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Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

CONFESSIONS

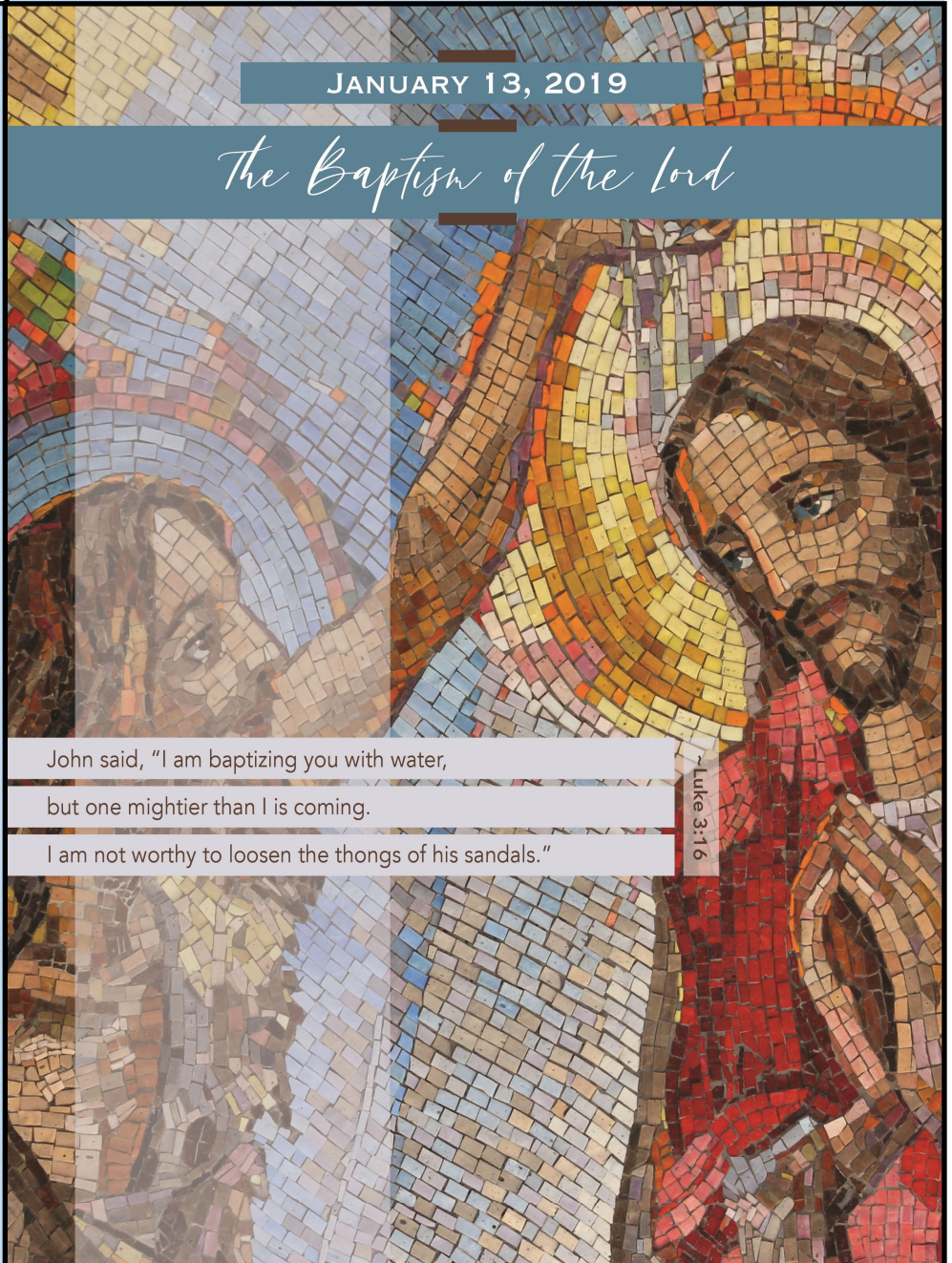
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

JANUARY 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



John said, "I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Today ends the Christmas season in the Church calendar. We've moved from the babe in the manger to the man at the river. Upon Jesus' baptism we are told in Luke's account that "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." From that point, Jesus began his

public ministry. His baptism was a commissioning – and so was ours! Most of us were baptized as an infant and many of us today still don't realize that we, in our baptism, were commissioned to bring the good news of the Gospel to others. We are, by our baptism, supposed to be missionary disciples! But many of the baptized haven't experienced a **personal** relationship with Jesus to be able to truly evangelize others. If you are one of those many, I invite you to ALPHA. Please visit the parish website to learn more and register. Re-awake the spirit you received in baptism!! ALPHA begins on January 22nd and 24th.

As we end the Christmas season, there are some people that truly need to be recognized and appreciated. I hope you enjoyed the display of our nativity scene in the narthex this year. The platform was built by **Jim Fisher**. The Art & Environment Committee spend months prior to Christmas in creative thinking and planning, then procuring needed materials and executing their ideas. Then many hours are spent coordinating and decorating the church and grounds. So a profound thanks to **Marty Kadziela, Linda Eickhoff, and Karen Schwartz** for their beautiful work, creative ideas and dedication! All the floral arrangements you see in church were created by **Marty**, not pre-made by a florist. Thanks as well to **the many volunteers** who helped set-up the decorations throughout the week prior to Christmas and on December 23rd after 5:30pm Mass. Thanks to **Jolene LeRoy** for her idea to add the "memory trees".

Another special thank you goes to **Phyllis Anderson** our sacristan and all around behind the scenes person who makes everything go smoothly. Much of what Phyllis does is detailed oriented and goes unnoticed by most, but Fr. Mark and I notice, and we are profoundly grateful for all she does! I lovingly refer to her as "mother church"!

Thanks to **Frank Sauter** our director of Liturgy & Music for all the work in his first year to carry on the tradition of an all parishioner orchestra for our Midnight Mass. The music was truly inspirational! So a special THANK YOU! – to all our **parishioners who played instruments** in the orchestra, and to parishioner **Emily Brink** for cantoring. Emily is currently doing Masters studies in vocal performance. Thanks to our **choir, musicians, cantors and all liturgical ministers** who served at Christmas Masses.

Thank you to all our **PADS and Hessed House volunteers** who spent part of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day preparing, cooking, and serving food and spending time with the homeless at Hessed House.

Finally, Fr. Mark and I again thank **everyone** who sent us cards or gave us personal Christmas gifts. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Have a Blessed Week!

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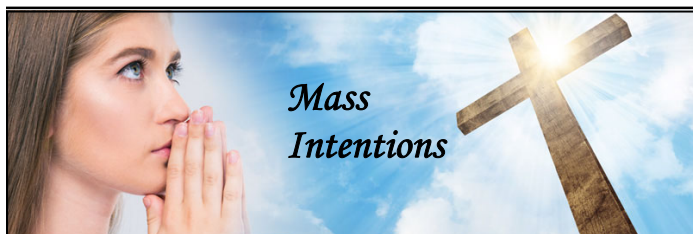
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 14		
8:00 AM	† Victoria Tiu Lo	Elizabeth Lo
Tuesday, January 15		
8:00 AM	† Victoria Andrade	Hansel Roxas
Wednesday, January 16		
8:00 AM	† Audrey Walsh	Tom & Margaret Mary Powers
Thursday, January 17		
8:00 AM	† Louis J. Sonetz, Sr.	Jolene LeRoy
Friday, January 18		
8:00 AM	† Angel Rios	Bob & Gayle Srail
Saturday, January 19		
4:00 PM	† Edward Lynch Int. Marnelli Jabonero	Agnes Schlobohm
Sunday, January 20		
7:30 AM	† Mary Ellen Feldman † Dcd Membrs of Kerkla Family	Family Carolyn Kerkla
9:00 AM	† Barbara Saurer	Roy Saurer
10:45 AM	† Rev. Robert Kash	Griffins Family
12:30 PM	Parishioners of OLM Int. Marinnette & Arlan Lopez	Lopez Family
5:30 PM	Int. Laurie Plese	Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. The Hungry |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Robin T Pazos | 12. Autumn Schmitt |
| 5. Baby Tristian Pazos | 13. Amanda H |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. Gus Mattera |
| 8. Blessing for MFEJ | 16. Samantha Campion |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

- SSG Leah Harvey, USAF
- Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
- Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
- SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
- Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
- Roberto Ramos, Army
- Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
- Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
- SSG Gina Maro, USAF
- Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
- Aaron Godinez, US Marines
- Mason Webber, Army
- LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

- Mark Hoeksema
- Mel Schmutde
- Kathryn Martini
- Mary Moody
- Brady Pembroke
- Bob Holzworth
- Carole Brogan
- Wayne Draper
- Peter Krug
- Ailani Banulos
- Julia Schremp
- Billy Walowski
- Kathy Walowski
- Flo Paprzycki
- Helga Manglinong

- William Durante
- Marilyn Reich
- Michael Dandan
- Charlene Oates
- George Lange

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

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DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR
También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Hoy termina la temporada navideña en el calendario eclesial. Nos hemos movido del bebé en el pesebre al hombre en el río. En el bautismo de Jesús se nos dice en el relato de Lucas que *"el cielo se abrió y el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él en forma corporal como una paloma."* Y vino una voz del cielo: *"Tú eres mi Hijo amado; con quien estoy muy complacido"*. Desde ese momento, Jesús comenzó su ministerio público. Su bautismo fue una comisión, ¡y también lo fue el nuestro! La mayoría de nosotros fuimos bautizados cuando éramos niños y muchos de nosotros todavía hoy no nos damos cuenta de que, en nuestro bautismo, fuimos comisionados para llevar las buenas nuevas del Evangelio a otros. ¡Nosotros, por nuestro bautismo, se supone que somos discípulos misioneros! Pero muchos de los bautizados no han experimentado una relación personal con Jesús para poder realmente evangelizar a otros. Si eres uno de esos tantos, te invito a ALFA. Por favor, visita el sitio web de la parroquia para obtener más información y registrarte. ¡¡Reaviva el espíritu que recibiste en el bautismo !! ALFA comienza el 22 y 24 de enero.

Al terminar la temporada navideña, hay algunas personas que realmente necesitan ser reconocidas y apreciadas. Espero que hayan disfrutado este año la exhibición de nuestra escena de la natividad en el nártex. La plataforma fue construida por **Jim Fisher**. El Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente pasa meses antes de la Navidad en pensamiento creativo y planificación, luego obtiene los materiales necesarios y ejecuta sus ideas. Luego se pasan muchas horas coordinando y decorando la iglesia y los terrenos. ¡Un profundo agradecimiento a **Marty Kuziela, Linda Eickhoff y Karen Schwartz** por su hermoso trabajo, sus ideas creativas y su dedicación! Todos los arreglos florales que ves en la iglesia fueron creados por Marty, no hechos por una florista. Gracias también a **los muchos voluntarios** que ayudaron a preparar las decoraciones durante la semana antes de Navidad y el 23 de diciembre después de la Misa de 5:30 pm. Gracias a **Jolene LeRoy** por su idea de agregar los "árboles de memoria".

Otro agradecimiento especial para **Phyllis Anderson**, nuestro sacristán y todas las personas detrás de la escena, que hacen que todo salga bien. Gran parte de lo que hace Phyllis está orientado al detalle y la mayoría pasa desapercibido por muchos, pero el Padre Mark y yo nos damos cuenta, ¡y estamos profundamente agradecidos por todo lo que ella hace! Me refiero amorosamente a ella como "madre iglesia"!

Gracias a **Frank Sauter**, nuestro director de Liturgia y Música por todo el trabajo en su primer año para continuar con la tradición de una orquesta de todos los feligreses para nuestra Misa de Medianoche. ¡La música fue verdaderamente inspiradora! Así que un especial GRACIAS! a todos **nuestros feligreses que tocaron instrumentos** en la orquesta, y a la parroquiana **Emily Brink** por cantar. Emily está actualmente haciendo estudios de maestría en actuación vocal. Gracias a nuestro **coro, músicos, cantores y todos los ministros litúrgicos** que asistieron en las Misas de Navidad.

Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios **de PADS y Hesed House** que pasaron parte de la víspera de Año Nuevo y el Día de Año Nuevo preparando, cocinando y sirviendo comida y pasando tiempo con las personas sin hogar en Hesed House.

Finalmente, el Padre Mark y yo nuevamente agradecemos a **todos** los que nos enviaron tarjetas o nos dieron regalos de Navidad personales. ¡Apreciamos sinceramente su consideración y generosidad!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

Por muchas semanas hemos celebrado la aparición de la presencia divina en su forma humana. Cuando era niño, Jesús vivió con María y José, al nacer lo visitaron unos pastores y luego algunos errantes magos de Oriente. Hoy celebramos otra situación, ocurrida un tiempo después, a un grupo reunido en el río Jordán.

Juan vaciló cuando le tocó bautizar a Jesús, a quien reconocía como "uno más poderoso que yo". Pero hizo como Jesús se lo pidió, "descendió el Espíritu Santo" y una voz celestial habló a Jesús: "Tú eres mi hijo, el predilecto". Jesús estaba empezando su vida pública de enseñanza y de servicio. Pronto comenzaría a llamar a otros a seguirlo.

Pedro fue el primero que Jesús llamó. En la segunda lectura de hoy anuncia el centro del mensaje: "la paz que traería Jesucristo, el Señor de todos". Pedro fue llamado, y tú y yo so-



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Heb 1:1-6; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(Grades K-5)**

**SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
(Grades 9-12)**

A Prayer for the Baptized



Bless us, Lord Jesus, and all of the newly baptized.
Continue to immerse us in the waters of your life and love.
Seal us with the oil of gladness and strength.
Illuminate our path with the light of your hope.
Clothe us with goodness, kindness, and compassion.
May the celebration of our baptism be just the beginning
of a long and fruitful journey with you.

Amen.

Teen Sunday Nights: Any and All high school teens are invited to our Sunday Night Youth Group which starts on January 13th from 6:30-8:15 pm in the PLC. We will have food, faith and fun! Please join us and feel free to invite your friends!

Teen & Parent Night: Teens and their parents are invited to attend our youth ministry Deanery event on Sunday, January 27th at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Naperville beginning at 7:30 pm. The presenter will be Jackie Francois-Angel, a nationally known Catholic speaker. Teens who attend will receive a discipleship credit towards the Confirmation requirement.

Confirmation Letters of Intent for teens who have completed or are close to completing the requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation are NOW available in the lobby wall display, LIGHT webpage or in the R.E. Office. Forms are DUE by Feb. 25th to the R.E. Office.

Peer Ministry Team-Retreat planning will be held on Sunday, Jan. 13th and 20th at 10:30am on the PLC Youth Center.

Mission Trip Orientation Meeting for those teens signed up for the trip will be offered on Jan. 13th at Noon or Jan. 15th at 7pm in the PLC. This meeting is for both the teen and at least one parent to attend.

Teen Worship Band is forming. We are still in need of a guitar player. Please contact [Dave](#) if interested or have a question.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

Monday, January 7
Saturday, January 12
Monday, January 14
Monday, January 28

6th-Commandments Part I - 7/8th-Trusting God
6th Grade Retreats—8:45/11:45 AM or 12:45/3:45 PM Permission Forms Needed
6/7/8th - *Run for Your Life -Refugee Simulation*
6th Commandments Part II - 7/8th Choices

EDGE PLUS

Thursday, January 17 6/7/8th Feed My Starving Children **Permission Forms Needed 5:45/7:30 PM**

SPECIAL SACRAMENTS CLASSES

Classes are: Monday, January 7th & 28th. Please mark your calendars.

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Radon Awareness Month

January is *National Radon Awareness Month*. It is an opportunity at the beginning of a new year to learn about radon and its negative effects on health. Radon is a radioactive gas that you cannot see, smell or taste but could be at a dangerous level in your home. About 21,000 Americans die each year from radon exposure. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America.

Radon gas is produced from a natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. It enters buildings through cracks in the floors and walls, construction joints or gaps around service pipes, electrical wires and sump pits. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), nearly one out of every fifteen homes in America is estimated to have elevated radon levels.

Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk. It is important to test radon levels in buildings, especially in the home as it is the only way to determine how much radon is present. Although no level of radon exposure is considered completely safe, the EPA only recommends reducing radon levels in the home if long-term exposure averages 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher. A pCi is a measure of the rate of radioactive decay of radon gas. For testing kits, contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency office at (217) 782-2700. For more information about radon and a list of professionals in Illinois to test or deal with radon concerns, go to radon.illinois.gov. Additional resources on radon are the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org or at the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. For resources and support, the Cancer Helpline is 800-227-2345.

Defend and Celebrate Life

The 46th Annual March for Life, the world's largest pro-life event is on January 18 in Washington D.C. The theme this year is "Unique From Day One". Join thousands in praying for the respect and protection of early human life with the novena – 9 Days For Life: Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22 2019 found at www.9daysforlife.com. On a local level, participate in activities and support the Respect Life Ministry at our parish.

Pastoral Care Concerns

For support and assistance with life transitions, grief, emotional or mental health concerns, caregiver concerns or chronic illness/chronic pain, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com.

Angel Gift Giving

Thank you to all the parishioners that were able to support the Angel Gift Giving program this year. Whether you used a tag from our beautiful giving tree or turned in a donation without a tag, your donation made a difference. We were able to support 39 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for thinking of our brothers sisters in need this holiday season. God bless you during this beautiful season.



How does God guide us?

All of us have to make decisions about what we do with our lives—our work, our family, our children, the use of our time, and certainly day-to-day decisions. Discerning God's will can be tricky business. But the wonderful news of the Christian faith is that we're not on our own in this life. God is with us and is very engaged in our lives. If you're interested in learning more about how God guides us, consider trying Alpha.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE
January 19 & 20

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **January 19 & 20** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

We will accept.....Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk. No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.** For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.

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JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

Our third annual Movie Night will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7 PM. Please save the date. The film will be “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict”. We will have professional guests present who will help guide the discussion and Q&A following the film. We hope you will attend this event - the opioid crisis has reached epidemic proportions and is present in all parts of the country. Sadly, many individuals and families have been affected. We wish to help raise awareness and bring hope to those affected.



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

Friday, January 18
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114

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Update Membership
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Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 630-851-3444 or email parishoffice@olmercy.com.

Thank you for your help!

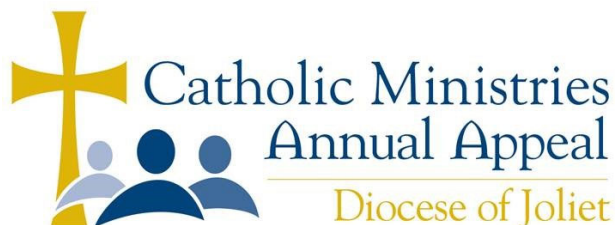
Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/30/18)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	853,766
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	837,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	16,766
12/30/18 Sunday Collection:	\$	32,006
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	1,006

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Thank you for your generosity!!



2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	122,500
Amount Pledged	\$	163,357
Amount Paid	\$	153,616
Remaining Balance	\$	9,741
Rebate Amount	\$	21,781
# of Families Pledged		630

GEMS

BEING AND STAYING SOCIALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY ACTIVE...



Activities that challenge your brain, including reading books, writing letters and learning a new language - all help preserve brain function, as do social activities such as volunteering, playing cards, attending church services and talking with friends.

A big thanks to our GEMS members and parishioners for your outpouring of gifts and canned goods during the recent Christmas season. Your generosity made the Christmas season brighter for those in need and is greatly appreciated...please continue your generous donations as you are able.

Our next scheduled GEMS meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13 at Noon in the Parish Life Center. Please consider bringing desserts to share with your fellow GEMS members.

Are you interested in the OLM Bridge club? Contact Willie at 630-898-1999 for more information.

The OLM card group is seeking new participants, email Ann at ANNC1001@aol.com for more information.

For information on the Critics Corner movie club...contact Pat at 630-585-6437.

If you aren't receiving reminder email messages about our monthly meetings or if you have any questions,, please contact Phyllis Anderson at phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com.

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.

Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship. This local event will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00 pm in the **Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center**.

Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to district, region and state competitions. All contestants at this local event will be recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For additional information call (630) 978-1536.



Save the Date ...

Saturday May 4, 2019. Walk to Mary is a 21-mile pilgrimage starting from the Vatican-appointed Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. Join fellow OLM parishioners on a journey to deepen your relationship with our blessed Mother; transforming your heart, mind and spirit to be more Christ-like. You can learn more at www.walktomary.com or please contact Kiley Tyler at 630-408-2444 with any questions.



The Knights of Columbus Robert H Weaver Council #12005 will be sponsoring a blood drive on January 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the PLC, room 114.

You can sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org, or by calling Chris at 630-851-0907. Walk ins are also welcome! If you are unable to donate on that date, you can go to any Heartland Blood Center and give the Knights' council number 12005.

Please consider donating because the need for blood is great.



Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses January 19 & 20

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
Sunday:	7:30a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Phil Rehmer
	9:00a	Benedictine/Dcn Tony Martini
	10:45a	Benedictine/Dcn Tim Kueper
	12:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionsong
	5:30p	Fr Francis Tebbe

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	January 13	
8:00-12:30p	K of C Pancake Breakfast	MPR
8:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
10:30-11:30a	Peer Ministry Team Mtg	Rm 211
12:00-1:00p	Mission Trip Orientation	Rm 217
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
MONDAY	January 14	
8:00-8:00p	Art & Environment	Ministry Rm/Narthex
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
6:30-8:00p	Edge	MPR
7:00-8:30p	Justice & Peace Mtg	Rm 110
TUESDAY	January 15	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church
1:00-3:00p	OLM Card Group	Rm 110
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	Adult Alpha Kick-Off	MPR
7:00-8:00p	Mission Trip Orientation	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Stewardship Committee	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	January 16	
8:30-11:00a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
9:00-10:00a	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 217
4:30-5:45p	Re Class	PLC
6:00-8:00p	Knights of Columbus Dist Mtg	Rm 114
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Baptism Class	Church
7:00-9:00p	St. Vincent DePaul Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:00p	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 110
THURSDAY	January 17	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:30-9:00p	Knights of Columbus Dist Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-8:00p	March for Life Vigil	Church
FRIDAY	January 18	
6:30-8:30p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Worship Commission Mtg	Rm 119
7:00-9:00p	Cub Scouts	
SATURDAY	January 19	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
SUNDAY	January 20	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
10:30-11:30a	Peer Ministry Team	Rm 211
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake
breakfast Sunday, January 13th
from 8:00am to 12:30pm
in the PLC Gym.



Menu:

Pancakes
Eggs
Sausage
Fruit
Coffee, Tea & Juice



Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$5.00
Children: \$3.00 (10 and under)
Children under 3 no charge

All profits will help support our Seminarian Intern
Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

WEDDINGS: The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

HOSPITALITY: "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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