



THE WITNESS

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

JANUARY 29, 2023 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday | 5:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday through Friday | 8:30am

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Wednesday | Following Mass

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

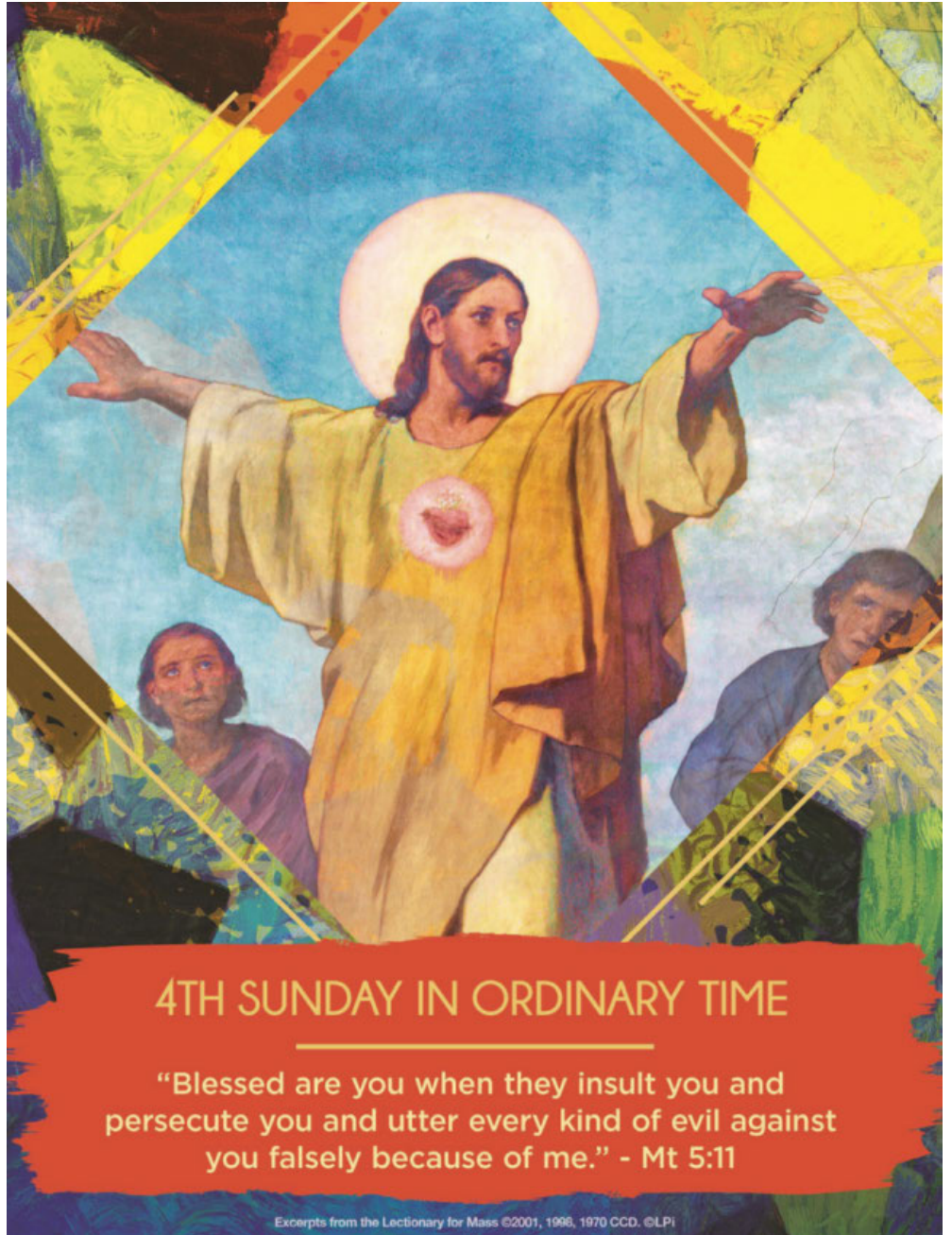
First Fridays | Following Mass
Benediction | 6:45pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm
Or by Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS




Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 -1:00pm



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me.” - Mt 5:11

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, through its members, is called to be a sign and sacrament of salvation to the entire Catholic Community. Essential to this Mission is the work of spreading Christian life and teachings.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, January 30

8:30 am Mass
5:00 pm Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help
Devotions
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 2

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am OLQM Women's Group

Friday, February 3

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am First Friday Adoration
6:45 pm Benediction

Saturday, February 4

7:00 am OLQM Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Men's Coffee and Christ
3:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am RCIA
10:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Mass

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Copy due by 12:00 pm on
Friday of the preceding week.

Deliver to the Parish Office
or email copy to:
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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30; or by appointment
by contacting the Parish Office.

MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months
in advance to schedule your Holy
Matrimony preparation.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

FINANCE COUNCIL

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OLQM Online Donating and Offertory Giving



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs offers online electronic donating and offertory giving through WeShare. By scanning the QR code you can offer a one time gift or set up a recurring donation. Offertory contributions help offset costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the parish. Thank you for your continued support of OLQM parish!



A note from the Pastor . . .

Sunday, January 29, 2023 marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese of Detroit. OLQM Catholic School will begin the week of celebrations by offering a School Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. All parishioners and visitors are invited to attend the OLQM School Open House and receive a tour of our school to see the many achievements earned by our students. Once again, OLQM Catholic School is blessed with highly credentialed faculty, leadership and administration to assist our students to better come to know Jesus, as well as educate and guide the students in their academic endeavors. Our school is a tremendous blessing for our parish community, adding life and vitality to our parish identity. In addition, a Catholic school is one of the greatest evangelization tools a parish can have to assist students and their families with an encounter with Jesus! May God continue to bless all of our hard work, dedication and commitment that takes place within OLQM Catholic Church and School.

Next Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The tradition of blessing throats will take place at the 8:30 am Mass on that day, as well as at all of the Masses next weekend!

Next Saturday morning, February 4th, the second graders will be celebrating their First Reconciliation in preparation for their First Communion that will take place later in the Spring. Please be sure to keep the children and their families in your prayers during these days of preparation and prayer as they open their hearts to encounter Jesus.

On behalf of the church and school community, I would like to thank all the parishioners and friends of OLQM who assisted with the take down and storage of all the Christmas decorations that so beautifully adorned the church sanctuary. When parishioners come together to serve their parish family, we are all then strengthened to share in the mission of Jesus. There are always plenty of ways to serve the OLQM parish family. Please step forward when the opportunity presents itself to get involved in your parish family. You will be serving God and your parish family, as well as making some wonderful friendships along the way to share in your life's journey.

May God's blessings and peace be with you in the week ahead as you enjoy the beauty of winter!

Fr. Jim Smalarz



Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW23

Deacon Chris's Corner.....



Back on Monday, January 2nd, I, like so many millions of Americans, was watching a National Football League game being played in the evening between the Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills. It was not too many minutes or plays into the game when Damar Hamlin, a Buffalo Bills defenseman, took a blow in the chest while making a tackle. After getting up momentarily, he fell to the ground, suffering a cardiac arrest. The medical staff attended to him, giving him CPR. The teams gathered around the scene so that most outsiders and certainly those from the TV viewing audience couldn't really see what was taking place, which was probably a good thing. All we knew was that something was very wrong and there was no control over the outcome.

As the coverage continued, it was clear that the sportscasters from ESPN did not really know what to say, as they were in shock of what was taking place and had never experienced anything like this before. So, what ended up rising to the top of the coverage? A consensus of people who realized that only God was in control of the situation. As a result, the sportscasters of the coverage, each in their own way, started recognizing the need for **prayer to God** in this chilling situation. And, for the rest of the coverage of the scene, in which the game ultimately was cancelled, the sportscasters made it known over and over again that Damar and his family were in their prayers.

Our Gospel tells us today, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Basically, what this means is when we realize that we are not in control of this life but, rather, God is in control - when we are truly humble and poor in spirit - we will inherit the promise of eternal life with God, the promise of the kingdom of heaven.

In the days that followed the Damar Hamlin medical emergency, he made a remarkable recovery, even to the point of returning home eight days after the incident took place, I believe. What was even more remarkable is that Damar and some of his fellow teammates continued, beyond that frightful night, to give thanks to God. They realized that something happened that night that was different: Only God could have orchestrated the positive, life-saving outcome.

I don't know about you, but this gives me great hope in the midst of a world that seems to be heading in a direction where God has been completely removed. For one trying night and several days to follow, God was given the glory. May our world respond always to God with spirits that are truly poor, allowing God to always be in control. Ours will be the kingdom of heaven!

With great gratitude to God,

Deacon Chris Beltowski

"When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:1-3)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 29, 2023

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— *Father John Muir*

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World Marriage Day

A day of marriage enrichment that includes dinner and dancing
February 19, 2023 from 2:30-6:30pm at San Marino Club in Troy MI



Words to Strengthen, Inspire & Guide Marriages
Fr. Joseph Krupp

Mercy, Joy & Healing in Marriage
Bill & Carol Brewis



Makes a perfect Valentine's Day gift!

\$350 for a Table Reservation (5 couples, \$70 per couple)

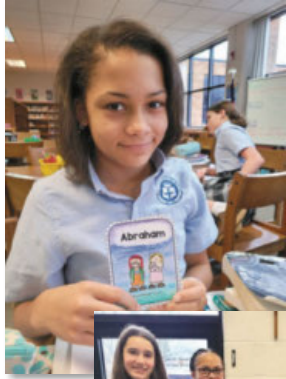


\$75 per couple-Through Jan. 1, 2023

\$80 per couple-After Jan 1st, 2023

Final day to register is Feb 12th, 2023

Register at: www.worldmarriageday.org



From the School

Sixth grade is a joyful, energetic, faithful group of students. They love talking about their religion, sharing stories in class and meditating on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary or watching videos of priest vocation stories. One of their favorite things last semester in religion class was teaching kindergarten and first grade students about saints. Next semester they will create and share bible stories with the younger grades. Coming soon to the OLQM Parish website is a video created by the sixth grade students about the significance and importance of the Eucharist in every Mass.

The cooking electives are busy in the kitchen and using different types of creative gifts. Led by Katie Serbinski and Christa Byrd, the middle school students have created savory and sweet recipes each week in the school kitchen. They have also each taken a turn teaching the class how to make one of their favorite recipes from home.



January 29, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I have a competitive streak. Whether it's guessing Wordle in one try, grabbing the last Doorbuster deal at Kohl's or snagging Boardwalk early in a game of Monopoly, I like to win. For this reason, the readings today especially challenge me. In a world that values success, wealth and "winning," today's readings turn things upside down when it comes to status and justice. In Zephaniah, God chooses the "humble and lowly." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out a road map to lasting happiness that bears little resemblance to what the world tells us, and even what our own instincts may tell us, about being "happy." I'll still buy Boardwalk at the first opportunity, but Jesus' words invite me to focus on seeking righteousness, and to be merciful and "clean of heart." They encourage me to seek the happiness that only Christ can give. Through prayer and reflection on these words, we can ask the Lord to transform our hearts and lives to align with what it truly means to be blessed.

STUDY Memorize the Eight Beatitudes. Learn about each one by reading the writings of Pope Francis or another theologian such as Bishop Robert Barron. Ask God to help you incorporate them into your daily life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Pope Francis has referred to the Eight Beatitudes as a kind of Christian "identity card." (General Audience, Jan. 2020) And he had a suggestion for those of us, like me, who love to listen to the Sermon on the Mount but may not be sure where to start when it comes to living it. His suggestion is simple: "There are eight Beatitudes, and it would be nice to learn them by heart and to repeat them in order to keep this law that Jesus gives us in our mind and in our hearts." Perhaps we can place each Beatitude on a sticky note by the mirror, incorporate them into our morning prayers, teach them to our children or discuss them with friends. Practice makes perfect, yes? As Pope Francis reminds us, "the Beatitudes always bring you to joy; they are the paths to reach joy."



From the Office of Faith Formation Happy, Healthy, and Holy Kids

Upcoming **Monday** sessions are: January 30, February 6, 13, 27

The Sunday Family Program meets February 12, 2023
beginning with Noon Mass. We will begin Unit 6: Sacraments

First Reconciliation Retreat: To Begin Again

January 31 at 6:30pm in the Church. Children and parents will attend together.



Catechist Spotlight

Mr. Eugene O'Callaghan has been a catechist for ten years. He started out teaching grade four and then answered the call to take on the seventh graders. Eugene and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of three talented boys who have all attended Faith Formation at OLQM. They have been parishioners for 23 years. Eugene is a Managing Director with Deloitte Consulting. When asked what he enjoys best about teaching grade 7, Mr. O'Callaghan responded, "Talking to the bright, curious, funny and engaged young minds who will shape the world we live in."

He brings a wealth of experience and appreciation for passing on the faith. We are most grateful for Mr. O'Callaghan.

Youth Charism Report

The OLQM Confirmation class of 2023 participated in their charism workshop, along with either their sponsor or parent, as part of their journey to being fully initiated members of the Church. During this workshop, they learned about several charisms (spiritual gifts) and began discerning how they themselves are gifted. These gifts are given to us at baptism but they are not for us. They are how God reaches others through us. Being Confirmed means being bound more closely with the mission of Jesus through His Church. It is a completion of our baptismal graces.

In the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, this group as a whole scored high in hospitality, encouragement, mercy and wisdom. This means these young members of our community are concerned with making people feel welcome and comfortable, are able to help ease the stress of others and hold them up in stressful times, they attend to the physical needs of others when they see suffering, and they can analyze situations, God's will and direct others towards it.

The Spirit of Holiness is at work in these young women and men. We celebrate their unique gifts and the gift they each are to the Church.

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OLQM is Hiring

We're currently seeking an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Faith Formation.

This is a part time position supporting the Director of Faith Formation. The position requires strong computer, data management and record keeping skills along with general office upkeep and organization. It offers a flexible schedule but we do have some evening and weekend hours required.

Please contact Mary Garlow if interested.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2023

(Celebrated in Parishes February 4-5)

Instituted by St. Pope John Paul II in 1997, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which commemorates through the blessing and lighting of candles that Christ is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

All the faithful are invited to reflect on the importance the role of Consecrated Life is to the life of the Church and to the People of God; it is an intimate part of her mission, holiness, and growth. *“The Consecrated Life, deeply rooted in the example and teaching of Christ the Lord, is a gift of God the Father to His Church through the Holy Spirit.”* Vita Consecrata

Consecrated Life parallels the Gospel account of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as it is a life consecrated to God, freely and deliberately chosen in response to His incredible love. Through the Evangelical Counsels of *Poverty, Chastity and Obedience*, following the poor, chaste and obedient Christ, the Consecrated Life gives witness to the primacy of Christ in one’s life, witnesses that Jesus Christ is ultimately Who we are called to sacred union with, and seeks a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him through a life dedicated to prayer and service.

Men and women throughout the ages have responded YES to Gods call to give their lives to Christ as Consecrated Religious in order to be more closely configured to the One they love and to live this life espoused to Christ and His Church with love and gratitude in their hearts. The life of consecrated men and women points to a life beyond this world as it is a witness to the way we (all) will live our lives with Jesus Christ in the heavenly Kingdom.



Fr. Bruno Piccolo, PIME
Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF
Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME



Representatives from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, Dominican Sisters of Mary, and Bernadine Franciscan Sisters



T.O.R. Sisters, Steubenville



Sr. Fidelis & Sr. Solanus Mary Payne
Franciscan Sisters of Renewal



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Pope Francis, SJ
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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE CONSECRATED LIFE?

Contact Fr Jim or Sr Francesca at 248 644 8620

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2023 | 10:00am - 1:00pm



- ◆ Project Based Learning
- ◆ Virtue Project
- ◆ Individual Instruction
- ◆ Advisor/Advisee Program
- ◆ Elective Classes
- ◆ CYO Programs
- ◆ Academic Rigor
- ◆ Class Representative Leadership Council
- ◆ Performing Arts (Band, Choir, WAMS)
- ◆ Orchestra (available starting in 2nd grade)
- ◆ Weekly School Mass
- ◆ Preschool Programs
- ◆ Eureka Math
- ◆ Daily School Prayer
- ◆ National Junior Honor Society
- ◆ Orton Gillingham Phonics Program
- ◆ Readers and Writers Workshops
- ◆ Social Emotional Classes Weekly (for all grade levels)
- ◆ Intramural Sports
- ◆ Commitment to Service



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is a Catholic community dedicated to nurturing students who will contribute to the world through faith, character, and lifelong learning.



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 4, 2023

**MORE INFORMATION IS COMING SOON!
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RECOGNITION IN CHURCH WITNESS (LARGE LOGO)
RECOGNITION IN PARISH EMAIL
2 MEALS, 2 DRINK TICKETS, 2 CUSTOM ETCHED OLQM GLASSES

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING (\$500-\$999)

RECOGNITION ON CLICKBID WEBSITE (LOGO)
RECOGNITION AT BLARNEY BLAST (LOGO)
RECOGNITION IN CHURCH WITNESS (LOGO)
RECOGNITION IN PARISH EMAIL
2 DRINK TICKETS, 2 CUSTOM ETCHED OLQM GLASSES

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CLICKBID WEBSITE
RECOGNITION AT BLARNEY BLAST
RECOGNITION IN CHURCH WITNESS
RECOGNITION IN PARISH EMAIL

4 LEAF CLOVER (UP TO \$99)

RECOGNITION ON
CLICKBID WEBSITE
RECOGNITION AT BLARNEY BLAST
RECOGNITION IN CHURCH WITNESS

For Questions contact Daniella Brown at OLQMBlarney@gmail.com or 248-320-4015

Blarney Blast is right around the corner and we could use your help in making this a successful event. Who do you know who has season tickets for a sports team or season tickets to the theatre that wouldn't mind donating tickets? Who do you know who owns a restaurant, salon or other retail establishment who would donate an item or gift certificate? Please consider donating or reaching out to our Auction Committee Chair, Angie Haig angie.ruth@gmail.com with your donation ideas, contacts or leads.

BLARNEY BLAST 2023

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

SPONSORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

CLICKBID:	\$1200
RAFFLE ITEM:	\$1000
RAFFLE ITEM:	\$1000
FOOD:	\$1000
FOOD:	\$1000
DJ:	\$1000
RAFFLE ITEM:	\$500
BEER:	\$500
WINE:	\$500
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DECORATIONS:	\$500
CRAFT COCKTAIL:	\$300
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MARKETING:	\$300
STAGE RISERS:	\$300
EVENT FLYERS:	\$200
EVENT POSTERS:	\$200
INVITATIONS:	\$200
TABLE/CHAIR RENTALS:	\$200
ELECTRICAL:	\$150
DESSERT:	\$150
RAFFLE ITEM:	\$100
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Please note: More items and specifics on sponsorship opportunities will be updated and available on the event ClickBid site at OLQM.CBO.IO by February 8, 2023. All donations can be made through ClickBid or through mail to the school or parish office, attention Daniella Brown, Blarney Blast.

Donation Wish List



Trips or Get-aways

- Vacation homes
- Time shares
- Airline tickets
- Hotel stays



Electronics

- Wearable technology
- Laptops, tablets
- Gaming systems
- Cameras



Beauty & Wellness

- Gift cards
- Spa treatments
- Personal training
- Jewelry



Sports & Memorabilia

- Golf packages
- Sport tickets
- Autographed memorabilia



Experiences

- Exclusive event tickets
- Concerts
- Unique travel packages



Dining

- Gift cards
- Unique culinary experiences or packages

Christian Service at OLQM

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Welcome Ministry - JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Looking for a simple and easy way to serve your church, get service time in, put your faith into action, get to Mass on time or simply to do what Jesus asks us to do? This is the outreach for YOU and or your Family! We are in need of volunteers to welcome the faithful who attend Masses on the weekend here at OLQM. Please join us in welcoming them! - Sign up online: <https://bit.ly/WelcJan23> - and <https://bit.ly/WelcFeb23>



Capuchin On the Rise Bakery Coming to OLQM! Sunday, FEBRUARY 19

Purchase delicious baked goods after all Sunday Masses in the parish social hall. Coffee will be served.



SnackPax Project - FEBRUARY 23

This service project is to help support SnackPax ministry to impoverished children in the Metro Detroit area. We will gather to assemble SnackPax in the Parish Social Hall from 3:15 - 4:30 pm on Wednesday, February 23. Details and sign up: <https://bit.ly/SnkPxFeb23>



Baby Shower - Save The Date: - MARCH 4-5

OLQM Knights of Columbus, OLQM Christian Service and Right to Life/ Lifespan are hosting our Annual Baby Shower to benefit Mother and Unborn Baby Care. See flyer in The Witness for details. Thank You!

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of My brothers or sisters, you did it to Me."
Mt. 25:40

Thank you for your love of Jesus and of OLQM. Thank you for all you are and all you do to make OLQM the amazing, faith-filled, loving, serving parish family that we are today! Together we are making a difference in our community!

Peace and all Good, Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF
Christian Service Director

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
~ 1 Corinthians 1:27

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**ST. BLAISE
BLESSING OF THROATS
at all Masses on
February 4th and 5th**

**OLQM CSA
UPDATE**

—2022—

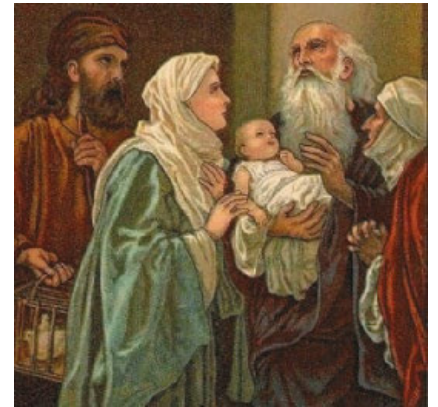
Goal: \$126,793.00
Pledged: \$138,452.66
Overage: \$11,659.66

296 of 1,451 Families Pledged



Funds collected for the CSA benefit charitable and faith based programs throughout the Archdiocese. Any funds collected above and beyond the goal are returned to the parish. Thank you to all have who donated! Your support is appreciated!

THANK YOU!



**Presentation of the Lord
February 2**

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of January 30 - February 5

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 am †Allan Motes
†Regina Niedzwiedska

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 am †Michael Gill
Special Intention for
Donna Murphy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 am †David King
Special Intention for
Renee Kavalor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 am †Angeline Roznowski
Special Intention for
Alex Garcia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 am †Frank Malek
Special Intention for
Pam Davis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00 pm †Fr. Michael Heppen, CSC
†Joan Barrett

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
†Jan Haezebrouk

10:00 am †Buck Rodgers
†Luc Barron

12:00 pm †Rodolfo Marsan
†Fred Hagen

MASS READINGS for the week of January 29 - February 5

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalms 146:6-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalms 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Psalms 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalms 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalms 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalms 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalms 112:4-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



In Loving Memory
Our sympathy goes out
to the family of

Beverly (Bev) Macke
Wife of Steve Macke

Sophia Dinverno
Niece of Grace Dersa



First Friday
Exposition and Adoration
Friday, February 3
after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Benediction at 6:45 p.m.



Prayer for the Sick

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

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| Charles Barron | Audrey Markiewicz |
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| Ian Haezebrouck | The Sewell Family |
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| Jane King | Msgr. Dan Trapp |
| Amy Klezek | Elizabeth Walkowiak |
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| Dennis Lacelle | Sue Weed |
| Dolores Lowe | Christine Wing- |
| Richard Lowe | Jaworski |
| Joanne MacDonald | |

Pray for the sick.

Prayer for Vocations

O Virgin Mary, we commend to you those who seek to follow your son as priests, brothers and sisters. You know the difficulties, struggles and obstacles they face. Assist them to utter their “yes” to the divine call as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so that they may understand the joy and beauty that awaits when the Lord calls them. Make them witness the Lord’s love. Enable them to inspire the church with their consecration. May your all powerful intercession touch the hearts of many that they may respond to the Lord’s call. Repeat to them in the depths of their hearts what you said to the waiters at Cana: “Do whatever Jesus asks.” Amen.

Pope St. John Paul II

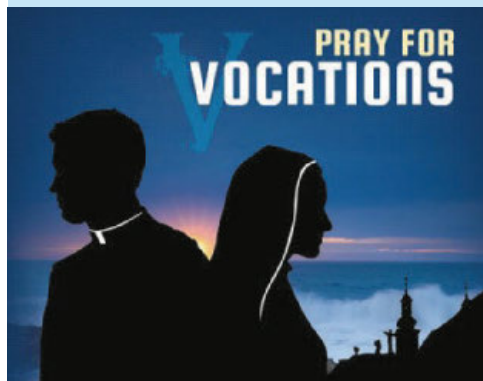
Please pray for our OLQM parishioners who are currently in formation:

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Archdiocese of Detroit**

**Dan Dixon
Society of Jesus**

**Sr. Solanus Mary
(Mary Margaret Payne)
Franciscan Sisters
of the Renewal**

**Kevin Zaporski
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter**



Why do we bless throats?



Every year around this time we are invited to the altar to have our throats blessed. The priest or deacon says:

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

St. Blaise was a bishop in Sebastea, Armenia, who was martyred in the year 316. While not much is known about him for certain, he is said to have blessed a young boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat, curing him.

Eventually, the custom of the blessing of the throats arose. The crossed candles used to impart the blessing may be a reminder of the kindness of a woman who brought candles to him so that he might have light while suffering persecution for his faith in a prison cell.

The Memorial of St. Blaise is Feb. 3. The throat blessings are offered at weekend Masses around that date.

The annual blessing of the throats is a traditional sign of the Christian struggle against illness. With faith, we follow the lead of the Church in asking for St. Blaise’s protection.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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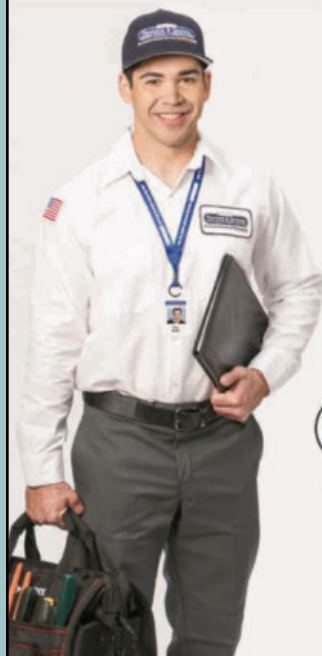
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Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

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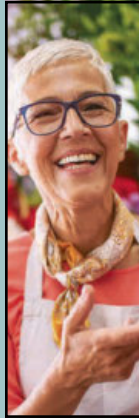
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