



# THE WITNESS

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

### CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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



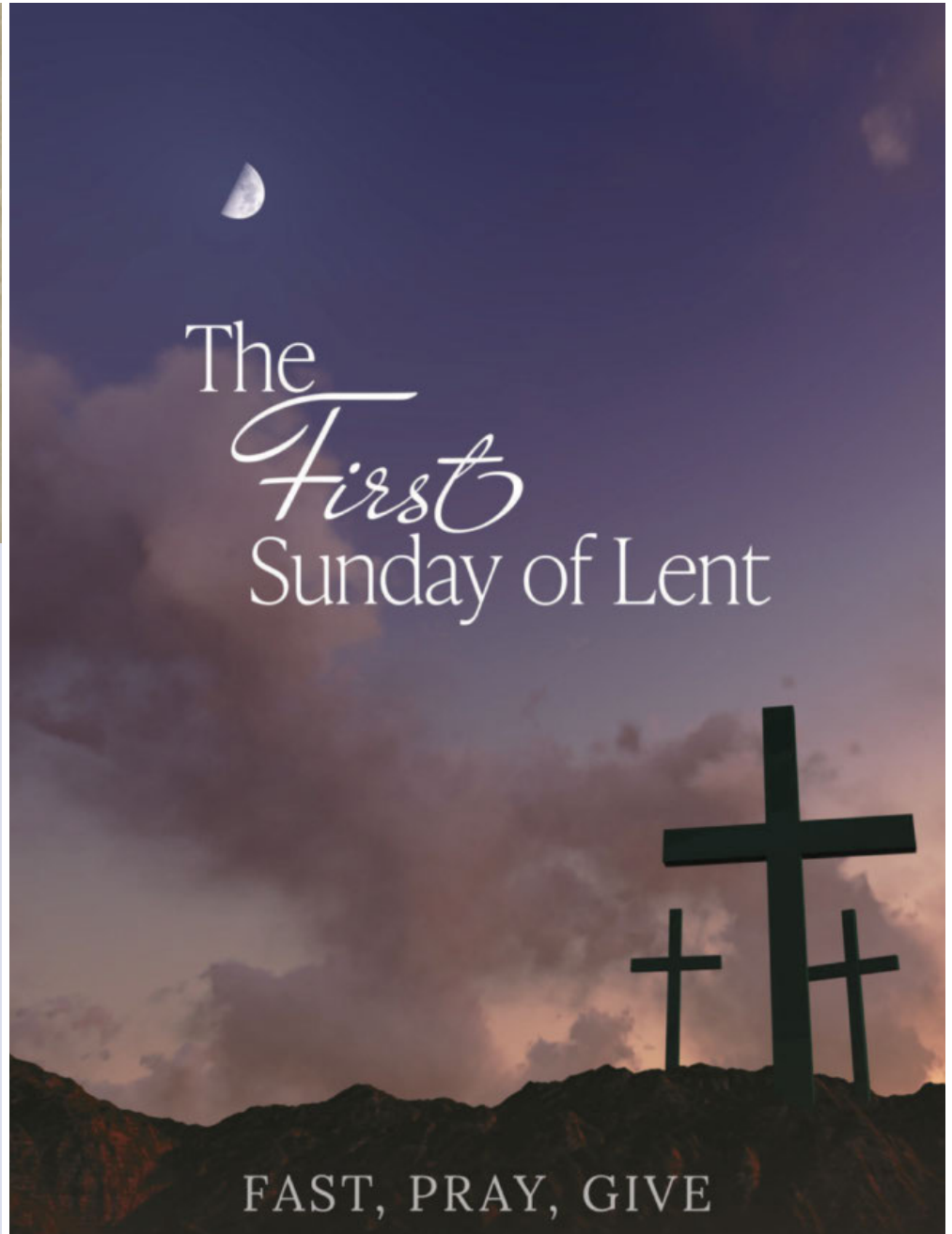
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## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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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248-647-6068

## THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, February 27

8:30 am Mass  
5:00 pm Faith Formation

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

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, March 4

### RTL Baby Shower Collection

7:00 am OLQM Men's Bible Study  
8:30 am Men's Coffee and Christ  
3:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Blarney Blast

Sunday, March 5

### RTL Baby Shower Collection

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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### 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  
Steve Sequin - Secretary  
Tim Weed  
Beth Howes

## 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 am happy to share with you that OLQM will be hosting an “I AM HERE” Holy Hour, part of a campaign developed by the Archdiocese of Detroit and Hallow in support of the National Eucharistic Revival currently underway throughout the United States.*** (Hallow is a popular Catholic prayer app that offers audio-guided meditation sessions to help us grow in our Catholic faith and spiritual lives and to find peace in God.) The primary focus of the ***“I AM HERE”*** Holy Hour Campaign is to emphasize the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and showcase the power of Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, thereby drawing people to encounter Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. For further information on ***“I AM HERE”*** and the transformative presence of Jesus in the Eucharist please go to [www.iamhere.org](http://www.iamhere.org).

***“I AM HERE,” a Lenten Holy Hour of guided meditation, prayer and reflection will take place Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 pm in OLQM Church. All are invited to attend this opportunity to encounter Jesus! Come and See. Be Inspired. Pray.*** You are never alone. In your brokenness, sorrows and frustrations Jesus wants to say to you, ***“I AM HERE.”*** In the Eucharist, Jesus comes to you so He can strengthen you. He comes to you so that you can be transformed into Him, filled with His own life and make Him present in the world. Please plan to come, meditate, reflect, and pray on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in OLQM Church.

***During Lent, at all of the Masses, worship aides will be available at the doors of the church to assist with your participation in the Mass.*** Please be sure to take one as you enter the church. While the use of worship aides is new to OLQM Parish, they are used at many parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. By enhancing your participation in the Mass, parts your prayer life and your understanding of the Mass will also be expanded, thereby, strengthening your encounter with Jesus. After all, we get out of the Mass what we put into it. By actively participating in the Mass you further open your heart and mind to a life more closely united to the life of Jesus. Please remember to return your worship aide to the table upon exiting the church so they can be available for the people attending the next Mass. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we journey together through the prayerful season Lent. Our complete Lenten Liturgical Schedule can be found on page four of this week’s Witness.

***Your parish needs choir members for Holy Week!*** Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in your parish by singing in the choir for the Holy Week liturgies. No experience or background in choir or music is required. To sign up please contact OLQM Director of Music, Ms. Sarah Dudek at [sdudek@olqm-parish.org](mailto:sdudek@olqm-parish.org).

***“Blarney Blast 2023,” our annual parish wide party and celebration will be held next Saturday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 11:00 pm in the 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 ensure a successful night. I look forward to enjoying the evening with everyone!

***May you have a prayerful and holy Lent!***

***Fr. Jim Smalarz***

**ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.**

## LENT



### Liturgical Schedule

#### 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

### Come Encounter Jesus

#### A Lenten Evening of

#### Prayer, Praise and Worship

Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm

### I AM HERE

#### A Lenten Holy Hour

#### of guided Meditation, Prayer and Reflection

Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays of Lent  
at 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 to 7:30 pm

#### West Maple Family of Catholic Parishes

#### Reconciliation Service

*(with private confessions)*

Holy Name Parish  
Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## Music Corner

By Sarah Dudek, Music Director

### Frequently Asked Liturgy Questions: Where do the texts of the Mass come from?

There are two types of text in the Mass: the *Propers* and the *Ordinary*. The Ordinary texts are the prayers that do not change, such as the Gloria, or the Creed, or the Our Father. No matter what type of celebration, the words of these prayers remain consistent. For example, there is no special Christmas or Easter time Creed. The words of the Creed are the same whenever we profess it. The Proper texts are the words of the Mass that change. The Readings and Psalms we proclaim change every single day. The prayers that Father prays at the beginning of Mass, the preface to the Eucharistic prayer, and the prayers after communion are all unique to the day. Just so, the texts for the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion antiphons are proper to the day and reflect the particular celebration, be it the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, or the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. All of the texts of the Mass come from the Roman Missal.

**Did you know:** there are three books of the Roman Missal? The first book is the sacramentary, which is the book on the altar, which Father uses for the prayers he prays in the Mass. The second book is the lectionary, which contains all the readings of the church year. The lector at each Mass uses the lectionary to proclaim the readings of the day. The third book is the Roman Gradual, which is a book of music. The Roman Gradual contains all the texts for Entrance, Offertory, and Communion antiphons. All of these readings, be they from the sacramentary, the lectionary, or the gradual, are tailored to the day and offer insight and depth into each Mass we celebrate.

### Reflection on this week's antiphons:

Today's propers are all about God's protection and provision. Taken from Psalm 91, the entrance, offertory, and communion texts all speak of God answering our prayers in distress, rescuing us, and giving us refuge. As we begin our Lenten season, and as we meditate on the readings from Mass, about Eve being tempted in the garden of Eden and Jesus being tempted by the devil in the desert, we see how God desires to save us from temptation. While we are frequently tempted and fall down in sin, we hear through the antiphons and the Gospel that Jesus desires to lift us out of sin and shield us from temptation with the Word of God. Whenever we experience temptation, let us always call on Jesus and turn our time of temptation into a time of prayer.

### Getting ready for Holy Week:

The word "Triduum" is Latin for "three days." It is the word we use for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the three days that lead us into Easter. The Triduum is a liturgical season unto itself, separate from Lent and Easter. The Church's invitation to take part in the beautiful liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are really an invitation to take a break from human time and to live for a few days in God's time. We have the opportunity to live the timeline that Jesus lived from the Last Supper, to his Passion and Death, to the glory of his Resurrection.

## Deacon Chris's Corner.....



If you don't believe temptation is real, take a look at our first reading today: the original fall of Adam and Eve, as they are egged on by the serpent, representing the Devil. If you don't believe temptation is real, take a look at today's Gospel: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, being egged on by the Devil himself, using every trick in the book to get Jesus to succumb to him at one of Jesus' most vulnerable moments. Oh Yes, temptation is real, and it is more powerful than we give it credit.

All three of our readings today show us the difference between giving into the "tempter" and having the strength to walk away from temptation and sin. And that difference is the "New Adam", Jesus Christ. Paul tells us, "For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."

Jesus demonstrates for us in the Gospel, three important ways that we can turn way from temptation and sin. **One:** do not put yourself in the way of temptation. If you know that you are going to be tempted by something, stay away from it in the first place. "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." **Two:** pray, pray, pray with scripture. Get to know the different, helpful verses that we hear in the Gospel, the Psalms, or other books of the bible. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." **Three:** be humble enough to realize that left alone, we cannot overcome temptation. But if we trust in God, He gives us the grace to "master" any of our temptations. "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Oh yes, temptation is real. But the grace of God, through Jesus Christ, is alive and more powerful!

With great gratitude to God,

Deacon Chris Beltowski

*"Then the devil left him and, behold, angles came and ministered to him."  
(Matthew 4:11)*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

### Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

### Second Reading:

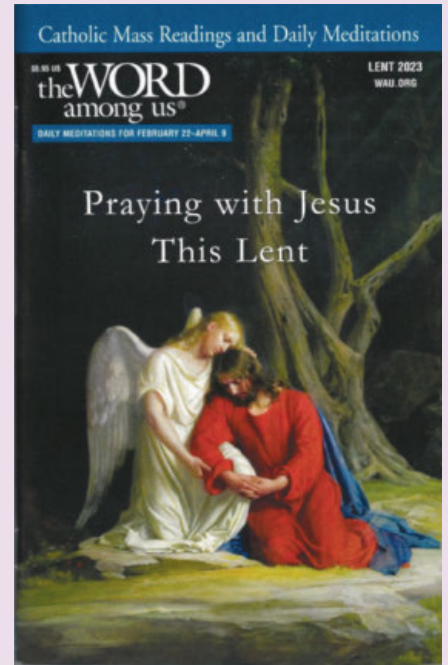
For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

### Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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## LENT RESOURCES

available at the  
Church doors.

### the Word Among Us missalette

*Daily Mass Readings  
Daily Lenten Reflections*

A free-will donation  
is appreciated.

### Growing in Christ by Msgr. John Zenz

*Daily Lenten Reflections*

Free (one per family, please)

### Lent: Keep It Simple

Free

## Christian Service at OLQM

**DARE**

to be a *Disciple*

Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF, Christian Service Director  
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### **Baby Shower at OLQM - 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 the poster in the vestibule and flyer elsewhere in The Witness for details. Thank You!



### **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.**



**DONATE**  
and Save Lives!

### **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

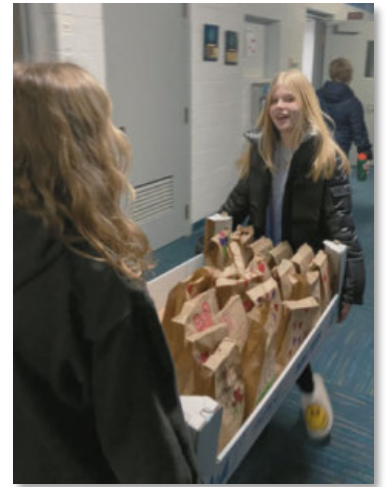
The **Sunday Family Program** meets  
March 12, 2023 beginning with Noon Mass.  
We will begin Unit 7: Kingdom of God

**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



### Mrs. Robinson's Sixth Grade Faith Formation

Christian Service is an important part of living the Gospel.  
Mrs. Robinson's class packed several lunch bags for the SnackPax Project.  
Way to go sixth graders!



Mary Garlow  
Director of Faith Formation  
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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

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## THANK YOU BLARNEY BLAST SPONSORS!

Food: \$1000 – Carolyn and Ireland McQueen  
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ClickBid: \$1000 – The Meilinger Family  
DJ: \$1000 – Bloom Pediatrics, Dr. Katie Schafer  
Wine: \$500 – Dr. Mike & Chris Kabot  
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  
Craft Cocktail: \$250 – The Agbay Family  
Event Posters: \$250 – Steve Zintsmaster & Family  
Event Flyers: \$200 – Clarus Lighting & Controls  
Stage Risers: \$250 – Richard Harper  
Marketing: \$250 – The Mathias Family  
Table/Chair Rentals: \$200 – The Corbello Family  
Invitations: \$200 – The Ciaravino Family  
Dessert: \$150 – John Schmitt  
Chocolates: \$125 – Robert & Patricia Stuckey  
Photo Booth: \$100 – The Ruprich Family  
Electrical: \$100 – Betty Ann Callanan

### KISS ME I'M IRISH (\$1000+)

The Artinian Family  
Belle Tire, The Barnes Family  
Modern Social Detroit, The Dampousse Family  
The Tyranski & Totonchi Group, Merrill Lynch

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

The Bjork Family  
Mark & Paula Boehman  
Mark & Mary Cope  
The Costello Family  
Expressive Architecture, The Griffis Family  
Charles McQueen  
The Obert Family  
The Sulla Family

### POT O'GOLD \$100-\$199

Thomas & Susan Gorney  
Nikki Voss-Motes

### 4 LEAF CLOVER (UP TO \$99)

The Lohr Family

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“THE RIGHTS OF MAN COME NOT FROM THE GENEROSITY  
OF THE STATE, BUT FROM THE HAND OF GOD.”

~ JOHN F. KENNEDY (AMERICAN ICON)



Starts Thursday March 2!

*Bible Study & Baked Goods*  
**A Young Adult Bible Series**

Deep dive into Lenten Scriptures with Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME



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](http://OLQM.CBO.IO)

For general questions:  
[olqmbLARNEY@gmail.com](mailto:olqmbLARNEY@gmail.com)



#OLQMBlarneyBlast2023

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



The Lenten 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood is under way. The vigil runs until Sunday, 4/2 and the hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily.

**OLQM is committing to cover Tuesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28)** The prayer vigil will be at Planned Parenthood, in Ferndale located at: 23338 Woodward Ave.

Please prayerfully consider joining us! Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/40DaysLent23> (there are 5 slots for each hour, however, more are welcome)

Mother Teresa said that “if you can't help a hundred people, just help one.” Starting Tuesday, 2/28, you'll have the opportunity to do just that.

Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life Campaign in 2007, we have reached 1000 cities in 63 countries. This past Fall campaign we surpassed the milestone of 20,000 confirmed babies saved.

Your prayerful witness on the sidewalk outside abortion facilities during Lent, from February 28 - March 28 can calm the noise of the world and save a baby. There's no greater joy in life than saving a mother and child from the horrors of abortion, and you can make it happen. Former abortion workers report that the **no-show rate for abortion appointments goes to as high as 75% if someone like you shows up to pray.** When you sign up to pray for one hour at a 40 Days for Life vigil, **you could spare three out of every four children scheduled to lose their lives in the abortion center!**

## 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!

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/](http://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-21/)



## JANUARY OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year 7/01/2022 - 6/30/2023

Offertory thru January 31, 2023

**Budget \$480,775**

**Actual \$489,857**

**Variance \$9,082**

Christmas thru January 31, 2023

**Budget \$160,000**

**Actual \$134,185**

**Variance (\$25,815)**

Totals thru January 31, 2023

**Budget \$640,775**

**Actual \$624,042**

**Variance (\$16,734)**

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir kicks off again on Wednesday, March 1st. OLQM School Students and Parishioners grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the Children's Choir to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter.

### Rehearsals are Wednesdays

from 3:30 p.m. – 5p.m. in the church:

3:30 – 4 p.m. – School Mass rehearsal for OLQM school students.

4-5 p.m. – Holy Week and Easter Mass rehearsal for all OLQM parishioners.

### Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday, April 6

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

6 p.m. Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 7

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

12:30 p.m. Rehearsal, 1 p.m. Liturgy

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

11:15 a.m. Rehearsal, 12 p.m. Mass

Participating children are asked to commit to at least 2 of the 3 liturgies. Registration forms are available after all Masses on February 25-26. Please direct any registration questions to Sarah Dudek at:

[sdudek@olqm-parish.org](mailto:sdudek@olqm-parish.org)



## Sundays of Lent

6:30 p.m. in the Church

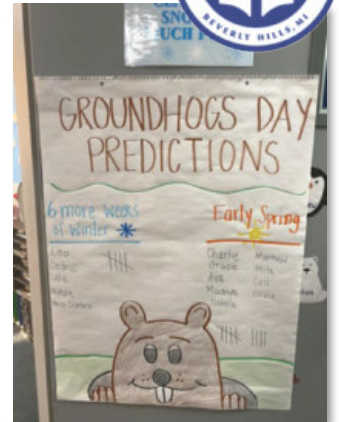
*Please come and pray the Rosary!*



## From the School

The kindergarteners have been extremely busy this month! We started out by making predictions for Groundhog Day. Students were taught about the tradition, and then got to make their own prediction like a scientist! Majority ruled it would be an early Spring, but once again we are met with 6 more weeks of Winter. Another fun thing that came about in February was the 100th day of school! Students were told to dress as if they were 100 years old! We talked about what they would do if they had \$100 and they brought in mystery bags with 100 items, leaving their classmates guessing what was inside. Lastly, before our Winter break, we celebrated Valentine's Day! The kindergarteners had a big party where we decorated boxes, had a special treat, did a craft, and passed out valentines. We also did a sink or float science experiment with candy hearts! WOW! What a fun past few weeks we have had in kindergarten!

-Miss Missy Ciarlone



Tuesday, March 21 | 7pm  
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



### CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

**Question:**

In John's Gospel, where did Jesus turn water into wine?

**Last Week's Answer:**

Where did Jesus go, led by the Holy Spirit, after John baptized him?

The Desert

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### Stations of the Cross



#### Fridays of Lent

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:45 p.m. Benediction

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*All are invited!*



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February 19, 2023

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Daughter of  
Jacob & Katherine (Carpp)

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week of February 27 - March 5

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 am †Phil Devereaux

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 am †Jan Thibodeau

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 am †Jan Thibodeau

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 am †Deceased Members  
of the Emmons Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 am Special Intention for  
Bobbi Voss

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 pm †Anne Starck

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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

10:00 am †Irene Zaorski  
Special Intention for  
Brad Simmons

12:00 pm †Joseph Rettig  
†Barbara Trotta

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

## MASS READINGS for the week of February 26 - March 6

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1<sup>st</sup> 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and  
Doctor of the Church

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

Psalms 19:8-10, 15

Matthew 25:31-46

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19

Matthew 6:7-15

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Luke 11:29-32

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Psalms 138:1-3, 7c-8

Matthew 7:7-12

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Ezekiel 18:21-28

Psalms 130:1-8

Matthew 5:20-26

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

St. Casimir

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

Matthew 5:43-48

### NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 26, 2023  
The 1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: “**He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.**” Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. “**Man does not live by bread alone,**” he says, “**But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**” Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: “I am stronger than you.”

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**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:***

***Josh Burcroff  
Archdiocese of Detroit***

***Dan Dixon  
Society of Jesus***

***Sr. Solanus Mary  
(Mary Margaret Payne)  
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***Kevin Zaporski  
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**In Loving Memory**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of

**Gary Campeau**

Father of Theresa Gorman



**Fridays of Lent**

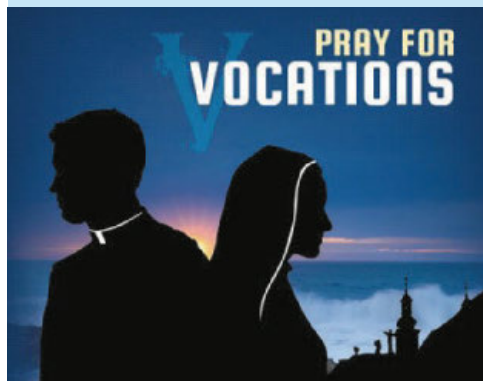
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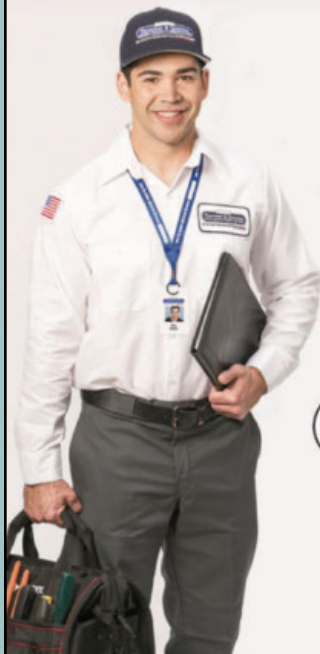
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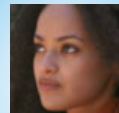
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