



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

*Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

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Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those
who have nothing prepared;
for today is holy to our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:10



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

In today's gospel we hear Jesus proclaim what he has come to do – *“to bring glad tidings to the poor....to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”* This is **OUR** mission as well! And **how** we do that mission can have a great impact.

In the one and a half years that Fr. Mark and I have been here, we have done a lot of observing and a lot of listening. We have spent many hours in discussion with staff, parishioners, and parish leaders. In our short time here, we have received much affirmation for some of the “changes” that have been initiated. We are told of a new energy and revitalized spirit. A universal concern has been a significant decline in Mass attendance. Over a period of 13 years OLM saw a decline of 20%. In the time Fr. Mark and I have been here, attendance has increased 13%. Last fiscal year OLM had the highest percentage increase in the Sunday collection among the 124 parishes in the Diocese. Fr. Mark and I do not and cannot take any credit for this.....it is God working through the Holy Spirit touching people's hearts and lives through **HOW** ministry is being approached at Our Lady of Mercy. On January 8th I made a presentation to the leaders of all the ministries and organizations of OLM explaining the shift in the “how” I want us to undertake. It is modeled on the words of Pope Francis: *“I dream of a missionary option capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.”* We are undertaking a shift from a “maintenance mode” (we've always done it this way) to a focus on mission – to giving people the opportunity to meet Jesus, not just an institution. The institution (Church) is important....she holds up the highest standards of truth and morality. But many people give up trying to reach and live those standards because when they reach out to the church they are judged and condemned, told they have to change first, have no personal relationship with Jesus, and no communal support to even try to live as Jesus calls us to live. The old “pray, pay, obey” doesn't work anymore. Obedience motivated from a converted heart that has met Jesus is true obedience. Obedience motivated by rules and fear misses the point. Jesus mingled and ate with sinners. He didn't tell them to change first before he would meet with them. And I believe His accepting people where they were in their life, gave them the power to make needed changes. So, I've asked all staff and ministry leaders to adopt a spirit of **radical** welcome here at OLM recognizing that **every person** has a unique journey and story that needs to be heard and respected. When someone calls or comes to our offices to request a baptism, wedding, funeral or registration in RE, I don't want the first thing they hear is: “are you a registered parishioner?” I want our staff and all of us to approach every person who comes to us as sent by God for a reason. The attitude of welcome and invitation must permeate all we do at OLM. I want to give people a reason to come back, not leave. I want people invited to experience ALPHA and discover a totally new relationship with Jesus and His church. Each organization and ministry needs to ask the question... how does what we are doing, including how we celebrate Mass at OLM, bring others closer to Jesus? I've asked the staff, our parish leaders, and now I ask **YOU** to join the mission of radical welcome and invitation to ALPHA – as a permanent shift in our thinking at OLM!

Have a blessed week!

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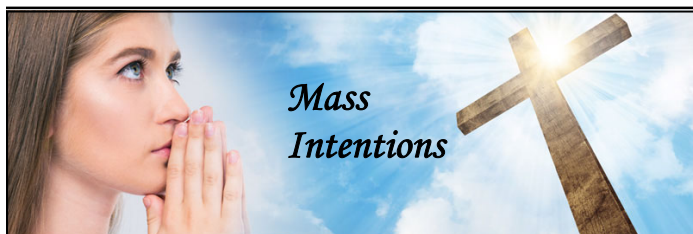
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 28

8:00 AM † James W. Ray Helean M. Ray
 † James W. Ray, Jr.

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 AM Int. Briggs F. Spach Family

Wednesday, January 30

8:00 AM † Lucia Embradura Family

Thursday, January 31

8:00 AM † Elena Centofanti Ida Phillips

Friday, February 1

8:00 AM † Rosemary Casey Laurie Schwab

Saturday, February 2

4:00 PM Int. Mike & Carole Brogan Pat & Tom McHugh
 Parishioners of OLM
 7:15 PM Charismatic Healing Mass

Sunday, February 3

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
 † Nestor Caluza Family
 9:00 AM † Anne Heckel OLM Bridge Group
 Parishioners of OLM
 10:45 AM † Brian L. Winders Patrick & Stephanie Young
 12:30 PM † Judy Peterson The Harris Family
 5:30 PM † KC Oommen Family

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
 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. Law Enforcement | 10. Samantha Campion |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutde | 12. Autumn Schmitt |
| 5. Miles Small | 13. Bob & Midge Holzworth |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Those in the Military | 16. The Homeless |

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 pray for the deceased and their families...
 Peter Krug, father of Stephanie & Peter
 Jane Balquiedra, wife of Delmar*

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

SSG Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholas 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





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

En el evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Jesús proclamar lo que él ha venido a hacer: "traer buenas nuevas a los pobres ... proclamar la libertad de los cautivos y la recuperación de la vista a los ciegos, dejar libres a los oprimidos y proclamar un año aceptable al Señor". ¡Esta es **NUESTRA** misión también! Y **cómo** hacemos esa misión puede tener

un gran impacto. En el año y medio que el Padre Mark y yo hemos estado aquí, hemos observado y escuchado mucho. Hemos pasado muchas horas discutiendo con el personal, los feligreses y los líderes parroquiales. En nuestro corto tiempo aquí, hemos recibido mucha afirmación por algunos de los "cambios" que se han iniciado. Nos hablan de una nueva energía y un espíritu revitalizado. Una preocupación universal ha sido una disminución significativa en la asistencia a la Misa. Durante un período de 13 años, OLM experimentó una disminución del 20%. En el tiempo que el Padre Mark y yo hemos estado aquí, la asistencia ha aumentado un 13%. El año fiscal pasado, OLM tuvo el mayor porcentaje de aumento en la colecta del domingo entre las 124 parroquias de la Diócesis. El Padre Mark y yo no podemos darnos crédito por esto ... es Dios que está obrando a través del Espíritu Santo tocando los corazones y las vidas de las personas a través de **CÓMO** se enfoca el ministerio en Our Lady of Mercy. El 8 de enero hice una presentación a los líderes de todos los ministerios y organizaciones de OLM explicando el cambio en el "cómo" quiero que emprendamos. Se basa en las palabras del Papa Francisco: "Sueño con una opción misionera capaz de transformar todo, para que las costumbres de la Iglesia, las formas de hacer las cosas, los tiempos y los horarios, el lenguaje y las estructuras puedan canalizarse adecuadamente para la evangelización del mundo de hoy en lugar de su autoconservación". Estamos realizando un cambio desde un "modo de mantenimiento" (siempre lo hemos hecho de esta manera) a un enfoque en la misión: dando a las personas la oportunidad de conocer a Jesús, no solo a una institución. La institución (la Iglesia) es importante ... ella sostiene los más altos estándares de verdad y moralidad. Pero muchas personas renuncian al tratar de alcanzar y vivir esos estándares porque cuando llegan a la iglesia son juzgados y condenados, les dicen que primero deben cambiar, no tienen una relación personal con Jesús y no tienen apoyo comunitario para tratar de vivir como Jesús nos llama a vivir. El viejo dicho "ora, paga, obedece" ya no funciona más. La obediencia motivada por un corazón convertido que ha conocido a Jesús es la verdadera obediencia. La obediencia motivada por las reglas y el miedo pierde el punto. Jesús se mezcló y comió con los pecadores. Él no les dijo que cambiaran antes de reunirse con ellos. Y creo que Su aceptación de las personas, donde estaban en su vida, les dio el poder de hacer los cambios necesarios. Entonces, les pedí a todo el personal y líderes de ministerios que adopten un espíritu de bienvenida **radical** aquí en OLM, reconociendo que **cada persona** tiene una jornada y una historia únicas que deben ser escuchadas y respetadas. Cuando alguien llama o viene a nuestras oficinas para solicitar un bautismo, una boda, un funeral o un registro en Educación Religiosa, no quiero que lo primero que escuchen sea: "¿eres un feligrés registrado?" Quiero que nuestro personal y todos nosotros se acerquen a cada persona que venga a nosotros como enviada por Dios por una razón. La actitud de bienvenida e invitación debe impregnar todo lo que hacemos en OLM. Quiero darle a la gente una razón para regresar, no para irse. Quiero que las personas sean invitadas a experimentar ALPHA y descubrir una relación totalmente nueva con Jesús y Su iglesia. Cada organización y ministerio debe hacer la pregunta ... ¿cómo hace lo que estamos haciendo, incluyendo la forma en que celebramos la Misa en OLM, acerca a otros más a Jesús? Le pedí al personal, a los líderes de nuestra parroquia, y ahora les pido a **UDS** que se unan a la misión de bienvenida e invitación radicales a ALPHA, ¡como un cambio permanente en nuestra forma de pensar en OLM!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

EL TIEMPO

Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será "el año de la gracia del Señor". Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la "llegada" de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehe-mías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: "Este día está dedicado al Señor... no estén tristes".

El "año de la gracia del Señor" es este año. El día "dedicado al Señor" es hoy. El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y aceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas la palabra de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98:1-6; Mc 3:22-30
Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: Heb 10:11-18; Sal 110:1-4; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves: Heb 10:19-25; Sal 24:1-6; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Domingo: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lc 4:21-30

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FORMED PICK

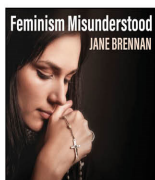
Feminism Misunderstood

By Jane Brennan

Journey into Truth

Jane Brennan shares her powerful story of abortion and her final conversion to the Catholic Church. Men and women alike will be moved as they listen to the reconciliation, healing, and hope Jane found in Christ and his Church.

[Listen on formed.org](http://listen.onformed.org)



"Jane's story is a powerful and compelling testament to how Christ can take anyone out of despair and move them to a place of dignity and hope."
—Carol L., Lemmon, SD

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

ATTENTION, ATTENTION AN INVITATION TO:

- WHO:** All R.E. Parents, students, and catechists
- WHAT:** R.E. Family Teaching Mass with Fr. Mark!
Don't miss this unique learning experience as we pray the Mass together!
- WHEN:** Feb. 4, 5, or 6 at 7pm *If possible, choose the date that aligns with the day of the week your child usually attends R.E. This Mass takes the place of our regular R.E. sessions at 4:30 and 6:30*
- WHERE:** Our Lady of Mercy Church
- WHY:** To uncover and connect with the meaning of the Mass as a family of faith
- HOW:** With you and your child's full, active participation!

Email Mary Jo (maryjo@olmercy.com) TODAY if you and your child(ren) would like to help lead one of the liturgical roles such as, greeters, ushers, lector, praying petitions, sharing in the preparation of the gifts, or already trained altar servers,

Important Coordination Notes for Family Mass:

Rehearsal for liturgical roles will take place during /or after R.E. sessions the week of Jan. 28, 29, or 30. Students, parents, and catechists who share in a liturgical role must arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the 7pm Mass on Feb. 4, 5, or 6.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

Monday, January 28

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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

For all EDGE Teens attending the Special Sacraments classes, here is the new schedule:

All are on Mondays during EDGE & in Room 110 - Feb. 11 Mar. 18 Apr. 1 Apr. 8

EDGE FAMILY MASS

All EDGE Teens & their families are invited to our annual **Family Mass on, Monday, Feb. 25th at 6:30 PM in the Church.** Please join us. We have openings for readers (Jr. High Teens,) a gift bearing family, altar servers & greeters. Please call or email Candy to help. candy@olmercy.com or 331.707.5376

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

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!

Other Teen Sunday Nights are Feb. 10th, 17th and 24th; 6:30-8:15 pm in the PLC!

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.

Teens needed for Service and Discipleship! Don't forget to sign-up for service and discipleship projects. Go to the LIGHT webpage to sign-up. **or more information and to sign-up for our e-newsletter, visit our webpage at <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>**

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Raising Awareness of the Opioid Overdose Crisis

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the opioid overdose crisis is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. It is estimated that every day, more than 130 people in the United States die after overdosing on opioids. Since the late 1990's when pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, opioid overdose rates began to increase.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides information on opioid use to educate people to increase awareness and hopefully prevent addiction and deaths. Prescription opioids can be used to help manage moderate-to-severe pain. They are often prescribed following surgery or injury or for certain health conditions. Even though opioid medications can be an important part of treatment, they do have serious risks.

Opioids are natural or synthetic chemicals that relieve pain. Their action is to bind to receptors in the brain or body to reduce the intensity of pain signals reaching the brain. Common types of opioid pain medications prescribed by doctors to treat pain include: Hydrocodone (e.g., Vicodin), Oxycodone (e.g., OxyContin), Oxymorphone (e.g., Opana) and Morphine. Now that the information is available about the deaths related to opioid overdoses and that there is an epidemic in the U.S. of prescription opioid overdose, it is important to consult with your health care provider to make sure that you are getting the safest, most effective care in pain management especially dealing with chronic pain.

The faith community is a source of hope and healing for those who are involved with it. It can provide comfort and understanding and help to restore and enrich a person's faith and relationship with God. It is important to realize that addiction is a bio-chemical disease with psychological, social and spiritual components that affects the whole person. Our Lady of Mercy parish has an **Open HEARTS** Ministry that focuses on the emotional and mental health and wellness of everyone in the community. The ministry is working to decrease the stigma of mental and emotional health challenges and provide support/resources/spiritual care to promote mental and emotional health and wellness.

The **Open HEARTS Ministry** is collaborating with the OLM **Justice & Peace Ministry** to raise awareness and bring hope to those lives affected by the opioid crisis. Please come and watch a movie on **Monday, February 4 2019 at 7:00PM in Room 114 of the Parish Life Center**, highlighting the opioid crisis, "**Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict**". There will be a discussion after the movie led by Michael Warren, LPC, CADC, MISA II, ACRPS, Case Manager, Addiction Treatment Program at AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center Behavioral Health Services in Aurora. Support and resources will be available at the event. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP for the movie night at chrisharvey@olmercy.com.

If you have any questions about the movie night or the Open HEARTS Ministry, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



Communion for the Homebound

If you or someone you know are not able to come to church and would like to receive Communion, please be aware that Ministers of Care (trained and supervised volunteers) are called to ministry to pray with and bring Communion to those not able to come to Mass. Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care to make arrangements at 331-707-5380.



Why & how do I pray?

What is Christian prayer and why is it the most important activity of our lives? How do we gain access to God? Do you know how to pray? Does God always answer prayer? What are the rewards of prayer? These are just a few questions that can be answered if you try Alpha.

For more information, connect with Zara at 331-707-5381 or zara@olmercy.com.

#TryAlpha.

RESPECT LIFE

Join us Friday, February 1, 2019

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8am -2pm to change hearts and save lives.

Please prayerfully consider signing up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst>

For more information please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or

Email janeconner@comcast.net



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.



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 Manzanaras (630) 210-6143 or verojuarez72@hotmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Thank you to all who donated last month to SVDP- your generosity is greatly appreciated. And thank you to all who pray for those we serve.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

During the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families with their utility bills or rent. The volunteers (called Vincentians) bring glad tidings and hope to the poor. And this happens in places all around the world where SVDP is present and active.

Please be as generous as possible with your donation to SVDP in our parish to insure that we may continue to assist those in need in our community. And please continue to pray for those we serve.

Thank you and God bless you.

Friday Family Feast

Movie Night is back featuring Walt Disney Animated Studio's Coco. Start Super Bowl weekend at our picnic in the PLC on Friday, February 1st. Hot dogs, sliders and the trimmings.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Purchase your tickets this weekend after all Masses or at the Parish Office during the week.

\$6.00 adults

\$5.00 kids under 12

Picnic starts at 5:30pm
Movie begins at 7:00pm



See you there!!!

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/13/19)

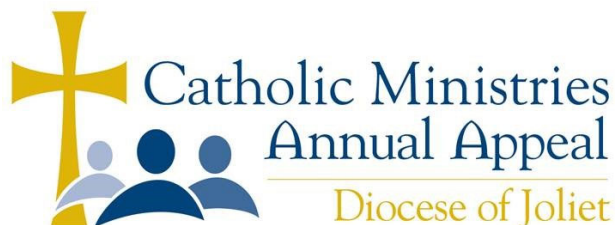
Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	918,980
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	899,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	19,980
01/13/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	31,506
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	566

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

Thank you for your generosity!!



Our online giving portal is offered for those wishing to have the convenience of supporting God's ministry at OLM. The site is secure and allows you to support God's work from anywhere you have an internet connection. Look for this icon at www.olmercy.com under "Give".



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



TIPS FOR KEEPING HEALTHY:

Eat healthy, focus on prevention, get information on medication management, get some sleep, remember mental health, screen for vision changes, socialize and stay physically active.

We welcome and invite anyone 50 and over to join us at our February Valentines Day celebration, which will be held on Wednesday, February 13 in the Parish Life Center (PLC). We will enjoy a delicious lunch and play some fun games of trivia. Contributions of Valentines themed deserts to share are very welcome.

Are you interested in the OLM bridge club, please 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 monthly meetings or if you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Anderson at phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.



OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an open house at Pope Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

South Campus 601 Talma Street, Saturday, January 26 following the 4:30 p.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m.

North Campus 706 High Street, Sunday, January 27 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.

Está invitado a la escuela abierta en la Academia Católica Papa San Juan Pablo II mientras celebramos la Semana de Escuelas Católicas.

El edificio sur ubicado en 601 Talma Street estará abierto el sábado 26 de enero, después de la Misa de las 4:30 p.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

El edificio norte ubicado en 706 High Street estará abierto el domingo, 27 de enero después de la misa de 10:30 a.m. hasta la 1:00 p.m.

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 February 2 & 3

Father Don will be preaching at all Masses.

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
Charismatic Healing Mass	7:15p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionsgon
Sunday:	7:30a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
	9:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionsgon
	10:45a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini
	12:30p	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper
	5:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin

Parish Activities for the Week

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
MONDAY	January 28	
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	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	January 29	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-9:30p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:00-8:00p	Light Facilitator Wine & Cheese	Rm 217
WEDNESDAY	January 30	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
THURSDAY	January 31	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:30-8:00p	Edge +	Rm 211
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	February 1	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
8:30-9:00a	Reconciliation	Narthex
9:00-10:00a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
5:30-8:00p	Friday Family Feast/Movie Night	MPR
SATURDAY	February 2	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherd	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
12:00-1:00p	Baptism	Church
12:45-3:45p	7/8th Grand Retreat	MPR
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
7:15-10:30p	Charismatic Healing Mass	Church/MPR
SUNDAY	February 3	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
10:30-11:30a	Peer Ministry Team Mtg	Rm 211
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
8:30-10:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



Widowed and feeling stuck?

*Come and find ways to move toward inner
peace and new hope in life.*

Joyful Again!

***Widowed Ministry presents a
Retreat/workshop for widowed men & women***

All are welcome.

March 9 & 10, 2019

at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

March 30 & 31, 2019

Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines

To register call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

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).

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