

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



As soon as I was old enough, my parents would put me in charge of watching my two younger siblings when they would go out. If they didn't listen to me, I would put them in time-out, which meant they were pretty much in time-out every time my parents went out. One day they decided that they wouldn't listen to me anymore, so I called my parents because they were ganging up on me!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard owner, who at harvest-time sends

servants, and ultimately his son, to collect his produce from his tenants. The tenants did not accept them as representatives of the vineyard owner, and in disrespecting them, ultimately disrespected the vineyard owner, showing that they would rather be their own master.

Because my siblings did not respect my authority as the one my parents put in charge when they were gone, they did not respect my parents. They wanted to be in charge of themselves. The only problem was that my parents had not asked me to discipline my siblings; they had only asked me to keep an eye on them. In my own way, I was taking advantage of being put in charge, and trying just as much as my siblings to be a law unto myself.

Do we also reject the authority of God? Maybe we do this in outright ways by choosing to sin, but very often this happens in more subtle ways. We might feel a tug to pray but choose to watch TV instead. We might know that we need to reach out to that one person who really annoys us, but we instead choose to ignore them and talk to our friends. Or maybe there is one part of our life that we don't want to surrender to Jesus yet because we don't want to give that thing up yet.

Jesus ends the parable by saying, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." He doesn't do this as a master over a servant, but as a loving Father.

In John 15, Jesus calls Himself the True Vine, and us the branches. We can bear fruit if we abide in Him. Instead of desiring to be in charge of ourselves, we become so united with Jesus, the Vine, that our wills become one. We are no longer hired servants working for wages, but we simply want to do His will because we know this is what will make us truly happy, and because, as beloved children of the Father, we desire to return that love He has given us.

Unlike my siblings' desire to do whatever they wanted when my parents were gone, or my desire to take over when they put me in charge, we are called to surrender to God. By doing this, we are able to bear fruit because we have united ourselves to the True Vine, Jesus Christ.

Father Frank



### Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

#### Monday, October 9 - St Denis & St John Leonardi

8:00 am Int Victoria Uy, by Uy Family

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm Souls in Purgatory

(Spanish Mass)

#### Tuesday, October 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Int Veronica Manzaneres, by Family 6:30 pm † Vincent Armenio, by Tom McGrath 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

#### Wednesday, October 11 - St John XXIII, Pope

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 pm † Gloria Siy, by Uy Family

12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

#### Thursday, October 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am † Alfonse Agustin, by Family 8:00 am † Walt Lukaszewski, by Family

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

#### Friday, October 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Int Giana Engel, by Family

#### Saturday, October 14 - St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 am † Margaret Lorenz, by Lazowski Family

9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)

1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)

4:00 pm Vigil - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Thanksgiving, by Haidee

† Shelly Maiers, by Patsy Peterson

#### Sunday, October 15 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Amelia Lontoc, by Family

10:00 am  $\,$  Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm + Bebe Guani Lucas, by Ursula Alegre

5:30 pm † Aley Kutty



# Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- 1. George Durante
- 2. Florence Kubicki
- 3. Joseph Kubicki
- 4. Joan M. Kubicki
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Baby Cerina Skye
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. Fr Don McLaughlin
- 10. Philip Sumalit
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. The Sick
- 13. Special Intention-L.H.
- 14. Frank Rostan
- 15. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.
- 16. Blessings for 45-yr wedding anniversary

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

October 14 & 15

Deaco	ons will prea	ch at all Masses.
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney



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 Jim Gray **David Griffins Nancy Higgins** Eric Hoerdemann Cera Horste Steve Johnson Helen Joseph Baby Penelope Keene Michelle Maeirs Kristen Manning Susan Massett

Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse La Moua Charlene Oates Flo Paprzycki Diane Pazos Valerie Plesha Jim & Carol Pluskota Diane Reiter Jackie Schiable Julia Schremp **Christopher Shea** 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)



Tan pronto como tuve edad suficiente, mis padres me pusieron a cargo de cuidar a mis dos hermanos menores cuando ellos salían. Si no me escuchaban, los ponía en hora de pensar, lo que significaba que prácticamente estaban en hora de pensar cada vez que mis padres salían. Un día decidieron que no me escucharían más, jasí que llamé a mis padres porque estaban conspirando contra mí!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús cuenta una parábola sobre el propietario de un viñedo, que en el tiempo de la vendimia envía sirvientes, y finalmente a su

hijo, para pedir sus frutos a los viñadores. Los viñadores no los aceptaron como representantes del propietario de la viña y, al faltarles el respeto, finalmente le faltaron el respeto al propietario de la viña, demostrando que preferirían ser su propio amo.

Debido a que mis hermanos no respetaron mi autoridad como la que mis padres pusieron a cargo cuando ellos no estaban, no respetaron a mis padres. Ellos querían estar a cargo de sí mismos. El único problema era que mis padres no me habían pedido que disciplinara a mis hermanos; sólo me habían pedido que los vigilara. A mi manera, estaba aprovechando que me pusieron a cargo y tratando, tanto como mis hermanos, de ser una ley para mí mismo.

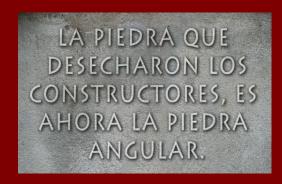
¿Rechazamos también nosotros la autoridad de Dios? Tal vez hagamos esto de manera directa al elegir pecar, pero muy a menudo esto sucede de manera más sutil. Es posible que sintamos la necesidad de orar, pero en su lugar elegimos mirar televisión. Es posible que sepamos que necesitamos acercarnos a esa persona que realmente nos molesta, pero en lugar de eso elegimos ignorarla y hablar con nuestros amigos. O tal vez hay una parte de nuestra vida que aún no queremos entregarle a Jesús porque no queremos renunciar a esa cosa todavía.

Jesús termina la parábola diciendo: "El reino de Dios les será quitado a Uds. y se le dará a un pueblo que produzca sus frutos". Él no hace esto como un amo sobre un sirviente, sino como un Padre amoroso.

En Juan 15, Jesús se llama a Sí Mismo la Vid Verdadera y a nosotros las ramas. Podemos dar fruto si permanecemos en Él. En lugar de desear estar a cargo de nosotros mismos, nos unimos tanto a Jesús, la Vid, que nuestras voluntades se vuelven una. Ya no somos sirvientes contratados que trabajan por un salario, sino que simplemente queremos hacer Su voluntad porque sabemos que esto es lo que nos hará verdaderamente felices y porque, como hijos amados del Padre, deseamos devolverle ese amor que Él nos ha dado..

A diferencia del deseo de mis hermanos de hacer lo que guisieran cuando mis padres salían, o de mi deseo de tomar el control cuando me pusieron a cargo, estamos llamados a rendirnos a Dios. Al hacer esto, podemos dar fruto porque nos hemos unido a la Vid Verdadera, Jesucristo.

Padre Frank



### Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo

Sal 79, 9 y 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20; Fil 4, 6-9;

Mt 21, 33-43

Lunes Jon 1, 1—2, 1. 11;

Jon 2, 3. 4. 5. 8; Lc 10, 25-37

Martes Jon 3, 1-10;

Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8;

Lc 10, 38-42

Miércoles Jon 4, 1-11;

Sal 85, 3-4. 5-6. 9-10;

Lc 11, 1-4

Jueves Mal 3, 13-20;

Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6;

Lc 11, 5-13

Viernes Jl 1, 13-15; 2, 1-2;

Sal 9, 2-3. 6 y 16. 8-9;

Lc 11, 15-26

Sábado JI 4, 12-21;

Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12;

Lc 11, 27-28

Is 25, 6-10; Domingo

Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Fil 4, 12-14. 19-20;

Mt 22, 1-14 o Mt 22, 1-10



#### October 8, 2023

# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43



Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard - that is, his people, Israel - it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here's the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will "start over," with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today's Gospel "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord's vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to "Have no anxiety at all." Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

**PRAY** When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise.



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October 2023

Dear Friends.

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (Luke 24:13–35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

- "Hearts on Fire"—As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.
- 2. "Feet on the Move"—Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

With "hearts on fire" and "feet on the move," let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 22.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

+ Ronald a. Hichs

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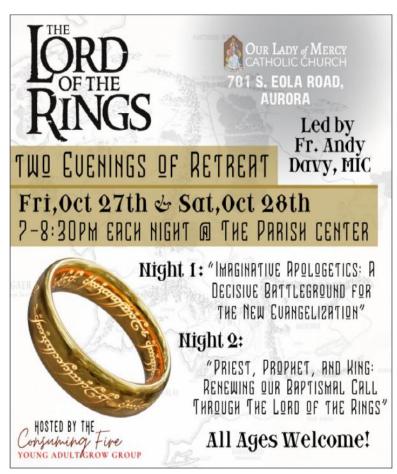
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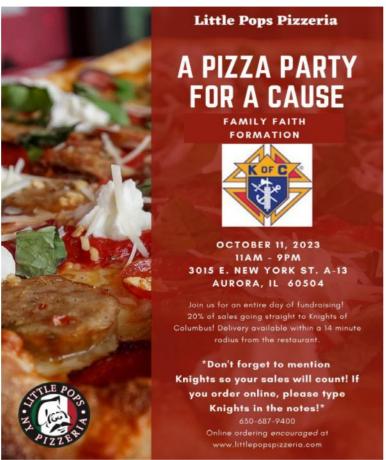
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#### **Chosen Confirmation Program for Teens!**

High school teens are invited to participate in the sacrament of Confirmation program at OLM. Chosen meets twice a month for formation. October sessions are 10/1 and 10/15. Go to the LIGHT webpage to sign-up. We will accept teens in this year's group up until November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Catholic Teen Night Scavenger Hunt is Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> in downtown Naperville. Information and permission form can be found on our LIGHT webpage.

**Annual Holiday Pie Sale** is coming in October! Pickup of pies will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving!

**Teen Mission Trip 2024** is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13. More information and to sign-up for the trip can be found on our website.

Teens can Sign-up for Service and Discipleship opportunities here: <a href="https://olmercy.com/formation/light/service-discipleship-projects/">https://olmercy.com/formation/light/service-discipleship-projects/</a>



EDGE Nights meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. October EDGE Nights are 10/2 and 10/16.

The middle school youth also have the opportunity to participate in a social or service event once a month. The October Social/ Service Event: Feed My Starving Children Packing Session, 10/23 from 7:00 PM – 8:45pm.

To register for EDGE and for more information go to <a href="https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/">https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/</a>

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# Justice and Peace Ministry Update

The Season of Creation has ended officially but the spirit of the season continues daily as we try to remain aware of the beautiful world God has created and given to us to enjoy and care for.

October is fair trade month. For many artisans and farmers, handcrafting is the only option available to earn vital income to support their families. Since 1949, SERRV International has believed in the critical role handcrafting plays in global employment. Their vision for a better world in the making® is driven by a belief in fair income for all. For over 70 years, SERRV International has remained committed to fair trade's strictest codes of conduct, and to a triple bottom line of economic, environmental and social development. Their priorities are trading partnerships built on commitment, respect, transparency, and accountability.

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Mark your calendar and save the date for our annual Fair Trade Sale on Sunday December 10, 2023. Ten Thousand Villages will bring fair trade items to OLM. This is not a fundraiser but an opportunity to support artisans and farmers through fair trade purchases.

The next Justice & Peace Meeting will be on October 24, 2023. We will be assembling blessing bags. Some items needed are washcloths, men's socks, granola bars, disposable razors, combs, gallon ziplock bags, small travel size tubes of toothpaste and we always collect hotel size shampoo, body lotion, and soap. Donations can be placed in the crate in the PLC lobby. The blessing bags go to homeless persons. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Around the Parish

#### **Divine Mercy Devotion**

You're invited to discover, "The Extraordinary Graces and Gifts of the Divine Mercy Devotion," during a special seminar on Tuesday, October 10th, at 7 p.m. in PLC Room 208. No registration is required, but please be sure to bring your Rosary! For more information, email trollerw@live.com or call (630) 585-1865.

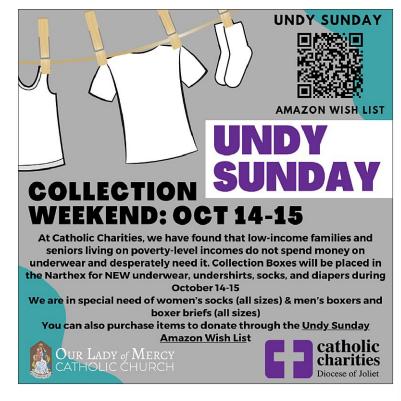
#### **Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance**

Please save the date on Sunday, October 15th, after the 10am Mass for the Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day Memorial Service by the monument near the outdoor Stations of the Cross in our parish grounds for parents whose lives are irrevocably altered by the passing of their children, during pregnancy, at birth and in infancy.

The beautiful monument, donated by the Sincora and Savoie Families in loving memory of Rose Christine Sincora, is shaped like an expectant mother and remembers our littlest babies in heaven while giving families and friends a place to remember babies who were so wanted and are forever loved and missed.

#### **Mobile Food Pantry**

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on October 18 in the OLM parking lot.



#### Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 365,517 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 403,000 \$ **Amount Short of Budget** (37,483)\$ 23,685 09/24/23 Sunday Collection \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 31,000 \$ **Amount Short of Goal** (7,315)

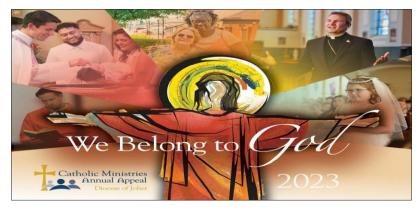
For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.

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
August, 2023	\$	331,509
September, 2023	\$	0

Thanks to your support and sound stewardship Our Lady of Mercy was able to pay off the loan on the Parish Life Center!



#### **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	\$ 171,248
Amount Paid	\$ 159,693
Remaining Balance	\$ 11,555
Rebate Amount	\$ 12,455
# of Families Pledged	484



#### From the OLM Social Committee

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in Our Lady of Mercy's Feast Day weekend! Whether you were a sponsor, volunteer and or an attendee, we want to say "Thank You" for supporting the event! Your attendance contributed to the great fellowship and newly gained friendships experienced throughout the weekend.

We would like to give a **huge** Thank You to Brittany and Brian Scopa for the wonderful and generous donation that made Our Lady of Mercy's Feast Day a truly remarkable feast! We cannot thank you enough!

We would also like to thank all of our OLM Social Committee Volunteers who helped throughout the weekend and to everyone who brought a dessert to share. We say, "Thank You" for your time your laughter, new found friendships, and your generosity!





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Monday-Thursday	8:30am-4:00pm
Friday	8:30am-1:00pm

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs	sday, 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 fo	or Sunday)	4:00pm
Sunday	.8:00am, 10:00ar	m,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 Friday of the Month	8:30-9:15am
Last Wednesday of the Month at Ma	agnify7:30-8:20pm
Or by Appointment	

#### **Prayer Chapel**

Open weekdays7:00am-8:00pm
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#### Adoration

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-12:00pm
First Friday of the Month	12:00pm
Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify	7:00-8:30pm

#### Benediction

Monday & Th	ursday	6:00pm
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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.

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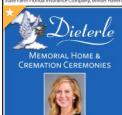
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