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FOR CHILDREN:

THE DAYS OF ADVENT is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord? Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas."

MARCAM'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SPECIAL is on FORMED: "Tis the season to dance, play and celebrate Advent and Christmas with Marcam! In this spirited and joyful 9-episode Christmas special, little saints will love journeying through each week of Advent, learning about the true meaning of Christmas, sitting by a cozy fire to hear a Christmas story, learning about baking, dancing their hearts out to new moves, and more? ..."

FOR ADULTS:

ST. PHILOMENA: A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES BY MARK MIRAVALLE is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "Though St. Philomena lived approximately 1700 years ago and was only discovered in the catacombs of Rome in the early 1800's, her faithful witness as a young virgin who was martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ speaks powerfully to our culture, and especially to young people. Commonly referred to as a "wonder worker", she has the distinction of being the only saint canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Learn more about St. Philomena and what a powerful advocate we have before the throne of Almighty God."

MARIA GORETTI: THE STORY OF THE PATRONESS OF MODERN YOUTH is on FORMED. According to FORMED: "The Story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni."

DONATE ON-LINE USING A QR CODE ~ VANCO is a secure site in which you are able to set-up a one time or recurring donation to either Our Lady of Mercy or St. Mary's. The donations to Our Lady of Mercy available on VANCO are the: Adornment Fund, Building Fund, Adult (General Fund) or St. Vincent DePaul. The Adult (General Fund) donation is available to St. Mary's on VANCO. If you would like to donate to either Our Lady of Mercy or St. Mary's via VANCO please see the QR codes below:

Our Lady of Mercy VANCO QR Code



St. Mary's VANCO QR Code



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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330-627-4664

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed 10-3; Thurs 9:30-2:30; Fri 9:30-12:30

Father Jonas Shell, Pastor: jshell@diosteub.org

OLM website: www.olmcarrollton.org

"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.)

Saturday, Dec. 14	4:30 PM	OLM	+Cynthia Bailey
Sunday, Dec. 15	8:30 AM	OLM	+Joanne Sassos by The Bowersox Family
<i>Sunday, Dec. 15</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 17	7:00 PM	OLM	Patricia Dean
<i>Wednesday, Dec. 18</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+John Miday by Teresa Long</i>
Thursday, Dec. 19	8:30 AM	OLM	Reparation for our sins & the sins of the world by The Bouquet's
Friday, Dec. 20	8:30 AM	OLM	For Israel by Kay Yoder
Saturday, Dec. 21	4:30 pm	OLM	People of the Parish
Sunday, Dec. 22	8:30 AM	OLM	+Tony & Audrey Kapelewski
<i>Sunday, Dec. 22</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+Veronica & John Gwynn by Janet Gwynn & John Douglass</i>

Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; Friday 3:00-4:00 pm; Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment***

St. Mary Confessions: Sunday before Mass by request or by appointment

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	15	10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room 1:15 PM OCIA Prayer Meeting-OLM Church 6:30 PM Youth Group DTS-ST. Mary's Hall/Church
Mon	16	7:00 PM Communal Penance Service-St. Francis Xavier, Malvern
Tue	17	6:00 PM Storybook Explorers-OLM Narthex 7:45 PM Confession-OLM Church
Wed	18	OLM Church occupied all day
Thur	19	
Fri	20	8:00 AM Rosary before Mass-OLM Church 9:15 AM Adoration-OLM Church 3:00 PM Confession-OLM Church 6:45 PM Benediction-OLM Church
Sat	21	3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church
Sun	22	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of December 8, 2024

Adult \$1,960.00 Loose \$376.00 Christmas \$120.00
Christmas Flowers \$60.00 Immaculate Conception \$130.00
Candles \$48.25 Library \$33.90
Religious Retirement \$135.00 SVDP \$310.00
Building Fund \$487.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of December 8, 2024

Adult \$918.00 Loose \$210.00 Building Fund \$112.24
Immaculate Conception \$55.00
Christmas \$25.00 Christmas Decorations \$17.00
Religious Retirement \$105.00

OCIA PRAYER MEETING ~ We will be having a Prayer Meeting with our OCIA participants this weekend, **Sunday, December 15, from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm at OLM Church.** The prayer meeting will consist of a 30-minute talk on Confession and Examining Our Conscience by Father Jonas and 30 minutes spent in Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to join us. *Chrissy Breedlove*

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY ~ Our next meeting of the Dead Theologians Society will be this weekend, **Sunday, December 15, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Saint Mary's (Morges).** All high school youth (grades 9-12) are welcome to join us to hang out with other young Catholics, learn about Saint Ambrose, and spend some time in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Shockey at 330-312-6074. *Chrissy Breedlove*

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE ~ There will be a Communal Penance Service on **Monday, December 16th at St. Francis Xavier in Malvern starting at 7:00 pm.**

STORYBOOK EXPLORERS ~ Have fun with us this **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm, in the OLM Narthex,** as we explore our last tale of the year "The Night the Saints Saved Christmas" by Gracie Jagla. Join us for cookies and a memorable evening! Also, three special prizes await *three* explorers as we conclude our time together. See the bulletin board, in the library, for a detailed description of our featured book. *Jessica Olenick*

OLM CHURCH OCCUPIED ~ The OLM Church will be occupied on **Wednesday, December 18th all day.** A filming crew from the St. Paul Center of Biblical Theology will be here. They are doing a Lenten series on the Cross.

CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN-UP ~ The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex, on the ambo, at OLM to volunteer to serve or lector or be a greeter at the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ~ All are invited to join us for our Parish Christmas Celebration and Potluck Dinner on **Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Our Lady of Mercy Hall.** The main course and wassail (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. The evening will include entertainment by our choir, singing Christmas carols, a raffle, and games. Please RSVP by signing up in the narthex of OLM or the entryway at SM. Thank you.

OCIA PRAYER REQUEST ~ We currently have nine people in our OCIA program studying and preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Prayer can be a beautiful way to support these people on their faith journey. If you would like to join us in praying for them, please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information. *Chrissy Breedlove*

CAM LANKA'S ADDRESS ~ Cam Lanka's new address is: Danbury Senior Living, 2250 University Dr. SE #331, Massillon, OH 44646.

CUTEST BABY CONTEST ~ Our Lady of Carroll County Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Cutest Baby Contest** that will run from **Christmas to Easter.** Pictures will be displayed in the narthex and at church functions. The baby with the most donations will be crowned Cutest Baby 2025 and will win \$250.00! Donations will be used for the charitable works of the Knights. Babies up to 2 years old can be entered any time and they will be added to the display. Please send digital photos 3" x 5" to steven.pridemore@gmail.com or a hard copy can be left in the Knights folder by the office. Babies can be children or grandchildren of church members. Vote early and often to help the cutest baby win!

DPSC ~ The 2024 campaign concludes on **December 31.** Donations mailed on or prior to **December 31,** but not received and processed until January will be applied to the 2024 DPSC. All donations mailed or given after **December 31** will be applied to the 2025 DPSC and marked as an early gift. Currently Our Lady of Mercy's has a participation rate of 48% and reached 124% of the Parish Goal of \$24,140.00 and St. Mary's has a participation rate of 55% and reached 148% of the Parish Goal of \$9,054.00.

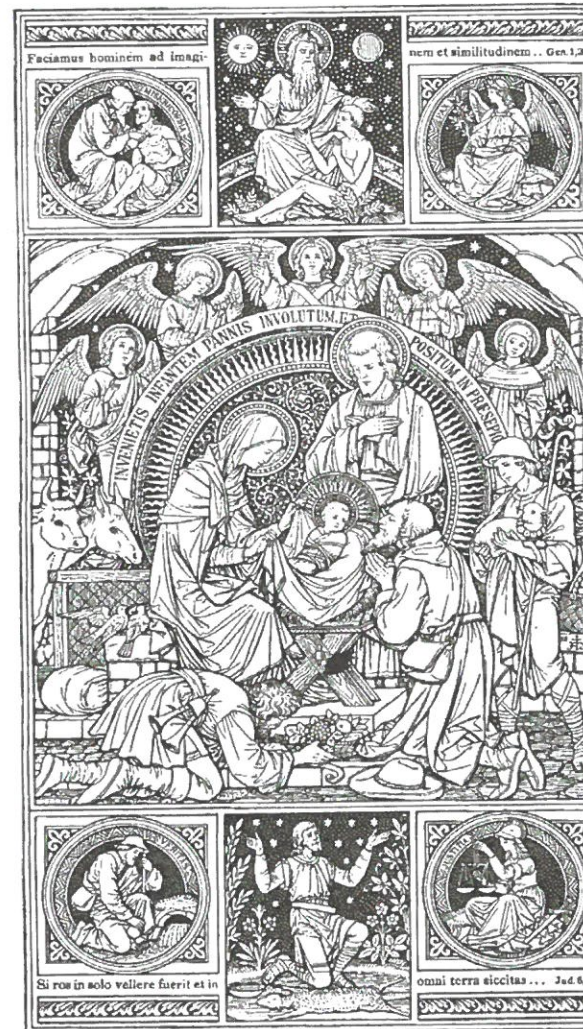
OLM CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ~ The 2025 OLM contribution envelopes have arrived and are on the table in the Narthex in alphabetical order at both OLM and St. Mary's.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ The Ministry Schedules for January and February 2025 are on the table in the Narthex at both OLM and St. Mary's.

THANK YOU ~ OLM and St. Mary's would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous gift of 300 Miraculous Medals.

TREE OLM NARTHEX ~ Two different ways the tree in the OLM Narthex is being decorated:
1) The Tree is being used for a Jesse Tree. One Jesse Tree ornament is being added each day. According to *The Jesse Tree An Advent Devotion* by Eric & Suzan Sammons: "The Jesse Tree seeks to present visually that important family history of our Savior - a family history that in Christ becomes the history of our salvation. The tradition of tracing Christ's genealogy in this way dates from medieval times - an 11th century illuminated manuscript contains a depiction of the Jesse Tree, and the 12th century Chartres Cathedral boasts a Jesse Tree stained glass window."

2) This year to adorn our church Christmas Tree, the PSR children have created snowflake ornaments. The snowflake ornaments reflect on how no two people are created the same just as no two snowflakes are the same. We are each beautifully and uniquely made in the image of God!



SUNDAY HOMILIES ~ Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from **Sunday Mass,** they can be accessed on soundcloud.com. On the website, search **FoJo,** Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/ or the website at olmcarrollton.org to hear his homilies.

AROUND AND ABOUT

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP ~ There will be an eight week grief support group program beginning **Tuesday, January 9, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Malvern Community Church (Former Damascus Friends Church) at 401 W. Main St. Malvern, OH 44644.** For more information please see the bulletin board in the OLM Narthex.

OLM GREETERS ~ The Nuzzolillo Family this week and the Oboy Family next week.
Happy Birthday OLM ~ Lee Gainer 12/15; Teresa Long 12/16; Adam Grubbs 12/17; Janet Smith 12/17; Evelyn Brooks 12/20; Philip Burgett 12/20; James Borland 12/21; Deborah Lumley 12/21
Happy Birthday SM ~ Gregory Friedmann 12/15; Lily Oprean 12/17; Bill Mayle 12/18; Charlotte Haas 12/21
Happy Anniversary OLM & SM ~ to all those celebrating in December.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized or we have removed a name that should not have been, please inform the parish office.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Brenda Sandefur, Harold Wolbert, Elizabeth Wolford, Shelbia Otte, Anthony Tozzi, Dan Grossi Family

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Rose Rombough, Anna Schiavone, Jack Sowko, Zach Oboy, Shirley Dale, Kristine Stenger, Scott Kazer, Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ida Carver, J. C. Birong, Nancy Bauer, Tom Bouquet, Cam Lanka, Joe MacAdam

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God are Holy Days of Obligation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2180 & 2181 states, "The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.' The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass [there praying] which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day...the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist [in this context the Eucharist means the Mass or the Eucharistic Sacrifice, not receiving communion per se] on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." Several Mass times are available below to fulfill your obligation, please plan accordingly:

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm at OLM
Wednesday, December 25th at 12:00 am at OLM
Wednesday, December 25th at 8:30 pm at OLM
Wednesday, December 25th at 11:00 am at SM

Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm at OLM
Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30 am at OLM
Wednesday, January 1st at 11:00 am at SM

*If you can't make one of these times, please check for other times at surrounding churches.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Usual Confession Times (done throughout the year):

Tuesday 7:45 pm to 9:00 pm – OLM

Friday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – OLM

Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm – OLM

Sunday by request before Mass – St. Mary's

Additional Confession Times:

Monday, December 16th 7:00 pm – Communal Penance Service
St. Francis Xavier, Malvern

Friday, December 20th 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm – OLM

Tuesday, December 24th 9 am to 12:00 pm (noon) – OLM

(Please note **NO** Confession Tuesday, December 24th from 7:45 pm to 9:00 pm)

*See other side for Mass Times



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00 pm – OLM

Midnight Mass – Wednesday, December 25th, 12:00 am – OLM
Acapella

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th, 8:30 am – OLM

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th, 11:00 am – St. Mary's

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 31st, 4:00 pm - OLM

Mass – Wednesday, January 1st, 8:30 am – OLM

Mass – Wednesday, January 1st 11:00 am – St. Mary's

*See other side for Confession Times

There's a new way for our parish women to connect! Hill Country Women on WhatsApp is a way for our group to communicate and plan. Join the other women of the OLM/St. Mary's parishes to support one another in prayer, daily living, and planning of parish events.



WhatsApp is a free, end-to-end encrypted private messaging app



Scan the QR code above with your phone's camera, or go to www.WhatsApp.com/download to download the WhatsApp app to your iPhone or Android phone



Hill Country
Community · 9 groups

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Community Announcements

Just as Mary traveled to the Judean Hill Country to visit Elizabeth, we want this to be a place where the women of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's parishes come together to support one another and encourage growth in faith, hope, love.

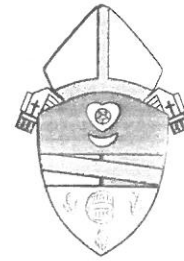
How to Join

1. Download the WhatsApp app on your phone
2. Text Katherine Friedman 207-318-1243 or Bethany Shields 330-806-1506 and ask to be added to the group
3. Join the sub discussion threads of your choice and get connecting!





**Christ the Teacher
Diocesan Scholarship Fund**



~
"Turning Taxes into Tuition"

2024 Donor's Bulletin/ Newsletter/ Pulpit Announcement:

Attention all Ohio State Taxpayers!

Did you pay Ohio State taxes for the 2023 tax year? Did you know that a Scholarship Tax Credit program exists, which makes it possible to make a **no-net-cost** gift that will turn your Ohio tax dollars into tuition for students of any Catholic school you designate in the Diocese of Steubenville?

How does it work? It's simple- make a contribution to the **Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund (CTDSF)** by April 15th, 2025, that will be eligible for a non-refundable 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) against your 2024 state tax liability. CTDSF will send you a tax receipt for filing your 2024 state income taxes; And notify the designated school of your contribution.

EXAMPLE OF OHIO TAX CREDIT SCENARIOS*

INDIVIDUAL		MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY	
Ohio Income Tax owed	\$1,000	Ohio Income Tax owed	\$2,000
Tax Credit on \$750 contribution to the Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund	-\$750	Tax Credit on \$1,500 contribution to the Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund	-\$1,500
Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$250	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$500

Three Steps to Reduce Your State Tax Liability AND Support Catholic Education*

Step 1	Estimate your 2024 Ohio state tax liability - <i>see backside of this bulletin.</i>
Step 2	Submit your contribution to the CTDSF based on your Ohio state tax liability.
Step 3	Complete your 2024 Ohio income tax return and include your receipt from your contribution to the CTDSF for a 100% tax credit up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly).

**This does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.*

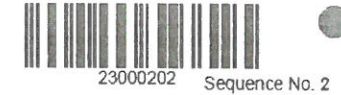
How to contribute to the Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund:

Step 1	Make check payable to <i>Christ the Teacher Diocesan Scholarship Fund Inc.</i> (A credit card payment option is not available at this time)
Step 2	Complete the 2024 CTDSF Contribution Form at https://www.diosteub.org/ctdsf
Step 3	Mail your check and completed contribution form to the address indicated on the contribution form. <i>A Tax Receipt for filing 2024 taxes will be mailed back to you!</i>

ACT NOW to claim your 2024 state tax credit!

Estimating Tax Liability

2023 Ohio IT 1040
Individual Income Tax Return



SSN:

- 7a. Amount from line 7 on page 17a.
- 8a. Nonbusiness income tax liability on line 7a (see instructions for tax tables).....8a.
- 8b. Business income tax liability – Ohio Schedule of Business Income, line 16 (include schedule).....8b.
- 8c. Income tax liability before credits (line 8a plus line 8b)8c.
- 9. Ohio nonrefundable credits – Ohio Schedule of Credits, line 38 (include schedule).....9.
- 10. Tax liability after nonrefundable credits (line 8c minus line 9; if negative, enter zero)10.

EXAMPLE OF OHIO TAX CREDIT SCENARIOS*

	INDIVIDUAL		MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY	
8c	Ohio Income Tax owed	\$1,000	Ohio Income Tax owed	\$2,000
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10	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$250	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$500

Notes:

- ❖ Line 8c- Income tax liability before credits-
 - This is the amount of Ohio Income Tax owed
- ❖ Line 9- Ohio nonrefundable credits
 - Includes amount donated to ASF
 - Maximum amount is \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, where each spouse gives \$750
 - This amount cannot be greater than line 8c
 - This amount is subtracted from the amount on line 8c
- ❖ Line 10- Tax liability after nonrefundable credits
 - Ohio Income Tax owed after subtracting nonrefundable credits
 - Cannot be less than \$0 (e.g., if line 8c is \$500, the maximum amount for line 9 is \$500)