

Our Lady of the WAYSIDE PARISH

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OLW Catholic Woman's Club Charter Officers, 1952-53.

May 21, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord



We love a parade!



As part of our 70th anniversary celebration, OLW will have a Celebrate 70! float in the Arlington Heights **Memorial Day Parade** on **Monday, May 29**.

Grab your lawn chair and wave "howdy!" as the float rolls down the parade route. Better yet... join the fun! We still have room for volunteers to help in the float building and for members of OLW parish ministries to walk with us in the parade. Kids, families and all ages are welcome!

For more information and to join in on the fun, please email **celebrate70@olwparish. org**. See you there!





As part of the **Missionary Cooperation Plan**, Father Gosbert Rwezahura, pastor of Christ Our Savior Parish in South Holland, will speak on behalf of a Tanzanian mission at next weekend's masses (**May 27-28**). This is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, support and be inspired by the work of missionaries ministering in another part of the world.

If you are able, place a donation to support this mission cause in the **second collection** basket. Please make checks out to the parish. Or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/give.



Please pray for missionaries worldwide who empower local leaders to form and nourish communities of faith where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained.





OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



Sunday Collection for May 14, 2023

	This Week	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$12,270		
Mail and Walk-up	\$12,245		
eGiving	\$13,665		
Total Sunday	\$38,180	\$34,135	\$4,045
	To Date	Budget	Variance
Easter Collection	To Date \$79,969	Budget \$70,000	Variance \$9,969
Easter Collection Catholic Charities		· ·	
	\$79,969	· ·	

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Our Lady of the Wayside's Catholic Woman's Club was organized on August 7, 1952, for the spiritual advancement of its members and to assist the Pastor in the material aspects of parish affairs. The diligent efforts of special committees and wholehearted cooperation of all the members were a major asset to Father O'Hara in all fund-raising events for the parish, including activities for the benefit of the school and convent. *See the website for more information.

ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A



Father Arthur Marat

To Christians living in the 21st century, it might seem surprising that the Apostles still did not fully understand Jesus or God's plan when Jesus ascended into Heaven. After all that Jesus had explained to them even after His resurrection, they still asked "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?"

While it might be tempting to blame the Apostles for being slow to understand, we must remember that these men had only their first-hand experience to inform and guide them. They did not have—as we do—the gift of the deposit of the faith as it has been expounded on over the course of two thousand years. So, the Apostles' purely human thinking that God would restore Israel in human terms of power should not surprise us. In fact, the Apostles' question can prompt us to look back at ourselves and ask: "How many times in my life do I approach God expecting that He behave according to my purely human thinking?"

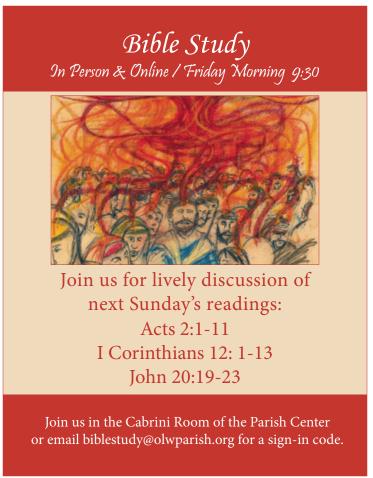
With the perspective of time, we know now that Jesus had to ascend to the right hand of God the Father so that the Holy Spirit could come to fill the Apostles and enlighten them at Pentecost; only then would the Apostles fully comprehend the purpose and mystery of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as well as the aim of every Christian life: to know and be united with God. This knowledge of and union with the Holy Trinity in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven come about by our being transformed by the graces that we receive through the Holy Spirit in the sacraments and by leading lives of faith in God's teachings, hope in His promises, and charity toward God and our neighbor.

Yours in Christ, Father Arthur











BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD One Step at a Time

These weeks after Easter have been full of celebration and joy as last week's reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes how countless numbers of people were converted and – despite persecutions and hardship – the Church grew. I am very proud to relate a story from a few years back, when I learned that a young baby boy I baptized here at Our Lady of the Wayside made a permanent profession of vows to become a Viatorian Brother. Today, Brother Peter Lamick is busy changing the world, and will gladly share a message of how we can make a difference when we embrace the Holy Spirit.



Brother Peter signing Solemn Perpetual Vows

Some ask: Whose job is it to call forth vocations building the church community and God's kingdom?

God uses people in evangelism – people like you and me – ordinary folk. The rule of duty here is: God has commanded us to do this: 'Go into all the world. You are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and in the uttermost parts of the world.'



Deacon Don's Ordination Day, May 1988

Father Arthur enthusiastically proclaimed at a recent dinner party, "We must get out there and pursue more vocations." He knows that last week I routed someone to him that had spent several years considering, and was now ready to talk vocation. 38 years ago I accepted the Holy Spirit's invitation to serve. Today, we have to take a hard look at some challenges facing our church. In 1975, there were 2,400 ordained priests. Today, there are roughly 1,200. For a variety of reasons, there are currently 123 fewer parishes here in Chicago. So how can things change for the better?

I recall during my college days times when brave evangelizing students, unafraid of potential ridicule, would periodically would knock on our dorm room door, kindly offering conversation and a paperback copy of the new testament: *Good News for*

the Modern Man. This memory connects with last week's first reading and recalls how Philip the deacon ambitiously ventured away from Jerusalem to Samaria, bent on doing his part converting mixed religion Jews. The world was shocked at his success as converts grew at a phenomenal rate. Biblical history tells an amazing inspirational true story of following the crucifixion of Jesus, demons called out, miracles happening, healing and more. Christianity wasn't diminished in the physical absence of Jesus. On the contrary, it grew! Fueled by the Spirit we can do our part one-step at a time.

70 years ago a new Arlington Heights pastor, Father Harold T. O'Hara, and a handful of motivated, determined believers undertook the challenge, with the help of the Spirit, to build this Wayside community, its traditions, its ministries and, yes, the buildings. Every contributor along the way, then and now, from laypersons to ordained – all of us – shares the same access and invitation to have a relationship with the Spirit as Philip and the door-knocking college evangelists did. **We are commanded to grow!**



Mothers, fathers, and all adults, please continue to inspire and to show, by example, how our future generation is commanded by God to partner with the Holy Spirit. Our calling is motivated out of love:

"Be relentless and faithful as God is faithful and relentless towards us."

Blessings! Deacon Don Grossnickle From OLW's Pastoral Council and Staff to every single person who offered their time, talent & treasure in our parish ministries this year -

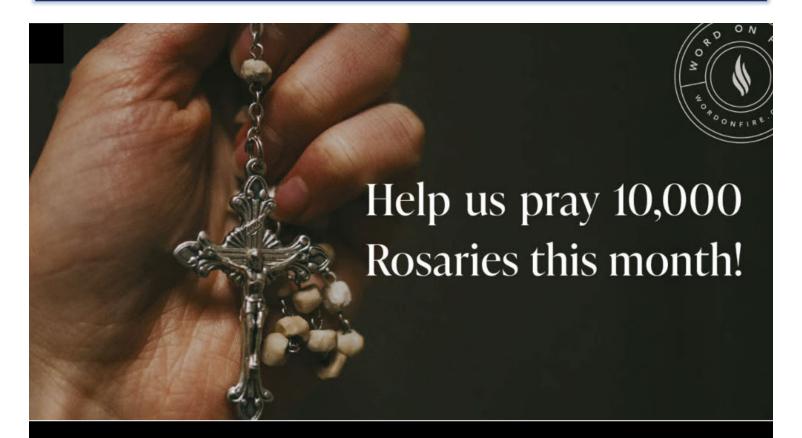


OUR LADY

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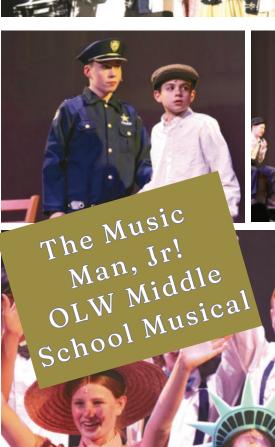




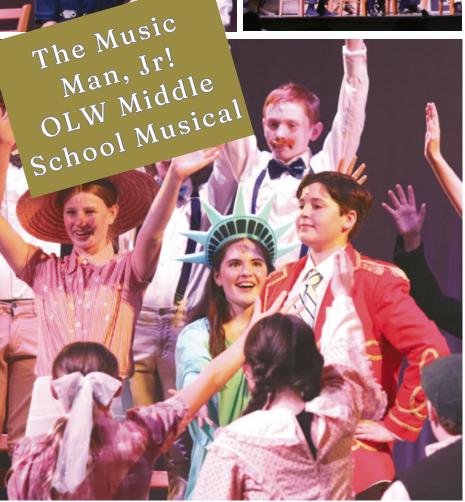
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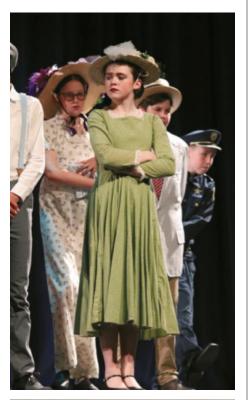
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Our Lady of the Wayside Arlington Heights, Illinois



Life's Essential

HOW TO MANAGE BLOOD PRESSURE



UNDERSTAND READINGS

Make smart choices and swaps to build an overall healthy eating style. Watch calories and eat smaller portions.

Blood pressure is typically recorded as two numbers, written as a ratio like this:



117 76

SYSTOLIC

The top number, the higher of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats (when the heart muscle contracts).

DIASTOLIC

The bottom number, the lower of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart is resting between heart beats.

Read as "117 over 76" millimeters of mercury.

BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC MM HG (UPPER #)		DIASTOLIC MM HG (LOWER #)
Normal	Lower than 120	and	Lower than 80
Elevated Blood Pressure	120 -129	and	80
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 1	130 -139	or	80 -89
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 2	140 or higher	or	90 or higher
Hypertensive Crisis (Consult your doctor immediately)	Higher than 180	and/ or	Higher than 120



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EAT SMART

Eat a healthy diet of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, legumes, nuts, plant-based proteins, lean animal proteins like fish and seafood.

Limit sugary foods and drinks, red or processed meats, salty foods, refined carbohydrates and highly processed foods.



MOVE MORE

Physical activity helps control blood pressure, weight and stress levels.



MANAGE WEIGHT

If you're overweight, even a slight weight loss can reduce high blood pressure.



NO NICOTINE

Every time you smoke, vape or use tobacco, the nicotine can cause a temporary increase in blood pressure.



SLEEP WELL

Short sleep (less than 7 hours) and poorquality sleep are associated with high blood pressure.











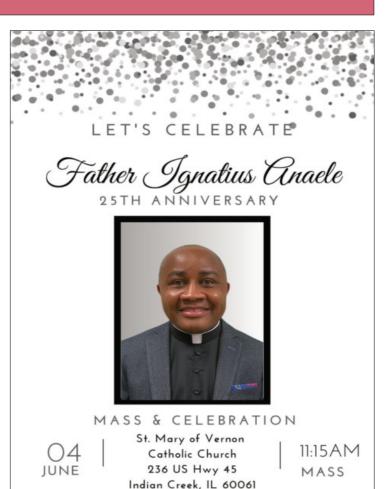


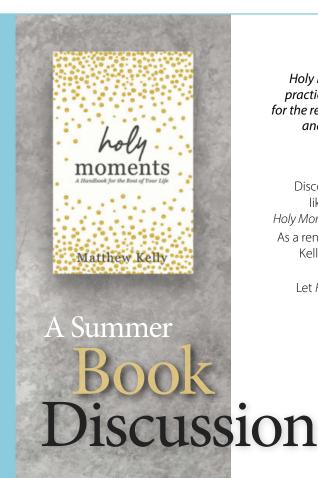
MOTHER'S DAY BLESSINGS & FLOWERS

MOTHER'S DAY PK-4 TEA PARTY



The treasured tradition of the PK-4 Mother's Day Tea continued at Our Lady of the Wayside preschool last week. PK-4 moms were honored with songs, handmade gifts, and delicious breakfast foods.





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Date: July 14-16, 2023 Location: Rochester, MN



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Location: OLW Campus



*tentative based on interest

Date: TBD

Location: OLW Campus





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Sunday, May 21, 2023

Consume media with care

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. The internet and cell phones exponentially increase the range today. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). "The words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them."

Monday, May 22, 2023

Support vulnerable women

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. These are ideal for parish pamphlet racks, for placing in parish restrooms, and to raise awareness about domestic abuse. We owe it to Saint Rita to act.

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Peace I leave with you

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed that took the lives of more than 3,500 Catholics and Protestants. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace and reconciliation, Catholic politician John Hume was named corecipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today, and consider reading the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*, which turned 40 this month.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). "They know that everything you gave me is from you."

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Let us pray for anyone who would ever entertain even the slightest thought of causing such devastation. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Marching in unison

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). "Father ... I made known to them your name."

Friday, May 26, 2023

The saint with an inclusive perspective

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy or sorrow, good or bad. But what would it be like to replace <code>either/or</code> with the humble conjunction <code>and? And</code> serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the <code>and</code>. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions <code>and</code> to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy <code>and</code> to persevering in a struggling church. What <code>either/or</code> is becoming a <code>both/and</code> for you?

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). "And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.'"

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Hang in there

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). "There are also many other things that Jesus did."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, May 27, 2023

Presider: Father Arthur Marat & Deacon Jerry Brennan

7:30 am Sunday, May 28, 2023Presider: Father Arthur Marat9:30 am Sunday, May 28, 2023Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

11:30 am Sunday, May 28, 2023

Presider: Father Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

6:00 pm Sunday, May 28, 2023 Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

*Father Gosbert Rwezahura will be the homilist at all Masses,

(Mission Co-op Sunday).

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

May 21, 2023 7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you. Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Pray for the Sick

Bill Brewer, Marie DeSanto, Bob Finch, Donna Hames, Theresa Hansen, Valerie Lund, Evelyn Macam, Daniel & Delores McCloy, Marianne Saas, Dolores Sidor, Mary Weidner



Pray for the Deceased

Rose D'Alexander, Joan Wasielewski

SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, May 22, 2023

8:30 am - Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

8:30 am - Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

8:30 am - Bill Banach, Joseph Halka

Thursday, May 25, 2023

8:30 am - Frank Greifenstein, Robert Ryan

Friday, May 26, 2023

8:30 am - Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Saturday, May 27, 2023

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside
5:00 pm – Lillian Schrage, Lorie Hurley, Ray & Annette
Anderson Davida Hand, Jeffrey Hoyne, Kyle Tovella

Sunday, May 28, 2023

7:30 am - Daniel Nowak

9:30 am – Leokadia Nowakowski, Jean Loiacono, Robert Boyle

11:30 am – Sister Mary Louise Coccimiglio, Cesar Hannon, Joe Foreman, Calixto & Esperanza Singson

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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Website: www.olwparish.org

Email: officeservices@olwparish.org

PARISH OFFICE AND RECTORY:

Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Phone: (847) 253-5353 FAX: (847) 253-9810

SCHOOL OFFICE:

Phone: (847) 255-0050 FAX: (847) 253-0543

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Phone: (847) 398-5011

WEEKEND EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm

DAILY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am

Daily and Saturday Vigil Masses are livestreamed on the parish YouTube and Facebook pages.

Mr. Bud Trunk

Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council

Dr. Grant Trunnell

Chairperson, Parish Management Council

To Be Announced

Chairperson, Worship & Spiritual Life

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Our Lady of the Wayside

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays at 9:00 am – following 8:30 am Mass.

Tuesdays Together (Through May 30)

6:00 pm – Adoration and Confession

7:00 pm - Mass

Holy Communion for the Homebound & Hospitalized

Please contact Kathy O'Neill at the parish office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call the parish office.

Pray the Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am – preceding 8:30 am Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Homebound or ill wanting to receive this Sacrament and the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at the parish office to schedule a baptism. A baptismal preparation session is required for your first child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to a preferred date for necessary preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30–10:30 am. Or, contact the parish office to schedule a time.

#DOERS & #DIFFERENCEMAKERS Needed!



To volunteer to assist with Celebrate 70 events, please email: Celebrate70@olwparish.org