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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 29, 2023**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

The Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Mary Catherine Schneider—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Deceased of the Romano Family—Memorial
 9:00AM Monsignor Edward F. Egan—19th Anniversary
 10:30AM Joseph Soprano—17th Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday
 7:30AM Ray Broderick—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
 7:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
 7:30AM Ronan Fleming—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

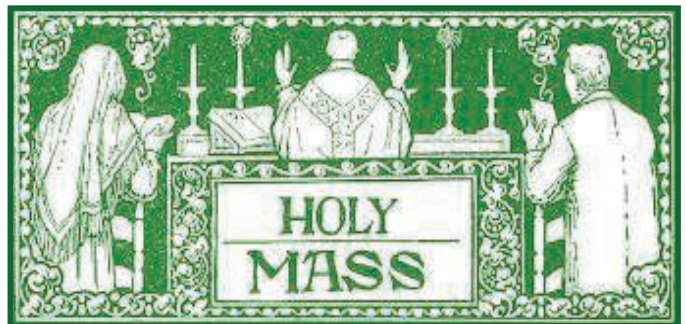
Weekday; St. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
 7:30AM Edna Hart—25th Anniversary
 9:00Am Dec'd Alumni & Faculty of OLM School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM John E. Gardner, Jr.—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM David L. & Emelia Patenaude—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Elizabeth Legare—Memorial
 10:30AM Vincent A. Bruzzese—4th Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

We begin Catholic School Week this weekend. It is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Students from our outstanding Parish School are speaking at all Masses this weekend. There are events planned throughout the week at the school.

On Sunday, we begin with the OLM School Open House from 10:00am until Noon. Everyone is invited to stop by the school and meet the students and faculty. Come and look around at all the great things happening in the school. On Friday, we end the celebration of Catholic Schools Week with Holy Mass at 9:00am.

I recently read an article examining why parents choose Catholic schools for their children. Here are 5 common reasons parents choose a Catholic school education for their children. And why so many families choose OLM School and why we have a waitlist for admission.

First, parents believe their child's teachers should serve as role models of Faith and morals. A study by the CARA Institute at Georgetown University confirmed that "strong moral values" are why parents send their children to a Catholic school.

Many parents who choose a Catholic school education want their child's education at school to be an extension of what they are taught at home. They seek positive influences on their child that mirror their religious beliefs and moral choices.

Daily exposure to the Catholic Faith is also an important factor for parents.

Developing a solid Catholic faith foundation is fundamental to a good Catholic School.

Daily prayer and Catholic faith lessons build a strong foundation for children who hopefully will become saints! Graduates of Catholic high schools are statistically more likely to continue attending Mass and remain involved in Church life as an adult.

In fact, a recent study by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states: *"Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often, retain a Catholic identity as an adult, and donate more to the Church."*

A parish and school create a community for the family. Families with children in a parish school have an easier time developing a sense of community with their fellow parishioners through the many opportunities for prayer, worship, study, charitable works, and fellowship. This can be especially important for those without family in the area as their church and school become an important hub.

Catholic education is a relatively affordable private school education. Private school tuition can be expensive, but many Catholic schools and dioceses offer tuition-assistance programs for parish families needing help.

Catholic schools offer high-quality academics. In fact, a recent study suggests that ninety-nine percent (99%) of Catholic secondary school students graduate, and eighty-eight percent (88%) go on to college. In general, on national and standardized tests, Catholic

schools consistently outperform public and other private schools by as much as 20 percentage points. This is a great testimony to the importance and achievements of our nation's many Catholic schools.

At OLM School, we offer a first-class quality education based on our Catholic Faith. The truth of Christ and his Church is taught and lived out daily. Our excellent faculty teach every subject very well but also teach the Catholic Faith with integrity.

Our Principal, Patrick McNabb, is our school's outstanding leader, and we are blessed to have him. The 248 students at OLM School are happy to be part of a community that offers academic excellence and arts, music, extracurricular, and athletics opportunities.

Our students thrive and excel in a disciplined yet loving and nurturing environment based upon the Faith and moral teaching of the Catholic Church. They do indeed strive to be saints and scholars every day! As the late Pope Benedict XVI said: *"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."*

Enjoy our student speakers this weekend, and please stop by the school for the Open House and join us for Catholic Schools Week! If you want more information, go to the school website at olmschool.org. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!

Father Healey



THE LETTERS “AMDG” sometimes appear as a decoration on architectural features of Catholic buildings. They abbreviate the Latin phrase *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, which means “To the greater glory of God.”

The phrase occurs frequently in the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), the founder of the Jesuits. Through it, Ignatius expressed the dedication of his life and work to religious purposes. The phrase recognizes that God has glory and that an individual’s work should aim to enhance it. The word “greater” can have more than one meaning. It expresses that the work of Christians contributes to God’s glory, as the Body of Christ builds up the Kingdom of God on earth. It also recognizes that the glory of God is greater than any glory assigned to the believer. Christians may win praise for the work that they do, but they devoutly realize that the real praise belongs to God, the giver of all gifts, who enables them to accomplish all things.

The Jesuits have encouraged the use of the initials “AMDG” on items ranging from statues of St. Ignatius to the homework assignments of their students. Others have also found inspiration from this motto. It appears on religious medals or other emblems that some Christians wear to help center the activities of their day. Pope John Paul II frequently headed his writings with “AMDG” as a devotional reminder of the purpose of his work. Even Johann Sebastian Bach, a great Lutheran composer of church music, appended the letters “AMDG” to some of his manuscripts.

Wherever the initials appear, they remind us that faithful Christians dedicate their lives, their work, their music, and their buildings to the greater glory of God.

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Weekly Collection

January 22, 2023

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	Total=\$15,076.00
Outreach.....	\$1,662.00

January 23, 2022

Weekly.....	\$15,889.00
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Second Collections

This Week: Saints & Scholars Collection



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Rosalie Valenti** and **David Moore** whose Masses of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

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RE Schedule

Sunday, January 29: No RE Classes due to OLM School Open House

Sunday, February 5: 9:00am Mass & Grade 3 & 4 Class follows in the OLM School Gym; 5:00pm Mass & Grade 8 Confirmation 2023 Class follows in the OLM School Gym

Sunday, February 12: 9:00am Mass & Grades 1 & 2 First Communion Class to follow in the OLM School Gym

Sunday February 19: Winter Break. No RE Classes.

Sunday, February 26: 5:00pm Mass & Grades 5, 6 and 7 Classes to follow in the OLM School Gym



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Next meeting **Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

•**For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Catholic School Week Events:

Monday, January 30

OLM Spirit Day

Students who bring in \$1 to support our Student Council may dress down in OLM gear or anything blue and white!

Tuesday, January 31

Student Appreciation Day

Bowling is Back!

Students will have the opportunity to go bowling with their classmates, sponsored by the PTG! Students wear gym uniforms.

Wednesday, February 1

Community Outreach Day

Students who bring in one or more new pairs of socks to benefit Midnight Moment Outreach can wear crazy socks all day! Students wear regular uniforms otherwise.

Thursday, February 2

Parent Appreciation Day

Students will find ways throughout the day to say "thank you" to their parents for giving them the gift of a Catholic education. Students wear regular uniforms.

Friday, February 3

Teacher Appreciation Day

Formal Mass at 9:00 am

Teacher appreciation luncheon 1:00-2:00 pm,

Students wear formal uniforms.

Middle School St. Valentine's Dance 6:30-8:30 pm!

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, February 3, 2023



**12:00PM Exposition
Adoration All Afternoon
6:00PM Benediction**

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