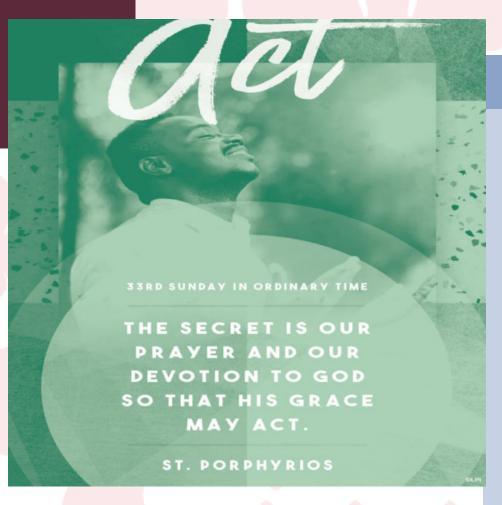
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## **WELCOME!**

#### **OUR MISSION**

We are a Catholic Community whom God has called together through Baptism. As part of Christ's Living Church, we welcome all to:

Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekday Mass**

Monday-Friday 6:30am Thursday 2:00pm (when school is in session)

#### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 7:30, 9:30 Spanish Mass 11:30am

#### Confessions

Thursday - 12:00pm Saturday - 11:00am

### FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK



#### The Beauty of Marriage

At the end of October, I had the joy of marrying two very good friends of mine at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Their wedding Mass was absolutely day was a little on the drab side:

priests in concelebration, and the choir was stunning. But besides all the external factors that made the day so remarkable, I was really struck by something deepernamely, how remarkable it is that two young people, both with God at the center of their lives, were embarking on a life together by coming to the Church to receive God's grace to live their marriage well.

That's not such a common thing these days.

It's led me to thinking: why don't we see more young Catholics being married in the Church, especially here in Decatur? In the past several years (from before I even arrived here), I can count on one hand the number of weddings that have occurred in our parishes. I think that's due to a multitude of factors, some of which have more to do with the demographics of our fair city than with any obstinate refusal to have a "church wedding."

But a few things recently have made me realize: Catholics today don't seem to know that it is a requirement for them to be married in the Church. Certainly, a civil marriage is enough for the government to recognize the contractual union between two individuals. But if a Catholic were to marry an individual outside of a Catholic Church (whether in a courthouse or in another church without permission), we in the Church consider that marriage to be invalid, which among other things, means that it is not sacramental.

But a good question is: why? The Church doesn't "require" Catholics to get married in the Church just to be mean or to hold it over their heads if a couple went about it in the wrong way. As always, the Church upholds this standard (of being married in the Church) because there is something supremely good about what happens when a couple stands before God and their fellow men and lays down their lives for each other. In that moment, the

Catholic Church believes that a Sacramental union is formed between man and woman—and Sacraments. as you well know, confer grace (aka divine aid, the very life of God)! Marriage, as you all know better than I, is hard sometimes...and it's even harder without the divine assistance that comes with being sacramentally united to one another.

beautiful, even if the weather that The beauty of seeing my friends married was that I watched two people who were truly in love with God the couple was joyful and excited promise themselves to each other for the rest of their to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony, there were eight earthly lives. For both of them, it was their pursuit of God and His will that came first, and that pursuit brought them to each other. There was a real sense that what was happening that day was more than just what it looked like on the surface—it really was God bringing them together. completing what He had started, and in fact, beginning something altogether new and exciting. That's what God wants to do in every marriage.

> I'll be the first to say, we haven't done the best at promoting the good of marriage in the Church. Too often, the only thing that people know is that the Church has a lot of "rules" around this stuff. But the Church only makes rules in order to guard and protect what is sacred, and marriage is nothing short of a sacred bond.

If you are reading this and thinking: my married life has been complicated, or I don't know if I can even be married again on account of a prior bond, or I don't know how to get my marriage blessed, or whatever else it might be, I'll say this: the Lord has a plan for your life, and for someone who is willing to work at it a little, the Church always has a way forward. The Lord never stops trying to pursue us with His life-changing love. Feel free to reach out and we'll pray together to find that way forward.

The Lord, I think, really wants to restore and reinvigorate the beauty of the marriage covenant in the midst of our throw-away culture. Where there is brokenness, He wants to give us His grace. How can we work to promote the good of marriage here in Decatur, to revitalize and strengthen what we know is under attack in our culture today?

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

6:30am | Charles Michael Frey

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

2:00pm | John Sutton

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30am | Michelle Hanson

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

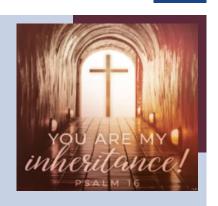
4:30pm | Emily & Bill Kirkman

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

7:30am | Richard & Helen Like

9:30am | Jack Dougherty

11:30am | Betty Ann L'Esperance



#### **FIRST READING**

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

#### **PSALM**

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

#### **SECOND READING**

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

#### Gospel

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

### **HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...**

Gerald Like
Roger Hess
Carol Hess
Christina Mooney
Earl Rudolph
Jack Frankovich
Ruth Fear
Mary Benson
Frank Marmin

Clarence "Bud" Calhoun

Adrienne Moore Mary Blazier Holly Coffman Linda Randles Fr. Tony Wach, SJ

Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.

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The English translation of Psalm

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## 4 LITURGICAL LIFE

With the next Night of Healing approaching, I thought it would be fitting to share a testimony of someone from our parish who has received healing! Her wet macular degeneration which is normally irreversible and uncurable was reversed! She also experienced immense relief from anxiety in her life and has been experiencing a profound level of freedom. Here is her testimony!

I suddenly developed wet macular degeneration in my right eye nearly five years ago. From that day on I have had to endure an injection in my right eye once a month the first 2 years and every three months since then. The injections are very painful and eye floaters would always accompany the pain. The pain and floaters would last the whole day and throughout the night.

Last summer, when I went in for the injection the doctor became very concerned because my eye had lost its stability. When they checked my eyesight, not only could I not see lines on the eye chart, I could not even see the chart.

The doctor gave the injection but scheduled me for cataract surgery as soon as possible, telling his assistant that they needed to get my sight back to where it was. A couple of weeks later he removed the cataract from my right eye and my eye became very red and burning. I developed floaters and a white vertical line that blocked my vision. I was even unable to open that eye.

Father Michael Trummer and Father Christopher Trummer offered to pray with me for the healing of my eye. While they were praying many things began to happen. The anxiety I had been experiencing left immediately. Then my eyes stopped burning and the floaters and vertical line disappeared. I was able to open my eye again. I had no pain and could read with my right eye again.

The following Monday morning I had my eye scans and the injection. The scans turned out very good. In the past, the injection had always caused great pain and many floaters that lasted the whole day and into the night. But this time I experienced very little discomfort and no pain throughout the day and night!

At my follow-up exam I could not only see the chart, but I could also read the first three lines. The eye doctor said everything looked great. He told me I had no restrictions on driving.

At my next exam the eye doctor discovered that my right eye no longer showed signs of wet macular degeneration.

However, I still had my appointment for my November injection. When I went in for my evaluation the doctor confirmed that I no longer have wet macular degeneration. My eye was dry, and I did not have to have the injection.

Throughout the summer Father Michael and Father Christopher prayed with me two more times. Father Michael Trummer prayed with me two days before my last examination at which time it was confirmed that my eye was no longer wet. I thank Fr. Michael Trummer and Fr. Christopher Trummer for their prayers for this healing.

I thank God for this healing and we give God all the praise and glory now and forever.

#### PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR TITHE

Your donations to our parish are still needed!

#### **Christmas Choir**

Anyone interested in singing with the choir on Christmas Morning at the 9:30am Mass, please call Gail Kamm at 217-875-1720.

Practices will be held during the four Thursdays in December, from 7:00-8:00pm in the Church.



## PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive parish emails communicating meetings/classes/events/general information please email your name and email address to:

communications@ololchurch.com

# SEARCH

The Search is a video program focused on exploring the deep fundamental questions of life. What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Do we have a purpose? Is religion real or important? Each night a topic will be investigated and there will be a discussion as well. Snacks and drinks will be provided as well.

The meeting location will be at the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Sessions are on **Mondays from 7-8pm** and continue for 7 weeks, with the last session being on **Monday November 15th**.

The title of each session goes as follows: "What do You Seek?", "Who Are You?", "Why a God?", "What's Our Story?", "Who is Jesus?", "Am I Saved?", "Why a Church?" No signups are required.



If you have a picture of a loved one that you would like to be remembered this November, please feel free to display a photo on our Jacob's Ladder in our vestibule for the entire month.

## PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. Our guide book is available to assist you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at <a href="mail@ololchurch.com">jami@ololchurch.com</a> for more information.

Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

#### **SUNDAY MARRIAGE QUOTE:**

November is a time to be thankful for all the gifts that we have, but it is also a time to give back. Is there a charity that you and your spouse could volunteer for this month?

#### **ROSARY**

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am

## LITURGICAL LIFE



#### November 7th, 2021

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words

from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **JUDY MOONEY,** sister-in-law of Sue Mooney.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

### Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

COP26 Has Begun!! Why it Matters to Vatican Leaders...

Catholics on six continents have united ahead of the crucial UN conference by signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People petition to give Earth a voice. Join Catholics everywhere and sign the petition today.

The prophetic petition calls on governments to set ambitious targets that limit warming to 1.5 degrees and protect our common home, among other requests, during COP26 and the UN's biodiversity conference in April.

COP26 is such a vital moment that the Vatican, for the first time, is sending a delegation to a UN climate change conference. Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin will lead the delegation, which plans to be "everywhere" during the twoweek summit, which starts Sunday and ends 12 November.

By attending, the Holy See seeks to amplify the voice of the most affected and promote their inclusion in the climate justice negotiations. Additionally, the negotiations will focus on protecting biodiversity and helping all of God's creation adapt, mitigate, and recover from the harm caused by the climate crisis.

Submitted by Walt Wessel, Co-chairperson of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice Committee

Please consider signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People petition NOW! It is important to join others in order to show support and to care for our earth. Remember what Pope Francis has taught us in his Encyclical letter, "Laudato Si. " To do so Google Healthy Planet, Healthy People. Our planet depends on us.

Called by Christ to continue his work on Earth, our mission is to speak for those in need, to advocate for justice, and to call one another to action.

Faith in Action's annual Bread Sunday fundraiser is here! This year we will be collecting up an offering on the weekend of **November 20th and 21st.** Your love offering helps Faith in Action in many ways. It helps a grandmother get her groceries every month. It helps a grandfather receive his weekly chemo treatments. It helps homebound seniors who feel all alone in the



world (now more than ever due to the pandemic) to receive a friendly phone call or a friendly visit, reminding them that they have not been forgotten. These are just a few examples of what your donation helps with on a regular basis. Faith in Action volunteers serve homebound seniors in our community by providing free services, such as transportation to medical appointments, errand running, grocery shopping, friendly phone calls and visits, and much more! Our goal is to help homebound seniors maintain their independence, their dignity, and their quality of life, and our volunteers help them to remain independent at home by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please consider giving of any amount toward our important mission. And if you don't have any amount to give but instead you have time to give, please consider becoming a Faith in Action Volunteer. For more information, contact Sara at 217-428-0013 or ssanchez\_dec@cc.dio.org.

Because Bread Sunday is during the third weekend collection, our Sister Parish collection will be moved up one week to the weekend of **November 14th**.



The EPIC Youth Group will be having upcoming meetings for Junior High and High School students from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Holy Family in the Parish Center.

#### **Junior High**

**High School** 

November 21 December 12 November 14 December 5 December 19

Anyone who would like to donate snacks, meals, etc or has any questions, please contact Deena Warrick at 217-855-9845 or Ivy Handley at 217-412-5188.



#### Saturday, November 20th 4:30pm

Lector - Sheryl Ciastko
Eucharistic Minister - Jayne Despres,
Mary Ann Fawcett, Janet Pezzelle
Gift Bearer Family - Kent Cassell Family
Greeter - Gloria Walcher
Usher - Barb Cassell, Kent Cassell,
Roger Wall

#### Sunday, November 21st 7:30am

Sacristan - Sandi Southern
Lector - Justin Reed
Eucharistic Minister - Frank Moore,
Martha McNamara
Gift Bearer Family - Frank Moore Family
Greeter - Ceil Frankovich, Wendy Jalley
Usher - Steve Halicki, Bill Busbey, Jack
McCoy

#### Sunday, November 21st 9:30am

Sacristan - Cecilia Kehoe Lector - Rodger Baldwin Eucharistic Minister - Julie Baldwin, John Dent, Maria Dent Gift Bearer Family - Sarah Clark Family Greeter - John Dent, Maria Dent Usher - John Alley, Mike Gagnon, Matt Walters, Barney Luckenbill

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.

## **B** UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **MONDAY | NOVEMBER 15**

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

RCIA / The Search - 7:00pm

#### **TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 16**

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

#### **WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 17**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Women's Group - 1:00pm

#### THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

No Scheduled Events

#### **FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 19**

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

No Scheduled Events

#### **SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 20**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Confessions - 11:00am Night of Healing - 6:45pm

#### **SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 21**

National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

Fellowship Sunday - After Masses



## The Upper Cenacle Prayer Group Tuesdays at 6:45pm

The Cenacle prayer group is a charismatic prayer group that tries to create the atmosphere of discipleship that was present in the Early Church.



The prayer group will meet from **6:45-7:45pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month in the church.

Our next session will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd.

For any questions, please reach out to Fr. Trummer at mtrummer@dio.org (preferred) or call the parish office (217-877-4404).



#### Night of Healing Saturday, November 20th at 6:45pm

Do you or anyone you know need prayers for healing? We are having another Night of Healing, a healing service offered for those who need prayers. It is has been <u>rescheduled</u> to be held on **Saturday**, **November 20th**, **starting at 6:30 p.m.** in the main Church at Our Lady of Lourdes.

At the Night of Healing we will have prayer teams who can pray over/with those who want to receive prayer for healing. If you have not experienced it before, being prayed over is a very beautiful and powerful experience. Our prayer teams will be wearing masks as we pray for others. Anyone is welcome to come, not just Catholics!

Our Lady of Lourdes is in need of adorers for our Thursday Adoration from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Please contact the Stimlers at 217-877-3153 or the parish office at 217-877-4404.

St. Mary's Chapel is looking for adorers for their 10:00am & 3:00pm for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday Adoration time slots.

Please call Jim Keyes at 217-433-4409 or Colleen Keyes 217-972-4930 to sign up.



## The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

While many people are getting caught up in the secular frenzy of Christmas, take a break from the holiday hustle and join Father Friedel in focusing with the Church on preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.



The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke sessions will be held on **Tuesdays**, **November 30**, **December 7**, **14**, **21 from 7:00-8:00pm** in the Enrichment Center.



#### **Inspiration of the Week**

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

## ShopWithScrip®

Gift cards will be for sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses the weekend of **November 27 & 28**, and again the weekend of **December 18 & 19**.

This is your chance to stock up on Christmas gifts for others (and don't forget yourself!), and benefit Our Lady of Lourdes at the same time; consider using gift cards for everyday purchases as well as gift-giving.

Cards will be for sale in the Red Room after the 4:30, 7:30, and 9:30 Masses; cash and checks are accepted.

Cards are also available Monday-Friday at the school office; email dwagner@ololschool.com to place an order.



The annual 55+ Community catered Christmas celebration will be held on **Tuesday, December 14th, 2021** with Mass at 11:30am in the Church, followed by our luncheon, light entertainment, and hopefully, a Christmas carol sing-a-long!

Since this is event is catered, reservations should be submitted to the Church Office by **Monday, December 6th**. You can call to reserve your spot at 217-877-4404.

All age 55 and over are welcome to attend!

Fellowship Sunday will return next **Sunday**, **November 21st**!

Please join us in the Enrichment Center after our 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses for a bite to eat and a time to socialize with your fellow parishioners.



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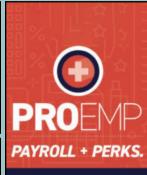
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