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Dear Our Lady of Humility Parishioners:

In our ongoing effort to be a warm and welcoming community, I am happy to present to you this updated edition of The OLH Parish Guide Book and Directory. This Guide Book provides an overview of the parish and its many ministries. The Parish Council, Evangelization Committee, and I hope that you will refer to it often in your ongoing journey of faith and participation in the life of our parish.

Since its beginning, Christianity has understood the necessity of being a part of a community of believers; this is all the more true with the challenges as a result of the pandemic. As you familiarize yourself with our parish and many ministries, please note that Mass times and some other information are in a state of flux due to the pandemic. Please refer to our parish bulletin and/or visit our parish website <https://ourladyofhumility.org/> for the latest news and information. I invite you to consider how God is calling you to serve and participate as a member of our faith community.

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God Bless,

Fr. Paul

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## WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULES

**COVID-19 ALERT:** Parish schedules and activities are in a constant state of flux. Our Lady of Humility must adjust to national, state, and archdiocesan COVID-19 guidelines as they develop.

Please check the parish website <https://ourladyofhumility.org/> or call the parish office at 847-872-8778 for the most up to date information.

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday .....	8:00 a.m.
Friday (During School Year-School Mass).....	8:45 a.m.
Friday (During Summer Months).....	8:00 a.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday .....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday .....	7:00 a.m.   9:00 a.m.   11:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays .....	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled the first Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary at 847-872-8778 for arrangements.

### Sacrament of Marriage

An appointment, at least six months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory at 847-872-8778 for home communion calls.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays..... 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Adoration concludes with benediction at 6:00 p.m.

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**NOTE:** Please refer to our Parish Bulletin for updated mass schedule and services or visit the OLH Parish website <https://ourladyofhumility.org/> and follow us in Facebook for the latest updated information.



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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, sharing the good news of the Gospel.*

## OUR LADY OF HUMILITY: OUR STORY

In the late 1940's the Roman Catholic population of Zion and surrounding area was growing. On November 16, 1949, an organizing committee petitioned His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, for the establishment of a mission church in the area. The owners of the Zion Theatre donated the use of their building for services, and on October 2, 1950 the first Catholic Mass in the history of Zion was celebrated there. In 1952 the Chicago Archdiocese purchased property on Wadsworth Road for the proposed parish site.

Our Lady of Humility  
parishioners begin  
meeting October 1950  
in the Zion Theatre

2671 Sheridan Road  
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On July 9, 1954, Cardinal Stritch announced the establishment of a new Roman Catholic parish to serve NE Illinois. Father John Hayes was appointed pastor, and the parish was named "Our Lady of Humility." The name commemorated the Marian Year being celebrated in 1954. It also reflected Cardinal Stritch's fondness for the painting of Mary in the Chapel at the old North American Pontifical College in Rome. The painting was nicknamed "Our Lady of Humility" by the Seminarians.

A partially built house on parish property was completed and became the center of parish activities. Meanwhile, dedicated parishioners raised funds to build a church. The cornerstone was laid on January 22, 1958. Subsequent growth through the years has included a new rectory, a school, the Parish Center, and several renovations to the church. Most recently, the altar was moved from the south end of the church to the north end to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Today Our Lady of Humility has over 1600 registered families and reflects the diversity found in the surrounding area. The parish school is noted for its academic excellence and for imparting strong religious values to its students of many faiths and cultures. The spirit that guided her people 60 years ago remains today – a spirit of faith, devotion, service, love, generosity, hard work, and community. We look forward with anticipation to the next chapter.





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## PARISH COMMISSIONS

The ministries at Our Lady of Humility are organized under four Commissions – *Education, Human Concerns, Parish Life and Spiritual Life Commissions.*

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### Education Commission

*Ministries responsible for the religious education for all members of the Parish.*

**Adult Education Sessions:** Adult Education offers multiple presentations for spiritual and educational growth focused on our Catholic faith.

**Adult Small Faith Groups/Study Groups:** These interactive groups meet to discuss particular aspects of our Catholic faith.

**Booster Club:** School parents whose children participate in the Athletic Program are in charge of fundraising and special events.

**Family School Association (FSA):** FSA works with school parents and school staff to support the needs of the school both spiritually and financially through fundraising and special events.

**Our Lady of Humility School:** Our Parish School provides an enriching education in all areas of the curriculum, preschool through eighth grade, most especially in the area of Religious Education. The spirit of the Catholic faith is the atmosphere provided for an education of the total person.

**Religious Education (RE):** Children from preschool through eighth grade have a variety of Religious Education/Formation Programs designed to share knowledge of our faith in the welcoming environment of a Catholic community.

**School Board:** The Board acts as an advisory group to the principal.

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### Human Concerns Commission

*Ministries serving the needs of others in the Parish and community.*

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry serves as an emergency food source and as a referral service for other assistance requests. The person/family is required to live in Beach Park, Zion, or Winthrop Harbor.

**Funeral Luncheons:** Volunteers extend a caring embrace to the bereaved families by offering a home-cooked luncheon following the funeral.

**Helping Hands of Our Lady:** This group assists persons in need primarily with utility and rent expenses and medications. The Helping Hands of Our Lady of Humility receives donations of cash, furniture, and food/gas cards, and distributes them. Each case is reviewed by a board of parishioners who ultimately decides to the availability and extent of assistance provided.

**Prayer Shawl:** This ministry is an opportunity to reach out to others who are in need of comfort. Many are struggling with an illness and in need of God's healing grace; many need to be consoled as they grieve the loss of a loved one, to remind the lonely that they are not alone, and to provide hope for those in despair. We want to provide those in need with an embrace of love and comfort.

Each prayer shawl/quilt begins in prayer as we ask for God's blessing for the recipient and then receives a final blessing from our pastor or one of our deacons before being passed on to someone in need.

**Respect Life:** Interested parishioners work toward the protection of the right to life of all, especially the unborn. Assistance is provided to pregnant mothers.

**Soup Kitchen:** Parish volunteers prepare and serve food to the needy at Holy Family Services located at 914 8th St. in Waukegan (the old St. Bartholomew's school) the fourth Thursday of each month.

**Uganda Seminarian Ministry:** This ministry provides prayer, financial support and personal correspondence to seminarians in the Kasana-Luweero Diocese in Uganda. Parishioners can participate by one-time donations, long-term sponsorship and prayer.

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## Parish Life Commission

*Ministries encouraging family life programs and activities.*

**40's, 50's, & Better:** This group provides organized social, service, and spiritual activities of interest to this age group. Some favorites include: Stations of the Cross, Christmas Caroling and dining out.

**Adult Sports Teams:** Our Lady of Humility has adult bowling teams for the recreation of the participants and to raise money to help support OLH Grade School.

**Co-Ed Seniors:** Parish seniors meet monthly for a luncheon including a speaker or an event. All seniors are welcome.

**Donut Sunday:** Donut Sunday is hosted by the Knights of Columbus to promote community and fellowship among the parishioners and visitors. It also raises funds to support various activities within the parish and the outside community. It is held on the third Sunday of each month in the Parish Center.

**Hospitality:** The Hospitality Ministry actively creates an atmosphere of loving inclusion and fellowship as the gathered Body of Christ by extending a welcoming invitation to all God's children to be part of the Our Lady of Humility family. The Committee welcomes new parishioners and plans special events.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to furthering and defending the Catholic Church in the United States by defending life, families, and the poor. Membership in the Knights is open to all practicing Catholic men.

**Scouting:** Scouting is open to all young boys and girls in our parish. Scouting encourages service to the community and growth in leadership skills.

**Teen Ministry:** Teens gather regularly for catechesis, service and social events. They participate in local, diocesan and national events.

**Women's Club:** This ministry participates in a variety of activities which include: social, spiritual, service projects, and fundraisers. Membership is not limited to Our Lady of Humility parish community.

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## Spiritual Life Commission

*Ministries promoting and fostering the growth of Spirituality in our Parish community.*

**Altar Linens:** Altar Linen Ministry volunteers reverently prepare and care for the sacred altar linens used in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Altar Servers:** Altar Servers assist the Priest and the worshipping community in the celebration of the Eucharist. Servers are boys and girls from the fifth Grade and up. Adult Altar Servers (Acolytes) assist with funerals.

**Art & Environment:** Ministry volunteers prepare the worship space for Mass and other liturgies. They beautify the church environment according to the various liturgical seasons.



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**Baptisms/Baptismal Preparation Class:** Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Contact the Rectory to make arrangements for the Baptismal Class and Baptism.

**Bereavement Committee:** Members of this ministry assist the priest by meeting with the families and helping them select the scripture readings and music for funerals.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study sessions are offered throughout the year for all interested in spiritual and educational growth.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Each week an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration (adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist) is offered on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the church. Adoration concludes with benediction at 6:00 p.m.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** Ministers assist the priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. EE Ministers must be Confirmed Catholics and at least high school age.

**Floral Ministry:** Volunteers in this ministry provide flowers weekly to honor Our Lord and Our Lady.

**Greeters:** The greeter team assists in managing the flow of congregants participating in the liturgy/sacrament as they enter and exit the church. Team members help in directing participants to appropriate seating/waiting areas but will include additional responsibilities, including, but not limited to, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill. Given the circumstances, greeters will need to be tactful and firm, paying careful attention to all people on-site. To support parish greeter teams, rudimentary training tips on handling difficult situations will be provided.

**Holy Hours:** Holy Hours are held on select Sunday afternoons and evenings.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** Participants gather bi-weekly in communal prayer to share, learn and grow further in the knowledge and use of our gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Lectors:** The Lector proclaims the Word of God through reading the Scripture at Mass.

**Legion of Mary:** This Ministry gives the opportunity to all who are interested to enhance their relationship with our Mother Mary and to extend the spirit of the Catholic faith through prayer and active Spiritual Works of Mercy. There are morning and evening groups.

**Liturgy of The Word for Children:** Children ages four through seven are dismissed to hear the readings proclaimed and explained at a child's level that mirror the Liturgy of the Word in Mass.

**Ministers of Care:** Ministers of Care visit and bring the Eucharist to the homebound, those in hospitals, and nursing homes.

**Music Ministries:** Our music ministry encourages all to use their musical gift God has given them to sing/play for our parish liturgies, inviting the full and active participation of our assembly. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.

**Quinceanera Classes:** The Quinceanera celebration embraces the Hispanic religious custom of a young girl's 15th birthday as she passes into her life's journey from childhood to womanhood. In the presence of God and her family, and with thanksgiving and gratitude, she commits her life to God, our Blessed Mother, her faith, her family and to the responsibilities of society. Please contact the parish regarding requirements and availability.

**Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA):** RCIA is a journey for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. We welcome any adult inquiring about the Catholic tradition, prepare already-baptized Christians wishing to embrace Catholicism for full reception into the Church, and prepare un-catechized adult Catholics for Confirmation. On their journey of faith, candidates are prepared for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

**Sacristans:** Ministers serve under the direction of the clergy and care for the sacred vessels used in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Sacristans undertake the overall preparation and aftermath of liturgical celebrations.

**Ushers:** Ushers are responsible for seating parishioners, meeting the special needs of people, and maintaining the order and security of services. Ushers facilitate the presentation of the bread and wine and take up the collection.



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