



OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 14, 2023

Let all the earth  
**CRY OUT**  
**TO GOD**  
with Joy



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



*Spoiler: this has absolutely nothing to do with Mother's Day—that's for the homily.*

A couple weeks ago I went to the movie theater (yes, they still exist) to watch the movie *Nefarious* with my fellow Companion of Christ Fr. Max. Now, I very rarely watch horror movies because they're typically a gross exercise in the fascination with evil on top of the other forms of visual immodesty that numb us to the grotesque and pornographic. However, this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the showing of *The Exorcist*, so there are several exorcism movies hitting the theaters these days. I wasn't planning on partaking in the usual Hollywood exaggerations until I heard a review from an actual exorcist (a Catholic priest, of course) who deals with this stuff on a daily basis. He pooh-pooed *The Pope's Exorcist* unsurprisingly because it was made by, well, Hollywood...and I think it's safe to say that Hollywood doesn't really care about the truth of things.

According to this exorcist, however, the creators of *Nefarious* did their homework. While it portrays a possessed man dialoguing with an atheistic psychologist, the movie is much like a visual version of C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* where we get a convincing and convicting glimpse into the mind of the enemy. If anything, the movie *held back!*—further convincing me that the producers cared more about faith than fireworks. Remember, the devil is not a threat to God's omnipotence. The devil is just a rabid dog on a chain and can only do what God *permits* him to. God leaves us and the angels free to follow Him or not, but as one person put it rather brazenly, "If you play the devil's stupid games, then you'll win his stupid prizes."

Nevertheless, we often think that the devil's extraordinary activity like possession and puking up Nickelodeon slime is all that he really does. *Nefarious* reminds us that the devil is very much alive in the world today and that we need to "be sober and vigilant," because "[our] opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

Witchcraft, wicca, and other new-age materials had their own giant section at the *Barnes and Noble* in Naperville the last time I strolled in—probably because they're selling! Likewise, most people don't realize that Freemasonry is *directly antithetical* to our Catholic faith and needs to be formally renounced—even if your grandpa just showed up to the local lodge for the fraternity and business contacts. (*Feel free to email me if your family has a history of Freemasonry.*)

I was certainly shaken at one point in the movie, not because of any gross excesses, but because of how accurately the movie portrayed the evil of abortion—all without showing a drop of blood. The movie is R for a reason, and I wouldn't recommend it for everyone. But if you are going to watch it, just remember that the Creator is always infinitely more powerful than any of His creatures. Jesus Christ conquered Satan on a tree, just as Adam was conquered by the serpent on a tree. In Jesus Name, we can be free from any hold the enemy has on our lives, so long as we are willing to repent, surrender to Jesus, forgive others, renounce the enemy's lies, and cling to our good, holy, true, and beautiful God.

PS the last ten minutes of the movie were out of place. The writing was solid up until that point when they reverted to the kind of unrealistic preachy-dialogue that makes some Christian movies painful to watch. Besides that, *bravo!*

Father James



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 15 - St Isidore

- 8:00 am † Kevin Hickey, by Karen Hickey
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Anna Rita Nieves  
*(Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am † Dolores Ann Bauer, by Jean Dail
- 6:30 pm Int Allen & Jennifer Abel
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Tony Swain, by Chris & Sharon Fernandez
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, May 18 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am † Stephen D Akangbou, by Family
- 8:00 am † Mary Guarascio, by Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

### Saturday, May 20 - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

- 8:30 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - The Ascension of the Lord**  
† Anthony M Loquercio, Jr by Family  
† Beda & Rosario Carreon, by Family

### Sunday, May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Mary & Donald Cullott, by Family
- 10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm † Paula Couch, by Family
- 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. Anthony & Joan Loquercio  | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. Ramsey Family             | 10. Deacon Frank Pusateri  |
| 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Baby Riley Chick          | 12. The Sick               |
| 5. The Pluskota Family       | 13. Joan Kubicki           |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra     | 14. Florence Kubicki       |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye          | 15. Clergy                 |
| 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

**May 20 & 21**

**Deacons will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr. James Guarascio
	10:00 am	Fr. Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr. James Guarascio
	5:30 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney

## 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  
Alfredo Chavez  
Baby Riley Chick  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Mary Dunbar  
Bridget Garry  
Patricia Gebhardt  
Nancy Higgins  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Cera Horste  
Steve Johnson  
Helen Joseph  
Baby Penelope Keene  
Michelle Maeirs  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Rev. Don McLaughlin  
Susan Mennenga  
Bill Morse

La Moua  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
Diane Pazos  
Valerie Plesha  
Jim & Carol Pluskota  
Jackie Schiabile  
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  
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)



*Revelación crucial: esto no tiene absolutamente nada que ver con el Día de la Madre, eso es para la homilía.* Hace un par de semanas fui al cine (sí, todavía existen) para ver la película *Nefarious* con mi amigo Compañero de Cristo, el Padre Max. Ahora bien, rara vez veo películas de terror porque suelen ser un ejercicio asqueroso de fascinación por el mal además de otras formas de inmodestia visual que nos adormecen ante lo grotesco y la pornografía. Sin embargo, este año es el 50

aniversario desde la presentación de *El exorcista*, por lo que hay varias películas de exorcismo en los cines en estos días. No estaba planeando participar en las exageraciones habituales de Hollywood hasta que escuché una reseña de un exorcista real (un sacerdote Católico, por supuesto) que se ocupa de estas cosas a diario. Se burló del *Exorcista del Papa* como era de esperar porque fue hecho por, bueno, Hollywood... y creo que es seguro decir que a Hollywood realmente no le importa la verdad de las cosas.

Sin embargo, según este exorcista, los creadores de *Nefarious* hicieron su tarea. Si bien retrata a un hombre poseído que dialoga con un psicólogo ateo, la película se parece mucho a una versión visual de las *Cartas del Diablo a su Sobrino* de C.S. Lewis, donde tenemos una visión convincente y condenatoria de la mente del enemigo. En todo caso, ¡la película *no lo reveló!*, convenciéndome aún más de que a los productores les importaba más la fe que los fuegos artificiales. Recuerden, el diablo no es una amenaza para la omnipotencia de Dios. El diablo es solo un perro rabioso encadenado y solo puede hacer lo que Dios le *permite*. Dios nos deja a nosotros y a los ángeles libres para seguirlo o no, pero como dijo una persona descaradamente: "Si juegas los estúpidos juegos del diablo, entonces ganarás sus estúpidos premios".

Sin embargo, a menudo pensamos que la extraordinaria actividad del diablo como la posesión y vomitar baba de Nickelodeon es todo lo que realmente hace. *Nefarious* nos recuerda que el diablo está muy vivo en el mundo de hoy y que debemos "estar sobrios y vigilantes", porque "[nuestro] oponente, el diablo, anda rondando como león rugiente buscando a quien devorar" (1 Pedro 5:8).

La brujería, la wicca y otros materiales de la nueva era tenían su propia sección gigante en Barnes and Noble en Naperville la última vez que entré, ¡probablemente porque se están vendiendo! Del mismo modo, la mayoría de la gente no se da cuenta de que la Masonería es *directamente antitética* a nuestra fe Católica y debe renunciarse formalmente, incluso si su abuelo acaba de presentarse en la logia local para la fraternidad y los contactos comerciales. (*No duden en enviarme un correo electrónico si su familia tiene antecedentes de Masonería*).

Ciertamente me conmovió en un momento de la película, no por los excesos graves, sino por la precisión con la que la película retrata la maldad del aborto, todo sin mostrar una gota de sangre. La película era catalogada R por una razón, y no la recomendaría para todos. Pero si van a verla, recuerden que el Creador siempre es infinitamente más poderoso que cualquiera de Sus criaturas. Jesucristo venció a Satanás sobre un árbol, así como Adán fue vencido por la serpiente en un árbol. En el Nombre de Jesús, podemos ser libres de cualquier control que el enemigo tenga sobre nuestras vidas, siempre y cuando estemos dispuestos a arrepentirnos, rendirnos a Jesús, perdonar a los demás, renunciar a las mentiras del enemigo y aferrarnos a nuestro bueno, santo, verdadero y hermoso Dios.

PD: los últimos diez minutos de la película estuvieron fuera de lugar. La escritura fue sólida hasta ese momento cuando volvieron al tipo de diálogo de predicación poco realista que hace que algunas películas Cristianas sean dolorosas de ver. Aparte de esto, ¡*bravo!*

Padre James



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17; Sal 65, 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16 y 20; 1 Ped 3, 15-18 o 1 Ped 4, 13-16; Jn 14, 15-21 o Jn 17, 1-11
<b>Lunes</b>	Hch 16, 11-15; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Jn 15, 26—16, 4
<b>Martes</b>	Hch 16, 22-34; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 7c-8; Jn 16, 5-11
<b>Miércoles</b>	Hch 17, 15-16, 22—18, 1; Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12ab. 12c-14a. 14bcd; Jn 16, 12-15
<b>Jueves</b>	Hch 1, 1-11; Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20
<b>Mártir</b>	Hch 18, 1-8; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 16, 16-20
<b>Viernes</b>	Hch 18, 9-18; Sal 46, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Jn 16, 20-23
<b>Sábado</b>	Hch 18, 23-28; Sal 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10; Jn 16, 23-28
<b>Domingo</b>	Hch 1, 1-11; Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20 <b>Séptimo Domingo de Pascua</b> Hch 1, 12-14; Sal 26, 1. 4. 7-8a; 1 Ped 4, 13-16; Jn 17, 1-11





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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking - whether physical, spiritual, or literary - has a decent “payoff,” as it were. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide “another Advocate” for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus’ name “received the Holy Spirit.” Christ’s life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey - to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed “a book,” it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages - it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

**STUDY** In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The *Word on Fire Bible*, featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.



## Bishop Hicks' Column

### May, 2023 Calling Joyful Shepherds

This year we will ordain five new priests for the Diocese of Joliet. While this quantity is outstanding, so is their quality. These five men are young, intelligent, faith filled, pastoral and enthusiastic, and they all strive for holiness. They easily could have followed one of many good and exciting career paths offered by the world. Counter-culturally, they heard the call of the Lord and responded by choosing to follow the call to the vocation of ordained priesthood.

We are blessed in the Diocese of Joliet to have 23 seminarians studying for the priesthood. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Encouraging young men to consider the priesthood is the responsibility of the entire people of God.

The question becomes, "How do we invite and encourage others to discern a life to the priesthood or religious life?" Most of us, I hope, feel comfortable praying for vocations and donating to our Seminarian Endowment Fund to help cover the costs of seminarian formation. However, when it comes to proactively inviting others to it, we can become tongue-tied and need help as to what we should say and do.

For that reason, I just recently sent an inspiring little book to all the priests in

the Diocese of Joliet called, "*Five Conversations about the Priesthood*," by Father Michael Pratt. Studies show that the local priest is one of the most influential factors for their parishioners discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

This book provides a simple and solid roadmap to intentionally encourage others to discern a priestly vocation.

Father Pratt's book gives five practical ways to talk about the following:

1. Priestly identity.
2. The Eucharist in the priest's life.
3. The Sacrament of Penance.
4. Preaching.
5. Parish priesthood.

While this book is geared to our priests, you might also want to consider reading it. A quick internet search of the title, or a visit to <https://vianneyvocations.com> will provide ordering instructions.

Just about all recently ordained priests throughout the country commonly report one of the reasons they took the leap of faith to actively discern the priesthood and to enter the seminary is that someone specifically invited them to do so. Just one voice has the power to break through all their doubts, fears and negative messaging about becoming a priest. My hope is that before we approach eternal life, we will be able to name someone specifically that we encouraged to discern the priesthood or religious life.

This may be hard to believe, but there are many parents who explicitly discourage their sons from considering the priesthood. While some parents claim it is because they want grandchildren or because they want their son to pursue a more prestigious profession and make a lot of money, the most common factor for their lack of support is because they think their son will be

unhappy as a priest. Most parents' greatest desire is for their children to be happy. If they think that priesthood is the road to unhappiness, then they tend to actively discourage the possibility of it.

Most studies reveal that priests are happy. While there are exceptions to this rule, most of us know many happy and well-adjusted priests. I, for example, empathically declare that as I celebrate 29 years of priesthood, I am happy! I say so without being naïve or sugarcoating the challenges. The priesthood, like all vocations, comes with an experience of suffering. But these moments of the cross also lead us through and to the joy of the resurrection.

In 2010, after completing five-years of living and working in El Salvador, I spoke with Cardinal George in eager anticipation of my next assignment. I clearly remember him saying to me, "Fr. Ron, I am assigning you to Mundelein Seminary to be the Dean of Formation." Quickly brushing off my initial shock, I responded, "Well, thank you for that assignment. You know that I am obedient and will go wherever you send me. However, after spending five years in Central America and becoming fluent in Spanish, why are not sending me to be a pastor in a large, Hispanic parish, and instead sending me to the Major Seminary?" His answer surprised me, "Fr. Ron, you are a joyful priest...and the seminarians need to see your joy."

As we give thanks for our five new priests, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the priests in the Diocese of Joliet. With them, let us all strive to joyfully and intentionally encourage others to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. To learn about priestly vocations and also for ways to encourage them, please go to our website at [www.diojoliet.org/vocations](http://www.diojoliet.org/vocations) or contact our Office of Vocations at 815-221-6171.



# Kights of Columbus

## Pancake Breakfast



Sunday May 21st from 8:00am to Noon in the PLC Gym.

Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00 (12 and under)

Children under 3 no charge

Dine in the PLC or Take Out Available

Menu:

Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Fruit Cup

Coffee, Tea & Juice



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## Wedding Anniversary



## Mass

We are excited to invite all parishioners with wedding anniversaries in 2023 for 10, 25, and 50 yrs. and above to the 2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks! The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet at 2pm on August 27, 2023.

Please respond to [ielias@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ielias@dioceseofjoliet.org) by May 19<sup>th</sup> with the info below.

- Name of Couple
- Address
- Anniversary length

This information will help us send a formal invitation to these couples.

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The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body—The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty



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## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,269,371
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,285,200
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(15,829)</b>
04/30/23 Sunday Collection	\$	30,777
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>177</b>

*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.*



## CMAA Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. 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 amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal	\$ 141,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 153,783
Amount Paid	\$ 115,691
Remaining Balance	\$ 38,092
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	448

## 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 [www.olmercy.com](http://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.**

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Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
March, 2023	\$	388,140
April, 2023	\$	377,063

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PART 1

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BY JACOPO TINTORETTO

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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) ..... 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

## Parish Priests

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michael Kearney  
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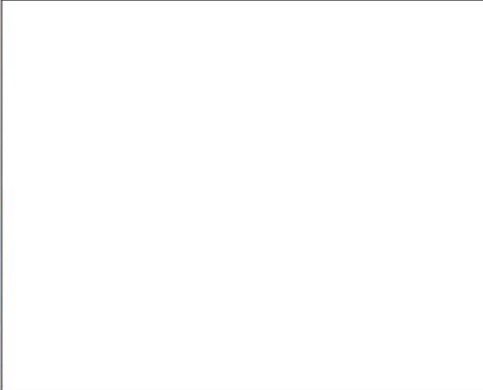
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