Mission Statement

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of time.” Matthew 28:19-20

Vision Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit and as stewards of God’s abundance, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church is a united and dynamic parish grounded in the truth of Jesus Christ.

- We acknowledge the Eucharistic Liturgy as the source and summit of our life in Christ.
- We regularly participate in Eucharistic Adoration.
- We pray daily.
- We demonstrate our gratitude to God and to others as part of our daily lives.
- We commit to life-long spiritual conversion and faith formation.
- We celebrate the gift of life through Christian fellowship.
- We are a welcoming and hospitable faith community.
- We uphold the dignity of every human person, made in the image and likeness of God.
- We share our resources generously and joyfully.
- We have a deep reverence and respect for God’s creation.
- We form and equip disciples to use their God-given gifts for building up the Body of Christ.

Discerning a Ministry

OLMC is a very large parish, and because of it we can do amazing ministerial work. However, at the same time, our size can keep many from connecting and feeling as if they are truly a part of the family. We strongly encourage all of our parishioners participate in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) process (page 9). This process helps participants build community, learn many ways to grow spiritually, and, in turn, evangelize others.

We also recommend the *Living Your Strengths* Catholic Edition StrengthsFinder book and assessment. This program teaches you to identify and affirm your talents, and how to use them for growth and service. Stay tuned for more information about seminars here at OLMC that will help you understand and dive deeper into your God-given strengths.

About Protocol

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is committed to providing a safe environment for minors in the parish. In order to prevent misconduct of adults toward minors (including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse), OLMC requires that all adults (staff, clergy, religious, and volunteers) over the age of 18 who works, volunteers, or associates with minors through parish activities complete the Safe and Sacred protocol sessions. You may complete the training at www.safeandsacred-dol-in.org.

The program is designed to be respectful of the topic and your time. The site is accessible anytime and on most computers, mobile devices, and smart phones. All those who volunteer in the parish in any capacity are required to complete the training once every three years. Sessions that need to be completed are “Protecting Children in the 21st Century” and “Internet Safety.”
“How can I make a return for the goodness of the Lord?” Ps 116

There is an attitude in our culture that leads to the question, “What’s in it for me?” Too often, human beings think that happiness is achieved by having material things and having all of our wants and needs satisfied. As residents of Hamilton County, we are blessed with most of what we need. But it is also a reality that so many today feel unfulfilled and unhappy.

St. John Paul II often reminded Catholics that a life worth living is a life that is lived for others. For this reason, an old sage priest that I know often assigned service work to those who are sad and depressed because in the act of serving others, we encounter Jesus.

In this catalog of ministries, there are a variety of ways in which you can serve others in our parish community and beyond — children, teens, athletes, the poor, and more. You can also participate in our liturgical ministries and our many faith formation opportunities to learn more about Jesus and his Church.

There is another advantage of diving into the ministries of our parish. That is, by taking part in our large Catholic community, it begins to shrink and becomes more intimate as we recognize and get to know other disciples. Take a look! There is a place here for you.

Fr. Richard Doerr
OLMC Pastor

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Baptism (for adults, see RCIA, page 10)

About the Sacrament: The catechumen’s immersion into the water symbolizes Christ’s death from which they rise up and share in his resurrection into new life. Christ commanded his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he affirms the necessity for salvation. However, while God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, God is not bound to his sacraments.

Parents of infants should be registered members of the parish for at least four months before beginning preparation for the sacrament, or provide a letter from their former parish. Please contact the Parish Office to verify your registration and schedule a baptism date. English infant baptism information classes are held monthly every first Sunday, noon - 3 p.m. Parents must attend a class and register prior with the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation & Communion - Children (for adults, see RCIA, page 10)

About the Sacraments: The whole power of the sacrament of reconciliation consists in restoring us to God’s grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship” (Roman Catechism). “Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament” (CCC 1468). The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ Jesus (CCC 1391). Indeed, the Lord said, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him” (John 6:56). What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion achieves in our spiritual life (CCC 1392).

Formal preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is a two-year process, usually culminating in the reception of reconciliation in January and Holy Communion in April of their second grade school year. Children must be enrolled in Children’s Faith Formation classes or have attended a Catholic school for both 1st and 2nd grades. Children starting after 1st grade will need to complete two years of preparation. A copy of the candidate’s baptismal certificate is required.

Confirmation

About the Sacrament: Confirmation strengthens and perfects baptismal grace. The laying on of hands is recognized as the origin of the sacrament and as a continuation of the grace imparted at Pentecost. Confirmation imprains an indelible character on the Christian’s soul.

High school teens preparing for confirmation receive the sacrament in the summer after participating in a five day retreat. Parents are required to attend two meetings in order to have their child registered. Adults involved in the RCIA process receive the sacrament at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening.

Matrimony

About the Sacrament: “The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life” (Council of Trent).

The Sacrament of Marriage is to be taken seriously. Couples wishing to initiate this process should call the Parish Office and allow an 8 month to 1 year preparation period for this sacrament. Those wishing to be married will first complete a marriage preparedness assessment before scheduling a date with the Parish Office.
Contemplative Prayer Group
Barb Gryna | 317.372.4438
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.
Contemplative, or meditation, prayer is described as waiting upon God. In this group, we are listening for God, opening ourselves to him, and responding to the invitation to meet him in silent awareness.

First Saturday Devotionals
Marian Copley | 317.413.8963
Join us in the church for prayer with meditation on the first Saturday of the month after 8 a.m. Mass. We are always in need of those willing to lead the prayers.

Living Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Novena
Janice Diebolt | 317.815.1420
Deepen your faith by praying this beautiful devotional prayer at home through our Living Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet Ministries. Join us in the church on weekdays at 9 a.m., and for prayer with meditation on the first Saturday.

Living Rosary
Marian Copley | 317.413.8963
Can you commit to praying just one decade of the Rosary each day for the Church? Please consider joining our teams of prayer warriors.

Rosary Makers
Danielle Legg | 317.804.7427
Rosary Makers provides beaded rosaries for a variety of parish ministries and retreats, including Destination Jesus, Children’s Faith Formation, OLMC School classrooms, and Haiti mission trips. Volunteers make rosaries within the comfort of their own homes with provided materials. Training is also available.

Rosary Garden
Located on the campus’ south end between the rectory and playground, the Rosary Garden provides a place for peace and meditation. The garden is open to everyone during the day, and all are welcome to join us for various parish-wide rosaries throughout the year.

Perpetual Adoration
Steve & Rhonda Koehl
olmcadorationchapel@olmc1.org
Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is located just outside the main sanctuary, south end. During your time in the chapel, you are invited to keep a silent moment with Jesus in private prayer, having a personal, heartfelt dialogue with Our Savior. Holy readings, Bibles, and spiritual books are available for your use. Those who wish to adore between 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. must first get a key card from the Parish Office.

Group Adoration Hours
Antioch Holy Hour
Saturdays, 8 p.m.
A holy hour for all high school students that includes group prayer and praise & worship. Adults are welcome to attend, as well.

Lay Missionaries of Charity
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Vivian Seaman | 317.919.7921
The Lay Missionaries of Charity are intimately linked to the family of the Missionaries of Charity, with whom we are spiritually affiliated. We are dedicated to a life of growth in holiness, especially within our own families, and live as contemplatives in the heart of the world, serving where we live, especially the poorest of the poor.

Nocturnal Adoration
Fridays, 8 p.m.
Paul Ayers | 317.844.5744
The 40 hours devotion has a long history in the Church. Venerable Fulton Sheen visited OLMC in 1976 and enrolled many parishioners in the Nocturnal Adoration Society, which itself was an outgrowth of the 40 hours’ devotion. Since we now have perpetual adoration, we do not stage a particular 40-hours devotion. However, we still have active members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society who have a special hour in our chapel.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
LEAD NEEDED
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is offered most weekends throughout the year at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to leave the nave of the church - with three adult ministers - right before the First Reading, and the children return to their seats right after the Prayer of the Faithful. CLW is a way for children to listen to the readings in a kid-friendly format, and to have a homily delivered just for them.

Environment & Art
Gloria Boyden | 317.848.4547
The Environment & Art Ministry decorates the church and narthex for Christmas, Easter, and smaller feasts in between. Special skills are not required because there is plenty to do in terms of staging, moving, and helping. This is a great, simple ministry for bringing others closer to Christ by better reflecting heaven on earth.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Ellen DeRosa | 317.345.4235
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) perform a great service to the Church by distributing Holy Communion to God’s people when there is an insufficient number of priests and deacons present at Mass. Anyone discerning service as an extraordinary minister is encouraged to reflect deeply about this liturgical ministry, especially in view of the necessary preparation that makes it a spiritually rewarding activity for oneself and the assembled.

Ministers of Welcome
Broc Pittsford | 317.296.0167
Ministers of Welcome (Ushers) greet worshipers at Sunday Masses; assist in seating people; assist those with special needs; guide collection baskets; and distribute bulletins and handouts after Masses. This important ministry often serves as our first contact with newcomers and visitors to the parish, so Ministers of Welcome should be warm, engaging, welcoming beacons of Christ’s love to strangers.

Prayer Apostolate
Janice Diebolt | 317.815.1420
This includes all devotional prayers (find descriptions under Prayer Life). The ministry lead listed above manages the enrollment in the Brown Scapular, the Consecration to Jesus through Mary, and the distribution of the Miraculous Medals throughout the year.

Sunday Readers
Tom Graham | 317.670.1410
Readers have the privilege and responsibility of proclaiming the Word of God during the celebration of Mass. Readers must first and foremost have a deep love of and respect for Scripture. Secondly, readers must be able to proclaim the readings audibly, clearly, and with passion to communicate God’s word. Readers are required to be practicing Catholics and attend a training session at least once a year.

Altar Servers
Michael Legg | 317.804.7427
The Altar Server Ministry is open to all interested 5th graders and older who wish to be trained as servers for Sunday, Holy Day, and special Masses. In addition, high school boys are eligible to serve as Knights of Our Lady (KOOL), a society of young men dedicated to serving at the altar and living a spiritual life.

Sick Call EMHCs
Gachia Hoefer | 317.966.7367
Those who wish to take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound receive training and are commissioned with EMHCs.

Wedding Ministry
Sandy Gruening | 317.844.7834
The Wedding Ministry has four teams of wedding coordinators that help couples with one of their most important and special liturgies. The teams help decorate the church, clean up after Mass, and make sure things run smoothly. Volunteers must be available on Friday night and Saturday. Each team is responsible for only 6 - 8 weddings per year.
Cantors
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007

Individual singers who fill the dual role of song leader and psalmist (singing the Responsorial Psalm) at Mass. Potential new cantors must audition and be trained for this ministry.

Pueri Cantores Children’s Choir
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007 • Mary Jeanne Kurdys

Open to all children in grades 2 - 8 at any school: public, private, or home school. The children lead music on the 3rd Saturday of month at 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Antioch (High School) Teen Ensemble
Kayser Swidan | 317.379.8034

High school students lead the music at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass throughout the year. Rehearsals are weekly prior to Mass from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Gloria Dei Choir
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007

Leads music at the 11 a.m. Mass every Sunday from September through Pentecost. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 8 - 9:30 p.m. during the same calendar period. Several outreach concerts and performances occur throughout the year.

Men’s Ensemble
Dan Sloan | 317.571.9448

Leads the singing at 8 a.m. Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Rehearsals are flexible.

Resurrection Choir
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007

Leads the music at parish funerals, providing great comfort to the bereaved. Only two rehearsals each year, and you can sing at whatever funerals you are available. Need not be a member of another music group to join.

Schola Cantorum
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007

Four-part small (auditioned) choir specializing in Gregorian chant and polyphonic choral music in Latin and English. Leads music at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. Rehearsals each Wednesday from 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Women’s Ensemble
Alan Jordan | 317.782.1276

Leads music at the 9:30 a.m. Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month from September through Pentecost. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. during the same calendar period.

Bells of Our Lady Handbell Choir
Brian Wise | 317.580.9594 •
Carol Oberbroeckling | 317.896.2823

Uses the unique sound of handbells to enhance liturgical music at various liturgies. We also perform various concerts off site. Rehearsals each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Music Behind the Scenes Help
Rex Rund | 317.663.4007

Even if you’re not musical, you can still help out! We need occasional help with music library work, repairing hymnals, etc. Days and times are flexible. Contact Rex or the Parish Office if you would like to lend a hand.
CHILDREN

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

The OLMC School is a kindergarten through 8th grade elementary and middle school under the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana Catholic Schools Office. The curriculum stresses academic achievement within a Christian community where the child feels that he/she is loved and respected by his/her peers, as well as by the teachers.

Children’s Faith Formation

Leighton Drake | 317.846.3878 x3117

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Mondays, 4:30 p.m.

The OLMC Children’s Faith Formation (CFF) program aims to help children preschool through 6th grade - not attending the OLMC School - develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, while fostering a love for the Bible, the Church, and all of God’s creation. We accomplish this through evangelization and catechesis based on the four pillars of the Catechism: Creed (Scripture and Tradition), liturgy and sacraments, Catholic morality, and prayer.

EDGE & DIVE

Leighton Drake | 317.846.3878 x3117

Sundays, 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

We have many opportunities to get involved in Jr. High youth ministry, from our weekly programs - like EDGE and DIVE - to annual retreats, and to different Jr. High adventures. We also offer opportunities for parents of the Jr. High teens to build community with each other.

Vacation Bible School

Kim Drake | 317.954.4739

As summer begins, over 300 children and volunteers gather at OLMC to celebrate the Bible’s demonstration of God’s love at Vacation Bible School (VBS). Each year, we teach and learn through games, crafts, songs, and storytelling. We encourage all potty trained four-year-olds through incoming 5th graders to consider joining the experience.

HIGH SCHOOL

A.C.T.S.

Louis Paiz | 317.846.3878 x3104

Mondays, 7 p.m.; Off Site

A.C.T.S. is an acronym that stands for “Average Catholics in Training to be Saints.” Each meeting begins with the students sharing their experiences, difficulties, and joys in evangelizing. This emphasizes that the work of evangelization isn’t just something done by missionaries in far off places, but it is the work of each Catholic in their specific location and situation.

Antioch

Louis Paiz | 317.846.3878 x3104

Thursdays, 7 p.m.; John Paul II Youth Center

Antioch Youth Nights are a great opportunity to gather with other teens to praise God through fellowship, music, prayer, talks, and discussions. Antioch meetings are also a wonderful opportunity to make and foster friendships that will support you in your decision to follow Christ and his Church each year.

Lisieux Sorority

Rebecca Paiz | 317.846.3878 x3121

The purpose of the Lisieux Sorority is to bring high school girls together to create a community that develops “sisterhood” centered around the love of Christ and his Holy Church. The sisterhood is built on the pillars of Charity, Honesty, Purity, and Simplicity. The sorority offers a unique opportunity for sophomore through senior girls to grow in faith together. Girls join the sorority through an invitation process.
YOUNG ADULTS

Frassati Society
for those college age, 20’s - 30’s
Louis Paiz | 317.846.3878 x3104

The Frassati Society of Young Adult Catholics is a fellowship of young adults who desire to live in the imitation of Jesus Christ within our modern era. We are composed of several small, weekly-meeting cell groups. Our dynamic ministry encourages prayer, study, and lively engagement with others and with the Church.

ADULTS

Bible Study
Tom Ponchak | 317.846.3878 x3110

Bible Study is offered in the fall and spring, with both a morning and evening time option. The primary objectives of OLMC Bible studies are to develop a stronger basis in the foundations of our faith; foster spiritual formation; and nurture a spiritual community to know, love, and serve God and our neighbor.

CRHP Welcome Retreats
Men’s Retreat: olmcCRHPmen@olmc1.org
Women’s Retreat: olmcCRHPwomen@olmc1.org

The Welcome Weekend of the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) process offers you a rare opportunity to reflect on where you are now and where you are going in your relationship with God and others. Now is the time to come away for a day and a half, and spend time with others who are on the same journey as you. The retreats are offered every March and September.

Exodus 90
olmcexodus90.com

The goal of Exodus 90 is spiritual freedom. We are all attached and/or addicted to sins or material things that are holding us back from being the men God created us to be. Going back to the roots of the Christian Faith through the ancient traditions of the Church of prayer, penance, and community helps us to free ourselves so that we can be the husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and leaders that we are meant to be.

Into the Deep
Tom Ponchak | 317.846.3878 x3110

Last Tuesday of Every Month, 7 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas

Each monthly presentation provides an opportunity to take a deeper look at what we believe as Catholics and why we believe it. There’s no need to sign up, and each session will be a stand alone event meaning you don’t have to have attended a previous session to know what’s going on. These events are the perfect opportunities for inviting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers who may be interested in Catholicism but not quite ready to make a significant commitment.

LifeGroups
Tom Ponchak | 317.846.3878 x3110

LifeGroups are small groups, typically no more than 15 people, that meet in homes during the week to provide an opportunity to build community and grow in the faith. Each LifeGroup has a host, either an individual or couple, that provides a welcoming atmosphere and helps facilitate the group.

Lions of God
Gerry Sigler | 317.840.0905

Fridays, 7:30 a.m.; St. John Bosco

Lions of God is a study group created by Msgr. John Duncan in 2007 and open to all men at OLMC. Come early to enjoy coffee, donuts, or bagels. Recently, they have been exploring the wealth of studies, movies, and documentaries on Formed.org (olmc1.formed.org).

Married4Life
Tom Ponchak | 317.846.3878 x3110

The mission of Married4Life is to affirm and strengthen Christ-centered, Catholic marriages at OLMC. This is done by sponsoring four events each year—three date nights and one retreat—to allow married couples at OLMC to build relationships with others, find encouragement through sharing of marriage testimonies, and by learning practical tools to strengthen their marriages.
Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)
Haley Clark | 812.236.3447
MOMS is an 8-session small group peer ministry for personal and spiritual growth using the book *MOMS: A Personal Journal*. This session runs from January until mid-April and has limited space available.

Mothers for Children
Danielle Klinker | 502.681.8428
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas
The Mothers for Children group is a bi-weekly gathering for mothers with children of all ages who wish to grow in their vocation of motherhood. Through speakers and group discussions, we tackle important issues we face in raising our children in the Catholic faith. Babysitting is provided.

That Man Is You!
Mark Neterer | 317.850.7877
Mondays, 6 a.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas
That Man is You! (TMIY) is a men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. The program content 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.

OTHER RESOURCES
Parish Library
Margaret Hentz | 317.733.8456
OLMC is proud to offer great resources through our free lending library. Located in the church’s lower level, you can stop by anytime the church is open to browse our selection, check out a title, or drop off donations of used books in good condition.

Become Catholic
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Scott & Geri Medawar | 317.574.1195
The RCIA program guides people on a journey of faith—one that involves our whole community. The process is a series of carefully planned stages, marked by liturgical rites in the presence of the whole community, in which new Catholics embark on and join us in a continuing and deepening conversion into faith and discipleship. Classes start at the beginning of September, with candidates entering the Church at the Easter Vigil in the spring (March/April).

Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens
Lauren Clark | 952.334.3237
Based on the RCIA process, the RCIT program is the basic process where teens may learn about the Roman Catholic faith and, if they wish, begin their journey toward becoming a member of the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
Dawn Street | 317.753.6719
RCIC is intended for children and youth not baptized as infants, who have attained the use of reason and are of catechetical age (ages 8 - 13). The Christian initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is personal and somewhat developed in proportion to their age. Children above second grade who are baptized and have not celebrated their first Reconciliation or received first Holy Communion are also included in this process. After this year, they then move into their correct grade level in Children’s Faith Formation (CFF).
Coffee & Donuts
Kevin Kiser | 317.966.6195
Join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays (September through April). There is milk and orange juice if you’re not a coffee drinker, and we’ll have lots of good conversation if you’re not into donuts. All items are 50 cents. Most importantly, just take some time after Mass to visit with your parish family. (And don’t hide this fun opportunity from your kids!) We could always use more help, and the commitment is only once per month.

Landscaping
LEAD NEEDED
olmc1.org/landscaping-committee
Did you know all of the landscape on the church property is volunteer based? Other than mowing, parishioners are the ones who volunteer to pull weeds, water flowers, and keep things looking beautiful. These volunteers help the parish save thousands of dollars a year. Everything is divided into plots ranging from low maintenance to high. If your group, family, or just yourself are interested in taking a plot, please contact the Parish Office.

Special Events
Food Truck Festival
David Koch | 317.846.3475 x3121
Our first Food Truck Festival occurred in 2018 as a fun fellowship opportunity for our parishioners. It was such a hit that we hope to make it an annual tradition! If you are interested in helping organize our next festival, please let us know.

St. Joseph’s Table
Bob Piganelli | 317.796.4182
Every year on St. Joseph’s feast day (March 19), we gather to celebrate the patron saint of fathers, families, and the Universal Church with a traditional Italian feast. We invite all to join us for free pizza, breadsticks, and traditional desserts.

Sapphire & Gold Gala
David Koch | 317.846.3475 x3121
Formally known as Parish Night Out (PNO), the Gala is held every other year. Proceeds from the Galas go towards a much needed project at OLMC.

CHILDREN & TEENS
Boy Scouts
Brian Zawadzki | 317.502.8254
olmc1.org/activities-for-children
Open to boys ages 11 and up. Unlike Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting is a youth-lead organization: The boys learn how to organize and lead the Troop. We encourage adult men and women to consider helping guide this rewarding ministry.

Cub Scouts
James DiBlasio | j.diblasio@yahoo.com
olmc1.org/activities-for-children
All OLMC students and parishioners are welcome to join! The Cub Scout program helps boys to develop qualities they will carry throughout their lifetimes by focusing on 12 core values of character development: Citizenship, Compassion, Cooperation, Courage, Faith, Health and Fitness, Honesty, Perseverance, Positive Attitude, Resourcefulness, Respect, and Responsibility.
Girl Scouts
LEAD NEEDED
olmc1.org/activities-for-children

According to the Girl Scouts of USA, “The Purpose of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.” These values are reflected in the opening of the Girl Scout Promise, “On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.”

Homeschool Group
Kim Drake | 317.954.4739

Parents for Eternal Life is a Catholic homeschooling group that meets monthly (not a co-op) and is faithful to the Magisterium of the Church. We desire to offer Catholic homeschooling moms and children a place to come for support through prayer, socialization, and service.

Little Flower Girls’ Club
Haley Clark | hamounce@yahoo.com
olmc1.org/activities-for-children

All OLMC students and parishioners are welcome to join! Little Flowers is an organization whose goal is to provide young Catholic girls, ages 5-12, with an opportunity to gather and learn about their Catholic heritage, faith and traditions. Virtues are taught through the lives of the saints and Scripture. We meet on a Friday once a month from September - May.

Venture Crew
Sandy Martindale | sjlinmart@aol.com

Venturing is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 13 - 20. It is operated through Venturing Crews: units of youth and advisors that meet on set schedules and plan activities and events.

Sports
Tina Fletcher | 317.966.1014
olmcsports.org

OLMC Athletics has a long-standing tradition of providing a Catholic sports environment that promotes physical, mental, and spiritual growth for all participants. OLMC has recently developed a new sports ministry format called SportsLeader, which focuses on Catholic Virtues and high expectations in order to better serve our young athletes.

ADULTS

Knights of Columbus
Matthew Van Dyke | grandknight@kofc11044.org
kofc11044.org

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. By becoming a Knight you will find your parish to become more like a home; you’ll be able to grow in your Catholic faith and help those in need in your local community.

Harvest Spirit
Luncheon: Catherine Roberts | 214.212.0434
Book Club: Joyce Brady | 317.440.4690
olmc1.org/harvest-spirit

The Harvest Spirit Ministry offers monthly social events for our parishioners over 50.

Newcomers
Haley Church | 317.844.2699

Our committee writes letters to all newly registered parishioner families, welcoming them to the parish. We also coordinate the Newcomer Dinners to help our large parish feel smaller.
Blood Drive
grandknight@kofc11044.org

The Knights of Columbus Council #11044 sponsor two blood drives each year, once in January and again in August. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several.

Cathedral Soup Kitchen
Chad Trenshaw | 317.997.5887

Volunteers over 10 years old are always welcome for the OLMC second Sunday midday meal serving at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen in downtown Indianapolis. As a team, we serve a meal and then work together to clean-up the kitchen and dining areas. Our guests range from the working poor, to the homeless, to drug addicts, to the mentally ill. All younger children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Funeral Luncheons
Debbie Zavaleta | 317.569.3953

Volunteers provide a lunch free of charge for family and friends following a funeral held at OLMC. These volunteers offer comfort, support, and fellowship.

Grief Share
Ann Moore | 832.606.2827

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Merciful HELP Center

This is a ministry to the bereaved so that those who grieve a loss through death may experience the healing comfort of God through their faith community. This group is open at all times to newcomers. Everyone that comes to us is at various stages of grief.

Haiti Committee
Mike Pratt | 317.432.4171

Since we became a part of the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas in 2003, we have sent a mission team of around 8 - 12 parishioners nearly every year to the small town of Petite Riviere de Nippes (Tirivyè for short) to visit our twin parish of St. Antoine de Padoue. Through our shared experiences we have come to see that what we share is far greater than our differences, and what we bring back is far greater than what we leave behind.

Healing Mindfully: For Depression & Anxiety
Jayne Slaton | 317.663.4005

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Know that you are not alone! When we are anxious and/or depressed, our own best thinking is distorted. Come join us and be reminded of who God created you to be. In our group, we practice the principles for leading a whole and holy life. This ministry has two sessions, one in the winter and one in the fall.

Littlest Souls:
Miscarriage & Infant Loss Support
Amy Stutey | amystutey@yahoo.com

Miscarriage and infant loss can be devastating. We as Catholics treasure life, and loss at any stage of pregnancy is difficult. We want to support you in your sorrow. This is one-on-one support.

Meals for Families in Crisis
Kathleen Welch | 317.514.6226

Volunteers bring two weeks worth of meals to families in crisis (e.g. primary meal provider in the hospital; older widowers unable to make meals after spouse has passed; etc). Referrals are accepted. We are always in need of help to serve!
Meals for New Moms
Haley Clark | 812.236.3447
Whether you are a new mom or a veteran mom, bringing your newborn home can be an overwhelming time. Did you know that OLMC has a ministry that provides your family with meals for your first couple of weeks at home? It’s completely free and our honor to help you and your new blessing! We are also always looking for volunteers to help prepare and deliver food.

Pathways to Healing from Divorce
Jayne Slaton | 317.663.4005
This nine-week program helps divorced Catholics navigate through issues relating to their life, faith, and family. The program is sacramentally based and focuses on healing in God’s love; giving up anger, resentment, frustration, and grudges; and moving toward an open heart, full of love, forgiveness, and spiritual fulfillment. Sessions occur once in the spring and again in the fall. Registration required.

Rides to Mass
317.846.3475
Please consider volunteering to coordinate rides for those who are unable to bring themselves to Mass. These volunteers will work with the parish secretaries and help contact parishioners close to the one in need who might give rides. If you are willing to give rides, let us know! Our parishioners appreciate your help.

Stephen Ministry
Laura Cole | 317.362.2127
Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. Stephen Ministers are process-oriented, extremely confidential, caring and trustworthy people who will walk alongside you as long as necessary, providing the emotional and spiritual care you need. Those who would like a Stephen Minister are encouraged to contact us at any time. Training for those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister occurs every summer.

Sunshine Committee
sunshine@MercifulHELPCenter.org
We provide sunshine to shut-ins, as well as assistance in house repairs and transportation. Our volunteers write to people that are ill, long and short term; people that have lost someone; people that are in jail; and also seminarians.

Threads of Love
Donna Hoey | 317.844.4078
Threads of Love is a sewing, crocheting, and quilting ministry open to anyone who loves to share their gifts. We make items as gifts for the marginalized and least of our brothers and sisters in accordance with Jesus’ command in the Mission Statement of our Matthew 25 Center. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Transitions
DeAnn Harvey | 317.848.8894
This is a divorce therapy group for children ages 6 - 17 and their parents. The children’s group covers topics such as the changes that come with divorce, managing emotions, and improving communication with family members through the use of creative activities. The parent group will educate parents on how they can help their children navigate these changes and express themselves in healthy ways. Sessions occur once in the spring and again in the fall. Registration required.
Choice Food Pantry
Choice Food Pantry provides families in need with approximately one week’s worth of groceries. We host Green Bag Sundays twice a year, where we ask our parishioners to donate needed items. However, food donations are always accepted year-round.

Furniture and Large Appliances
furniture@mercifulhelpcenter.org
Furniture and Appliance Ministry accepts donations of gently used furniture and appliances that fulfill basic needs (beds, refrigerators, tables, etc.). Strong men are always welcome to volunteer picking up donations.

Gabriel Baby Pantry
Jayne Slaton | 317.663.4005
Our Gabriel Baby Pantry helps expectant and new mothers. The Pantry provides maternity clothes, baby furniture, needs, and clothing up to 2T. Volunteer training occurs once a month.

Handyman Ministry
If you live in Hamilton County with a minor home repair issue and no access to the appropriate funding, you can make a request for a handyman visit. Please bear in mind: our handymen are generous volunteers, not certified professionals!

HELP Financial Aid
Financial aid is available on a limited basis to people who live in Hamilton County.

House Wares and Small Appliances
housewares@mercifulhelpcenter.org
The housewares ministry was developed to serve all who have a lack of household items such as bedding and bath, kitchen essentials, dinnerware/glasses, small appliances, and cleaning supplies.

Kids’ Coats
The MHC collects and donates coats/winter wear to Hamilton County Kids Coats all year round. We partner with them at their giveaways, and in turn they partner with the MHC Food Pantry open hours and give away coats during the winter months.

Spring Cleaning Buckets
Each year we work hard to supply families in need with cleaning supplies and devices that are not covered by State Food Assistance (FSSA) programs.

Used Car Ministry
griswoldm@mercifulhelpcenter.org
We assist those who are in need of a vehicle. We accept donations, funds for vehicle repairs, and volunteers to repair cars as needed.

Special Yearly Events
CommUNITY Care Day
Our Christmas Angel Tree donations every December go towards our Anderson outreach program event held in January.

Tools for School
Tools for School assists qualified families that live in Hamilton County with back packs, school supplies, and other important school needs.

Thanksgiving Baskets
Beginning in mid-October until shortly before Thanksgiving, the MHC collects Thanksgiving type foods, staples, laundry detergent, and personal hygiene items to create food baskets for approximately 475 families in Hamilton County.

HE Lifts Me UP
A yearly held fundraising event led entirely by the youth of our parish. All funds raised go to the MHC.

Summer Lunches
We are dedicated to working with several other agencies to provide a nutritious box of food per week to families in need of helping feed their children over the summer months. Volunteers are needed to shop, pick up food at the Carmel Library, organize at the MHC, and/or pack up the lunches.

Undie Sundays
We provide boys’ and girls’, men’s and women’s undergarments and socks in all sizes, three times per year for children and once or twice per year for adults.
The Gospel of Life is an umbrella ministry inspired by St. John Paul II’s encyclical of the same name. In addition to raising awareness of the Church’s teaching regarding the sanctity of human life in the womb, the council educates parishioners on issues such as human trafficking, euthanasia, same sex attraction, adoption, pornography, and drug awareness & education.

We are actively seeking new members for this ministry! To get involved, contact the GoL committee chairperson, Shelly Thieme, at 317.525.0193 or shellythieme@yahoo.com.

ADOPT Ministry
Kelly Maynard | 317.525.3989
This support group helps those beginning the processes of adopting a child and for those who have recently completed the adoption process.

Anti-Porn Initiative
Shelly Thieme | 317.525.0193

Human Trafficking
Melissa Shelton | 317.519.1727

Natural Family Planning
Diane Conover | 317.430.3448
NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman’s menstrual cycle. Since the methods of respect the love-giving and life-giving nature of the conjugal act, they support God’s design for married love! Introduction classes are held once a month.

Medicine and Catholicism/Physician’s Ministry
Dr. Janice Kunkel | 317.219.9420

Post-Abortion Healing
317.753.2243
This is one-on-one support for Catholic’s that have experienced abortion. Abortion leaves wounds that do not heal. We care, and want to be here for you.

Pro-Life Ministry
Wendy Pottratz | 317.843.2513
The mission of the OLMC pro-life committee is to promote the gospel of life, within and outside our parish community, through prayer, education, and outreach.

Annual March for Life Demonstrations
The primary demonstration takes place in Washington, D.C., the Friday closest to the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand (January 22). OLMC high school students annually make the trip. All are welcome to join us at the annual Indiana March for Life in Indianapolis the Monday following.

Tomb of the Unborn Child
All are welcome to come and pray at the Tomb of the Unborn Child located on the west side of the church. Finished in April of 2005, this space houses the remains of an aborted child. We encourage all to use this space to pray for an end to abortion and for healing for those who are suffering from the effects of abortion in their own lives.
Ministerios de Liturgia (Misa en Español, 7 p.m.)

Proclamadores de la Palabra
Hector Martinez,Jr | 317.896.1034
Voluntarios que proclaman las lecturas y oración de los fieles en la Misa en español.

Monaguillos
Maria Laura Esparza | 317.698.5754
Niño(a)s que han recibido la Primera Comunión y desean asistir a la celebración de la Misa.

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión (EMHC)
Elena Suazo | 317.702.0403
Voluntarios que asisten entregando el cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en la Comunión a los fieles.

Bienvenida
Tony Mendoza | 317.896.2677
Voluntarios que dan la Bienvenida a la Iglesia al entrar, recogen limosna, y entregan libros de canto y Misal.

Asistencia Sacristia
Santos Martinez | 842.7182
Voluntarios que preparan y recogen el altar para la celebración de la Misa.

Coro español
Lauren March | 317.460.2960
Voluntarios que alaban a Nuestro Señor en los cantos y alabanzas de la Misa, o bien con algún instrumento musical.

Ministerios Varios
Quinceañera
Bertha Alicia Talavera | 317.491.0971
Voluntarios que preparan la celebración de la Misa de Quinceañeros.

Virgen Peregrina
Maria y Silviano Lopez | 317.698.1852.
Voluntarios que reciben la Imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe el domingo durante la Misa, y entregan antes de la Misa el siguiente Domingo para orar todos los días en la casa del anfitrión.

Ofrendas a la Virgen de Guadalupe
Telma Sarceño | 317.600.0507
Voluntarios que ofrecen flores para el altar a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Grupos de Oración
Legion de Maria
Rosalia Torres | 317.258.7312.
Grupo de oración que se reúnen los sábados a las 6:00 pm en la planta baja de la Iglesia.

Maria Siempre Virgen
Gabriela Marroquin | 317.703.0918
Grupo de oración que se reúnen los martes a las 11:00 am en la planta baja de la Iglesia y celebran Misa a las 7:00 pm (excluyendo cuando es el fin de semana).

Devocion a la Preciosisima Sangre de Jesus
Carmen Velasquez | 317.599.6688.
Grupo de oración que se reúnen en la capilla de adoración con el Santísimo expuesto los jueves a las 11:00 pm y terminan al día siguiente viernes a las 3:00 am.

Grupo Carismatico “Jesus, pan de vida”
Maria Lopez | 317.698.1852
Grupo de oración que se reúnen los sábados a las 7:pm en la planta baja de la Iglesia.

Tradiciones Hispanas
Celebracion a la Virgen de Guadalupe
Laura y Norberto Monarrez | 317.669.7215
Comite de voluntarios que celebran anualmente el 12 de Dic. Las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe con mañanitas, Misa , obra de las apariciones, musica, comida y baile.

Vía Crucis Viviente
Oficina del Apostolado Hispano | 317.663.4034
Voluntarios que representan la pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo el viernes santo.

Dia de los Muertos
Nancy Carrera | 317.603.8345
Celebración del día de los difuntos con Misa y altar de muertos, con recepción después con chocolate y “pan de muertos”.
Parish Information

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The Lord’s Day Masses
Saturday Vigil ... 5:30 p.m.
Sunday.... 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses
6:30 a.m.........Monday - Friday
8 a.m..........Monday - Saturday

Reconciliation
Saturday, 9 - 10 a.m.; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. after baptisms (until all are heard)

Social Media
Facebook ................../OLMC1
Instagram ................../olmc_in [use #olmc1]
myParish App ...................https://myparishapp.com/
FORMED.org ....................olmc1.formed.org

Envelope System
For canonical reasons (enrollment in OLMC School; use of our facilities for liturgical services; certification as sponsors), OLMC uses the Envelope System to verify attendance. Whenever attending Mass, please place your personalized envelope or check in the collection basket. Envelopes do not need to contain money. Extra envelopes are available on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

If your address and/or contact information has changed, or if you are leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office either by phone or email.

Apostolado Hispano  317.663.4034 ... apostoladohispano@olmc1.org

Misa en Español: Domingos, 7 p.m.
Bautismo: Cuarto sábado de Cada mes (excepto Cuaresma).
Confesiones: En español, cita con el Padre Paternoster [317.846.3475]
Matrimonio: Ocho meses de anticipación. Hacer cita oficina Apostolado Hispano
Misa a María Siempre Virgen: los días ocho de cada mes a las 7 p.m.
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