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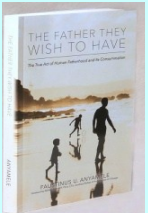

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# Our Lady of the Mountains



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*"Our Lady of the Mountains Parish is one family fed by the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. Our mission is to become the image of God to one another through the practice of our faith and offering hospitality to all."*

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 7	4:00PM	+ Claire Kreider
March 8	8:00 AM 10:00AM	Maggie Horak & Family Pat Schmelter
March 9	8:30AM	+ Souls in Purgatory
March 10	8:30AM	+ Elizabeth Sterle
March 11	8:30AM	Genieve Winokur
March 12	8:30AM	Sandy Clanton

To schedule a Mass Intention, call 970-586-8111

## Upcoming Events March 15, 2026

- March 15** Bible Study after 10AM Mass
- March 20** Stations of the Cross 5PM
- March 20** KOC Lenten Fish Fry (after Stations of the Cross)
- March 22** Bible Study after 10AM Mass
- March 22,23,24 6-8PM** Bishop Joseph Perry Lenten Mission
- March 25** Faith Formation 5:30PM
- March 26** Penitential Service 6M
- March 27** Stations of the Cross 5PM
- March 31** Grace & Grub at Mama Rose's 5PM Please RSVP
- April 4** Blessing of the Easter Baskets 1:30PM

*The Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarship applications are available in the Parish office.*

Applicants should comply with the following criteria: a practicing Catholic, parishioner and graduating high school in 2026.

The Spanish Rosary is prayed every Sunday at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Mountains



## Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent at 5:00PM

Please join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to enhance your Lenten journey.

## CLERGY & STAFF DIRECTORY

**Rev. Fr. Faustinus Anyamele, Pastor**  
[fr.faustinus@olmestes.org](mailto:fr.faustinus@olmestes.org)

**Rev. Dcn. George Schmelter, Deacon**  
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**Steve Ross, Finance Manager**  
[businessmanager@olmestes.org](mailto:businessmanager@olmestes.org)

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[pastoralassistant@olmestes.org](mailto:pastoralassistant@olmestes.org)

**Weddings: Cindi Finnigan** [weddings@olmestes.org](mailto:weddings@olmestes.org)

**Facility Manager: Doug Watry** [facilitiesdirector@olmestes.org](mailto:facilitiesdirector@olmestes.org)

**Religious Education: Melissa Spies** [faithformation@olmestes.org](mailto:faithformation@olmestes.org)

**Sacristan: Judy Shipman** [sacristan@olmestes.org](mailto:sacristan@olmestes.org)

**Music Director: Dennis Fromholzer**

### MINISTRY E-MAILS

[ExtraordinaryMinisters@olmestes.org](mailto:ExtraordinaryMinisters@olmestes.org)

[GraceandGrub@olmestes.org](mailto:GraceandGrub@olmestes.org)

[Lectors@olmestes.org](mailto:Lectors@olmestes.org)

[OCIA@olmestes.org](mailto:OCIA@olmestes.org)

[Ushers@olmestes.org](mailto:Ushers@olmestes.org)

**Register at OLM:** For Fr. Faustinus to sign godparent or Confirmation sponsor paperwork, ensure you have been a registered member of our parish for six months or more.

Register online: [ourladyofthemountainschurch.org](http://ourladyofthemountainschurch.org)

### Saturdays

Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 PM  
Holy Mass 4:00 PM

### Sundays

Holy Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Holy Mass (Spanish) 1st Sunday of  
Month 12:00 PM

### Mondays and Tuesdays

Holy Mass 8:30 AM

### Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:15 AM  
Reconciliation 7:45-8:15 AM  
Holy Mass 8:30 AM

### Thursdays

Holy Mass 8:30 AM  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM-3:30  
PM

### Fridays

8:30 AM Communion Service

Other Sacraments: By appointment,  
call the parish office 970-586-8111

### Baptismal Preparation

2nd Monday of month (English)  
3rd Monday of month (Spanish)

Call the parish office for more  
information and to sign up for class.

### Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM until Noon

Bible Study continues on  
Sundays after the 10AM Mass  
until March 29.

Everyone is welcome to join  
including those who did not  
participate in the first half.

Please contact the Parish office  
for more information.

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### Sidewalk Snow Removal

We are looking to establish a list  
of volunteers that can be called  
on to snow blow or shovel  
sidewalks before services as  
needed.

If you are interested and able,  
please contact Doug Watry at:  
[facilitiesdirector@olmestes.org](mailto:facilitiesdirector@olmestes.org)

### Seeking a Pastoral Assistant

We are seeking someone with a compassionate heart and organizational skills to fill the part-time Pastoral Assistant position. This position requires knowledge of the Catholic faith, computer skills, record keeping, and the sensitivity to tend to parishioners' needs. If a fun, interesting and faith-filled office environment suits you, please contact the office for more information.  
[Businessmanager@olmestes.org](mailto:Businessmanager@olmestes.org) 970-586-8111

### Our Lady of the Mountains Property Management

To maintain OLM property, including buildings, equipment and grounds, in a manner that respects the sacredness of our Catholic Church and the people who come here, please do not leave items on our grounds or have materials for distribution/perishables delivered without checking with the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kent Bosch (chair), Ubaldo Erives,  
Dot Dorman (finance liaison), Paul Besson,  
Glen Shirey (co-chair), Ericka Santana,  
Elizabeth Paddock (secretary)  
Deacon George Schmelter

## Ministries at Our Lady of the Mountains:

Altar Linen \* Altar Servers \* Baptismal Bib \* Bereavement \* Counting Team \* Eucharistic Adoration  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion \* Faith Formation/RE \* Funeral Receptions/ Hospitality  
Grace and Grub \* Knights of Columbus \* Lectors \* Liturgical Music Ministry/Choir \* Ministry for the  
Homebound \* OCIA \* Parish Gift Shop \* Parish Library \* Prayer Chain \* Sacristan \* Spanish Speaking  
Community \* Sunday Bible Study \* Technology Ministry \* Ushers \* Youth Ministry

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Dot Dorman (chair), Rob Pieper,  
Doug Watry, Jim Richard  
Twyla Moraczewski  
Steve Ross (Finance Manager)  
Deacon George Schmelter

## From the desk of Deacon George Schmelter: Beware of Scam Emails

Lately there have been several emails received by parishioners from "Father Faustinus" asking the recipient for a "favor". I have received several of these myself! The emails go ask the recipient to buy gift cards for various people. This is becoming more prevalent nowadays unfortunately.

Be assured that Father will never ask you to purchase gift cards for him, especially through emails. If Father needs something from you, he will talk to you in person, or by phone.

Always double check the address of the sender. If the email is not an olmsstes.org address, it is not from Father or any staff member at the parish. If you are still unsure, please contact the parish office or stop in to speak to a staff member for guidance.

There are so many ways that people are being taken advantage of online these days that we all need to be vigilant and help each other avoid being a victim. As we have heard said many times in recent years, if you see something, say something.

Thank you and God bless, Dcn. George

## THANK YOU Volunteers!

Thanks to generous volunteers, all very dirty 125 dining room chairs and all 70 pews have been deep cleaned!

Several folks also volunteered and cleaned the carpets.

From our Facility Manager  
Doug: "I shall be so bold as to declare it a successful cleaning campaign!"



## Gift Methods

Cash, credit and debit cards, electronic funds \* Planned gift  
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## Meet our Lenten Mission Guest Speaker: THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH N. PERRY, J.C.L., D.D.

Bishop Joseph Perry was appointed, during the pontificate of his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, Titular Bishop of Lead [an historic former See in South Dakota] and Auxiliary in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on 5 May 1998. His episcopal consecration took place 29 June, 1998, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral.

Bishop Perry, originally, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, was ordained by the late Archbishop William Edward Cousins, May 24, 1975 at St. John Cathedral, Milwaukee. After an eighteen month assignment as associate pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, Milwaukee, he was assigned to the Tribunal offices of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in December 1976 and was sent for graduate studies in canon law at The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.

His priestly ministry has been spent with ecclesiastical law and education working primarily in the church courts as advocate, then as judge in the Second Instance Court of Appeals that services the suffragan Dioceses of Superior, LaCrosse, Green Bay and Madison, and as conciliation and arbitration clerk for the Milwaukee Archdiocese. In 1983 he was appointed judicial vicar for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a post he held for two six year terms until his appointment as pastor of All Saints Parish, Milwaukee, in June 1995.

He served as the chaplain of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin an association of Catholic lawyers and judges. Until his appointment as bishop he was also adjunct instructor of canon law studies at Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, Wisconsin. He functions currently as adjunct instructor of canon law at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Since 1997 he serves as an associate judge in the Second Instance Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

January 28, 2010, Cardinal Francis George appointed Bishop Perry Vice-Postulator for the Cause for declared Sainthood of Father Augustus Tolton, first priest of African descent in the United States who labored in the Diocese of Alton (now Springfield, Illinois) and the Archdiocese of Chicago till his untimely death in 1897 at the age of 43.

Upon reaching age 75 for which bishops are asked to step down from administration, Pope Francis received Bishop Perry's resignation from the office of Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, 19 September 2023 †

## Our Lady of the Mountains Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday (March 29):** 8:00AM and 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Masses

**Holy Thursday: (April 2):** 7:00 PM Mass and Adoration until 9:30 PM (No 8:30 AM Mass, no daily Adoration) Parish office closes at 2:00 PM.

**Good Friday (April 3):** 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM Good Friday Mass (No 8:30 AM Communion Service) Parish office is closed.

**Holy Saturday (April 4):** 1:30 PM Blessings of the Easter Baskets, 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday (April 5):** 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Easter Masses, Noon Spanish Easter Mass

## Parish Lenten Mission

**Welcome Retired Bishop Joseph Perry of the Archdiocese of Chicago!**

**Sunday March 22:**

"It's Either Jesus Or Some Thing or Someone else!"

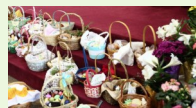
**Monday March 23:**

"The Sacrament of Penance (part 1) Whatever Happened to Sin!"

**Tuesday March 24:**

"The Sacrament of Penance (part 2) Turning My Weaknesses into Strengths"

**Times: 6-8PM**



## Please Join Us for Easter Meal Basket Blessing

**Holy Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 pm**

On **Holy Saturday at 1:30 pm**, Deacon George will be offering The Blessings of the Baskets (also known as Swieconka). This is a beautiful Catholic tradition which holds deep religious significance. Families may bring their baskets filled with their Easter meal food items to the church where Deacon George will pray over the baskets asking God to bless the food, so that it may nourish the body and soul during the Easter celebration. It is a way to invite God's grace into the home and prepare the family for the joy of Easter Sunday.

## Knights of Columbus Host Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20



The Knights will be cooking up delicious fish with all the fixings after Stations of the Cross on Friday March 20. Please invite your friends and neighbors and enjoy some great food and Lenten fellowship.

## March Grace and Grub at Mama Rose's

Our own very generous parishioner, Rob Pieper, has offered to host our March Grace and Grub at Mama Rose's Restaurant.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 31

**Place:** Mama Rose's

**Address:** 342 Elkhorn

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Menu:** Spaghetti Dinner

**Price:** \$7.50

**Please RSVP's:** [GraceandGrub@olmests.org](mailto:GraceandGrub@olmests.org)

## OCIA Scrutinies Celebrated at 10AM Mass on March 15, & 22

The journey for our OCIA Elect continues with the Scrutinies celebrated over the next two Sundays at 10AM Mass. Please join us for these important Rites and continue to pray for our Elect.

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and for the Catholic Church. We pray for those You are calling to Yourself.*

*May all in our community open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Encourage others to seek a greater understanding of You through us. Allow our OLM parish community to be a welcoming spiritual home and a light to all. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen*



## Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten Almsgiving

Please pick up your Lenten Rice Bowl in the church vestibule or by the Tip Tap at the top of the stairs. While you fast this Lent, why not donate what you would spend on food, a cup of Starbucks or other items you give up and put the money in the rice bowl?

Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. Please return your rice bowl to the parish office at the end of Lent.