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FOR ADULTS:

CANDLEMAS/CATHOLIC ALL YEAR W/KENDRA TIERNEY is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "Let's talk about Candlemas! Fun, simple, traditional Catholic practices for Candlemas (a.k.a. the Presentation of the Lord) on February 2nd, including using only candlelight all day, crepes, and the blessing of candles. Featuring Kendra Tierney of the blog and book Catholic All Year."

WHO IS SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA/CATHOLIC SAINTS is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "Join Dr. Tim Gray and Matthew Meeks, Chief Marketing Officer of the Augustine Institute, as they explore the story of Saint Junipero Serra who lived his whole life as a 'song to Our Lady'."

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN/CATHOLIC SAINTS is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "St. John Neumann is the first American male citizen saint! Dr. Chris Mooney recounts how St. John immigrated to the United States from Germany during the early twentieth century when the church in America was still considered a mission territory. During a time period full of hardships, St. John reminds us how obstacles can be used as agents of purification and inspires us to our own missionary call. His feast day is January 5."

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION WELL is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Daniel Moloney, visiting professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss how to receive Communion well. Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney walk through some sure guideline for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist fruitfully."

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.) Saturday, Feb. 1 4:30 PM OLM +Emil Pozderac by Jim & Ruth Birong

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| 8:30 AM | OLM | People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | SM | +John Miday by Mike Kissel |
| 7:00 PM | OLM | For Israel by Kay Yoder |
| 9:00 AM | SM | +Kathie Norman by The Norman Family |
| 8:30 AM | OLM | In Thanksgiving for Church Custodians by Going with Faith Group |
| 8:30 AM | OLM | +Cynthia Bailey by Jim & Ruth Birong |
| 4:30 pm | OLM | +Patricia Atwood by Anonymous |
| 8:30 AM | OLM | +Audrey Kapelewski by The DeSimones |
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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 | 2 | 10:00 AM Going with Faith Group-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall 1:15 PM OCIA Prayer Meeting-OLM Church |
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| Mon | 3 | |
| Tue | 4 | 7:45 PM-9:00 PM Confession-OLM Church |
| Wed | 5 | |
| Thur | 6 | |
| Fri | 7 | 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 | 8 | 10:00 AM Philosophy Book Club-OLM Conference Room 3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church |
| Sun | 9 | 10:00 AM Going with Faith Group-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 6:30 PM DTS Youth Group-St. Mary's Hall/Church |

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of January 26, 2025

Adult \$1,230.00 Loose \$282.00 PSR \$700.00 SVDP \$20.00 Candles \$52.00 North Carolina Relief \$700.00 Church in Latin America \$25.00 Building Fund \$665.00 New Rectory \$250.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception | Stewardship Week of January 25, 2025

Adult \$848.00 Loose \$280.00 Women's Club \$2,140.00 Cemetery Fund \$1,490.00 Church in Latin America \$65.00 Solemnity of Mary \$15.00 Renovation/Building Fund \$2,000.00

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

CANDLEMAS ~ Candles will be blessed **this weekend** for Candlemas **(Feb. 2)** for use throughout the year. Along with the candles blessed for use at Mass, the youth group will also provide homemade candles which are available for parishioners to take and use for prayer at home. The homemade candles are made from leftover liturgical candles that were used in previous years. Donations from the candles will be used to keep memberships to the Dead Theologians Society free for our youth and for fees for Summer Youth Conferences. *Erika Shockey*

Theologians Society will be on Sunday, February 9, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. 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 Josephine Bakhita, and spend some time in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Shockey at 330-312-6074. Chrissy Breedlove

freshman through graduated high school seniors to be CON-SUMED into a life-changing encounter with Christ. We have chosen to attend the Main Campus 3 Conference, which takes place at Franciscan University of Steubenville on July 18, 19, and 20. Chaperones and youth will leave from Our Lady of Mercy Friday, the 18th, around 3:00 pm and will return there Sunday, the 20^{th,} at approximately 2:00 pm. More information including costs and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the narthex of Our Lady of Mercy and in the vestibule of Saint Mary's. Contact Erika Shockey at (330)312-6074 for more information. *Chrissy Breedlove*

FEBRUARY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH ~ PRUDENCE is our virtue of the month for February. Virtues in Practice defines prudence as, "making good decisions in specific circumstances." Prudence is one of our cardinal virtues, along with justice, temperance, and fortitude. Cardinal means "hinge." These virtues are the hinge or key on which all the other virtues depend. Prudence is the main governing virtue of the cardinal virtues. It is the power to make right judgements, therefore it guides the other virtues. Prudence does not only help us to know what is right and the means to carry it out, it also gives us the strength to do so. I encourage you to learn more about prudence and our Saints who exemplified this virtue in their lives — Saint Junipero Serra, Saint John Neumann, and Saint John XXIII. Chrissy Breedlove

WELCOME ~ Our Lady of Mercy would like to welcome the Tysz Family, from Scio, to our parish.

SOUPERBOWL AND EUCHRE PARTY ~ Please join us for a Souperbowl Party and Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 15, 2025 beginning at 5:30 pm at the OLM Hall. Euchre will start at 6:00 pm. No partners needed for the Euchre Tournament. There will be a \$5.00 entry for the tournament and cash prizes will be awarded. Babysitting will be available at the hall. Those that don't play euchre are welcome to attend and assist with babysitting, socialize during game breaks, and play other games that will be available. Please sign-up to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup or a snack to share and a tentative RSVP for numbers. Drinks and table service will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. *Kelli Pridemore*

cutest BABY CONTEST ~ Our Lady of Carroll County Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest that will run until April 11th. 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. Please send digital photos to steven.pridemore@gmail.com or you can put your baby picture in the Knights of Columbus folder outside the Secretary's office. Babies can be children or grandchildren of church members. Vote early and often to help the cutest baby win!

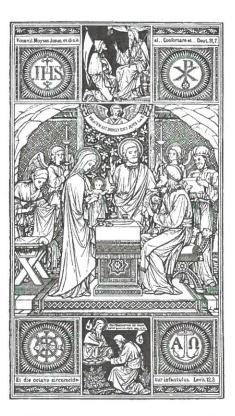
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NORTH CAROLINA RELIEF ~ Let us continue to pray for the families in North Carolina as they rebuild their lives. We will continue to collect donations for safe and warm housing for them through February 16, 2025. Please make your check payable to Our Lady of Mercy with "NC Relief" in the memo line or cash donations may be made by placing them in an envelope with your name and "NC Relief" on the envelope. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the Going with Faith group after 8:30 am Mass on Sundays. Thank you in advance for your generous support. Janet Smith

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION ~ The SVDP monthly collection is this weekend, February 1st and 2nd. Thank you.

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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/ or the website at olmcarrollton/ or the website at olmcarrollton.org to hear his homilies.

AROUND AND ABOUT

ST. JAMES PARISH DINNER ~ St. James will be having a Spaghetti wih Meatball Dinner on February 2, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Dinner also incudes salad, roll and dessert. Carryout is available and craft items will be for sale. The Dinner is sponsored by: The Craft Ladies and Choir.

A CATHOLIC INFERTILITY MINISTRY RETREAT ~ The Arise Catholic Infertility Ministry, along with the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville, are partnering with Springs in the Desert to support couples carrying the cross of infertility with a half-day retreat on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2-8 pm at the Christ the Teacher Building on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Come with your spouse or on your own to be supported, hear inspiring reflections, have opportunities for group sharing, and experience friendship with others on this same path. In addition to our talks, our retreat will include time for prayer in adoration, as well as praise and worship, an optional art walk, and dinner. We will also have vendors available for you to peruse during breaks. A more detailed schedule will be provided as we get closer to the retreat. Registration is open at https://diosteub.givecloud.com/infertility-retreat. Registration deadline is January 31, 2025. Please contact Bernadette at bmrjuliano@gmail.com and Meg at mreister@franciscan.edu with any questions.

OLM GREETERS~ The Tom Birong Family this week and the Craig Brooks Family next week. **Happy Birthday OLM** ~ Craig Brooks 2/6; Lilyana Fuller 2/6; Stella Brown 2/8; Antonio Scassa 2/8 **Happy Anniversary OLM & SM** ~ to all those celebrating in February.

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

Harold Wolbert, 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, Tom Brantch Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ida Carver, J. C. Birong, Nancy Bauer, Tom Bouquet, Cam Lanka, Joe MacAdam,