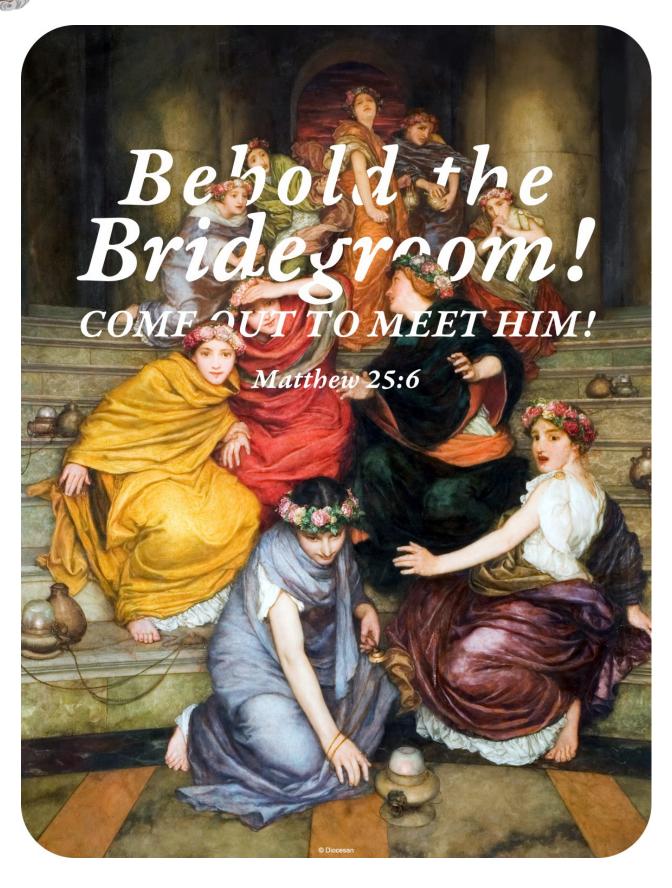
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



The Church has a beautiful tradition of adoring the Blessed Sacrament during the night. When I was in college, I would reluctantly sign up for a Holy Hour in the middle of the night, knowing that I would probably fall asleep. And sure enough, I would fall asleep almost every week at some point in the hour. One week, when my hour was up, my friend who was coming in for the next hour, found me sleeping, and I embarrassedly got up and went to bed.

In the Gospel, we have a similar situation. There are ten virgins who are waiting with lighted lamps for the Bridegroom to arrive. Because he is delayed, they fall asleep. The five wise virgins have enough oil to last them through the night, while the five foolish virgins need to go out to buy more, and so are absent when the bridegroom arrives.

Even when it wasn't nighttime, I would periodically fall asleep during prayer, so I brought it up to my spiritual director. I was going to bed on time, and I was praying at a normal time during the day, but I still fell asleep. I said that at that point, I had done all I could, and I just had to leave it in God's hands. The director said that that kind of dependence on God is the attitude that we need in order to receive the good gifts He desires to give us.

All ten of the virgins are living a life of virtue, walking the walk of being a Christian. However, only the five wise virgins have the oil of God's love to help them to be ready to greet the Lord when He comes. We can do all the good works we want, but we need to have the love of God as the reason behind them. As we do this, no matter how well we do, we will come face to face with our human weakness, such as my falling asleep. In those moments, we have the choice whether to give up because our human efforts have failed or to surrender into the hands of God, and receive the oil of His love as a free gift. This is the only way to have enough oil so that our lamps can be lit to meet the Lord when He comes.

I still sometimes fall asleep during prayer time, but I don't sweat it as much anymore. After all, even the wise virgins fell asleep. But we need to see it as an opportunity to rely on Jesus. When we do this, we can receive the oil of God's love so that we are not holding empty lamps, but can meet Jesus with lamps brightly burning.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, November 13 - St Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 am † Jim & Jane Darby, by Mary Campos

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Linda Boime, by Ed Badillo

(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, November 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Livio Andreatta, by Jennifer Gustaitis 6:30 pm Int Melissa & John Lynch, by Mom & Dad

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, November 15 - St Albert the Great, Bishop

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 pm † Gloria Kotecki, by Friends 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, November 16 - St Margaret of Scotland

6:30 am + Sr. Mary Martini, by Peter & Virginia Trusiak

8:00 am Int Phil Zwick, by Shirley Staples

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, November 17 - St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 am † James Krcmarik, by Kevin & Mary Nemetz

Saturday, November 18 - St Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30 am + Peggy Farrell, by Janice Hurtado

† Maria Sladkowski, by Family

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

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

4:00 pm Vigil - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Judy Miller, by Sister

† Ben Cabay, by Sister

Sunday, November 19 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

10:00 am Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Romeo Pantaleon, by Family

5:30 pm † Pennamma



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- 1. George Durante
- 2. Good Health for M.M.
- 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.
- 4. James Krcmarik, Jr.
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Return to Good Health L.T.
- 8. The Deceased
- arik Ir
- 13. Lillian Weaver

10. Matthew C.

12. The Sick

Fr Don McLaughlin

11. Special Intention-C.H.

- 14. Prayers of Family Members
- 1F Dounite Family
- 15. Reunite Family
- 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

November 18 & 19

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney



 $Please\ contact\ the\ Parish\ Office\ if\ you\ or\ your\ \textbf{immediate}\ family\ member\ wish\ to\ be\ added\ to\ the\ Sick\ List.$

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke Michael Butler Alfredo Chavez **Baby Riley Chick** Robert Ciulla Michael Dandan Mary Dunbar Anna Falcon **Bridget Garry** Patricia Gebhardt Jim Gray **David Griffins Nancy Higgins** Eric Hoerdemann Cera Horste Steve Johnson Helen Joseph

Baby Penelope Keene

Nina Keehn

Michelle Maeirs

Susan Massett Susan Mennenga Bill Morse La Moua **Charlene Oates** Flo Paprzycki 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

Kristen Manning

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)



Tenemos una hermosa tradición en nuestra fe de adorar al Santísimo Sacramento durante la noche. Cuando estaba en la universidad, me inscribía de mala gana en una Hora Santa en medio de la noche, sabiendo que probablemente me quedaría dormido. Y efectivamente, me quedaba dormido casi todas las semanas en algún momento de la hora. Una semana, cuando se me acabó la hora, mi amigo que vendría a pasar la siguiente hora me encontró durmiendo y, avergonzado, me levanté y me fui a la cama.

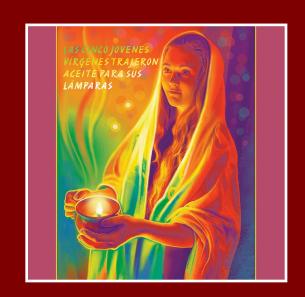
En el Evangelio tenemos una situación similar. Hay diez jóvenes que esperan con lámparas encendidas la llegada del Novio. Como él se retrasa, se quedan dormidas. Las cinco jóvenes previsoras tienen suficiente aceite para toda la noche, mientras que las cinco jóvenes descuidadas necesitan salir a comprar más, por lo que están ausentes cuando llega el novio.

Incluso cuando no era de noche, periódicamente me quedaba dormido durante la oración, así que se lo comenté a mi director espiritual. Me iba a la cama a tiempo y oraba a una hora normal durante el día, pero aun así me quedaba dormido. Le dije que hasta ese momento ya había hecho todo lo que podía y que sólo tenía que dejarlo en manos de Dios. El director dijo que ese tipo de dependencia de Dios es la actitud que necesitamos para recibir los buenos regalos que Él desea darnos.

Las diez jóvenes están viviendo una vida de virtud, caminando el camino del ser cristiano. Sin embargo, sólo las cinco jóvenes previsoras tienen el aceite del amor de Dios para ayudarlas a estar listas para recibir al Señor cuando Él venga. Podemos hacer todas las buenas obras que queramos, pero necesitamos tener el amor de Dios como la razón detrás de ellas. Al hacer esto, no importa lo bien que lo hagamos, nos encontraremos cara a cara con nuestra debilidad humana, como por ejemplo el hecho de quedarme dormido. En esos momentos, tenemos la opción de rendirnos porque nuestros esfuerzos humanos han fracasado o entregarnos en las manos de Dios y recibir el aceite de Su amor como un regalo gratuito. Sólo así tendremos suficiente aceite para que nuestras lámparas puedan estar encendidas para encontrarnos con el Señor cuando Él venga.

A veces todavía me quedo dormido durante el tiempo de oración, pero ya no me preocupo tanto. Después de todo, incluso las jóvenes prudentes se durmieron. Pero debemos verlo como una oportunidad para confiar en Jesús. Cuando hacemos esto, podemos recibir el aceite del amor de Dios para que no tengamos lámparas vacías, sino que podamos encontrarnos con Jesús con lámparas encendidas brillantemente.

Padre Frank



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo Sab 6, 12-16;

Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8;

1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 1 Tes 4, 13-14;

Mt 25, 1-13

Lunes Sab 1, 1-7;

Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10;

Lc 17, 1-6

Martes Sab 2, 23—3, 39;

Sal 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19;

Lc 17, 7-10

Miércoles Sab 6, 1-11;

Sal 81, 3-4, 6-7; Lc 17, 11-19

Jueves Sab 7, 22—8, 1;

Sal 118, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175;

Lc 17, 20-25

Viernes Sab 13, 1-9;

Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5;

Lc 17, 26-37

Sábado Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9;

Sal 104, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43;

Lc 18, 1-8

Lecturas por San Pedro y San Pablo:

Hec 28, 11-16. 30-31; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3c-4. 5-6;

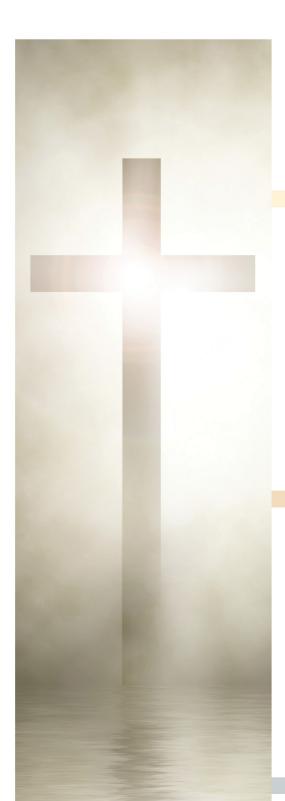
Mt 14, 22-23

Domingo Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31;

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

1 Tes 5, 1-6:

Mt 25, 14-30 o Mt 25, 14-15. 19-21



November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

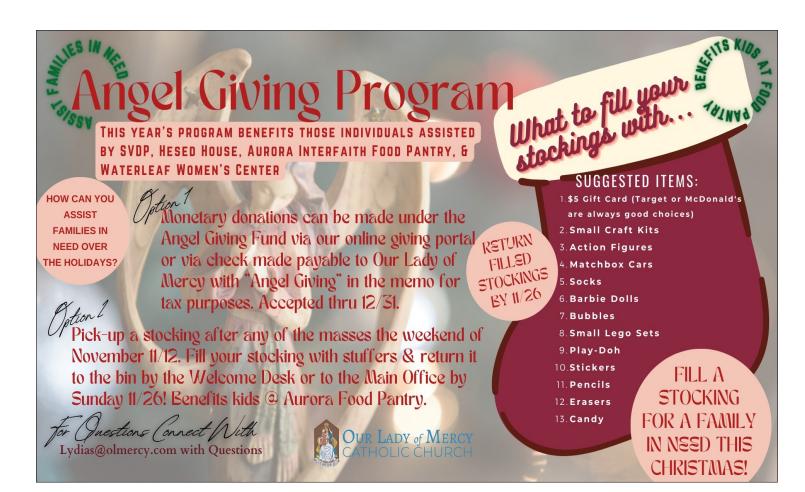
I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." We have hope! We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

PRAY The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.



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INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM TO 8PM OR THURSDAYS 1PM TO 2:30PM

"DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" STARTS 11/8TH OR 11/9TH (CAN JOIN ANYTIME)

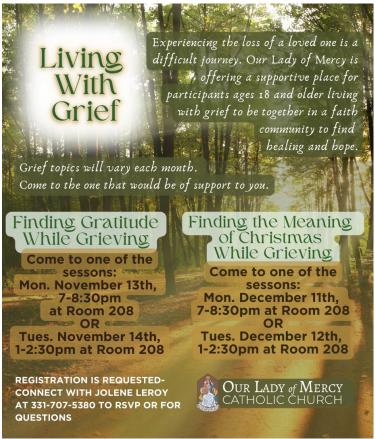
The power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley's best-selling book "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you.

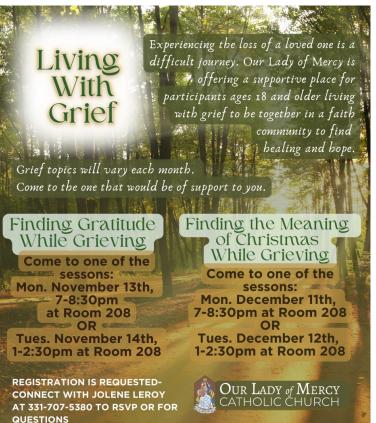
In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions through a video talk followed by group discussion, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality. A free study guide will be given to all participants.

1. Worth Watch the talk. 2. Answer Answer the questions in the free guidebook. 3. Meet every Weds evening or Thur afternoon with your group.

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for High School teens (Grades 9-12) LIGHT webpage here: https:// olmercy.com/formation/light/

Congratulations to the 75 high school teens who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 29th with Bishop Conlon presiding! Our prayers and support are with you!

Chosen Confirmation Program Update Sessions in November will be held on the 5th and 12th. Sunday sessions are from 8:30-10:00am and 6:45-8:15pm in the PLC. The deadline to enroll for this year's Chosen program is November 15th. Please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office with questions.

Teen Mission Trip 2024 is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13 is FILLING FAST!. Please sign-up quick to get your spot! 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**: https://olmercy.com/formation/ light/service-discipleship-projects/





for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Nights meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. November EDGE Nights: 11/6 & 11/20.

November's Social/Service Event: Friendsgiving & Christmas Ornament Craft, 11/13 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Kindly RSVP no later than 11/8 to joanal@olmercy.com

To register for EDGE and for more information go to https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE November 18 & 19

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **November 18 & 19** for our **Clothing Drive**!!

Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon.

We will accept...

- Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable items generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk
- ALL BABY CLOTHES. No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc.
- Small housewares and electronics dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players, etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.

Thanks for your generous donations!



Around the Parish

Mobile Food Pantry

Please spread the word that the next Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the OLM parking lot.

A Mother's Heart Grow Group— Stories of Saints: Mother Teresa

Our Lady of Mercy's "A Mother's Heart Grow Group" invites mothers and their young children to experience "Stories of Saints" on Wednesday, November 15 from 9:15am to 10:15am. We'll begin with a song, video about a Saint and the letter of the day! Kids will participate in a craft and service project that reflects the life of our weekly Saint! Please email Lydia at lydias@olmercy.com to RSVP for each child who will be participating so we can plan to welcome you!

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

For those with cancer, serious or chronic illnesses, and their caregivers... Come to the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 21 following the 6:30pm Mass. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those suffering from cancer, serious illness, or chronic illness. The prayer service is for the intention of those with cancer, serious or chronic illnesses, and their caregivers to fortify them in their current situation.

Thanksgiving Mass

Start Thanksgiving day on November 23rd by joining us in giving thanks to the Lord our God and rejoicing in the gift of His love. Mass will be at 9am.

Ladies Advent Tea

Save the Date for the 14th Annual Our Lady of Mercy Ladies Advent Tea on Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm "The Gifts of Advent." Details and registration will be released in the coming days.

Weekly Adoration

COME AND ADORE OUR LORD! Eucharistic Adoration is held three times a week at OLM! So come and encounter Jesus anytime this week at Adoration on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30am to 6:30pm and Wednesdays 8am to 12pm.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	475,587
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	527,000
Amount Short of Budget		(51,413)
10/29/23 Sunday Collection	\$	24,522
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount Shortof Goal		(6,478)

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.

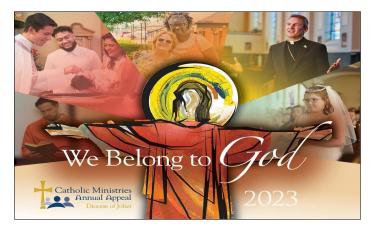
Thank you for your generosity!!

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



Does God heal today?

The God who healed in the past still heals today. That may sound astonishing, but it's true. It's in His character to heal. He says, "I am the Lord who heals you." Why? Because He loves us. Interested in learning more? Connect with Zara 331-707-5381 or zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha.



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	\$ 175,515
Amount Paid	\$ 168,010
Remaining Balance	\$ 7,505
Rebate Amount	\$ 18,277
# of Families Pledged	486

Donate Online Through OSV

Whether you are a registered parishioner with us or visiting, we are set up to receive donations online!





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Website

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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
Sunday8:00am, 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 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 weekday	/S	7:00am-8:00pm
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Adoration

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-12:00pm
1st Friday of the Month	12:00pm
Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify.	7:00-8:30pm

Benediction

Monday & Thurs	day	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.

Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. Contact Lydia Schmitt at lydias@olmercy.com.

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 Theresa Simeo at 331-707-5374.

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