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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."

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

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

Saturday, Dec. 7	4:30 PM	OLM	+Ronnie Hissner by Mary Ann Pozderac
Sunday, Dec. 8	8:30 AM	OLM	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday, Dec. 8</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+Mary Ann Matos, Rafael Matos by Janet Gwynn & John Douglass</i>
Monday, Dec. 9	8:30 AM	OLM	+Tom Borel by His Family
Monday, Dec. 9	4:00 PM	OLM	+Audrey Kapelewski by Jim & Ruth Birong
<i>Monday, Dec. 9</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	SM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 10	7:00 PM	OLM	+Holy Souls in Purgatory by Anonymous
<i>Wednesday, Dec. 11</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	SM	<i>+John Miday</i>
Thursday, Dec. 12	8:30 AM	OLM	+Ron Hissner by Birong & Bouquet Families
Friday, Dec. 13	8:30 AM	OLM	Josh & Maria Montagnini by Father Jonas
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>

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	8	10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall 10:00 AM Going With Faith-OLM Conference Room 12:00 PM Ice Cream Social-SM Hall
Mon	9	8:30 AM Mass-OLM Church 4:00 PM Mass-OLM Church 6:00 PM Mass-SM Church
Tue	10	7:45 PM Confession-OLM Church
Wed	11	6:00 pm K of C Meeting-OLM Hall
Thur	12	
Fri	13	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	14	10:00 AM Philosophy Book Club-OLM Conference Room 3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church

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
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Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of December 1, 2024

Adult \$1,930.00 Loose \$98.00 Christmas \$80.00
Christmas Flowers \$100.00 Immaculate Conception \$40.00
More Life \$3,140.48 Library \$3,183.26 PSR \$3,140.47
Candles \$55.00 SVDP \$207.00 Building Fund \$520.00
New Rectory \$250.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of December 1, 2024

Adult \$1,643.00 Loose \$180.00
Helping Hands \$143.00 Christmas Decorations \$90.00

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION ~ The SVDP collection will take place this weekend **December 7 & 8**. Thank you.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY ~ Our next meeting of the Dead Theologians Society will be **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*

OCIA PRAYER MEETING ~ We will be having a Prayer Meeting with our OCIA participants on **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*

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 **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm, in the OLM Narthex**, as we explore our last tale of the year. What happens when St. Nick wakes up with a cold? In "The Night the Saints Saved Christmas" author Gracie Jagla tells of a tale of a magical Christmas Eve when the Saints unite to deliver the presents and concludes with a touching reminder about the true meaning of gift-giving at Christmas. Join us for cookies and a memorable tale! Also, three special prizes await *three* explorers as we conclude our time together. *Jessica Olenick*

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.

THANK YOU ~ Thank you to the PSR Kindergarten Class for making the Thanksgiving placemats. The residents at Carroll Golden Age Retreat really enjoyed them. *Gigi Hill*

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*

ST. MARY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~ St. Mary's will be hosting a free Ice Cream Social **today after the 11:00 am Mass** in celebration of the Immaculate Conception. Come join us to celebrate our Titular Feast.

MONTH 8 – "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!" ~ Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size! She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now, she has recognized her mother's voice and is already learning the foundations of her mother's language. Research has shown that newborns are known to cry in tones similar to their native language. In a short time, the baby will be born. Your baby's mother benefited from the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needs to bring her baby to term.

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 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.

ALCONQUIN MILL FEST ~ The Bean Soup shared payout was \$4,549.14 and the Dining Hall shared payout was \$4,915.07 for a total of \$9,464.21. The money was divided into the following accounts: Library \$3,183.26; More Life \$3,140.48; PSR \$3,140.47. Thank you to all who helped at the Mill this year.

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.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day has been moved to **December 9th and is a Holy Day 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:

Monday, December 9th at 8:30 am at OLM
Monday, December 9th at 4:00 pm at OLM
Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm at SM

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

MIRACULOUS MEDALS ~ The Knights of Columbus have donated 300 Miraculous Medals to be blessed and distributed during the Masses this weekend **Dec. 7 & 8**. Any leftover medals will still be available on **Dec. 9**. Our Lady appeared to Sister Catherine Laboure on the eve of Advent in 1830. As she was speaking she began to appear in a particular way with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Our Lady told Sister Laboure, "Have a medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; it should be worn around the neck." The image that we now call the Miraculous Medal is the image of Our Lady seen by Sister Laboure and depicted by an artist as best as possible, although Sister Laboure knew it was impossible to show how beautiful the image of our Lady really was. *Father Jonas Shell*

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.

OLM GREETERS ~ The Haas Family this week and the Nuzzolillo Family next week.

Happy Birthday OLM ~ Jaden Murphy 12/8; Mark Oboy 12/8; Gideon Shields 12/10; Brent Sivy 12/10; Rex Thomas 12/12; Larry Travis 12/13; Hanna Bruwier 12/14; Cale Pozderac 12/14; Craig Rodgers 12/14

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



K of C ~ K of C Monthly Social Hour and Business meeting will be **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm - Social (all are welcome); 7:00 pm - Meeting (members only)**.