

## THE WITNESS

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

MARCH 19, 2023 | THE FOURTH 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

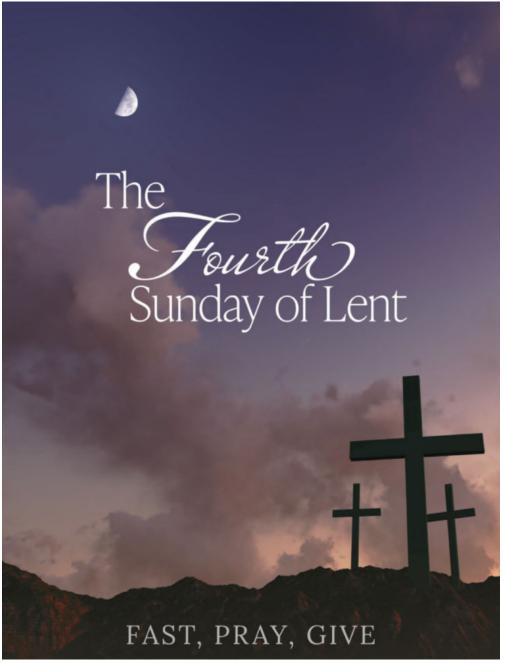
#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm Or by Appointment Monday, Mar. 27 6:30-7:30pm

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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





#### **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.

#### **OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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#### THIS WEEK AT OLOM

Monday, March 20
8:30 am Mass
6:45 pm Confirmation Formation
7:00 pm "What Does it Mean That
Jesus is Present in the
Eucharist"
with Fr. Steve Pullis

#### Tuesday, March 21

8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School 7:00 pm I AM HERE Lenten Holy Hour

#### Wednesday, March 22

8:00 am Mother's Club

Prayers and Planning 8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help Devotions 3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 23

8:30 am Mass 9:00 am OLQM Women's Group 7:00 pm Lenten Young Adult Bible Reflection

#### Friday, March 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, March 25

3:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 11:00 am RCIA 12:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Lenten Rosary

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

Deliver to the Parish Office or email copy to: satwell@olqm-parish.org

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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.

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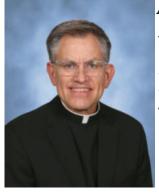
#### FINANCE COUNCIL

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 . . .

This week our parish has a special 2-Day event being offered that you don't want to miss!

On Monday March 20, at 7:00pm in the church, Fr. Stephen Pullis, Director of Graduate Pastoral Formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will give a presentation on the Eucharist to the entire OLQM parish community entitled: "What Does it Mean That Jesus is Present in the Eucharist?" Fr. Pullis will offer a scriptural foundation for the Eucharist and adoration, as well as reflect on what we know about the Eucharist from the writings of the early Church fathers; those men who lived in the first 100-200 years following the death and resurrection of Jesus. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity our parish community has received for Fr. Pullis to help us gain a fuller understanding of Jesus present in the Eucharist. You don't want to miss this presentation!

On Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00pm, "I AM HERE," a Lenten Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, guided mediation, prayer, music and reflection sponsored by Hallow and the Archdiocese of Detroit, will take place in OLQM Church. All are invited to come and experience the transformative presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In your brokenness, sorrows and frustrations Jesus wants to say to you, "I AM HERE." You are never alone. Come and See. Be Inspired. Pray. Spend time with Jesus at our "I AM HERE" Holy Hour and allow Him to work in your life, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in OLOM Church.

This two day Eucharistic event is an opportunity for our parish community to prepare for and take part in the three year National Eucharistic Revival that is currently underway in the United States. The Revival launched on Pentecost 2022 and it continues for three years. Year One (June 2022-June 2023) is the Year of Diocesan Revival. Year Two (June 2023-June 2024) is the Year of Parish Revival. Year Three (June 2024-June 2025) is the Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending and will commence with a National Eucharistic Congress, scheduled to take place July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

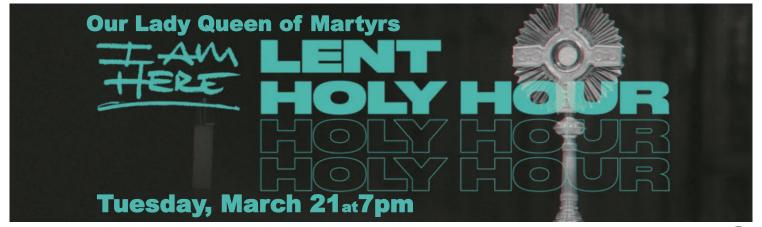
All are invited to pray a scriptural rosary on Sunday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm in the church. OLQM Catholic Church and School has Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus, as our patron saint! It's a grace and blessing to know that Mary is praying and watching over OLQM parishioners with a Mother's tenderly love. This Sunday evening at 6:30pm the rosary will be led by the OLQM Faith Formation Families. Be sure to adjust your schedules so that you can participate with your fellow parishioners in the beautiful Catholic tradition of praying the rosary!

A reminder, Stations of the Cross are prayed in the church each Friday during Lent at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. All are invited to share in this prayerful experience as we recall together the journey Jesus took on His way to Calvary where He was crucified.

Save the Date: <u>OLQM Parish Lenten Friday Fish Fry</u> hosted by the OLQM Knights of Columbus will be held on Friday, March 31 from 4:30 – 8:00pm in the school gym. Please be sure to join parishioners and friends of OLQM for our annual Lenten tradition while supporting the good works of our OLQM Knights of Columbus.

May you have a prayerful and holy Lent!

Fr. Jim Smalarz





#### **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

#### 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

#### March 2023 "Baby Shower" Collection for Moms in Need

Thank you to everyone who supplied items for Moms in need. All items were donated to Mothers and Unborn Baby Care in Southfield (see note below). Together we collected numerous baby clothes, lotion, wash and wipes, 37 packages of diapers, 1 car seat, and 3 pack-n-plays!

Thank you to the OLQM Knights of Columbus for their generous support and for delivering 2 car loads of goods to MAUBC

Together we are making a difference in the spirit and life of our parish and community



Mother and Unborn Baby Care in Southfield is so grateful to you and the many generous OLQM parishioners for all of the baby items collected at the OLQM baby shower!

When a mother deciding whether to continue her pregnancy steps into our Baby Boutique, it softens her heart to see so much love and kindness represented in these gifts for her and her baby! As our world becomes ever more hardened that abortion is just another choice like any other, it is all the more crucial that we continue to walk with struggling moms to assist them and their beautiful families. We truly appreciate your partnership with us in order to fulfill this mission!

We invite those who are interested in learning more about our mission to visit www.maubc.org.

God bless OLQM for all you do in support of LIFE!

Nancy & team MAUBC

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Y SAVE THE DATE! Friday, March 31 4:30-8pm

Hosted by OLQM KofC 15352





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

Upcoming Monday sessions are: April 3, 17, 24

The Sunday Family Program meets April 16, 2023 beginning with Noon Mass. We will begin Unit 7: Kingdom of God

Our Focus question is "How are you growing closer to God during Lent?"

At our parent session we will look who works the hardest to build the Kingdom of God.



#### **Second Scrutiny for the Elect**

This weekend we celebrate the second of three scrutinies which are prayed for the Elect and Candidates during Lent. We, as a community of faith, pray that these individuals who will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the Children of God. This is also an opportunity for all of us to search our minds and hearts and pray for forgiveness and healing.

The Candidates and the Elect will then be dismissed to break open the Word of God in the story of the Man Born Blind (Jn 9:1-41). In this passage we read that when the Disciples saw the well-known blind man, they put to Jesus a problem which has always deeply concerned them. The Jews connected suffering and sin. They assumed that wherever there was suffering, somewhere there was sin. So, they asked Jesus about this. Who sinned? Some believed that a person could begin to sin while in the womb. But this was a Pagan way of imagining God. God never punishes. God can only love.

This man's affliction became the opportunity for Jesus to show what God can do. As we unpack this passage, we will reflect on the following questions:

- 1) Why did the Disciples ask Jesus who caused the man's blindness?
- 2) Why did Jesus create division among the Pharisees and the crowd?
- 3) Why did the Blind Man say that Jesus was a prophet?
- 4) Why did Jesus reveal himself to the Blind Man.

Today, as in the time of Jesus, some are open to the light while others remain closed. At the beginning of the story there was a blind man who could not see and many who could. At the end of the story those who were sure of seeing are incurably blind and the one who was aware of his blindness now can see.

Mary Garlow Director of Faith Formation mgarlow@olqm-parish.org 248-647-6068

#### The Mass matters with the Mass matter with the Mass matter



"In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord."

~ CCC 1378

#### **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**



**Music Notes** 

By Sarah Dudek, Music Director

Frequently Asked Liturgy Questions:

What is the difference between the Mass and a service?

A prayer service can follow any format or may be invented on the spot. A prayer service can be anything any time when people come together to pray. One may have a prayer service asking for a specific intention such as a healing or an end to a war. People may have a prayer service to offer

thanks and praise to God. Regardless of the intention or the format, a prayer service is any time humans come together to pray and to offer their prayers to God.

The Mass is profoundly different in that it is a specific prayer in which a priest offers Jesus' prayers to God for our sake. Humans can, and should, intercede for each other often, but the Mass is where Jesus intercedes for us. We know that Christ died on the cross for our sins. We know that he was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us, obtaining mercy for us. In the Mass, the priest offers Jesus in the Eucharist to the Father, allowing us to take part in that intercession. It is the same difference as the good thief on Jesus' right, asking for Jesus to remember him in his kingdom. When we ask for mercy at the Mass, it is the same as asking Jesus for mercy on the Cross. Like a prayer service, we can bring specific people and intentions, which we offer to the Father through the Son. However, unlike a prayer service, the format prepares us to receive this mercy and enter into that full communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which is a union only Jesus can bring us into. A prayer service is a good and beautiful thing, and we should pray often. But the Mass is the ultimate prayer in which God himself prays for us.

#### Reflection on this week's antiphons:

At this halfway point in Lent, we celebrate "Laetare" Sunday. Like Gaudete Sunday in Advent, this is the only other time of year when the liturgical color changes from purple to rose. The lighter color represents a spiritual lightening, as we look forward to the joys of the upcoming Easter season. It is no accident that we read the story of the man born blind on this Sunday. Just as the man born blind went from physical darkness to seeing light, we are called to move from spiritual darkness into the light of faith. Our communion antiphon retells the story of the Gospel and the man born blind. It often strikes me how this man, after receiving his healing, is immediately put at the center of a political argument. Instead of anyone rejoicing with him that he received his sight or thanking God for his goodness, people only responded with anger and argument. When the Pharisees throw the man out of the synagogue, it is Jesus who comes to meet him, celebrating with him that, not only can he see, but with his eyes he has now seen God. We have an opportunity to thank God this Sunday for both his spiritual and physical miracles. As we look forward to the Easter season, let us give ourselves permission to enter into the joy of the faith and our ability to encounter God himself in the Mass.

#### Getting ready for Holy Week:

The glorious Easter vigil is called "the mother of all liturgies." It is the liturgy that is the most complete because it elaborates on all the core elements of the Mass. In the Easter vigil, we proclaim that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always, and we embrace the light of Christ in our lives. Then we listen to the story of salvation proclaimed through the Old Testament and sung psalms. We proclaim the Gospel, the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus. We bring our new brothers and sisters into the faith through baptism, confirmation, and receiving the Eucharist. We renew our own baptismal promises, and we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. There is no better way to celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death than to fully enter into that communion with God which Jesus offers us. Today, on Laetare Sunday, we look forward with excitement to celebrating this beautiful liturgy.

#### Ladies of Charity St. Vincent dePaul EASTER HAM DRIVE MATCHAN NUTRITION CENTER

First, thank you for the overwhelming response to the 2022 Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Your generosity last fall was outstanding.!

This year as in the past, OLQM is invited to participate in the 13th Annual LOC Easer Ham Drive for the Matchan Nutrition Center, a Soup Kitchen in Pontiac, which is sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you are willing to donate a ham this year, just bring it to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' parking lot (behind the church) on Monday April 3rd between 9:00 AM and 11:00 where a van will be ready to take the hams to the Nutrition Center. (Monetary donations can be sent to Mary Ottney at 32355 Arlington, Beverly Hills, 48025.)

Since 1984. Matchan has served hot cooked-from-scratch meals to our neighbors in need in the Pontiac area. Matchan also provides life changing assistance that leads to self-sufficiency, by providing space for Social Government agencies that service our neighbors thorughout the year. Covid in 2020 changed the way we did things, but we remained open to feed the needy. In 2022, we lost our lease after serving for 38 years at one location. However, we found a new location and are back serving hot sit -down meals. Our pantry has become a Market Place, giving away four times the pre-covid amount of food, including eggs, milk, produce, bakery products and meat. Through the years, we've continued to meet the challenges to help our neighbors in Pontiac.

For more information about the Matchan Center, see our website at:

www.matchannutritioncenter.org

For more information about the Easter Ham Drive, call Mary Ottney at 248-646-9945.

Frank Schmid, OLQM SVdP Conferece Matchan Nutrition Center, Co-founder & Board Member



#### From the School



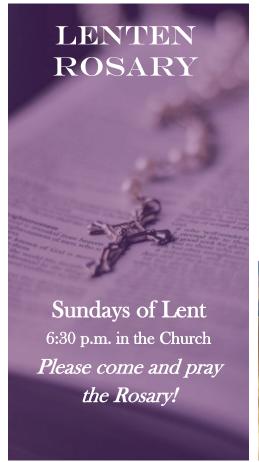


At The Little Vikings Program within Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, we focus on and teach the beauty of the seven virtues while implementing guidance and direction for our youngest and smallest children at the school.

I created this program in 2020 with interpersonal connection and individual attention being two very important aspects of how I would lead my room. I am so grateful and blessed to have such an amazing community to offer this wonderful service to. It has flourished the last 3 school years and I am so excited to see what's next and how we can continue to grow and take root.

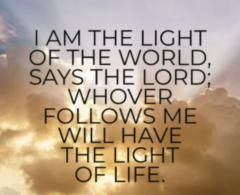
Our toddlers and infants love to play with one another! We sing and dance. Have bubble parties and do arts and crafts. It's a friendly and welcoming space that allows these budding minds to explore and experience through tender guidance. As I witness these babies grow and change before my very eyes, I am reminded how much I love leading this program and how thankful I am for OLOM!

~ Ms. Malayna Kostrick



#### **Aquinas College Open House** Saturday, March 25

Aguinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Open House on Saturday, March 25! Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.





**In Loving Memory** Our sympathy goes out to the families of

Rev. Edward J. Prus

**Thomas Payne Father of Tim Payne** 



OLOM Parish will host an "I AM HERE" Holy Hour on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in OLQM Church. "I AM HERE" is developed by the Archdiocese of Detroit and Hallow in support of the National Eucharistic Revival currently underway throughout the United States. (Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer app offering audioguided meditation sessions to help us grow in our Catholic faith and spiritual lives and find peace in God.) The primary focus of the "I AM HERE" Holy Hour Campaign is to emphasize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, showcase the power of Eucharistic Adoration and Meditation, thereby drawing people to encounter Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Come and See. Be Inspired. Pray. Spend time with Jesus at the "IAM HERE" Holy Hour and allow Him to work in your life Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in OLOM Church.

All are welcome!!

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall wants.

#### Come...walk with us on our journey!

We are seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit





Every year in preparation for ordination to the priesthood our first-year theology class makes a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will spend four weeks participating in intensive prayer, study and spiritual formation. Our journey will end in Rome.

The Detroit-Oakland Serra Club and the OLQM Knights invite you and your family to

#### THE 2023 DESERT MEAL

A potluck dinner to support our seminarians on their journey

Sunday, March 26, 2023 (3-6 PM)

National Shrine of the Little Flower, Grade School Gym; 12 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak

Please RSVP by March 21st: Call Marte Bewick at 248.761.2175
The Desert Experience is funded by your generous donations at this Desert Meal.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20 | 7PM OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

# WHAT DOES OF MEAN THAT JESUS IS PRESENT ON THE EUCHARIST?

A Lenten reflection by Fr. Steve Pullis, Sacred Heart Major Seminary Director of Graduate Pastoral Formation. Former Director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit.





#### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, we have expanded in size to reach more than 130 million people in more than 100 countries on five continents.

For over 75 years, our mission has been to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Although our mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, our operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world.

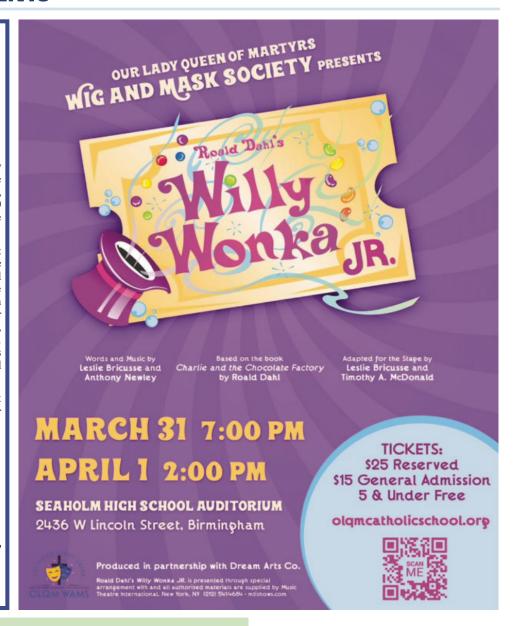
CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to ease suffering, provide assistance, and foster charity and justice.

Collection is

#### THIS WEEKEND

Please use the envelopes in the pews

Please prayerfully consider a donation!



#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

(1 Sm 16:13)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

#### **Second Reading:**

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

#### Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" -which means Sent-. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

#### Question:

What is the first day of Lent called?

#### Last Week's Answer:

During what two liturgical seasons is the Gloria omitted from the Mass?

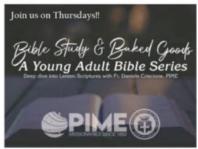
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#### Christian Service at OLQM

Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF, Christian Service Director 248-644-8620 . srfrancesca@olgm-parish.org



## Bible Study & Baked Goods Thursdays in MARCH - 7-9 PM Scan QR code (right) for details - and please join us!



#### Welcome Ministry - MARCH

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/WelcMar23



#### 40 Days for Life - Through MARCH 28

Help Save lives by praying for an end to abortion Join OLQM Knights of Columbus Tuesdays at Planned Parenthood Ferndale, 23338 Woodward Ave.

March 21, & 28, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Sign up online: https://bit.ly/40DaysLent23



#### SnackPax Project - Wednesday, MARCH 22

This service project is to help support SnackPax ministry to impoverished children in the Metro Detroit area. We will meet in the Parish Social Hall on **Wednesday, March 22 - 3:15 - 4:30 pm**. Details and sign up: https://bit.ly/SnkPxMar23, or contact Sr Francesca: srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org or by phone: 248-644-8620.



#### 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. Register**: RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: *OLQM* or call 1-800 Red Cross (800-733-2767) or use the QR code (left).

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

#### PRAYER AND WORSHIP



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of March 20 - March 26

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 20**

8:30 am †Jane Barrett

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

8:30 am †Brian McNitt

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

8:30 am Special Intention for Sam Lillwithtz

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

8:30 am †Paschal Formicola Special Intention for Pam Voss-Page

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

8:30 am †Joan Farar

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

5:00 pm †Genevieve Browne

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

8:00 am †Jan Haezebrouck †James LeRoy

10:00 am †Raymond Mallins †Frank Zaorski

12:00 pm †Bill Schellpfeffer For the People of the Parish

> Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Pray for us.

#### **MASS READINGS**

for the week of March 19 - March 26

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalms 23:1-6 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 20**

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalms 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop** Exodus 32:7-14 Psalms 106:19-23 John 5:31-47

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalms 34:17-21, 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Psalms 40:7-11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalms 130:1-8 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

March 19, 2023 The 4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

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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

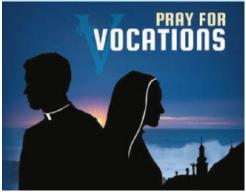
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