo tanto, la copa mezclada [vino y agua] y el pan horneado reciben la Palabra de Dios y se convierten en la Eucaristía, el cuerpo de Cristo, y de éstos crece y se sostiene la sustancia de nuestra carne, ¿cómo pueden decir que la carne no es capaz de recibir el don de Dios, que es la vida eterna, carne que se nutre del cuerpo y de la sangre del Señor, y es de hecho un miembro de él?" (Contra las Herejías, 5:2).

Padre James



### Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo** Is 58, 7-10;

Sal 111, 4-5. 6-7. 8a y 9;

1 Cor 2, 1-5; Mt 5, 13-16

**Lunes** Gn 1, 1-19;

Sal 103, 1-2a. 5-6. 10 y 12. 24 y 35c; Mc 6, 53-56

Martes Gn 1, 20-2, 4;

Sal 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9;

Mc 7, 1-13

**Miércoles** Gn 2, 4-9. 15-17;

Sal 103, 1-2a. 27-28.

29bc-30; Mc 7, 14-23

**Jueves** Gn 2, 18-25;

Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5;

Mc 7, 24-30

Viernes Gn 3, 1-8;

Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7;

Mc 7, 31-37

**Sábado** Gn 3, 9-24;

Sal 89, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13;

Mc 8, 1-10

**Domingo** Sir 15, 16-21;

Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34; 1 Cor 2, 6-10; Mt 5, 17-37 o

Mt 5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-37

66 You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world."

February 5, 2023

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

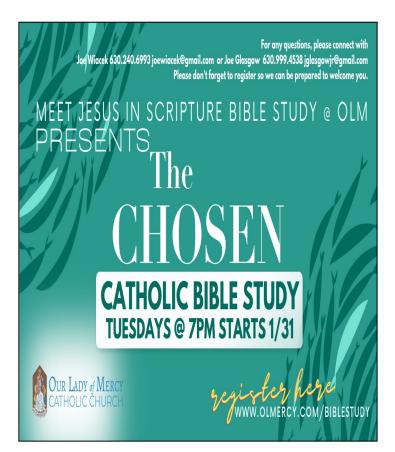
It's amazing how one interaction can brighten an otherwise gloomy day. I love a nice sunrise on a wintry morning or a crackling fire on an autumn night. But whatever the weather, nothing quite lights up my day like a shared laugh with a friend, a snippet of real conversation with my teen son, or a hot cup of coffee delivered by my husband. In today's reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount, telling the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We, too, can be light for others – through good deeds large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. As we go about our days, we can ask the Lord to show us how to serve others. We will have days when we don't feel up to the task but, like St. Paul, we can ask the Holy Spirit to light the way.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

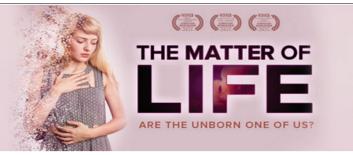
#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used images that resonate with us as much as they did with his followers 2,000 years ago: salt and light. Salt serves many purposes, preserving our food and giving it flavor, for example. And of course we cannot live without light. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." Like the disciples we, too, can be salt and light for others by giving witness to our faith. What that involves will be different for each of us. For ideas, we can turn to today's reading from Isaiah, which calls us to share our bread, shelter the oppressed and clothe the naked. In doing so, our light "shall break forth like the dawn."

**ACTION** We all know people we'd call "the salt of the earth." Who are those people in your life? Make a list of the characteristics they exhibit or actions they take that you can learn from and try to imitate. Ask God for the grace to see and do likewise for his glory.







#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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invites you to a FREE Friday Movie Night
FEBRUARY 10 at 6:30 – 8:30 PM
RM 114 PARISH LIFE CENTER

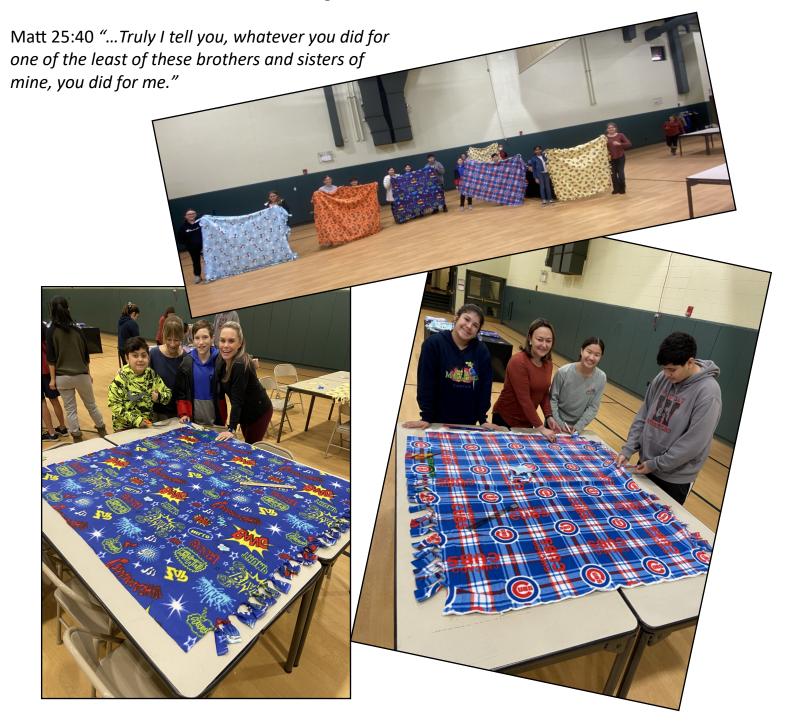
The Matter of Life is a wakeup call and a call-to-action. While we praise God for the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, here in Illinois pro-life advocacy MUST intensify to meet the abortion industry's expansion and plans to make the Land of Lincoln an abortion destination point. This documentary, with the help of experts, personal accounts, and plentiful visual aids, explores the political, spiritual, emotional, and physical aspects of abortion.



# EDGE Service Project

The 6th through 8th grade students volunteered to make fleece blankets for the less fortunate children, especially during the colder months. It is a simple process of cutting and tying the blankets that is easy and safe to learn. All the blankets are donated locally to The Linus Project Ministry. They are then donated to either hospitals or social services or wherever the need may be.

The students and volunteering parents not only had a blast but were doing God's work!





It's a great time to join The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Mercy

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of men and women, inspired by gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to our neighbors in need.

Did you know that the mission of the St Vincent DePaul Society is much more than a clothing collection drive?

The society works together with organizations such as Loaves & Fishes Cares, Naperville Township, Catholic Charities, and many other resources to provide spiritual and financial assistance to those in need in our parish boundaries. In 2022, we provided rent, mortgage, and utilities assistance to 72 households. This assistance helped over 185 men, women and children to remain in their homes or apartments in time of financial need.

We thank you for your generous donations and support. In fiscal 2022, your kind financial generosity and giving was used to provide \$38,000 in rent, mortgage, and utilities assistance to our neighbors in need. We look forward to your continuing support as the need continues to grow in these challenging economic times.

We welcome new members who are interested in growing in spirituality, friendship, and service to join our ministry of caring individuals. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Gary Stercay, at <a href="https://oxpounds.com">OLMSVDP@gmail.com</a>

## Around the Parish

#### Free Throw Champions

The Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Council #12005 would like to congratulate the following winners of our free throw competition held January 19, 2023, at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center:

Gabriella Curcio Leonardo Medina Oliwia Kaminski Juan Pablo Cordero Grace Grunloh James Taylor

We wish them luck as they move on to the District competition in February, with the winners advancing to the Regional competition in March. We thank all the kids that came out for a fun evening of competition. Congratulations once again.

#### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity**

Applications for the 2023 Robert H Weaver Knights of Columbus College Scholarship program are now being accepted through Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. A total of \$2,000 will be awarded to students graduating from High School in 2023 and attending a 2 or 4 year University program starting in the fall of 2023. Applications can be found by visiting our link on the Parish Website. Awards will be made in July. Good luck to all applicants. Questions please reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight; jleroy53@hotmail.com. Principles of our order: Charity, Unity & Fraternity

#### The Rescue Project

The Rescue Project is an experience of the gospel surrounded by food, conversation and prayer. It seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format. This experience is imbued with beauty, authentic humanity, and accompaniment. The Rescue Project starts February 23 at 6:30 pm in the MPR. For more information or to register, please visit www.olmercy.com or contact Zara Tan at 331-707-5381.

#### Salt & Light

With a new meeting day of Thursday evenings at 7pm, come and join Salt and Light to watch a compelling talk on the Faith followed with group discussion. Connect with Bob Maxwell at <a href="mailto:bmaxwell@deltadentalil.com">bmaxwell@deltadentalil.com</a> or 630-962-8464 or Geri Capulong at <a href="mailto:gericapulong@gmail.com">gericapulong@gmail.com</a>.

#### Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 861,351 \$ 887,400 Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget \$ **Amount Short of Budget** (26,049)\$ 01/22/23 Sunday Collection 33,068 \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 30,600 \$ **Amount in Excess of Goal** 2,468

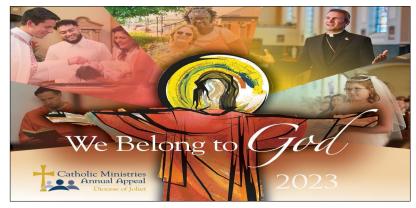
For the Budget Year 2022/23 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 2%, to \$30,600/week, to help expand our various Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

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

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
December, 2022	\$	421,834
January, 2023	\$	410,545





The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God.* Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$141,900 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

## Online Giving

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 <a href="www.olmercy.com">www.olmercy.com</a> 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.

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### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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#### **Parish Office**

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468	
Monday-Thursday	. 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday	. 8:30am-1:00pm

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass)	
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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, 10:0	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**

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#### Adoration

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-12:00pm
First Friday of the Month	12:00pm

#### **Benediction**

Monday & Thursday	6:00 <sub>l</sub>	pm	1
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#### **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.

scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirement Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

#### **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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