

## March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Weekly Mass Schedule

<b>Monday, Mar. 16</b> 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Lorraine Schollmeier
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 18</b> 5:30 pm	<b>*NO MASS*</b>
<b>Thursday, Mar. 19</b> 8:00 am	Norma Schmerge
<b>Friday, Mar. 20</b> 8:00 am	Emma Grace
<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b> 10:00 am	Dick Olson
<b>5:30 pm</b>	All Parishioners

**\*Please note:** Due to Priest Annual meeting there is no Mass at 5:30 on Wednesday but stations will be held at 6pm

### St. Isidore Weekly Mass Schedule

<b>Tuesday, Mar. 17</b> 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> All Souls
<b>Saturday, Mar. 21</b> 8:00 am-Latin w/Fr. Stone	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b> 8:00 am	Rick Seeley

**Mobile App:** Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

**Website:** [www.mtzolhs.org](http://www.mtzolhs.org)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and [St. Isidore Catholic Church](#) – Bethany

**Eucharist Adoration:** Held every month at OLHS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after 10 am Mass.

**ONLINE GIVING** Go to [www.mtzolhs.org](http://www.mtzolhs.org) and click on the link under the Online Giving button.

**FORMED.org** The Catholic Faith on Demand. Sign up as a parishioner, it's free! Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

**Remember your church** in bequests and insurance policies.

**A locked dropbox** is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop offs

**Traveling?** In need of an area Mass times and place? Go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to find location and time

**Email:**

Father: [rpyrchla@dio.org](mailto:rpyrchla@dio.org)

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**Invite someone to join us this year  
for Lent and at Easter!**

### Scholarship chances are available

The Knights of Columbus OLHS Council 11582 is offering 2026 Scholarships to graduating High School students. Forms are in the vestibule and must be returned to the parish office by April 17, 2026

Attention 2026 Catholic Girl High School Graduate! The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$2000.00 scholarship to four Catholic HS graduates. Forms are in the vestibule!

*Congratulations to Barrett Laird, son of Daniel and Emily Laird, who was recently baptized at OLHS. May you always walk in faith our Lord.*

Our Gifts to God and Our Parish  
Thank you for your blessings to our parishes

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	Mar. 8
Offertory	\$3,499.
Catholic Charities	140.
Parish Improvement	200.
Catholic Relief	50.
Good Friday	50.
<b>Capital Campaign Account Deposit \$7,120.</b>	

<u>St. Isidore</u>	Mar. 8
Offertory	\$ 980.
Catholic Charities	100.

Thank you all for your generosity to our parishes!

**Capital Campaign had a deposit this week. We received monetary envelopes and pledges. TY**

**Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore** will be held on Thursdays through Lent. Please join us for stations at 5:00 pm followed by a Mass at 5:30 pm.

**Stations of the Cross at OLHS** will be on Wednesdays through Lent. Please join us for stations at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Hour. You could come to our 5:30 pm Mass, do stations at 6:00 and stay for Holy Hour if you wish. An evening of prayer during Lent.

**Penance Service at OLHS** at 7pm on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy Lenten penance.



Parish condolences on the loss of Dick Olson, may we keep Barb and her family in our prayers. We also need to pray for comfort to Steve Bowman and family on the recent loss of Ellen. Rest in peace.



Welcome to Clayton Vought and Claire Holthaus, who have recently registered with OLHS. We are glad you are on this faith journey with us.

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS FOR  
Our Lady of LOURDES-Decatur**

### WE ARE HIRING!

#### *OLHS Parish Secretary*

*The Parish Secretary serves as the face, voice & presence of the parish, mainly to the parishioners, but also to the public, new members, and any other person they come in contact with. Their main responsibility is to promote the mission of the parish and foster a welcoming atmosphere through all methods of communication and media. This position also supports the pastor and members of the parish, as well as various committees and boards. Applications & job description are available in the Parish Office.*

*Just a thought...Would you like something blessed? A new home, a new car, a business, etc. Call Father to arrange at 217-248-9635.*

#### *A note from Father Rafal*

This Sunday Jesus speaks about spiritual blindness. We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We need to ask Jesus to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: greed, anger, hatred, jealousy, addictions, and the like. Let us ask God our Father to help us to see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more every day.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare" Sunday. It means rejoice. It expresses the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Let us have a joy in our hearts. There are still a couple weeks of Lent. I hope we try to keep our Lenten resolutions. I know it can be hard sometimes, but we do that for Jesus.

I'm grateful for all your donations for our capital campaign. Your generosity is always very appreciated. I hope we can achieve our goal. This parish is a wonderful place for me to grow as a man and as a spiritual leader. I really enjoy serving you. I can't do anything without you. In other words, I need you. Thank you for your great involvement in the life of our parish. I assure you about my prayers for you.

God bless you

Father Rafal Pырchla

**THINKING AHEAD AND SAVING THE DATE:**  
The Our Lady of the Holy Spirit CCW has decided to have a **spring rummage sale with a twist**. Watch for more details to explain soon. We do know: It will be held the weekend of MTZ sales May 1 & 2. **The TWIST...*Inside will be normal*** with NO CLOTHES, NO ELECTRONICS, NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. **The Outside Sale is:** You rent a space or two or ? for a fee and you do it all. Setup, sell, keep the proceeds, haul it back away. Watch for more info soon.



**OLHS will have a table at the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste on March 21, 2026.**

We would love to have volunteers to help with

booth set up as well as be an active participant at the booth during the show. Our goal is to get the word out about all the great things happening here at OLHS and invite others to join us on our faith journey. Booth set up is on Friday, March 20th and would like to have a few volunteers to help set up. We will also need volunteers for one hour time slots between 9:00 am and 2 pm on Saturday the 21st. It would be great to see individuals and families join! If you would like to get involved, please call Becky Miller at 217-201-5422.

**\*Old palms? Fee free to leave them in the container in the vestibule. They will be burned.**

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