



THE WITNESS

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | THE SEVENTH 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

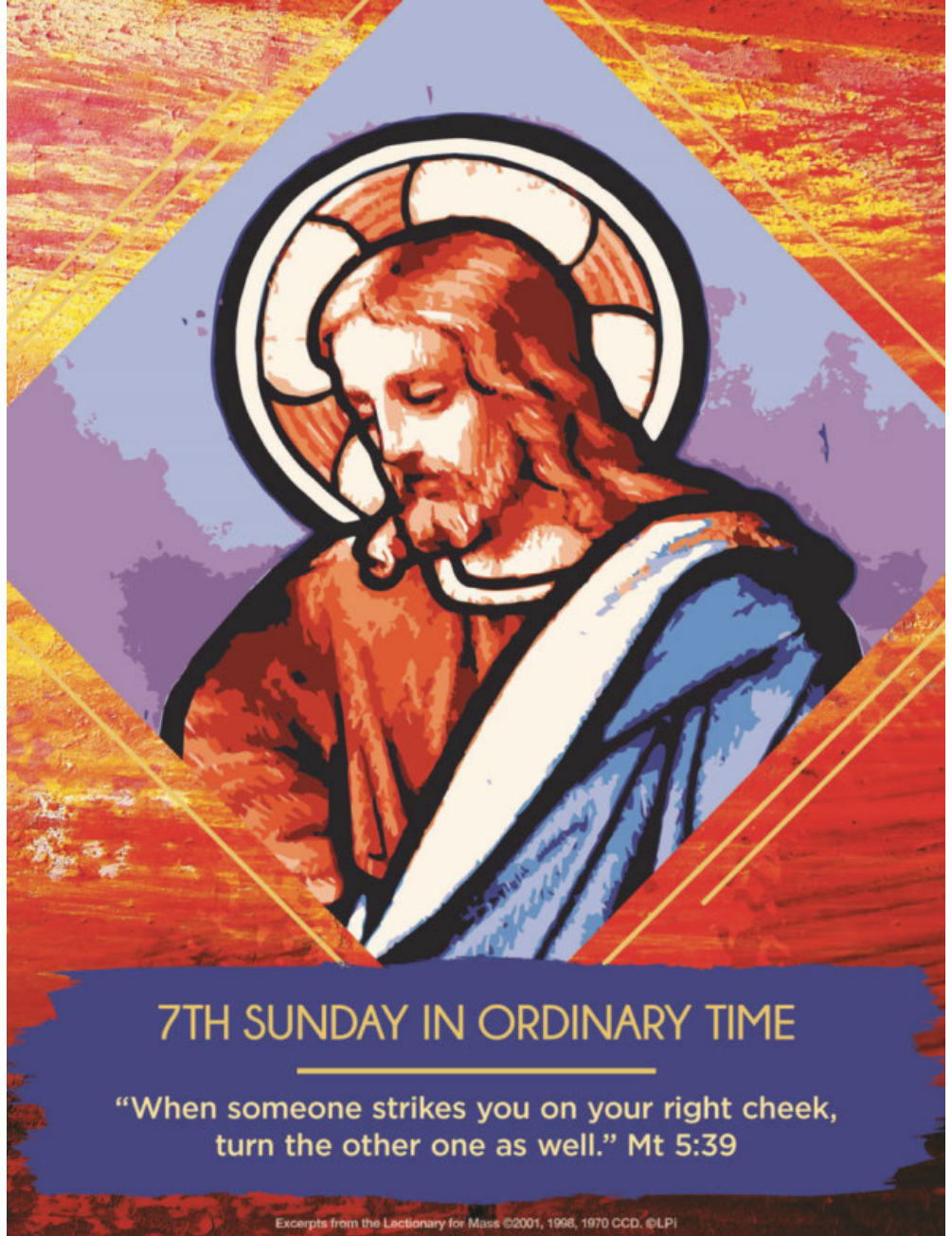
First Fridays | Following Mass
Benediction | 6:45pm

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



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.” Mt 5:39

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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, February 20
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, February 21
8:30 am Mass
7:15 pm Intercessory Prayer Team

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday
8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, February 23
8:30 am Mass

Friday, February 24
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Exposition & Adoration
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:45 pm Benediction
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25
7:00 am OLQM Men's Bible Study
3:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 26
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
11:00 am RCIA
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

Tim Flannery - Chair
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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 . . .

I was away from the parish on vacation beginning February 6th and I returned to the parish on February 13th. I had the opportunity to get away to Florida with a priest friend and enjoy sunny skies, and some rest and relaxation. Even though it's been a very mild winter thus far, getting the chance to clear my mind and soak up some sun, along with vitamin D was a much needed break from all the happenings of daily parish life, especially with Lent right around the corner.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. This year it just so happens that the Ash Wednesday falls during the week that winter break takes place in our school. However, school families and faith formation families, please remember to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at OLQM, either 8:30 am or 7:00 pm. If you happen to be going out of town during winter break, please plan ahead and find out the Ash Wednesday Mass schedule of the parish near where you will be visiting. It's important for all Catholics to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday and participate in the beautiful Catholic custom of receiving ashes on our foreheads reminding ourselves and others that while we are sinners, we have hope and trust in Jesus Christ who by dying on the cross has redeemed us and freed us from our sins. Ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads reveals to others our faith, hope and trust in the promises of Jesus whose love for us offers us the opportunity to encounter the love, peace and contentment that can only be found in Jesus! May the Lenten season be a time for all of us to encounter the mercy and love of Jesus!

Please come and spend some time with Jesus present in the Eucharist. On Fridays during Lent, Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist will take place in the church immediately following the 8:30 am morning Mass until Benediction at 6:45 pm. Stations of the Cross will then begin at 7:00 pm. We will also have Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm with the school children and faculty. All are invited! Both devotions are beautiful ways to encounter Jesus, thereby enriching your prayer life and your Lenten journey.

"Blarney Blast 2023," our annual parish wide party and celebration, will be held Saturday evening, March 4th from 6:00 – 11:00 pm in the school gym. All are invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal; bid on some incredible auction items and share a fun-filled evening with fellow parishioners and friends of OLQM! There is a lot of hard work taking place by parish volunteers to insure a successful night. I look forward to enjoying the evening with everyone! Please mark your calendars and join the fun!

May God bless you and your family with His love, contentment, and peace!

Fr. Jim Smalarz

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES AND A COMPLETE LENTEN LITURGICAL SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND IN THE WITNESS



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Dear Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish,

As Director of Priestly Vocations, I have the privilege of working with men of all ages to discover if their vocation is to the priesthood. Remember, vocation means a calling from God. God calls each one of us to a particular way of life, whether it is to the priesthood, married life, religious life, or the generous single life. When we choose to follow the vocation that is ours, it is there that we find our meaning and joy. In this way, we find fulfillment and peace doing the work of God. God gives us our particular vocation because we are his children. Always remember you are a beloved child of God because of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. You are loved, and you belong! No one can take that away from you. Our response is to choose to live as a true child of God by growing in virtue and striving to always do Our Heavenly Father's will. Even though every vocation comes with its own cross, we will carry it with joy because Christ carried it first. Jesus doesn't just want us to do good, he wants us to be good. That only comes by sacrificing ourselves for others as he did.

I am happy as a priest, just as all your priests are as well. I not only invite men to this way of life but also challenge them to become the man God has called them to be, if this is truly where God is calling. If you are called to the priesthood, then pick up your cross and follow. I promise you will not be disappointed. Whatever stage you are at in the discernment process, please feel free to contact me directly at giera.craig@aod.org. There are no commitments made by contacting me; I'm here to help. Check out our website at www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com and look around at the many resources. Listen to our podcast, "Men of the Hearts," which interviews different priests about their vocation stories. Maybe consider coming to one of our events like the discernment group or discernment weekend at the seminary. You don't have to figure this out alone.

For the rest of us that already know our vocation, let's recommit ourselves to living it out to the fullest. Also, please pray that more men say yes to their vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Detroit. At the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass, Archbishop Vigneron announced that the Archdiocese of Detroit will engage in a Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations beginning on June 4 (the Vigil of Pentecost) and concluding on May 28, 2023 (the Solemnity of Pentecost). This Year of Prayer will be a time for everyone in the Archdiocese — priests, deacons, religious, and laity — to come to understand and embrace our need to be united in prayer, working toward a culture that fosters and celebrates vocations to the priesthood. Offer up your Rosaries, especially the Luminous Mysteries, for this purpose. There are many resources on our landing page at prayforvocations.com. Our Mother in Heaven will help raise up a new generation of priests with our prayers! Pray and invite young men to this wonderful vocation. Thank you again for your hospitality.

In Christ,

Rev. Craig Giera





**DIACONATE
VOCATION
AWARENESS**

INFORMATION NIGHT

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Parish in the Parish Life Center
127 N. Monroe St. Monroe, MI 48162**

RSVP AT:
aod.org/diaconate-vocation-information-night



LENT

Liturgical Schedule

Ash Wednesday February 22nd

Mass times:

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**There will be NO ashes
available during the day**

Come Encounter Jesus

**A Lenten Evening of
Prayer, Praise and Worship**

Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Each Friday of Lent

following 8:30 am Mass

Benediction at 6:45 pm

Evening Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm

Children's Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent

Adoration at 1:45 pm

Stations at 2:00 pm

All are invited!

Sunday Night Rosary

Each Sunday of Lent

at 6:30 pm in Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays of Lent

at 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Monday, March 27th

at 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**West Maple Family
of Catholic Parishes**

Reconciliation Service

(with private confessions)

Holy Name Parish

Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” (Lv 19:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel:

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Mt 5:43-44)

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to be a *Disciple*

Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF, Christian Service Director
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Capuchin On the Rise Bakery at OLQM!

Purchase and enjoy delicious breads and baked goods from the Capuchin Bakery after all Masses Sunday. Coffee will be served.

THIS SUNDAY!



SnackPax Project - Wednesday, FEBRUARY 22

This service project is to help support SnackPax ministry to impoverished children in the Metro Detroit area. DROP OFF COMPLETED SNACKPAX in front of the school on **Wednesday, February 22 - 9:00 - 9:30 am.**

Details and sign up: <https://bit.ly/SnkPxFeb23>



Welcome Ministry - 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/WelcFeb23>



40 Days for Life - Through March 28

The Beginning of the End of Abortion. 22,829 LIVES SAVED SINCE 2007 Help Save lives by praying for an end to abortion Join OLQM Knights of Columbus Tuesdays at Planned Parenthood Ferndale, 23338 Woodward Ave. **Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm.**



Annual Blood Drive - Sunday, MARCH 26

OLQM Health and Wellness Committee and American Red Cross are sponsoring our Bi-Annual Blood Drive in Parish Social Hall 9:00 am- 3:00 pm, **Sunday, March 26.**

To Register: RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: OLQM or call 1-800 Red Cross (800-733-2767) or use the QR code at right.



"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



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



Upcoming **Monday** sessions are: February 27, March 6, 13

The Sunday Family Program meets
March 12, 2023 beginning with Noon Mass.
We will begin Unit 7: Kingdom of God

First Eucharist Parent Session meets Wednesday March 1
We have two options for this meeting in the Social Hall: 10-11am or 6:30-7:30pm

Catechist Spotlight

Michele DeRonne is our grade 8 catechist in both the Monday after school and Sunday Family programs. She has become our resident expert in all things Confirmation. Michele has taught for nine years now and has been a member of our OLQM community for 18 years. In addition to grade 8 Michele has taught grades 2, 5 and 7. She knows the curriculum quite well. She and her husband, Tim, have three children who have come through Faith Formation at OLQM. Michele works at General Motors in Advanced Vehicle Design. When asked what she likes best about teaching grade 8 Michele responded; "I enjoy being a part of our 8th grader's sacrament year. The best part of teaching 8th grade are the conversations in the classroom and connecting with the future of our church, our children." Working alongside Michele these past several years has been Jennifer Budd. She has taught grades 1, 2 and 7 before becoming the 8th grade assistant in our Monday program. Jennifer said she likes teaching 8th grade because she enjoys the conversations with the students and helping to prepare them for their confirmation. She also said, " I enjoy working with Michele because she is enthusiastic, passionate, and helpful with the students. Also, she is a fantastic person to work with in the classroom. She is very knowledgeable and willing to help the students." Jennifer has been a part of our OLQM community for 45 years. She works at Seaholm High School in the Autistic Transition Program.

We are so grateful for Michele and Jennifer.

Mary Garlow
Director of Faith Formation
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the Mass matters



"Put all the good works in the world
against one Holy Mass; they will be as
a grain of sand beside a mountain."

~ St. John Vianney

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THANK YOU BLARNEY BLAST SPONSORS!

Food: \$1000 – Carolyn and Ireland McQueen
Food: \$1000 – Aqua-Tots Swim School, The Jaboro Family
ClickBid: \$1000 – The Meilinger Family
Wine: \$500 – Dr. Mike & Chris Kobot
Wine: \$500 – Mike & Leigh Davidson
Beer: \$500 – The Gill Family
Beer: \$500 – The Obert Family
Decorations: \$500 – Charles & Colleen Batcheller
Craft Cocktail: \$300 – Jason & Merridy Toepfer
Event Posters: \$250 – Steve Zintsmaster & Family
Event Flyers: \$200 – Clarus Lighting & Controls
Table/Chair Rentals: \$200 – The Corbello Family
Dessert: \$150 – John Schmitt
Chocolates: \$125 – Robert & Patricia Stuckey
Photo Booth: \$100 – The Ruprich Family

For Questions contact

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

Sponsorship:

Rachel Trotto, at olqmlarney@gmail.com or 248-219-2961

BLARNEY BLAST 2023

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

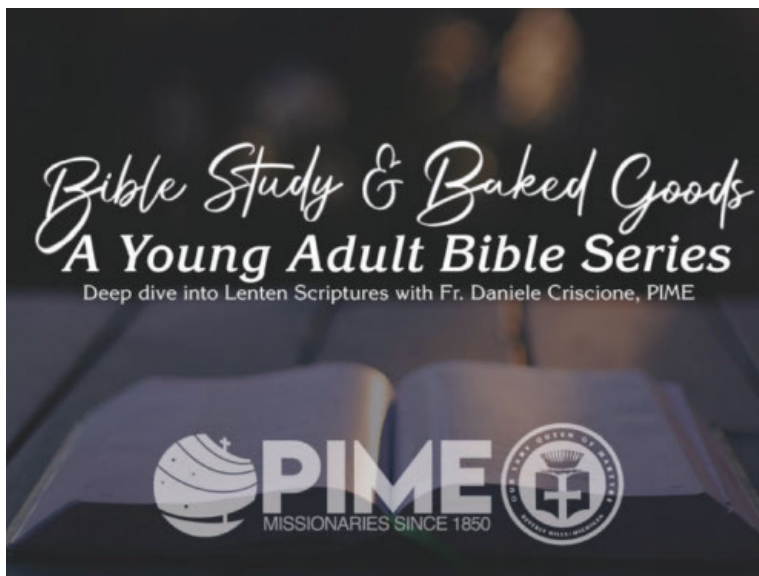
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RAFFLE ITEM:	\$100

[Visit OLQM.CBO.IO to sponsor.](http://OLQM.CBO.IO)

All donations can be made through ClickBid or through mail to the school or parish office, attention Daniella Brown, Blarney Blast.

“THIS COUNTRY WILL NOT BE A GOOD PLACE FOR ANY OF US TO LIVE IN
UNLESS WE MAKE IT A GOOD PLACE FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE IN.”

- THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AMERICAN ICON)



Thursdays in March of 2023, join Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church for a deep-dive into the Lenten Scriptures and some sweet treats!

Join us from 7-9 pm for insight into the Gospel readings of Lent.

- 7:00 - 7:30 pm: Fellowship and Baked Goods
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm: Presentation from Fr. Daniele
- 8:30 – 9:00 pm: Q & A portion

Contemplate the Gospel of the following Sunday with Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME, over four Thursdays in Lent – in the social hall at OLQM. The final week of this series will be adoration and confession in the church – the perfect preparation for Holy Week!

- Thursday, 3/02/23 – Mt 17:1-9
- Thursday, 3/09/23 – Jn 4:5-42
- Thursday, 3/16/23 – Jn 9:1-41
- Thursday, 3/23/23 – Jn 11:1-45
- Thursday, 3/30/23 – Adoration & Confession



OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

BLARNEY BLAST



MARCH 4, 2023, 6-11pm
OLQM Gym

ADULT ONLY EVENT

Silent Auction | Music
Dinner \$45 (Seniors \$40) from 6-7:30pm
Admission Only \$25
Dinner RSVP by February 25, 2023
American Icon attire is optional

To purchase tickets,
sponsorship or auction
bidding, please visit
OLQM.CBO.IO

For general questions:
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#OLQMBlarneyBlast2023

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Collection For The Church In Central and Eastern Europe

Pope Francis has called upon the Universal Church to pray and fast for peace in Ukraine. Catholics in the US can also show their solidarity by participating in the annual Collection for the Church in Central Eastern Europe. The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ to the faithful affected by the darkness of war, violence, and loss of families and homes and provide other essential funding in the region. Your support of this collection is a tangible way of assisting the Church's response and outreach to those affected and displaced by the violence. Please be generous.

[#iGiveCatholicTogether](#) also accepts funds for the collection.

Collection is this weekend

Please use the envelopes in the pews.

Please prayerfully consider a donation!

Right to Life Sponsored High School Oratory Contest

Despite Roe v. Wade being overturned, the passage of Proposal 3 in Michigan means the ProLife Movement has quite a battle to return our state to one that truly values human life. Our young people will play a key role. To help prepare students to make persuasive ProLife arguments, Right to Life is sponsoring a High School Oratory Contest in Oakland County. The event will take place on Thursday, **March 16, at 7 pm at Everest Collegiate High School & Academy** at 5935 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan. Participants will give a 5-7 minute speech on one of the following topics: abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research or human cloning. Students from Oakland County will compete not only for bragging rights, but for cash prizes for first through third place (\$300, \$150, \$50). The winner has the opportunity to compete at the state level in May, and perhaps go on to the national level in June. Interested students can receive an application and further information by contacting Kelly Luttinen at kluttinennew@gmail.com or by texting or calling (248) 979-8129.

LENTEN FASTING

The Laws of Fast and Abstinence...

The law of the Church obligates all Catholics ages 18-59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This allows only one full meal and permits two lesser meals to be consumed provided the two lesser meals do not equal the one full meal. Eating between meals is not in keeping with the fast but liquids are permitted. During the fast, one should offer their suffering to the Lord and pray for the intentions of the Church to grow in love for the Lord.

Additionally, all Catholics 14 years of age and older are required to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent, again offering this discipline to the Lord and praying for the intentions of the Church. In these spiritual disciplines we join our sufferings to Christ and gain a greater appreciation for those who go without.



Ash Wednesday February 22nd

OLQM Mass times:
8:30 am with ash distribution
7:00 pm with ash distribution

There will be NO ashes available during the day

West Maple Family of Catholic Parishes

St. Regis:

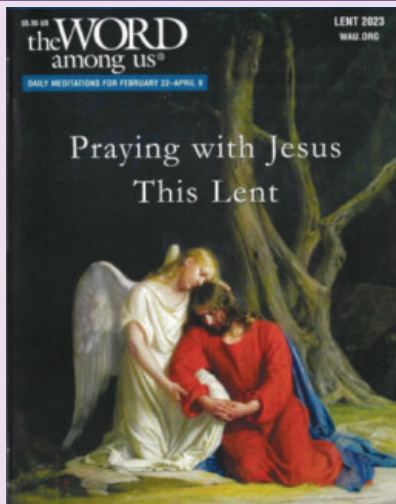
6:45 am Prayer Service
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm & 4:30 pm Prayer Service
7:00 pm Mass

Holy Name:

8:00 am Mass
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Mass

St. Owen:

9:00 am & 7:00 pm Mass



We have a limited number of *the WORD among us* missalettes for **LENT**

available at the Church doors.

Daily Mass Readings & Lenten Reflections

A free-will donation is appreciated.

OLQM Men's Retreat

Please consider joining the annual OLQM Men's Retreat on March 10 - 12 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. This has been a place for quiet reflection, prayer, and renewal for many men from our parish over the years!

As of today, there are 35 men already registered, with room for 45 more. We have 8 men registered from OLQM so far. This invitation is not just for OLQM men - you can invite a friend, family member, or neighbor!

You can reserve your spot on-line with a \$30 payment; just use the link below or scan the code to learn about the retreat and sign up with the OLQM group:

www.stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-21/





From the School



We strive to create and implement a well-rounded technology program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Our kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms receive a variety of lessons to help them better understand how to use technology appropriately in and out of the classroom. To teach digital citizenship, we use Common Sense Education. Elementary students are taught how to safely use the internet, the importance of appropriate communication, and how technology and their choices can affect their future.

Our digital literacy program includes coding lessons for all students. Our youngest coders use Scratch Jr. and our more advanced coders are currently using code.org. During our coding lessons, students work in small groups and are encouraged to work and problem solve together. Students are learning basic coding terminology as well as coding fundamentals.

Other elements in our technology program include typing for our third and fourth grade students using the Typesy program. Students are learning to use Home Row as they type. Ask your child about his or her Typesy points! As we move deeper into the year, students will also create projects supporting their classroom curriculum using Google apps such as Docs, Sheets and Slides. Our students love to use their iPads and are grateful to have them in the classroom!

~ Mrs. Jennifer Schneider



OLQM Knights of Columbus, OLQM Christian Service, and Right to Life Lifespan are hosting a

Baby Shower

March 4 & 5 to support Moms in NEED!

Please bring **NEW** items to the church vestibule the weekend of March 4-5.
All **NEW** donations accepted. We are in need of the following items:

- ♥ diapers – sizes 3, 4 & 6
- ♥ diaper bags
- ♥ car seats
- ♥ baby lotion and wash - (*unscented, please*)
- ♥ baby bottles
- ♥ baby wash/shampoo - (*unscented, please*)
- ♥ girls clothing (winter outfits) - size 12-24 months
- ♥ boy & girl clothing/sleepers - size 9-12 months
- ♥ boy & girl clothing outfits - size 2T
- ♥ hooded baby towels
- ♥ Meijer & Kroger gift cards



Defending the lives of Mothers and Babies since 1984

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of February 20 - February 26

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am †Reid Adams
Special Intention for
Greg Kasper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 am †Ruthann Manesh

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am Special Intention for
Ryan Trif
Special Intention for
Jennifer Adams

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am †Ms. Ellison Overhardt

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 am †Barb Trotta

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 pm †Harry Spencer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 am †Dr. Roger O'Bryan

10:00 AM †Luc Barron
For the People of the Parish

12:00 pm †Genevieve Browne

*Our Lady
Queen of Martyrs,
Pray for us.*

MASS READINGS for the week of February 19 - February 26

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Presidents' Day

Sirach 1:1-10
Psalms 93:1-2, 5
Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Sirach 2:1-11
Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18
Psalms 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalms 1:1-4, 6
Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalms 51:3-6a, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalms 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 19, 2023

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: “**But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.**” An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it.* And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

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Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

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Prayer for the Sick

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

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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

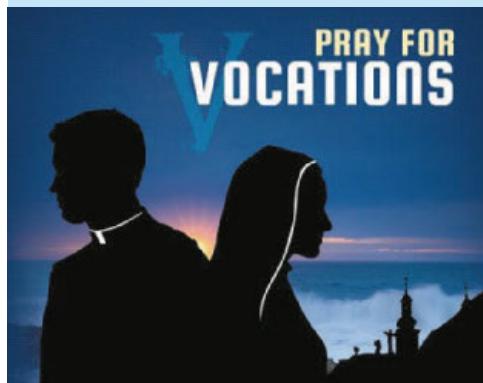
Please pray for our OLQM parishioners who are currently in formation:

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Archdiocese of Detroit

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Sr. Solanus Mary
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Kevin Zaporski
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



Fridays of Lent

**Exposition
and
Adoration**

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Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

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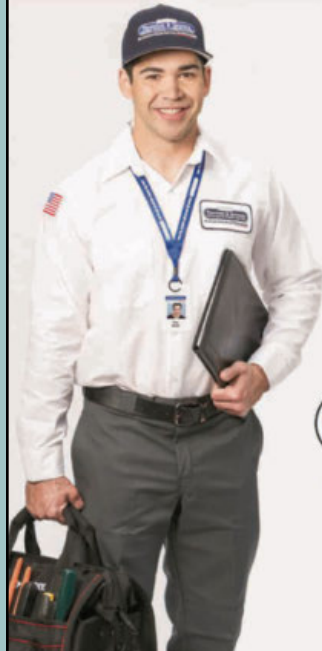
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