

What brought you to OLPH Parish? What keeps you coming back?

When we as Catholics follow Christ's Mission, we become one world-wide family. Yet, it is our neighborhood parishes that act as the heart of our Catholic communities. Our parish church nourishes our faith and is at the center of our spiritual journey. If asked, each of us here at OLPH would have our own story to tell about why we chose this parish and what is it about OLPH that keeps us coming back week after week.

We recently posed these questions to members of our Women's Club, and their answers reflect the spiritual and emotional connection they have with their parish family. Following are just some of their heartfelt responses:



“Father Boland is a great spiritual leader.”

“I find it very welcoming and supportive. I think Father Boland is a great spiritual leader, friendly and compassionate!”

“The beautiful, gracious, welcoming people that I've met.”

“Lots of opportunity to give back to the community in many different ways.”

“It's a very welcoming and tight-knit parish”

“Truly remarkable people who care about others.”

“The School is what brought us here. It is what brought me here when I was a child.”

“I've never felt so fulfilled with any other Mass experience.”

“There is a sense of community and support. A multi-generational continuity”

“Our children have received all of their Sacraments here. It's our Church.”

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“It's a very welcoming and tight-knit parish.”

“I have grown in my faith here, even though children have grown and gone.”

“The neighborhood community brought us to OLPH, and the people, relationships, and focus on family and Faith keep us coming back.”

“The School brought us here”

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"I arrived at my first experience with OLPH when I came in third grade. I loved my experience from teachers to friends. I came back married with a baby, and the friends and relationships that I have formed in my new guild, I know that I will have forever."

"I love the community feeling. There are always so many events for us to be involved in as a family."

"We keep coming back because of the family atmosphere and supportive friends."

"The priests have been wonderful and caring. . . Sister Paulanne is such a role model for caring for the needy—She inspires us to give to others."

"The meaningful Masses and Homilies, beautiful church, active parish. It feels like "Home."

"Sister Paulanne is such a role model for caring for the needy"

"I come back because of the people and their self-less giving and caring of others in and out of the church."



"This will sound strange, but it is a "feeling" my husband and I both received in the church during Mass. The amazing work the parish does for the community and partnering parishes."

Pope Francis contends that the parish is "a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach." What brings you to OLPH? Do you feel the call to mission here? Do you feel the spirit at work? Reflecting on your own journey is an important first step in your personal Transformational process. How are you living Christ's Mission?



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"Lots of opportunity to give back to the community."

Note: To share your story about what brought you to OLPH Parish and what keeps you coming back, please email: mandre@olphchurch-il.org

