

Our Lady of the Mountains

Mission Statement

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.



Upcoming Events

July 25 & 26	Last weekend to order Palisade Peaches from the Knights
July 28	Grace and Grub 5:30 PM Parish Hall
August 19th	Faith Formation Parent Meeting 5:00 PM
August 23	Shroud of Turin Presentation 3:00 PM
September 7	Faith Formation classes start 5:30 - 7:00 PM
September 18	Our Lady of the Mountains Golf Tournament



Last chance to order Palisade Peaches!

This is the last weekend to order Palisade Peaches from the Knights of Columbus so stop by after Mass to place your order.

The peaches are expected to arrive around July 31st. You will get a call to pick them up once they've arrived.



Welcome Enrique Conner Burt!



As you can see, little Enrique is quickly becoming a fan of all thing sports thanks to his parents.

We are very pleased to announce that our pastoral assistant, Alondra and her husband Conner welcomed their son, Enrique Conner Burt to the world on Wednesday, July 15. He weighed 5 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for this beautiful gift from God.

Exciting News! Chances to volunteer!

Move Items for Electrical System Update

We will soon be starting our electrical system update! To prepare for the project, our facilities manager, Doug Watry is seeking volunteers to assist us in moving items and heavy furniture out of the sacristy. He is asking for help at **10 AM** on **Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays**. Please contact Doug at facilitiesdirector@olmests.org. Thank you for helping us with this important improvement to our church.



Counters Needed

A few more volunteers are needed for counting money on Monday mornings from approximately 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Contact the parish office if you can help.

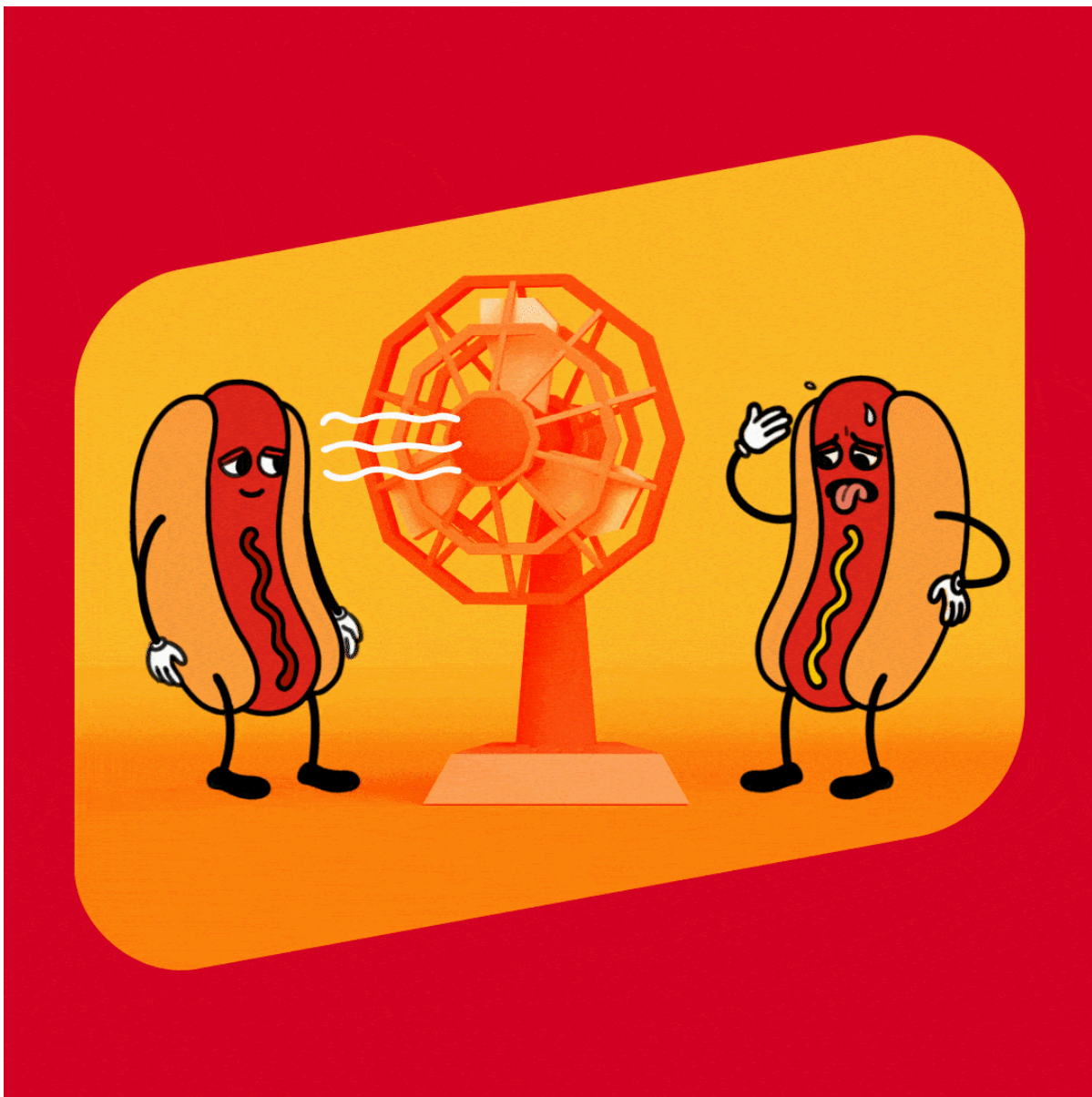


Gifted Singers Wanted!!

The choir at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass could use three to four additional members (especially tenors!) If you sing beautifully and would like to share your talent and gift, please let us know.

Practices are Thursday evenings as well as the 45 minutes before the 10:00 AM Mass. Visit with Dennis Fromholzer, the music director, after the 10:00 AM Mass or contact the parish office if you are interested.

GRACE AND GRUB

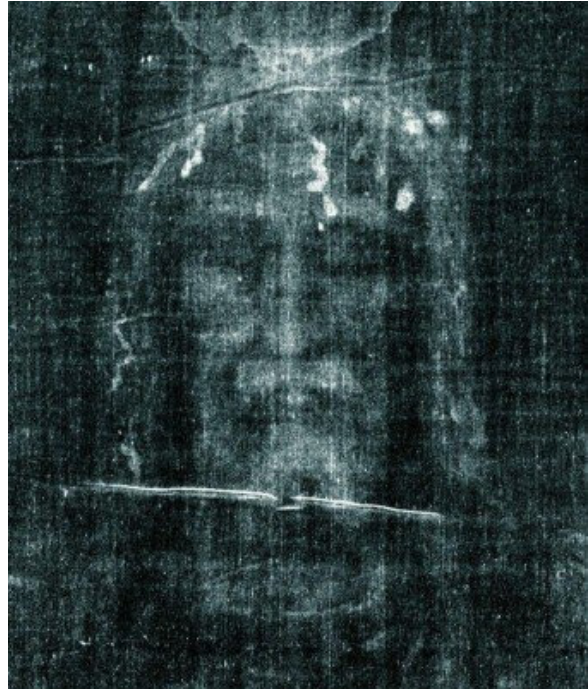


Join us for another evening of great food, wonderful fellowship, and plenty of smiles at GRACE & GRUB! we'll once again be serving **hot dogs**, and we invite everyone to **bring a side dish to share**. Water will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite beverage if you would like something different.

We will be meeting **July 28th** starting at **5:30pm** at the **parish hall**! Weather permitting we will be outside enjoying the mountain views!

Whether you're a familiar face or joining us for the first time, there's always room at the table. Come enjoy a relaxed summer evening with your parish family we can't wait to see you there!

Mark your calendars for
Shroud of Turin
presentation on
August 23 at 3:00 PM
sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus



6th Annual Our Lady of the Mountains Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! Friday September 18th, and join us for the 6th annual Our Lady of the Mountains Golf Tournament! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking to a fun day on the course, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, friendly competition, and **support the youth of our parish.**

The tournament is a 4-Person scramble held at the beautiful Estes Park 18-Hole Golf Course, with a 10:30am shotgun start. Gather a team of friends, family, or

coworkers, or register as an individual we'll help you connect with others for a say of fun and community.

Not a golfer? You can still make a difference! Consider sponsoring a hole, donating a prize, volunteering, or making a monetary gift. **Every contribution helps provide life-changing opportunities for our youth, including retreats such as Mountain Madness and Steubenville of the Rockies, where they grow in faith, friendship, and their relationship with Christ.**

Registration and hole sponsorship forms are available in the parish office. for more information please contact the parish office at **970-586-8111** or **Pastoralassistant@olmestes.org**

"You Leave the Commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men." - Mark 7:8

A Message from Archbishop Golka

As members of the Archdiocese of Denver, we are blessed to have the guidance of our Shepherd, Archbishop James Golka. In light of recent events concerning the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), Archbishop Golka has shared a pastoral letter encouraging us to remain united in Christ and steadfast in the communion of the Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to take a few moments to read his message and reflect on his words of faith, hope, and unity. Below are the letter we received from the Archdiocese. Printed copies of the letter are available in the parish office for anyone who would like one. A link is attached to the Archdiocese of Denver website as well. Thank you for joining us in praying for the unity of the church and for all those seeking to follow Christ faithfully.

Archbishop Golka Pastoral Guidance

July 7, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to you regarding the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX). After a warning from the Holy See not to conduct episcopal ordinations, the Society proceeded on July 1, without papal authority, to consecrate four new bishops. The Holy See has since notified those involved that by their actions they have incurred excommunication in accordance with the law of the Roman Catholic Church. This has caused a grave wound to the unity of the Church.

This is a sorrowful moment for us all. Every division within the Body of Christ stands in contrast to Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Apostolic succession (communion with the successor of St. Peter, the first pope) is an essential mark of the Church established by Jesus Christ.

While many faithful Catholics have a deep love for the Church's liturgical traditions, this situation is not about the form of the Mass. At its heart is full communion with the Church and fidelity and obedience to the Holy Father.

As your shepherd, I have a responsibility to provide clear guidance. Out of care for souls, I must instruct the faithful of the Archdiocese of Denver to refrain from participating in the activities of SSPX in any location, including these locations within our archdiocese:

St. Isidore
32100 E. Colfax Ave.
Watkins, CO 80137

Annunciation Chapel Society of St. Pius X
290 E. County Road 56
Fort Collins, CO 80524

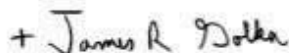
I know this news will be difficult for some who sincerely love the Church and have been drawn to SSPX. I encourage all the faithful to remain rooted in parish life, the celebration of the sacraments, and unity with the Holy Father. If you know individuals involved with SSPX, accompany them through this with charity, patience, and prayer, always reflecting the love of Christ. Laity involved with the SSPX community who wish to worship Christ in communion with the Church are welcome in any of our parishes; you may feel especially at home at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Littleton, where the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter celebrates the traditional Latin Mass.

Let us pray for the bishops, priests, religious, and faithful associated with SSPX, asking the Holy Spirit to heal this painful division within the Church.

Please also join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, and for the unity of the Church throughout the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, and St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend James R. Golka
Archbishop of Denver

FAQ regarding SSPX and Schism

Updated: July 5, 2026

Q: What is the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX)?

A: The Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) was founded in 1970 by French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who opposed several teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), including those concerning ecumenism, religious liberty, collegiality among bishops with the pope, and the Church's relationship with Judaism. The Society also rejected the liturgical reforms that followed the Council. Today, the SSPX operates seminaries, schools, chapels, and missions throughout the world.

Q: What happened on July 1, 2026?

A: On July 1, 2026, the Society of St. Pius X proceeded with the unauthorized ordination of four bishops in Écône, Switzerland, without a pontifical mandate, despite repeated appeals from Pope Leo XIV and the Holy See not to do so. The Holy See declared these ordinations a schismatic act.¹ The bishops who ordained and those who were ordained incurred canonical censures, and the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith subsequently issued norms for the reconciliation of SSPX clergy and faithful who wish to return to full communion with the Catholic Church.

Q: What is schism in the Catholic Church?

A: Schism is the refusal of submission to the Pope or of communion with those who are united with him.² It is a grave rupture of the Church's visible unity.

Q: What does it mean to be in full communion with the Catholic Church?

A: Catholics are in full communion with the Church when they are united by the profession of the Catholic faith, participation in the sacraments, and communion with the Pope and the bishops in union with him.³

Q: What is the Vatican's position on the Society of St. Pius X?

A: The Holy See has declared the July 1, 2026, episcopal ordinations a schismatic act and has established norms for the reconciliation of priests and certain lay faithful associated with the Society of St. Pius X. These norms reaffirm the Church's desire for reconciliation while requiring full acceptance of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council,

¹ <https://www.doctrinafidei.va/content/dam/dottrinadellafede/documenti/2026-07-02-Prassi-riconciliazione.pdf>

² Code of Canon Law, c. 751. https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/eng/documents/cic_lib3-cann747-755_en.html

³ CIC, c. 205. https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/eng/documents/cic_lib2-cann204-207_en.html

fidelity to the Roman Pontiff, and acceptance of the legitimacy of the Church's liturgy, sacraments, and discipline.

Q: What if I have attended an SSPX chapel?

A: The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith makes clear that not every lay person who has attended an SSPX chapel bears the same level of canonical responsibility. Those who attended only for liturgical or spiritual reasons and did not reject the authority of the Pope or the teaching of the Church are not presumed to have incurred a penalty. The Dicastery encourages these faithful simply to return to worship in full communion with the Catholic Church and not to attend SSPX liturgies in the future. Anyone with questions about his or her situation is encouraged to speak with a parish priest.

Q: May Catholics attend SSPX Masses or participate in SSPX activities?

A: No. Out of pastoral concern for the faithful, Archbishop James R. Golka instructs Catholics in the Archdiocese of Denver to refrain from participating in the liturgies, sacraments, or activities of the Society of St. Pius X. Catholics are encouraged to worship at parishes and chapels that are in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Q: What about the sacraments?

A: Baptism is almost certainly valid regardless of the minister's standing in the Church, so a baptism celebrated by an SSPX priest remains real and need not be repeated. The Confessions and Marriages illicit when performed by an SSPX priest.⁴ If you have a marriage scheduled with the SSPX please contact your local diocesan priest as soon as possible, to help ensure your upcoming marriage can be sacramentally valid.

Q: Is reconciliation possible?

A: Yes. The Church always desires reconciliation. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has established a process for SSPX clergy and certain lay faithful who wish to return to full communion with the Catholic Church.⁵ Reconciliation includes a profession of faith, acceptance of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, recognition of the legitimacy of the Church's liturgy and sacraments, fidelity to the Holy Father, and, where applicable, the remission of canonical censures.

⁴ https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dcf_doc_20260702_nota-esplicativa-fsspx_it.html

⁵ <https://www.doctrinafidei.va/content/dam/dottrinadellafede/documenti/2026-07-02-Prassi-riconciliazione.pdf>

Parish Updates!



We are excited to welcome **FOCUS** this summer !

FOCUS Summer Schedule is as Follows:

Daily Prayer-

Monday-Saturday at 7:30am

Additional Daily Masses-

Monday-Friday at 6:00pm

Friday & Saturday at 8:30am

Additional Adoration-

Monday-Friday at 5:00pm-5:55pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office. We are happy to help!

For more information about FOCUS and their mission please visit their website below.

Link to FOCUS Website

Memorial Benches

We are happy to announce that the memorial benches are all engraved! We encourage everyone to come take a look (and a seat) when you visit next!



OLM Praying Hands for Religious Vocations

To support our priests, deacons and their wives, seminarians, and all in religious life, we are offering the opportunity for parishioners to offer intercessory prayers for them as well as praying for an increase in vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Denver and the whole world.

Booklets with prayers are available in brochure racks in the vestibule. Please pick one up and if possible, pray every week before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration or before the tabernacle at any time at any church.

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Mountains is every week:

- **Wednesdays: 7:30 to 8:15 am**
- **Thursdays: 9:15 am to 3:30 pm**

From Our Gift Shop



Swing by and take a look at the new things being displayed at our gift shop!

Our 2026 Our Lady of Guadalupe Ornaments are in!

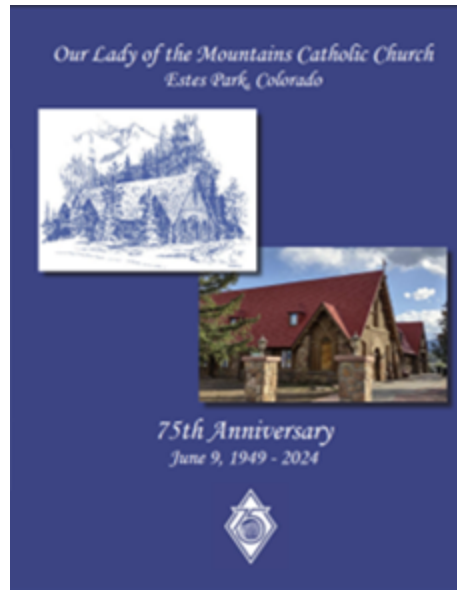


Stop by the Gift Shop today to purchase this beautiful ornament!

OLM 75th Anniversary Books

We still have a 36-page full-color book to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of our church that also includes a history of the church with beautiful photos throughout.

Books are on sale at our gift shop for \$20.



Messages from the Parish Staff

Our Lady of the Mountain's Feast day 2027

As we look ahead to next year's celebration, we would love to hear your ideas! If you have any suggestions for ways to make our Parish Feast Day even more memorable, please feel free to stop by the parish office or send us an email. Your thoughts and creativity are always welcome, and we look forward to continuing this beautiful tradition together as a parish family.

Please email Pastoralassistant@olmestes.org



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

Earlier this year, several parishioners received scam emails pretending to be from members of our parish staff. We want to remind everyone to remain cautious, as these scams can still occur.

Please remember: if the parish or clergy needs something from you personally, we will contact you directly by phone or in person to schedule a meeting.

We will never ask for gift cards, money, or personal information through suspicious emails or text messages.

Please stay vigilant and do not fall victim to these scam attempts. If you are unsure about a message claiming to be from the parish, contact the parish office before responding.

Thank you for helping keep our parish community safe!

Ways to donate

Safeway Cards, QR Code, Online Giving and more!

Tip-Tap Giving



We now have “Tip-Tap” available for quick and easy \$20 donations.

It is a fast and very convenient way to donate to Our Lady of the Mountains using a credit card, debit card or ATM card with a smart chip. Each tap is \$20 and you have the ability to tap multiple times.

VANCO Online Giving

As a parish Family , we are continually invited to share our gifts in gratitude for all God has entrusted to us. Our Lady of the Mountains has now transitioned to a new, more intuitive online giving platform through VANCO, designed to make supporting the mission of our parish simpler and more accessible.

You may access the giving page though our parish website or the link attached below.

This updated system allows you to direct your gift toward specific parish needs, such as general offertory, church preservation, etc. Each selection will guide you through a simple and secure giving process.

For added ease, QR codes are available at the bulletin boards in the west entrance and at the entrance of the new body of the church. You will also find printed QR codes in this weeks bulletin, so you can give from your phone anytime.

Your generosity whether through time, talent, or treasure helps sustain the life and mission of our parish.

If you have any questions or need assistance using the new system, please feel free to contact Steve Ross or stop in the parish office between 1pm and 4pm Monday through Friday. We are happy to help any way we can!

Link to VANCO website

Safeway Community Giving Cards Available at the Gift Shop

Our Lady of the Mountains will receive up to 5% back on the amounts loaded onto these cards without costing you extra money!
Thank you for participating!

Community Giving

Reload this card to support your local community organizations.



Online Giving

Online Giving Available at
Our Lady of the Mountains
Click above, please.

Please don't be scammed.

If you receive a text, email, or other social media request for money or gift cards supposedly coming from Fr. Faustinus, please DO NOT respond and contact the Parish Office if needed.

Hospitalized? Homebound?

Please contact our Parish Office for Sacraments, additional prayers, and other canonical services.

Census

Keep Our Records Up to Date Click above, please.

When asking Fr. Faustinus to sign godparent or Confirmation sponsor paperwork, please make sure you have been a registered member of our parish for six months or more. *We encourage you to register as members of our parish on our new website as soon as possible.*

Archdiocese of

Denver

Stay informed about happenings in our diocese, the nation, and the world through the Archdiocese of Denver website.



Our Lady of the Mountains Property Management

To maintain Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) property, including buildings, equipment, and grounds, in a manner that respects the sacredness of our Catholic Church and the people who come here, the list in the next column is to be practiced.

1. No private installation of monuments, plaques, or memorials (including plastic flowers or other temporary decorations).
2. Do not leave written materials or trinkets.
3. Do not leave marketing materials.
4. No utilization of OLM property for activities not initiated, sponsored, or approved by OLM or at a time when the parish is closed. **Please contact the parish office to schedule personal activities, even if you have a key.**

Materials/Perishables

Before sending materials for distribution or perishable items to the church, we advise you consult with the Parish Office first.

If you have questions, please contact the Business Manager at 970-586-8111 ext. 2002.

Thank you for reading Flocknote.
Lord, thank you for this parish family.