

# THE WITNESS

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

MAY 21, 2023 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### **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

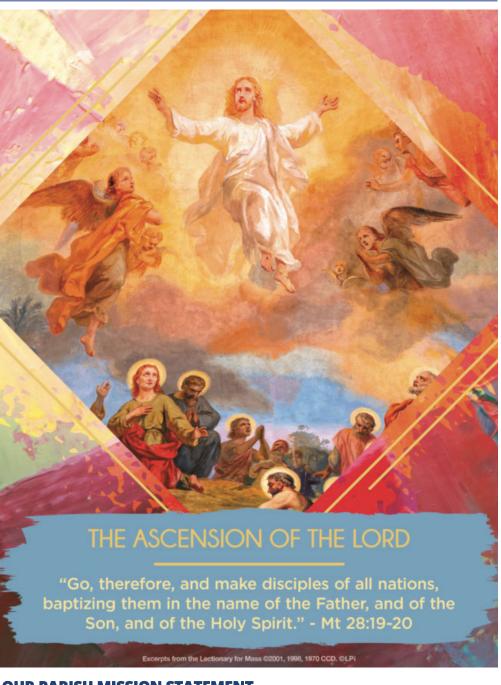
### **RECONCILIATION**

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

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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





### **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**

### **PARISH OFFICE**

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# FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

32460 Pierce Street, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 248-647-6068

# THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, May 22 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, May 23 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

8:30 am Mass

9:00 am OLQM Women's Group

Friday, May 26

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, May 27

3:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

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

### **PARISH STAFF**

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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 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...

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is currently underway. Each year the CSA is an opportunity for all of us, as disciples of Jesus, to share His mission. All parishioners in the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) are asked to contribute to the CSA in an effort to support the overall initiatives in our Archdiocese. Gifts to the CSA support more than 170 ministries, programs, and services in the Archdiocese of Detroit that respond to the material and spiritual needs of countless individuals and families. The CSA finances many important Archdiocesan Central Services Departments such as Communications; Development and Stewardship, Evangelization, Catechesis and Catholic Schools, Office of Priestly Vocations, Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the education and training of future priests, deacons, and

lay ministers, the Metropolitan Tribunal and more. These are ministries, programs, and services that benefit everyone in the Archdiocese of Detroit including Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish.

The 2023 CSA assessed amount for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church and School is \$125,817. Once again, while this is a sizeable assessment, if every parish household contributes to the CSA, our parish can once again reach our CSA target. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs has 1,448 registered households. I ask each parish household to prayerfully consider a generous contribution toward the CSA target, either as a one-time payment or in the form of a pledge. Some households are able to give more than others; what is important is that each of us does the very best we can in light of our circumstances and abilities. Any money collected in excess of our assessed amount of \$125,817 will be returned in full to our parish without incurring the 7.0% archdiocesan assessment. Any overages received will be used toward the removal and replacement of the porch and steps for the church slated to begin in the spring/summer of 2024. If you haven't received a CSA mailing and would like to contribute, stop by the parish office for a pledge card or donate online via the quick link on the parish website. On behalf of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church and School, as well as the Archdiocese of Detroit, thank you in advance for supporting the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA).

Fr. Tim Birney, 1985 OLQM parish son and graduate is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood at OLQM Catholic Church and School on Sunday June 4, at the 12:00 Mass, followed by a reception in the social hall! All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception! It's a gift and a blessing for a parish to have one of its own parishioners ordained to the priesthood. Let us all join Fr. Tim Birney and his family and come together for this Mass and reception as we celebrate and give thanks to God for Fr. Tim Birney's generous priestly service to the Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit!

Your parish needs your talents and skills to help with maintaining a few of our beautiful flower beds around the OLQM campus. While the parish does have a few dedicated and hardworking parishioners giving back to God by helping maintain the OLQM flower beds, the team could use a few more parishioners willing to take part in basic weeding and watering throughout the summer since the parish does not have a sprinkler system. Please call me at the parish office or see me after Mass if you would like to share in the OLQM gardening program.

Enjoy the beauty and freshness of Spring! Fr. Jim Smalarz

Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven

will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

### **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**



**Music Notes** 

By Sarah Dudek, Music Director

Frequently Asked Liturgy Questions: Is the Ascension a part of the Easter season?

The Ascension of the Lord is an important feast that is a part of our Easter celebration. The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to his disciples for forty days following his resurrection. When these forty days were completed, he ascended into heaven. He gave his disciples incredibly clear

directions. He told them to stay in Jerusalem until he sent them the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, and then to go into all the world, baptizing all peoples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The week following the Ascension is called the week of expectation, as the disciples remained in the upper room, praying and awaiting the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit came down upon them at Pentecost, which was the Jewish feast, celebrating fifty days from Passover, the apostles were filled with the Spirit and went out to proclaim Jesus to all nations. Without the Ascension, we would not have a Church. While it seems that Jesus leaves his disciples, he departs from their sight so that he can send his Spirit upon them. Because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, all of us are able to partake in the Church's apostolic mission of bringing Jesus to all peoples. Because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, every Christian in every part of the world in every age is able to have the Spirit of God with them always. Ultimately, all of God's faithful people will ascend to the Father. As we have followed Jesus in life, we will be able to follow him in his ascension into heaven.

### Reflection on this week's antiphons:

This week's antiphons reflect on the majesty of God and the great commissioning of his Church:

**Entrance Antiphon**: "Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus, whom you saw ascending into heaven, will return as you saw him go, alleluia."- Acts 1:11

The entrance antiphon calls us to attention by echoing the words of the angels who spoke to the apostles. After Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world and teach all nations, he ascended into heaven, disappearing among the clouds. The astonished apostles gazed after him, not moving from the place. So God sent two angels to call them back to their mission. Their words open today's Mass, calling us to attention and to remember the mission we are called to take up.

**Offertory Antiphon**: "God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast." - Psalm 47:6.

This line from psalm 47 captures the joy and majesty of God going up to his throne. We are all called to participate in that joy, acclaiming Jesus as our King and our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**: "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia; go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia."—Matthew 28:18-19.

This wonderful text, taken directly from the Gospel of Matthew, should be a rallying cry to us all. As members of his apostolic Church, we are all called to go on mission. However, we are not called to go out on mission alone. Jesus assures his disciples that he is with them always, even to the end of the age. He also assures them that all power has been given to him. All we need to do is ask him to use his power as we go forth, so that all people might come to know Jesus and share in life with him.



### Have You Heard?

# WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs
Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the
source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.





### US Flag Retirement Flag Collection

The OLQM Knights of Columbus are collecting old and tattered flags to be retired in a respectful and dignified way, according to the U.S. Flag Code.

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Fourth Degree Assembly No. 482 in Clawson, MI will hold a flag retirement ceremony on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 (Flag Day). The Clawson Fire Department will be in attendance.

To submit a flag for retirement, place folded worn flags in the basket in the church vestibule or drop them off at the parish office.

Drop off deadline is June 11



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

### **Faith Formation Registration**

Please see the OLQM-parish.com website for the link to register children for the upcoming 23-24 Faith Formation year. Materials are ordered in May to obtain the best price so early registration is much appreciated.



### Grade 1 Summer Catch Up

To enroll in grade 2 and formal preparation for the Sacraments children must complete grade 1. If your child will be entering grade 2 in the fall but did not complete grade 1 Faith Formation we offer a special summer catch up. Please use the Faith Formation registration to sign your child up.

### **Confirmation Special Arrangement**

OLQM parishioners with students enrolled at UofD Jesuit Academy, Shrine Academy or other Catholic schools for grade 8 who would like to be Confirmed at OLQM can register for a special arrangement. These students will attend catechetical, formational and retreat events at OLQM for Confirmation along with the instruction they receive in their Catholic School curriculum. Completion of faith formation through grade 7 is required. Please see the Faith Formation registration link on the olgm-parish.org website to register. Contact Mary Garlow for more information.

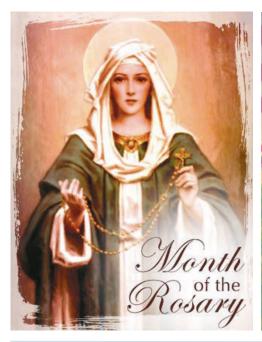
### RCIA/OCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is now called the Order of Christian Initiation. What does this mean? Simply, some liturgical practices have been modified. For those seeking to become Catholic the catechetical instruction remains the same. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing their initiation into the Church please invite them to email Mary Garlow at <a href="mailto:mgarlow@olqm-parish.org">mgarlow@olqm-parish.org</a> for information.

### RCIA/OCIA for Children

Children over the age of seven who are seeking baptism should register for the RCIA/OCIA for children. Children enter grade 3 and beyond who have not received First Reconciliation and First Communion should also register for the RCIA/OCIA for children.

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





# CATHOLIC TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

### Question:

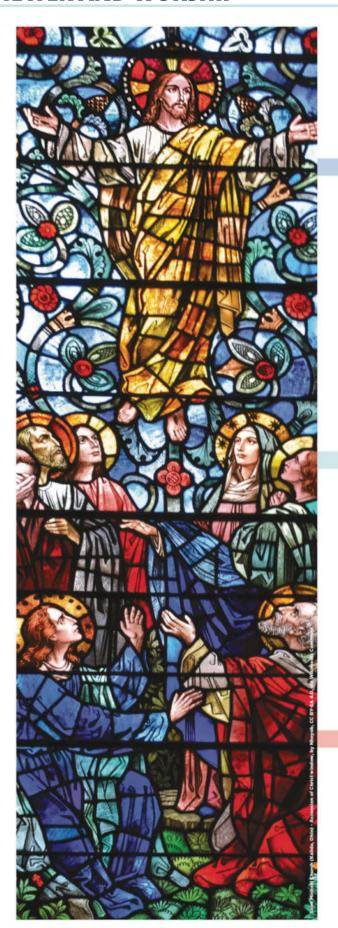
Containers or vessels that hold saint's relics are called what?

### Last Week's Answer:

During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

December 8th: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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May 21, 2023

# The Ascension of the Lord

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20

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

Actions speak louder than words. How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today's Gospel when he says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Jesus continues his direction of action by telling us to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus' flock. We continue Christ's mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the commission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Easier said than done. We've all heard that one as well. It's hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ's hands and feet on this earth. However, today's reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week's Gospel: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him." We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.

PRAY Meditate on today's second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.

### **Save the Date!**

The Ladies of Charity of
Saint Vincent de Paul
Oakland County Association
Annual Luncheon Benefit
Friday, 15 September 2023
11:00 AM
San Marino Club - Troy, Michigan
With Special Guest Speaker
Mr. Chuck Gaidica,
Emmy Award Winner
and TV Personality



### APRIL OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year 7/01/2022 - 6/30/2023 Offertory thru March 31, 2023

> Budget \$730,871 Actual \$743,601 Variance \$12,731

Christmas thru March 31, 2023

Budget \$160,000 Actual \$134,210 Variance (\$25,790) Totals thru March 31, 2023

> Budget \$890,871 Actual \$877,810 Variance (\$13,060)



### Saint Philip Neri | May 26

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others.

Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers.

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London

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### **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers**



### **USE YOUR PRACTICAL SKILLS TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

Volunteers are greatly needed to help frail, older and disabled adults in our community with:

MINOR HOME REPAIRS, INDOOR or OUTDOOR CHORES, and BASIC HOUSEKEEPING

For a frail older adult or a person with disabilities, simple tasks like dusting & vacuuming, changing light bulbs or raking leaves can be impossible. Many minor home repairs are often well beyond their abilities, and far too expensive for them to purchase professionally. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program helps our older and disabled neighbors with such tasks so they can remain safe and independent in their own homes. If you can help weekly, monthly or even just a couple times a year, please call us today. The time you give will make a real difference in someone's life. Call (586) 757-5551.

Learn more about our work at - www.ivcinfo.org

# MEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Every Tuesday
Beginning June 6, 2023

6:30-7:30am

at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Social Hall

32340 Pierce Street, Beverly Hills MI 48025

# One hour of Men's Fellowship

Each week we will begin with a prayer, a guest speaker will share his faith journey for 25 minutes followed by questions and discussion. We end with a song and a closing prayer.

All men 18 & over are welcome
Coffee, juice & donuts will be served

For more information, please email Jack Krasula at jack.krasula@trustinus.com



The seventh grade English Language Arts class is actively engaged in creating their research papers. At this point of the process, they are each working with another student in class, peer editing each other's rough drafts. They have become excellent editors, and wield their red pens expertly.

They are now referred to as the Red Pen Brigade!

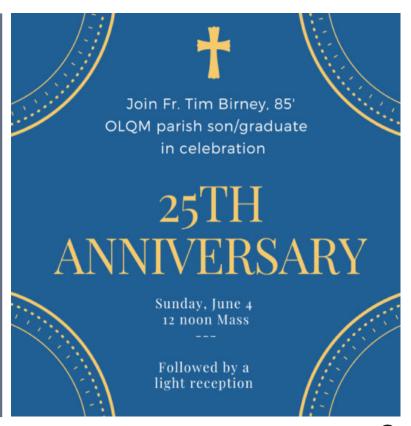
~ Ms. Jean Ericson

# And behold, I am. with you always, until the end of the age.

### **Employment Opportunity:**

### Maintenance Assistant, OLQM Catholic Church and School

OLQM Catholic Church and School is seeking to hire a conscientious, hardworking, self-starter to fill the fulltime position of Maintenance Assistant. qualified person will provide routine maintenance for all parish buildings. Skills required include but are not limited to: semi-skilled carpentry, basic boiler maintenance, plumbing, electrical, painting and minor repair work. Grounds work includes landscaping, trimming trees and shrubs, as well as ice and snow removal using heavy equipment. Occasional evening and weekend hours are required. Applicants must be able to repetitively lift up to 100lbs. The qualified candidate should also be able to communicate and work effectively in a team environment and interact responsibly with personnel. If you are interested in applying please go to aod.org/careers and search Our Lady Queen of Martyrs under All Departments. All applications should be submitted through the AOD website.



### MAY, 2023

### **OLQM COUNCIL 15352**

We have an active Knights of Columbus Council here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Our mission is to support programs that need help through four pillars: *Faith*; *Community*; *Life*; and *Family*.

Here are some examples of our activities in recent months:

- One thing our Order asks of all Knights is to say the rosary regularly. Our Council led a communal rosary, with dozens of Parish members on the first Sunday of Lent. [Faith]
- Eleven OLQM Knights attended our annual Lenten Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center last March 10 12. Everyone found it incredibly spiritually uplifting. Fr. Pat Brennan at St. Paul of the Cross says, "...this is where you come to help you prepare for your final exam!" [Faith]
- On April 14, fourteen Knights spent half a day painting at the Judson Center, a non-profit human service agency that provides compassionate, comprehensive services to children and families throughout Southeast Michigan. [Community]
- Thanks to the support of the Parish and local community, \$1,099 was raised in our semi-annual MI Drive (aka Tootsie Roll Drive), 20% of which is directed to the State Council to support Michigan Special Olympics, while 80% is reserved for a local charity serving the mentally impaired. This Spring we chose Angel's Place as the recipient. [Life]
- To celebrate all mothers, the Council passed out flowers to moms at all masses Mother's Day weekend. 100% of donations made will be given to Right to Life of Michigan. [Life]
- Our Council was proud to support an initiative to install wood-carved statues of the apostles for display at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral with a \$750 donation. [Faith]
- We would like to welcome Conor Heikkila to our Council, who recently went through his First Degree and is now officially a Knight of Columbus. Conor, we look forward to working with you to serve others!

Men in the Parish 17½ or older are welcomed - and encouraged - to join our Council. It's a great group of men doing good work for the Lord!



2023 OLQM Men's Retreat



**Judson Center Painters** 



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**FAMILY** 





LIFE

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:18)

### Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the

Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)

### Gospel:

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:18-19)

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### 20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### BRIAN MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

JUNE 10, 2023 AT 8AM SHOTGUN START AT 9AM

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
   Lunch at the turn
- · Range balls

- · Lowest team score, longest drive, &

### PRICING

- . Student: \$90
- . Dinner only: \$35

- Hole Sponsor: \$125
- Raffle
- · Donations (Cash/Raffle)

### CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO:

Non-profit foundation 501c3 Federal Tax ID: #050571832

### For additional information:

- 248-703-9256

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Christian Service at OLQM

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



Welcome Ministry - MAY

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/WelcMay23



SnackPax Project - Wednesday, May 24

We are in need of supplies and families to make SnackPax for impoverished children. Details and sign up: https://bit.ly/SnakPaxMay23, or contact Sr. Francesca: srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org or by phone: 248-644-8620.

"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

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of May 22 - May 28

### **MONDAY, MAY 22**

8:30 am †Paul Boulanger

### **TUESDAY, MAY 23**

8:30 am †Virginia Greening †Leo Lacelle

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

8:30 am Special Intention for Pam Heyd

### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

8:30 am †Dennis Ruessman

### **FRIDAY, MAY 26**

8:30 am Special Intention for Alana Burcham

### **SATURDAY, MAY 27**

5:00 pm †Nick Caruso Special Intention for Anamaria Tet

### **SUNDAY, MAY 28**

8:00 am †Jan Haezebrouck Special Intention for Dr. John Schmitt

10:00 am Special Intention for Father Jim on the 19th Anniversary of his Ordination

12:00 pm †Wanda Jordan Special Intention for Danuta Deeb For the People of the Parish

Our Lady
Queen of Martyrs,
Pray for us.

### **MASS READINGS**

for the week of May 21 - May 28

### **SUNDAY, MAY 21**

The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

### **MONDAY, MAY 22**

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 19:1-8 Psalms 68:2-7 John 16:29-33

### **TUESDAY, MAY 23**

Acts 20:17-27 Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

Acts 20:28-38 Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36b John 17:11b-19

### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church St. Gregory VII, Pope St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalms 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 John 17:20-26

### **FRIDAY, MAY 26**

**St. Philip Neri, Priest**Acts 25:13b-21
Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b
John 21:15-19

### **SATURDAY, MAY 27**

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalms 11:4, 5, 7 John 21:20-25

### **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28**

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



# **In Loving Memory**

Our sympathy goes out to the families of

# Dr. Gary Talpos

Father of Brian Talpos

### Sue Weed

Wife of Tim Weed



## First Friday Adoration

Friday, June 2 9:00 am to 6:45 pm Benediction at 6:45 pm



# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Dennis Bachellar Wendy Bachellar Charles Barron Morna Bowen Karen Bral Mary Jule Brinkman Janet Chrzanowski Gerri Compton Katie Conner Nicholas Cornfield Sharon Dick Bill Donnelly Michael Drellas Darren Eisenberg Nancy Finnell Diane Fletcher Troy Francisco Richard Gautreau Lia Geftos Benicio Goulding Ian Haezebrouck Brian Hall David Harrison Richard Harrison Lisa Janes Carol Keller William Kibbe Jane King Amy Klezek Ken Koller Dennis Lacelle

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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

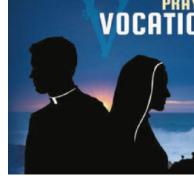
Please pray for our OLQM parishioners who are currently in formation:

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### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

May 21st, 2023

### The Ascension of the Lord

Have you ever noticed how often we use "up" and "down" to judge things? Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is "high" art, while professional wrestling is "low." If I'm having a good day, I'm on "cloud nine." A bad day means I am "down in the dumps." A successful career is "moving up the ladder." Failure in work or personal life can be "falling from the heights." Life is filled with "ups and downs" — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both "good and bad."

Now consider Jesus' ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but "above all the heavens," to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: "Everything of yours is mine." He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That's what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir

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### LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes we look for God in all the wrong places. We are paralyzed with fear, with self-doubt, with despair. Let's not forget the extraordinary miracles we have witnessed this Easter season. Let us bring the memory of this holy time with us into the rest of our year.

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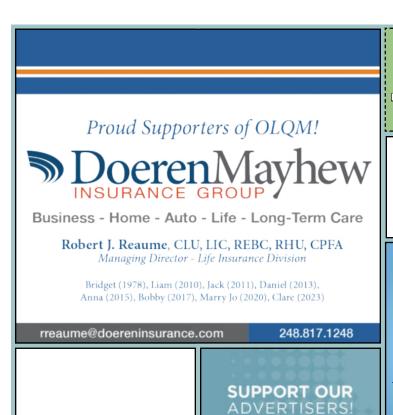
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