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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12 noon - 2 pm

Tuesday & Friday: 9 am - 11 am

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Director - Diácono Francisco Anleu

Oficina - (757) 595-0385 Ext. 123, Email - fanleu@olmc.org

Misas en Español:

Domingos 2:00 PM, Jueves 6:30 PM

Confesiones:

Sábados, 3 PM, Miércoles, 5 PM,
Jueves 5:30 PM en Español solamente



Bautismo Infantil

Los bautizos de infantes se llevan a cabo el cuarto domingo de cada mes. Los padres deben asistir a una breve clase de bautismo antes de bautizar a su bebé.

Las clases de bautismo se llevan a cabo en el Salón San Miguel de 9:30 a 11:30 horas en las siguientes fechas:

11 de Enero

8 de Febrero

8 de Marzo

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la señorita **Elizabeth Kassel** en la oficina parroquial, **757-595-0385** o envíele un correo electrónico a **ekassel@olmc.org**.

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Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Lisa a lwienhoff@olmc.org

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4pm ~ Family Mass

6pm ~ Vigil Mass

8pm ~ Misa en Español

10pm ~ Solemn Mass in the Night

Christmas Day

10am Mass

The parish offices will be closed from December 23 - January 1



Social Ministry

Transformed by **The Eucharist...**
Reaching Out into community

**Anticipation – As we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

This parish has a special charism of caring for the poor and afflicted. Year long, your generosity sustains the Parish's work with our community. Most obvious during this Season is the great outpouring of gifts and food in response to angel tags and food bags. Four hundred (and more) gifts, 75 food bags and 50 hams. Thank you!!!

The OLMC Pre-K classes marched into Manion Hall, bringing essential items for the babies cared for by our Pregnancy Outreach team. It was like a miniaturized procession of the Magi, with gifts equally as meaningful.

OLMC's Honor Society pitched in to help with the behind the scenes work that keeps our ministries operating. They sorted baby clothes! We are so grateful for their help.

Thank you for all you do for our community!



PANTRY NEEDS:

spaghetti sauce
noodles
macaroni & cheese
jelly

PERSONAL NEEDS:

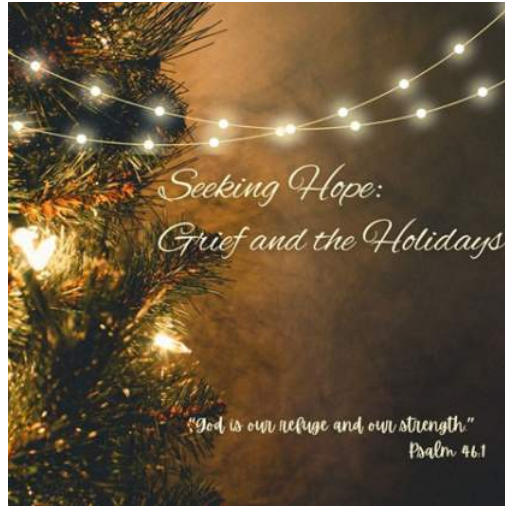
toothpaste

PREGNANCY NEEDS:

receiving blankets
bibs
sleep sacks (0-3 months)

**For more information contact Kim Taylor at
757-595-0385 ext. 118 or ktaylor@olmc.org**

Pastoral Care



Honor the memory of your loved one with a Mass intention. A reminder that they are with you and interceding for you.

Be honest with God. Enter into conversation with him. Turn to him in prayer.

Do something different. Break tradition. Cherish new memories being made.

Plan how you'll be part of the holiday festivities. Keep your celebrations simple and communicate that to your family.

Peaceful moments can be enlightened with prayer as you light a candle of hope.



Visiting the Sick and Homebound Bring hope to the homebound during Advent

Will you bring hope to the homebound this Advent?

Visit: Extend an offer to visit and bring coffee or tea.

Write: A letter or card to uplift spirits.

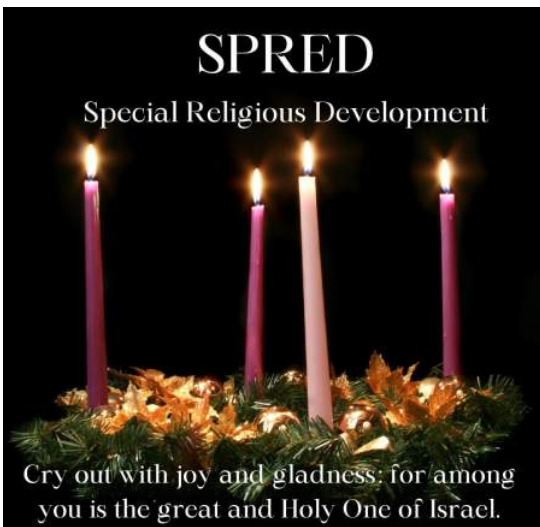
Call: Make a call to wish them a blessed Advent.

Prayer: Pray with those who are lonely or grieving.

Share memories: Share memories of a loved one who has died, or ask someone to share a memory with you.

Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist take Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Inquire at the parish office about training.

Transport: The OLMC van picks up parishioners every Sunday for the 10:00am Mass. Inquire at the parish office about shadowing one Sunday & consider driving.

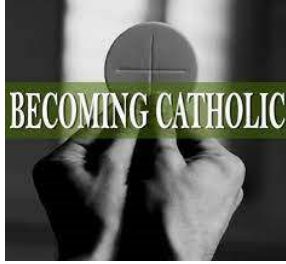


SPRED: Special Religious Development

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which is in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. On Gaudete Sunday, we as a church focus on the reasons for our joy; God loves us and saves us. We are called to love one another with the freedom that God's love calls forth in us.

We are grateful for the time spent in community with our SPRED friends this past Saturday! Our SPRED families and team enjoyed a delicious Breakfast with Saint Nicholas. We are grateful to the men of TMIY who prepared breakfast, the elves who provided the decorations AND a jolly Saint Nicholas!

Initiation Programs for Adults



Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

If so, join us for a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for adults and children (age 7-17) who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation. **Contact Lisa Wienhoff at lwienhoff@olmc.org for more information.**

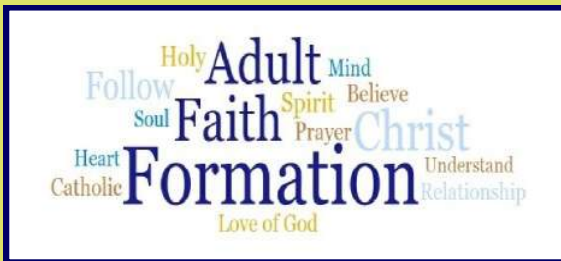
Adult Faith Formation



**New Women's Bible Study session starting in January!
Wednesday Mornings at 9am
Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible**

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about.

Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*TM Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.



ALL NEW ADULT FAITH STUDY STARTING IN JANUARY

Saint Michael Hall, Wednesdays 7- 8:30pm
AFTER THE 6:30PM MASS
All adults of the parish are welcome!

CHECK BACK FOR DETAILS!

Lisa Wienhoff at 757-595-0385 x131 or lwienhoff@olmc.org



That Man is You (TMIY) honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! **New session starting back up in January!**

Saturday Mornings, 7am - 8:30am, Saint Michael Hall, ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

Register online at olmc.org. Contact Lisa Wienhoff at 757-595-0385 ext. 131 or lwienhoff@olmc.org for more information.



The Wild Goose :

Sunday, 9-9:50am or Thursdays 1 -2pm

Sessions have already begun, it's not too late to join, contact Lisa for more info!

The Wild Goose is a 14 Part Series with Fr. Dave Pivonka on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Join us to watch the series and enjoy life to the full in the power of the Holy Spirit .

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Walking with Purpose

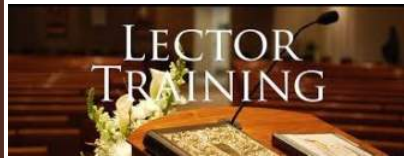
Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a parish-based Bible study program for adult women, it incorporates at-home Scripture study, weekly small group discussion, and monthly talks on relevant study material. The new study, **Rooted and Radiant**, will start in January at **Saint Michael Hall** on **Wednesday's**, following Mass, **register online at olmc.org**.

All women of the parish are welcome!

For more info contact Lisa Wienhoff at 757-595-0385 ext. 131 or lwienhoff@olmc.org

Liturgy

Community



LECTOR TRAINING

The lector ministry is open to all practicing Catholics sixteen and older who have received the sacrament of confirmation. If you are an articulate reader who feels called to this ministry, contact Jim Ellis at jimellis1206@gmail.com for more information.

BE ONE WITH JESUS *eucharistic adoration*

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Adorers Needed

We are looking for adorers to commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays between 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. If you are available to commit to a weekly Holy Hour, please email adoration@olmc.org



Bunco Party & Silent Auction!

Let's get together and join your fellow parishioners for a night of fun and excitement at the Bunco Party & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 1, in St. Michael Hall. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for our Silent Auction, accompanied by complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer. The guilds of the Ladies of Carmel are donating themed gift baskets and other wonderful items to the auction.

Bunco begins at 7:30. **Never played Bunco before? Fear not!** It's really easy, and our resident Bunco expert, Susan Adams, will teach us all how to play! Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories of winners (& even losers)! We will also have a 50/50 raffle that evening.

Tickets are \$25/person and are available in the Parish Office during the week and in the Narthex January 11/12 & 25/26.

**Only 80 Tickets will be sold,
so get yours soon!**

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