

The angels will go out and separate the
wicked from the righteous.

MATTHEW 13:49



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish July 30, 2023



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 29th

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Chris Guay req by his mom & dad & family

Sunday, July 30th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Donald & Arlene Olson req by the family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Pauline Mercier req by the Vegliante family

Saturday, August 5th

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Carmelle Murch, 1st anniversary, requested
by Harold & Therese Hoyt

Sunday, August 6th

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Liz Lochman requested by Doris

10:30AM: Thomas Voute requested by Doris

Summer Vacation Prayer

Lord God, Creator of all things,
Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during
these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Saint John Vianney: Feast Day August 4

John Vianney, a humble parish priest, is regarded by the Church as one of Her great figures because of his deep faith and devotion to God and God's people. John Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the only diocesan priest to be canonized. He is the patron saint of clergy throughout the world.

Please pray for our recently deceased

Richard Lavoie, July 13

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
July 29th – August 4th in memory of
Joanne Foley.

Welcome

Our parish welcomes
you and your family.

If you have moved to the area,
please register in the parish office.

We would love the opportunity
to introduce ourselves.

YOUR parish welcomes you! ©JPPC

Readings for the Week: July 30, 2023

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2
Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9



FAITH FORMATION

Registration is Open for Faith Formation!

Faith Formation registration remains open for the upcoming program year beginning in September through May of 2024.

All students in grades 1-12 are welcome! No experience necessary. See the website or call the office for registration, calendars, and more details.

Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance.

Dates to know:

- ♥ Life Teen begins - September 10 at 6:15, church hall
- ♥ Edge begins - September 17 at 6:15, church hall
- ♥ Grades 1-5 family session begins - September 20 at 4:30 OR 5:45, church.

We can't wait to get started!

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Feast Day July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola lived in Spain during the 16th century. It was a time of kingdoms and battles, armies and soldiers. From a teenager, Ignatius was a soldier. He lived an adventurous life. Ignatius believed in God, but he didn't do anything to grow his faith. He used his time and talents for his own glory.

In battle Ignatius sustained a serious injury. He endured a long, painful recovery. During that time he happened to read about the life of Christ and the saints. He was struck by the sacrifices the saints made for God. He was overwhelmed by their love of Jesus and decided that he would use the talents God gave him - strength, leadership, bravery, intelligence - to serve God and God's people.

While Ignatius healed, he prayed seriously. God's peace filled his heart and assured him that he was on the right path. When Ignatius was healed he left his

home to prepare for his new life. He was 30, which was considered old in those days, and getting a late start in his studies for the priesthood. Ignatius continued to travel and gathered nine friends who felt the same way in their commitment to God. Together they made a promise to God and became the founders of the Company of Jesus, also called the Jesuits.

What started with Ignatius and his nine friends grew over just a few years into a group of priests and brothers that had more than a thousand members. Today they continue to use their talents to teach about Jesus worldwide.

Jesus Teaches About the Kingdom of Heaven *Matthew 13:44-52*

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from Matthew's Gospel. These three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching and interpreting some of His teachings for the disciples. Today Jesus offers three short parables.



The first two parables describe the great value of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first, Jesus says that the Kingdom is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl worth selling everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard last week. The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his store-room both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus's "new" teaching. Jesus's teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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Rosary Cenacle

There will be a Rosary Cenacle on Saturday, August 5 at 8:30am in the church. All are welcome!



Thursday, August 3 from 1:00 to 6:00pm, in the church hall

Schedule an appointment:

Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LADYOFMERCY.

His Hands and Feet Mission 2023

Sunday, August 6 - Wednesday, August 9

His Hands and Feet (HHF) provides local service opportunities for youth (grade 7 and up) and adults. Put your faith into action! **Registration is open!** Contact the office to learn more.

Spend Time this Summer with Formed.org

Formed.org provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, and St. Paul Center at your fingertips. Formed.org is available to all parishioners free of charge.

Ideas for how to use it...

- Prepare for Mass by watching a five-minute video on the Sunday readings
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video “Beloved”
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Go to olmnh.formed.org to get started!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collections June 17 - July 23, 2023

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November 10-12, 2023

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Our Lady's Garden

A long overdue thank you to Jodi Fox, a local landscape designer (available at 603-674-3264), who graciously donated her time and talent to design Our Lady's garden at the side of the church. Many thanks to those who have planted and tended the garden as well. And thank you for the positive comments about the garden and flower planters and how they add to the beauty of our church grounds!

Greeters

Our Greeters are such a blessing! Their hospitality warmly welcomes us to church each Mass. Please put to prayer if YOU are being called to be a Greeter. This could be your way to give back to the community, to help others feel welcome, or even to meet more parishioners. Contact the office if you'd like to participate in this special ministry.

For our current Greeters, please pray about your role in this ministry and if you're being called to be a coordinator at this time. Thank you and God bless!

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