



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

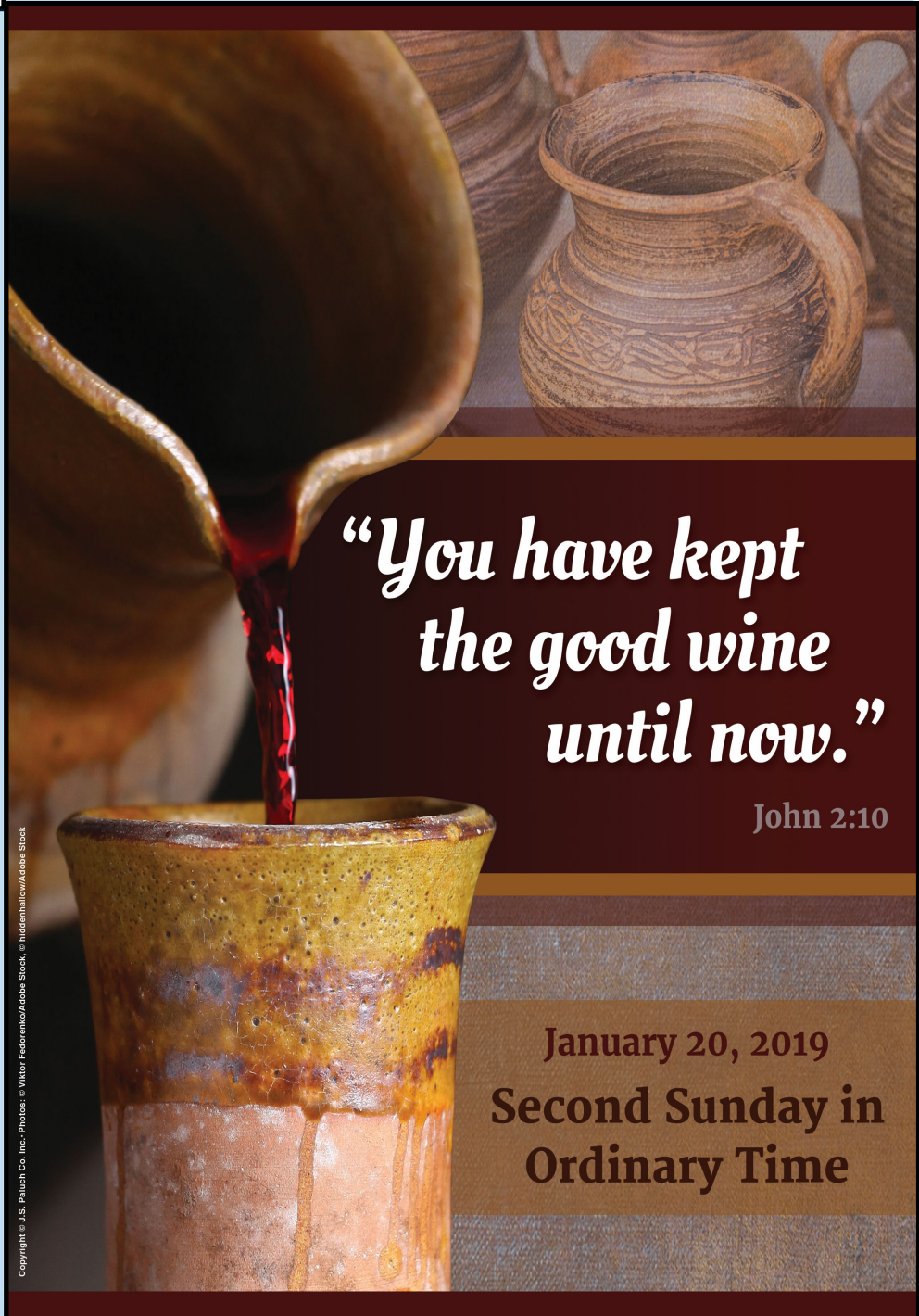
Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

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



*“You have kept
the good wine
until now.”*

John 2:10

January 20, 2019
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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

This past Wednesday night, six busses filled with teens from throughout the Diocese along with adult chaperones and chaplains (Fr. Mark is chaplain for one of the busses) left for Washington, D.C. to participate in the 46th annual Right For Life March upon the Capitol, Supreme Court, and National Mall. They will return this Sunday evening. On Tuesday, January 22nd, the actual anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, our 8:00AM Mass will be offered for the legal protection of unborn children. For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. Pope Benedict XVI writes in Caritas in Veritate that "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15). As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

Locally, on another "front" of promoting the protection of the life of the unborn, most of you are aware of Waterleaf on New York Street in Aurora (and within our parish boundaries). Since 2009, Waterleaf has served more than 3,000 patients from 182 cities in 10 states. Their proximity to the third largest abortion provider in the country has enabled them to reach the most abortion-determined and abortion-vulnerable men and women with life-affirming messages and services. Hundreds of baby's lives have been saved through their services. And there is more good news! Through the generosity of a property owner, benefactors and many donors, Waterleaf has begun construction on a new larger facility – RIGHT NEXT DOOR to that third largest abortion provider – Planned Parenthood. Our Lady of Mercy supports Waterleaf with donations and our prayers. I am pleased to announce that Our Lady of Mercy parish will make a \$20,000 donation to the construction of the new Waterleaf facility. This donation, approved by our Finance Council, comes from our budget surplus of last fiscal year. The new facility will even have a 350 square foot chapel for the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic Adoration as well as non-denominational prayer services.

There are several ways to be involved in our Pro-Life Ministries. The 1st Friday of every month there are "prayer warriors" at the Planned Parenthood facilities. Middle school students are welcome to join our Gen Z for Life group. Detailed information about our Pro-Life ministries can be found on the parish website.

Have a Blessed Week and Choose Life!

Fr. Don

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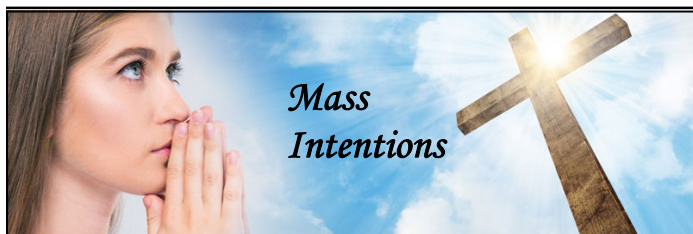
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 21

8:00 AM Int Steve Dodd Margaret Dodd

Tuesday, January 22

8:00 AM † Edith & Joseph Tobias Rowena Mahaney

Wednesday, January 23

8:00 AM † Holda Garcia Tom & Letty Nolan

Thursday, January 24

8:00 AM † Jeff Pokonosky Tom & Margaret Mary Powers

Friday, January 25

8:00 AM † Tom Russell Tom & Margaret Mary Powers

Saturday, January 26

4:00 PM † Robin Pazos Nancy Luna

4:00 PM † Richard Miller Family

Sunday, January 27

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family

Int Mike & Carole Brogan Pat & Tom McHugh

9:00 AM † Tim Fahey Tom & Letty Nolan

10:45 AM Int Marattil Family

12:30 PM Int Ty Izayah Family

5:30 PM † Daniel Roush Darlene Cody

Int Parishioners of OLM

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 Schmudde
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
Sibin Marattil

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.

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. Florence H. Kubicki | 10. James Pluskota, Sr. |
| 3. Connie Fiache | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Maria H. | 12. Marie S. |
| 5. Florence H. Kubicki | 13. Bob & Midge |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Peg & Joe |
| 7. Fr. Jim Barlow RIP | 15. Letticia |
| 8. Charles & Sophia Martin | 16. Joan S. |

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

We pray for the deceased and their families...

Norma Knecht, mother of Karen Lorch
Connie Fiache, mother of Kathy and Mary Salvador Cahue, brother of Daniel Cahue
Frank Kadziela, uncle of Marty Kadziela

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

The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, January 21st
in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.



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

El pasado miércoles por la noche, seis autobuses llenos de adolescentes de toda la Diócesis, junto con chaperones adultos y capellanes (el Padre Mark es capellán de uno de los autobuses) partieron para Washington DC para participar en la 46^o Marcha Anual por el Derecho a la Vida recorriendo el Capitolio, Corte Suprema, y la Explanada Nacional. Ellos regresarán este domingo por la tarde. El martes 22 de enero, el aniversario real de la decisión de la Corte Suprema "Roe v. Wade", nuestra Misa de 8:00 am se ofrecerá por la protección legal de los niños no nacidos. Para la Iglesia, no hay distinción entre defender la vida humana y promover la dignidad de la persona humana. El Papa Benedicto XVI escribe en **Caritas in Veritate** que "La Iglesia mantiene enérgicamente este vínculo entre la ética de la vida y la ética social, plenamente consciente de que una sociedad carece de bases sólidas cuando, por un lado, afirma valores como la dignidad de la persona, la justicia y la paz, pero luego, por otro lado, actúa radicalmente en sentido contrario al permitir o tolerar una variedad de formas en que la vida humana es devaluada y violada, especialmente cuando es débil o está marginada "(nº 15). Como un regalo de Dios, cada vida humana es sagrada desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. La vida y la dignidad de cada persona deben ser respetadas y protegidas en cada etapa y en cada condición. El derecho a la vida es el primer y más fundamental principio de los derechos humanos que lleva a los Católicos a trabajar activamente por un mundo de mayor respeto por la vida humana y un mayor compromiso con la justicia y la paz.

Localmente, en otro "frente" de promover la protección de la vida de los no nacidos, la mayoría de ustedes está al tanto de Waterleaf en la calle New York en Aurora (y dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia). Desde el 2009, Waterleaf ha atendido a más de 3,000 pacientes de 182 ciudades en 10 estados. Su proximidad con el tercer proveedor de servicios de aborto más grande del país les ha permitido llegar a los hombres y mujeres más determinados al aborto y vulnerables al aborto con mensajes y servicios que afirman la vida. Cientos de vidas de bebés se han salvado a través de sus servicios. ¡Y hay más buenas noticias! A través de la generosidad del dueño de una propiedad, los benefactores y muchos donantes, Waterleaf ha comenzado la construcción de una nueva instalación más grande: LA SIGUIENTE PUERTA del tercer proveedor de abortos más grande: Planned Parenthood. Our Lady of Mercy apoya a Waterleaf con donaciones y nuestras oraciones. Me complace anunciar que la parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy hará una donación de \$20,000 para la construcción de la nueva instalación de Waterleaf. Esta donación, aprobada por nuestro Consejo de Finanzas, proviene de nuestro superávit presupuestario del año fiscal anterior. La nueva instalación incluso tendrá una capilla de 350 pies cuadrados para la celebración de la Misa, la Adoración Eucarística y servicios de oración de no denominaciones.

Hay varias formas de participar en nuestros Ministerios Pro-Vida. El primer viernes de cada mes hay "guerreros de oración" en las instalaciones de Planned Parenthood. Los estudiantes de secundaria son bienvenidos a unirse a nuestro grupo "Gen Z for Life". Se puede encontrar información detallada sobre nuestros ministerios Pro-Vida en el sitio web de la parroquia. ¡Que tengan una semana bendecida y Elijan la Vida!

Padre Don

LA OFICINA DE
FORMACIÓN LAICAL

OFICINA DEL
MINISTERIO HISPANO

INVITAN A LAS PARROQUIAS

EN LOS DECANATOS DE

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LA BIBLIA Y EL PLAN DE SALVACIÓN

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FORMACIÓN BÍBLICA EN ESPAÑOL

15 SESIONES FORMATIVAS SOBRE EL NUEVO
TESTAMENTO

PARROQUIA SAN MATEO

1555 Glen Ellyn Rd Glendale Heights, IL 60139

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JUEVES A LAS 7:00 EMPEZANDO EL
24 DE ENERO 2019

No hay costo para el participante o la parroquia

PARA MÁS DETALLES OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO 815-221-6247

Exploring the "Catholic" in "Roman Catholic":

Mapping Diversity and Building Empathy

January 31, 2019

Blanchette Catholic Center

Crest Hill, IL



Dr. Edward Foley, OFM Cap

Please Register by January 25th!

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://conta.cc/2RqmkCj>

Send to Religious Education Office, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

FAX: 815-639-2182 or kwojnarowski@dioceseofjoliet.org

Checks payable to Diocese of Joliet - please return with form/mark "REC" on envelope or check!

Event open to paid and volunteer catechetical leaders at all levels and advanced catechists, who must be registered by their parish leader. Not open to the public.

General Admission \$20 Per Person (lunch included)

Admission to those from dues-paying Adult Faith Leadership Association parishes is FREE. Only pay the \$10 lunch charge.

A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God. Copyright © JS Paluch

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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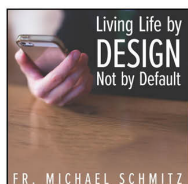
Living Life by Design Not by Default

By Fr. Michael Schmitz

Live This Year Intentionally

Fr. Michael Schmitz explains why and how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within this technological age. Discover how, with a few small steps, you can stop going with the flow and live by design.

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“Father Mike always hits me in the gut with the simplest and most beautiful logic. So so good.”

—Ryan H.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalms — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;

Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21



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

Embracing A New Year of Favor

(Based on Isaiah 61:1-2)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . .

Consider the ways God’s Spirit has been upon you in the past year. In what ways has that Spirit carried you and opened you up in new and surprising ways?

. . . because he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted . . .

We are surrounded on a daily basis with unpleasant news. As you look around and witness the afflictions of despair, cynicism, and fear, how might you be a messenger of hope, affirmation, and joy?

. . . to bind up the brokenhearted . . .

Many people have endured various forms of loss this past year. Some involve actual deaths of loved ones, while others suffer the grief of broken dreams, shattered relationships, and an uncertain future. How might you “bind the wounds” of others through words and gestures of comfort and consolation?

. . . to announce a year of favor from the Lord.”

What practices of gospel hospitality do you embrace with an intentional heart as you move into this new year? Ponder the courtesy, kindness, and welcome you resolve to accept and pass along to others in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

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

Teen Sunday Nights: The next TSN will be on January 20th 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! Future dates: Jan. 20th & Feb. 3rd—Superbowl Party—see below!

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.

Teen Sunday Night: Superbowl Party is Feb. 3rd starting at 5:00 PM in the Parish Life Center. Teens are invited and they can bring friends! We’ll have food, drinks and the BIG game!

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.

LIGHT Winter Quarter begins Feb. 3rd. Deadline to sign-up for courses and the Search Retreat is Jan. 22nd.

Teen Search Retreats will be held Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 8-9 in the PLC. Teens can sign-up in the RE office for one of these dates. A permission form is required and should be returned to the RE office by Jan. 22nd.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

Monday, January 28

SAT FEB 2

Feb 4

6th Commandments Part II

7/8th RETREATS

6th THE CREED PART I

7/8th Choices

7/8TH FRIENDSHIPS WE MAKE

SPECIAL SACRAMENTS CLASSES

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

ROLLER SKATING DATE

Calling ALL Jr. High Teens to an afternoon of fun with your friends! We will meet at *Aurora Skate* on Hill & Montgomery Roads on, Sunday, Feb. 24th from 1-4 PM. Permission forms are needed & will be handed out at EDGE, as well as being found on our Web Page & in front of the RE Office. Cost is \$4 for rentals & \$6 to enter. Money can be paid when you get to Aurora Skate. Bring your friends & family if you’d like. Chaperones are always needed parents. Please let me know if you can help on the permission form.

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

February is “Dentists with a Heart” Month

“Dentists with a Heart” is sponsored by the Fox River Valley Dental Society. Local dentists offer free services during the month of February. Several dental offices in the Tri-Cities will be offering free dental services, including x-rays, cleanings, extractions, fillings and diagnostic services during February. According to an article in the Kane County Chronicle January 11 2019, the participating providers include Geneva Family Dental: Dr. Thomas Skoumal in Geneva and Dr. Rose Vivinto in St. Charles on February 1; Midwest Dental Implantology in St. Charles on February 5; Drs. John Mason, Lauren Brammeier, Matthew Faith and Margaret Hoschiet in St. Charles on February 8; St. Charles Family Dentistry on February 14 and Penniall Family Dental in St. Charles.

Appointments will not be taken and services will be performed on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no eligibility requirements. For more information, contact the offices listed above or go to the website for “Dentists with a Heart”.

It is important to make oral health a priority. Studies are taking place to find out the link between oral health and overall health. It is known that a healthy mouth and a regimen to keep it that way is connected to keeping your teeth. Optimal dental care includes: seeking professional dental care every six months, brushing teeth a minimum of twice daily, regularly flossing your teeth and making sure that dentures fit properly.

Pastoral Care Concerns

If you or someone you know is in need of the Anointing of the Sick sacrament, would like to be put on the prayer list or would like a visit from clergy or a pastoral care minister, please contact the office at 630-851-3444.

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 jolenel@olmercy.com.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

A prayer service is offered for those experiencing illness on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those living with cancer or a chronic illness. This is a time to come together in prayerful support of one another. Following the prayer service, there is an opportunity to gather together in the Ministry Room for refreshments and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.

The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be
Saturday, February 2 at 7:15 pm.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office by February 1, 2019.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

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!

Women In Faith

Next Session Begins January 30

Join other women from Our Lady of Mercy Parish to help bridge the gap between our Catholic Faith and everyday life. We will deepen our understanding of God through book studies, scripture sharing, prayer, song and fellowship in a welcoming community environment for women. The Women In Faith group meets bi-weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 AM. This 8-week session we'll be studying Women of the New Testament: Their Lives, Our Hope by Pia Septien. The studies are offered in both English and Spanish. If you are interested in joining this faith-building ministry, please contact Barbara Abdo at 815-524-4525 or abdo5@comcast.net or Veronica Manzanara (630) 210-6143 or verojuarez72@hotmail.com.



Why & how should I read the Bible?

Do you know the Bible is the most successful literary creation ever, more influential than Shakespeare or any other great text? It's completely international. Homer has been translated into 40 languages, Shakespeare into 60, the Bible into well over 2,000—ten times more than any other book. It's every publisher's dream! It's the world's bestseller—44 million copies of the Bible sell every year. God has given us guidelines of how to live—not because He hates us, but because He loves us and wants us to enjoy life to the full. To learn more about why we should read God's love letter to us, consider Alpha. Connect with Zara at 331-707-5381 or zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha.

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.



Please Donate!

Hesed House is in need of new or gently used twin or full size sheets.



Please bring your donations into the Parish Office.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, February 9th 12:00Noon to 2:00PM

Qualifications: Practicing Catholic who has been confirmed, is attending Mass regularly and receiving the Eucharist

Contact: Fr. Don at frdon@olmercy.com

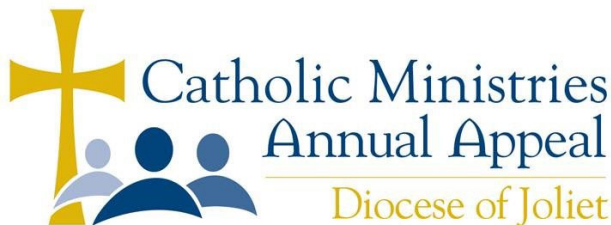
Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/06/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	887,414
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	868,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	19,414
01/06/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	33,648
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	2,648

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	\$	164,398
Amount Paid	\$	154,907
Remaining Balance	\$	9,491
Rebate Amount	\$	22,685
# of Families Pledged		632

GEMS



MIX IT UP: Once you're familiar with proper meal portion size, likes and dislikes, you can now "mix it up". Add almonds to green beans, or fruit to salads, or rice to black beans and maybe green onions and apple to quinoa. To make a good meal great and add more nutrients, use spices, herbs, lemons and limes, or shallots and garlic.

Our next GEMS luncheon meeting will be on February 13 at noon in the Parish Life Center. Please consider bringing a Valentines Day themed dessert to share.

Also, please consider bringing one non perishable food item to our next meeting in support of the Food Bank benefiting needy folks in our area.

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.

Critics Corner movie club...contact Pat at 630-585-6437 for information.

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.

Aurora Central Catholic High School

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Additional information may be found at
www.auroracentral.com



Open House at Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic School-January 27th

Come to our Open House and learn about our kindergarten! The program begins at 10:45am. Attendees will meet in the kindergarten classrooms, hear an overview from the teachers, explore the elementary school, and have the opportunity to ask questions. All parents and their children who will be entering kindergarten in the next year or two are invited.

For more information contact Meg Olsen at molsen@sspeterandpaulschool.com

Empower Illinois Scholarships

*Want real choices for your
child's education?
Catholic Schools!*

The Illinois Invest in Kids Act is designed to help families have a real choice for the best education possible – including scholarships to the area Catholic Schools.

Empower Illinois provides full and partial scholarships for qualified families through the Invest in Kids Act. Information about this program may be found at the Empower Illinois website (www.EmpowerIllinois.org).

How do I apply for this scholarship? This is a two-step process. Complete a brief online form at Empower Illinois beginning on **Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00pm**. An e-mail with instructions will be sent from Empower Illinois to complete the scholarship application. All scholarship applications must be submitted before **January 28th**.

Additional information may be found at Empower Illinois (www.EmpowerIllinois.org).

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses January 26 & 27

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

LOOKING GOOD

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.

—Gaelic proverb

Parish Activities for the Week

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 Trng	Rm 211
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
MONDAY	January 21	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
7:00-8:30p	CRHP Men	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	January 22	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
12:00-1:00p	Memorial Mass	Church
1:30-2:30p	Divine Chaplet	Chapel/Narthex
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:30-10:00p	Knights of Columbus Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	January 23	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:30-9:00p	Administration Commission Mtg	Ministry Rm
THURSDAY	January 24	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
7:00-9:00p	Alpha	Rm 208/Church
6:00-9:00p	K of C Free Throw Contest	MPR
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
FRIDAY	January 25	
6:30p	Search Retreat	PLC
SATURDAY	January 26	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30-11:30a	Search Retreat	PLC
9:30-11:00a	1st Reconciliation	Church
11:30-1:00p	1st Reconciliation	Church
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
5:00-6:00p	Hospitality	MPR
6:00-9:00p	Scouts Pinewood Derby	MPR
SUNDAY	January 27	
7:30-6:30p	Hospitality	MPR
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Meeting	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114



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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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