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**Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church**  
**510 East First Street**  
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**[www.olih.org](http://www.olih.org)**



# Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church

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## To our Parishioners—

The COVID-19 crisis produced a number of unforeseen consequences. One in particular was to shut down group meetings and many of our activities at OLIH. Given that, we've only included those groups who are still meeting—some via Zoom—or still finding a way to minister to those in need. For a more extensive listing, check our website, [www.olih.org](http://www.olih.org), where we will continue to update events as circumstances change.

The pandemic also had one silver lining. It produced a herculean effort by our Knights, Catholic Daughters and AMOS committee members to call every one of our 2,600 phone numbers and check on parishioners. Needless to say, that helped us trim down and verify the accuracy of our database just in time to produce this new guide. Please check and make sure we have YOUR information correct.

And finally, it may seem tough to do right now, but please, stay connected! Sign up for our weekly email Updates, download our App, and follow us on FaceBook and Instagram. As we are able to open back up, we will post notices to these platforms and our website, [www.olih.org](http://www.olih.org). Keep on the lookout to find out our latest news.





## A Historical Year

Hard to believe, but the biggest thing we thought we were going to do was celebrate our 60th Anniversary in 2020! We had so many plans and then COVID-19 came along in March. At first we weren't sure what to do. The common wisdom said, "It's highly contagious but it's not so bad." So the Knights had their Fish Fry on March 6 and we hosted Family Promise March 8-15. We were taking precautions. We had cancelled the Faith in Action service week. Classes were suspended until the end of March. We had Mass on March 14 with no holy water, no wine and no handshakes. What we didn't know at the time—that would be our last public Mass until June 27.

We never closed down completely though, we just learned new ways to do things. Remote access was set up on our computers so we could work from home. We learned to 'zoom' so we could continue to meet 'in person'. And, with the grace of God, we had a top of the line camera on hand (procured for the Adult Faith program in January by the OLIH Foundation) which allowed us to film Daily Mass in the Chapel and then post it to our website for viewing.





Holy Week was coming though and the push was on for a 'live' Mass at Easter. That, and the arrival of the standing order for palms, propelled us toward having a 'drive-by-to-be-handed-a-palm' event and setting up the church for livestreamed Mass. Thanks to the efforts of Tom Primmer, Patty Mayer and Becky Robovsky (with Kyle Lechtenberg

chiming in remotely) OLIH was able to produce a high quality visual and auditory presentation. Pretty soon, we even had our own YouTube channel to carry our broadcasts.

And, while technology was proving to be a lifesaver in keeping us connected, we still needed the human touch (albeit at a safe distance!). Here's some of the ways we kept our community together:

- Parishioners celebrated Fr. Michael's birthday ala 'flat Stanley'—we sent out a photo of Fr. Michael which parishioners then posed with their families and posted for all to share. Besides enjoying cake and ice cream, Fr. Michael was seen going on motorcycle rides, helping on art projects and enjoying the hot tub!
- Spearheaded by the Knights and supported by the Catholic Daughters and members of AMOS, a parish-wide callout contacted every member listed in our database to see how they were doing and if they needed help with deliveries, home repair or yardwork.
- Worship aids were posted to the website to be used for the Holy Week and Sunday Masses. Parishioners sent in photos of their families taking part in the 'washing of the feet' and venerating the cross ceremonies at home.
- Mailings were sent to every parishioner, first with the Holy Week schedule and second a recap of our outreach efforts and an update on how our finances were doing.
- 'Zoom' was used for staff meetings, adult faith classes, Pastoral and Financial Council meetings, RCIA instruction, Youth Ministry gatherings—pretty much everything.





- Our graduating seniors received a virtual blessing—photos of them were attached to the pews with the blessing by Fr. Michael filmed. Randy Henderson also created a ‘digital rosary’—an online version that contained a senior’s photo to pray for as you clicked on each bead. In addition, they had a ‘drive-by’ recognition in our parking lot. Signs with their senior photos (also noting if they were scholarship winners or former Our Lady’s Little Learners preschool grads) were set up around the OLIH parking lot. Graduates who came by received homemade cinnamon rolls and a book as their gift from the parish.
- Our preschool first had a drive-by ‘pick up packets’ to continue providing lessons at home followed later by a graduation ceremony complete with signs, balloons, decorated cars and certificates.
- Parishioners came in separately to be filmed recording the Divine Mercy chaplet, the daily rosary and the ‘Stations of Light’. The latter were pieced together by Abby Henderson to be used in a special novena between the Ascension and Pentecost.
- For our traditional Memorial Day remembrance, we filmed Fr. Michael celebrating Mass at the Memorial Gardens altar; later he went to bless the graves for the families present.
- Youth Ministry sponsored ‘Be Church’ segments—our teenage members providing video of ways they still found God in the midst of the pandemic.
- We had a ‘Heart of Mary’ scavenger hunt. Folks posted the photo we sent out in their windows, chalked it on their driveways, painted it on canvas or created it in stained glass. We sent out the neighborhoods to go check for these creations—in some cases folks realizing for the first time how surrounded they were by other parishioners.









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- In August, we were hit by the hurricane winds of a 'derecho'—knocking out power and internet to our offices but not the church. Mass went on but we were back to filming it and posting it—by staff members who still had power at home!
- Our Lady's Little Learners began the year with safety protocols in place (taking temperatures, restricting students to their classrooms and elimination of parents entering the building).
- Faith Formation classes were delayed until October and offered both 'at church' and 'at home' versions of classes to accommodate families' preferences.

This year, with all its challenges, is still unfolding. We are thankful for the grace of God and the community of OLIH who have helped us weather this storm. Here's to our next 60!





# Be Part of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church

If you know someone interested in joining OLIH, direct them to download a form from [www.olih.org](http://www.olih.org) or stop in the office to register.

<b>Daily Mass</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 am (all livestreamed)
<b>Sabbath Masses</b> (Register online)	Saturday at 5:00 pm (livestreamed) Sunday at 9:30 am Tuesday at 6:30 pm

*The obligation for attending Sunday Mass is suspended during the pandemic. To register for a weekend Mass, sign up online from noon Wednesday through Friday or call the Office, 515.964.3038. We have a limit of 200 attendees in order to maintain safe social distancing.*

## **Times to be announced for:**

Christmas Mass	<b>December 24 &amp; December 25</b>
Ash Wednesday	<b>February 17</b>
Easter Vigil	<b>April 3</b>
Easter Sunday	<b>April 4</b>

## Administration

Parish Office.....	515-964-3038
Faith Formation.....	515-964-3545
Youth Ministry.....	515-965-1394
Pre-School.....	515-964-3106

<b>Parish Office Hours</b>	Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
<b>Parish Summer Hours</b>	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am-12 Noon
<b>FF Office Hours</b>	Monday-Thursday (varied)

## Ways to support OLIH:

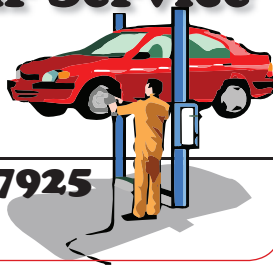
- Volunteer—every ministry has needs, and every person has gifts—find your match!
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  - Envelopes
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  - Automatic bank withdrawal (ACH)
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**Tithing:** To arrange for automatic tithing or to check on contributions, contact Marie Stefani, [marie@olih.org](mailto:marie@olih.org). Year End Statements are available at the end of January thru My Own Church (log onto our website to get set up) or call the office.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Submit articles to the parish office or email to Joan Ski, [joan@olih.org](mailto:joan@olih.org) by noon Friday of the previous week.

## Parish Staff



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## Sacraments

The sacraments, beginning with baptism, are the primary ways we celebrate and experience the grace of God in the context of our faith community, at significant moments throughout our lives.

### Baptism

Thank you for stepping out in faith and presenting your child for baptism, the doorway to our Church's sacramental life! Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism and to provide information needed for the Baptismal Registry and certificate. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no Baptisms are held during Lent (**February 17-April 4, 2021**).

Note to parents: Since OLIH will be the parish of record for all of your child's sacraments, it is necessary that you be registered in the parish. If you are a member of a different parish, you will need to get a letter of permission from your home parish to have your child baptized at OLIH. It is a requirement that at least one godparent be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic.

### Preparation for Baptism

Attendance at the Baptismal Preparation class is required for all parents who have not previously attended. Classes meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom the first Tuesday of each month. Call the office and leave your name and number if you would like to attend.

**Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, 2020; Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 2021**

### Confirmation

Under the direction of the Bishop, Confirmation takes place in the Fall of a youth's 11th grade year. Confirmation preparation is a two-year experience of intentional discipleship. Attendance and participation in weekly Mass, grade level Faith Formation & Youth Ministry is expected. (See RCIA and RCIC for other age groups.)

**Contact:** Tom Primmer, [tomp@olih.org](mailto:tomp@olih.org)

### Adult Confirmation

Designed for adults who are baptized Catholic and interested in completing their sacraments of initiation. The steps to prepare will be discerned on an individual basis.

**Contact:** Patty Mayer, [patty@olih.org](mailto:patty@olih.org)

### First Eucharist

A two-year program, First Eucharist is offered through the Youth Faith Formation program. It is generally celebrated the weekend after Easter during a child's 2nd Grade year. First Reconciliation is celebrated prior to receiving this sacrament. (See RCIA and RCIC for other age groups.)

**Contact:** Joyce Clawson, [joyce@olih.org](mailto:joyce@olih.org)



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### **Becoming Catholic/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

This process is open to any Catholic or non-Catholic interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. Those raised in another denomination or with no religious affiliation, can use the process to discern if they want to become members of the Catholic Church.

*Meetings:* Monday evenings at 7:00 pm by Zoom. During the catechumenate, enlightenment and purification time, participants are dismissed from Mass after the Liturgy of the Word to break open the Word of God. Anyone can begin the process at anytime.

**Contact:** Patty Mayer, [patty@olih.org](mailto:patty@olih.org)

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**

Sacramental preparation and celebration is offered to students in 3rd Grade and above who were unable to celebrate Baptism or First Eucharist at an earlier age. This program is designed for the children and their families to complete together and is based on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. A child must be in the regular Faith Formation program at the parish in order to join this group. Dates and times of workshops will be determined in September once we know who will be attending.

**Contact:** Patty Mayer, [patty@olih.org](mailto:patty@olih.org)

### **Marriage**

Couples should contact Fr. Michael at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date to make arrangements. In most cases, engaged couples will be paired with a Sponsor couple and will use the results of their FOCCUS inventory as a basis for discussing communication styles, financial management, role expectations and values. To be married at OLIH, at least one member of the union must be in a family registered in the parish.

### **Holy Orders**

This is the sacrament which deacons and priests receive to become ordained servants of the People of God. If you are discerning this path in life, contact Fr. Michael, Fr. James, Deacon Jeff, Deacon Steve, or Deacon Greg.

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment with Fr. Michael or Fr. James. Two communal reconciliation services are normally offered each year, one during Advent and the other during Lent. Please check our website for dates and times.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament is available to those seriously ill or suffering from prolonged illness. Call the parish office for more information. A communal anointing Mass is usually celebrated annually.



## Parish Organizations

Every parish has two canonically prescribed Councils—the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council—to assist the pastor in planning and administering to the needs of the parish. OLIH has also established a Foundation and Memorial Program to establish a basis of financial support for the long term stability of the parish.

**Pastoral Council** members discern their calling to serve as advisory members for the parish. The Council meets via Zoom monthly (4th Monday at 7:00 pm) to assist the Pastor by creating a visionary blueprint for carrying out the mission of the parish.

*Members: Michelle Tremmel (Chair), John Baumhover, Joe Carey, David Drendel, Michelle Gavin, Diana Fitzpatrick, Rick Parker, Mark Schmitt, Maria Schweers, Renee Wuest*

**Finance Council** members work in conjunction with the Pastor and Business Manager to monitor revenues and expenses and then plan, implement and monitor the parish budget in a financially prudent manner. Reports are published in the bulletin and annual statements are produced for distribution to the parish. Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 am via Zoom.

*Members: Derek Cruikshank, Andrea Daniel (Chair), John Ledvina, Chad Tramp*

The **OLIH Foundation** was established to provide permanent long-term funding for the parish through contributions of cash, stocks, securities, inheritances, property or life insurance/annuities. The goal is to build up this fund and use only the interest income for various spiritual/physical needs of the parish; the principal would only be used for a parish emergency or disaster.

*Officers and Members: Fr. Michael Amadeo, Chuck Beard (President), Pat Quinlin (Treasurer), Josh DeVries, Sara Doruska (Secretary), Bob Eimers, Tom Friedman, Pat Martin (Vice President), Kim Sexton*



## **Memorial Program**

Through the Memorial Program, individuals have an opportunity to give gifts in celebration of or in thanksgiving for new life, anniversaries or in memory of deceased family or friends. Throughout the year a "Remembrance Page" is published, naming those honored and those honoring them.

Tax deductible donations may be directed to these established parish programs:

- OLIH Foundation
- Susan Roupe FF Scholarship
- Our Lady's Little Learners' Tuition Assistance
- Art & Environment Fund
- Emergency Relief
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Music Ministry
- Faith Formation
- Adult Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Multi Media Ministry

If you have any questions about this program, please call Becky Robovsky, the Business Manager, in the Parish Office, 964-3038.

## **Faith Formation**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Here at OLIH we value life-long formation. In our efforts to assist you in this endeavor we offer a variety of ways that you may grow in faith, both on your own or within community.

- During this year (2020-2021 academic year) we will be using ZOOM as our main platform and gathering space. We will continue to offer great studies and faith sharing options, but all online. If, and when, we are able to safely come together in-person for an event, we will still offer an online option for those participating from home.
- ONLINE opportunities:
  - OLIH subscribes to a website called FORMED, sometimes referred to as "Catholic Netflix." Register on their site (FORMED.org) as a parishioner of OLIH, no expense to you, and then enjoy!
  - We offer many classes through Ascension Press which has an online feature for you to use when you are unable to be present for a session.
  - Watch for blogs or other online experiences throughout the year – especially during the Advent, Christmas, and Lenten seasons.





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For more information on what is happening in adult faith formation check out our website: [OLIH.org](http://OLIH.org) > Grow & Learn > Adult

**Contact:** Patty Mayer, [patty@olih.org](mailto:patty@olih.org)

### **Parish Mission – On Becoming the Body of Christ: Our Life's Journey with Johan van Parys**

**Sunday, February 28 to Wednesday, March 3 – online**

### **Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)**

Due to COVID-19 the CEW CORE Team has elected to not host the yearly CEW weekends in 2021.

*Revive, Refresh, Renew* Events will be hosted by CEW Core Team quarterly—open to ALL parishioners!

- Tuesday, September 1: A Night with the Rondeau's (recording available on our website)
- November event: TBA
- Saturday, February 6: full day workshop/events online (in-person, if able)—more details to come
- May event: TBA

### **Faith & Friendship**

There are three groups that each meet weekly in the Conference Room to provide faith sharing and friendship (childcare is provided, but limited this year due to social distancing and sanitization requirements).

- Monday at 9:30 am
- **Contact:** Linda Sash, [sashjl@mchsi.com](mailto:sashjl@mchsi.com)
- Thursday at 9:30 am
- **Contact:** Alie Peverill, [apeverill@gmail.com](mailto:apeverill@gmail.com)
- Every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- **Contact:** Jess Courtney, [jlvtzthum@yahoo.com](mailto:jlvtzthum@yahoo.com)

### **Mary's Place**

Mary's Place, located just across the hall from the parish office, is a space for adults to gather while the children and youth are in their Faith Formation classes. Mary's Place is also used for many adult formation opportunities.



## Parish Library

The OLIH Library, part of Mary's Place, has a variety of books covering a wide range of topics. This year the Library will have more limited availability due to sanitization and safety requirements. It will be open when the children and youth Faith Formation classes are in session. If you want to be able to browse the database from the comfort of home, email Patty Mayer ([patty@olih.org](mailto:patty@olih.org)) to be added as a patron on our Libib.com website. If the library is not open when you are here and you know what you are looking for, contact Patty and she will lay the book out for you to pick up.

## Faith Formation for Children and Youth

While parents are their child's primary catechist (faith teacher), formation in our Catholic faith is lived out in community. The Faith Formation (FF) Staff exists to support parents in their role of forming their children in the tenets of the Roman Catholic Faith.

## Faith Formation (FF)

This year's program begins the week of October 5 and includes 'At Church' and 'At Home' options.

- The "At-Church" option places Youth in 2 groups (week A or B) where they meet on alternate weeks.
- The "At-Home" option supports parents with materials provided by our Faith Formation Staff.
- This year we are asking for a free will donation to cover the cost of materials and expenses.

'At Church' sessions held:

*Pre-K and Kindergarten:*

*Normally the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 8:30 am*

*Special Needs:*

*We strive to meet any Special Needs of youth who may have an IEP or 504 plan at school.*

**Contact:** Mary Sankey, [marys@olih.org](mailto:marys@olih.org)/515-964-3545, ext 118

*Grades 1-5:*

*Monday (4:30-5:30 pm)*

*Tuesday (4:10-5:10 pm or 5:30-6:30 pm)*

*Wednesday (4:10-5:10 pm)*

**Contact:** Joyce Clawson, [joyce@olih.org](mailto:joyce@olih.org)/515-964-3545, ext 110

*Grades 6-8-Edge:*

*Wednesday (5:30-6:30 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm)*

**Contact:** Abby Henderson, [abby@olih.org](mailto:abby@olih.org)/515-964-3545, ext 111

*Grades 9-12 Y-Disciple:*

*Wednesday (8:15-9:30 pm alternate weeks)*

**Contact:** Tom Primmer, [tomp@olih.org](mailto:tomp@olih.org)/515-964-3545, ext 112



## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is open to students in Grades 6-12 with a mission of creating opportunities to meet Jesus Christ and to help make disciples of all the youth for our parish, our city, and the world through prayer, fellowship and service. The program is led by CORE, a group of teen leaders of our OLIH community with the assistance of the Director and dedicated adult volunteers. For all upcoming gatherings and youth events please check out our youth ministry online calendar: [www.olih.org/high-school-youth-ministry/](http://www.olih.org/high-school-youth-ministry/)

**Contact:** Randy Henderson, [randy@olih.org](mailto:randy@olih.org)/515-402-7433  
*(Director of Youth Ministry/High School Youth Ministry, Grades 9-12)-Office located in the Youth Room on the West end of our church building. Randy is available for a visit Tuesday-Friday and by appointment.*

Abby Henderson, [abby@olih.org](mailto:abby@olih.org)/515-402-7432  
*(Middle School Ministry Director, Grades 6-8)-Office located in front office area of our church building. Abby is available for a visit Monday-Wednesday and by appointment.*

## Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool (OLLL)

Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool has daytime classes for children ages 3-5. The curriculum promotes the social, cognitive, emotional, spiritual and motor development of the young child through age-appropriate activities. For more information, check out the website at [www.olih.org/preschool](http://www.olih.org/preschool) or stop in for a tour.

**Contact:** Shelley Tegels, [preschool@olih.org](mailto:preschool@olih.org) or 515-964-3106

# Prayer and Worship

**For specific inquiries, connect with the ministry leaders below.**

## Children & Liturgy

To engage the hearts and minds of youth ages 3 through 3rd grade we offer a Children's Worship Aid. This aid provides activities that seek to connect the youth with the worship of God.

## Liturgy Committee

The Parish Liturgy Committee supports and oversees the liturgical life of the parish including minister training and our worship environment. Current members: Fr. Michael Amadeo, Fr. James Downey, Mitch Arney, Deacon Jeff Boehlert, Brian Fitzpatrick, Kurt Larsen, Deacon Greg Kolbinger, Bill Konnath, Don Ochs, Alie Peverill, Tom Primmer, Deacon Steve Udelhofen and Pat White.

## Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis. Assignments are accessible online, in the bulletin and through Thursday Updates. Group trainings are announced throughout the year; individual trainings are arranged as needed.



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### **Cross Bearer**

This minister leads the procession at the beginning and the end of weekend Mass and must be physically able to carry OLIH's handcrafted processional cross.

**Contact:** Don Ochs, dmmsochs@yahoo.com, 515-964-9328

### **Eucharistic Ministers (EMs)**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. EMs must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, 16 years or older.

**Contact:** Mitch Arney, mdarney@mchsi.com, 515-964-7644

### **Hospitality Ministers**

Teams of Hospitality Ministers are assigned to the weekend liturgies. They serve as an outward sign of Christ's hospitality by welcoming those coming to worship, assisting with seating, directing communicants to the altar, and being available to address any emergencies that might arise during the liturgy. Adults and high school students are encouraged to volunteer for this ministry.

**Contact:** Kurt Larsen, klarsen529@gmail.com, 515-289-1479

### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim Sacred Scriptures in a way that conveys their meaning and intent while upholding the dignity of Christ's presence in the Word. A lector is assigned to proclaim the first Scripture reading and the Sabbath Mass Prayers of the Faithful.

**Contact:** Bill Konnath, billk@olih.org, 515-965-1520

### **Music Ministry-Suspended except for cantor and pianist at Sabbath Mass**

## **Service Opportunities**

### **AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)**

Do you worry about what kind of world your children or grandchildren will live in? Do you have a passion for peace in our world, a desire to live in a world that treats all people fairly with respect and dignity? You may be interested in joining AMOS.

The OLIH core team meets the 3rd Mondays of the month, usually in member's homes or via Zoom.

**Contact:** Jan Brown, junderkoflerbrown@gmail.com or 515-964-5527  
Sara Doruska, sdoruska@gmail.com

### **Blood Drive**

Volunteers organize five blood drives per year at OLIH on Thursdays from 3:00-7:00 pm. Help is needed for set up, canteen and tear down.

**(Dec 3, 2020; Feb 18, Apr 29, Jul 15, Sep 23 and Dec 9, 2021)**

**Contact:** Daniel Ossian, danielossian@mchsi.com or 515-979-5185



### **Bread Ministry**

Volunteers generally work in pairs to pick up leftover bread from the Panera Bread (2310 SE Delaware Ave) and transport it to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry (1815 Hubbell Ave, DSM) where it is repackaged for individuals to pick up.

**Contact:** Amy Wall, amyw@olih.org

### **Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)**

The mission of Catholic Daughters of the Americas is to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. It is open to any Catholic woman (18 years or older).

Meetings (1 ½-2 hours) in the spring and fall are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Winter meetings (Nov-March) are held on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am.

**Contact:** Shirley Vonnahme, cdaolih1945@gmail.com

### **Family Promise-Currently hosted at Westminster Presbyterian, DSM; during OLIH's week, overnight hosts needed; meals are transported to site**

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines is a non-profit organization providing a safe haven for homeless families. Family Promise strives to create a safe, stable and nurturing environment for the children as well as to support the efforts of their parents in securing employment and housing. OLIH is a member of the network of 13 area religious congregations who provide shelter and nutritious meals for one week every three months.

A few weeks prior to our host week, a Sign Up Genius page can be found on our website. Volunteers are needed as dinner preparers and overnight hosts. (Dates TBD)

**Contacts:** Todd & Donna Halbach, tdhalbach@gmail.com/  
515-494-4714 and Rob & Natalie Francis, francisankeny@aol.com/  
515-494-6913

### **Food Pantry (DMARC Food Collection)**

**Currently accepting monetary donations only; check out OLIH's Virtual Food Pantry online**

(More info at <http://movethefood.org/food-pantry-information/>)

### **Funeral Lunch**

Currently, the family contracts with a caterer to prepare and serve individual portions

### **Gardening Angels (outside)**

OLIH Gardeners help maintain the grounds and plantings around the outside of the church and rectory. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis for planting, watering and general upkeep of them.

**Contact:** Larry Murphy, lmurphy498@gmail.com



### **Knights of Columbus (KC)**

The KC is an organization of Catholic men (18 years and older) based on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Knights serve others in the parish and beyond. Monthly meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the month.

**Contact:** Todd Misel, Grand Knight, 5038kofo@gmail.com

### **Knit One, Purl Two**

Do you knit or crochet? If so, please join in making knitted and crocheted items for charity. Patterns and yarn are available for charity projects. Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm (*suspended*) and 7:00 pm in Room 11 at OLIH.

**Contact:** Patty Mayer, patty @olih.org for daytime  
Vicki Woodward, jvwoodward@mchsi.com/515-210-3797 for evening

### **Meals for Moms**

Are you a new mom? If so, we would like to help provide a few meals for your family. Do you like to cook? If so, we need your help providing meals to our new moms.

**Contact:** mealsformomsankeny@gmail.com

### **Peace and Justice Committee**

The Peace and Justice Committee is dedicated to the belief that doing justice, especially for the least powerful people, is an essential calling of Christianity. In addition to their outreach efforts, this committee advises on which organizations the parish tithe is distributed to each year.

Meetings: First Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm, via Zoom, Oct-May

**Contact:** Katie Strabbing, tkstrabbs79@q.com or Dixie Webb, webb4451@gmail.com

### **Plant Watering (inside)**

Volunteers water the plants throughout the worship space and chapel and keep floral displays looking fresh. Volunteers rotate through on a weekly schedule.

**Contact:** Phyllis Ross, Phyllis@rosswebb.net/515-238-7059

### **Prayer Chain**

Believing we need to bring our needs to God, this group offers prayers for the special needs of others and the needs of the community.

**Contact:** Ruth Ward, re218ward@msn.com

### **St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP)**

A parish-based group of Catholic laypersons interested in helping those most in need become self-sufficient by meeting their basic needs and helping them forward through education and personal development. Some of the funds provided are raised through sales at the St. Vincent de Paul stores. OLIH has a truck parked in the north parking lot where parishioners can drop off clean, gently used goods for the store's inventory—on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

**Contact:** Michelle Pagliai, mpagliai@msn.com/515-707-7403





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### **Sponsor Couples (Marriage Preparation)**

Couples preparing for marriage are paired with a Sponsor Couple. They meet a number of times, usually in the Sponsor Couple's home and, using the FOCCUS inventory results as a base, discuss the impact of communication, finances and values on matrimonial harmony.

**Contact:** Beth Boehlert, bethb52@mchsi.com

### **Stephen Ministry**

Members of our parish, 18 years and older, can become Stephen Ministers after receiving special training to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss and many other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. All care is free and confidential.

**Contact:** Sr. Susan Widdel, srsusan@olih.org

For other opportunities, check out our website under 'Get Involved'.