



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

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Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



From The Pastor's Desk...
Also Known As Chardonnay W(h)ines!

This Sunday is celebrated as Boy Scout Sunday in the church throughout our country. Girl Scout Sunday is observed on March 10th. Our Lady of Mercy has recently taken on the sponsorship of Cub Scout Pac #123 and Boy Scout Troop #849. These groups were previously sponsored by a local grammar school and a now defunct church. Bishop Conlon is a big supporter of scouting troops, so it is a pleasure to welcome these scouting programs to OLM. For information about when, where and what time they meet contact: Jamie Patzer Johnson (jelf@yahoo.com) for the Cub Scout Pac and Tim Hickey (hicmin@gmail.com or 224.805.1919) for the Boy Scout Troop. Again, we welcome these organizations to our parish and look forward to supporting the character building nature of scouting in these boys and young men.

We are thrilled that ALPHA has gotten off to a great start! And despite the inclement weather on the first Tuesday and first Thursday sessions there was a great turn-out! And so much thanks and appreciation goes to Len Eickhoff, Sylvester from Buck Services and the other guys that helped set-up and take down. The fantastic home-cooked meals by Mimi and Dan Tse and their amazing crew were lovingly served to the ALPHA guests by the ALPHA team of hosts, greeters and helpers. And a special thank you to Zara Tan for coordinating the ALPHA program for Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

Last week the Church in the United States celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme being "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Many of the Catholic grammar schools and high schools in our area held open houses. One thing to keep in mind is that Catholic parochial education is not merely private education. It is a ministry of the Church that fundamentally prepares young Catholics to live out their faith throughout the course of their lives. While we here at Our Lady of Mercy do not have a parochial grammar school, we do help families who want to send their children to a Catholic School with the cost of tuition. If you don't currently send your child(ren) to a Catholic School and would like to, please contact me.

On January 26th we celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with 140 of our parish children. We pray that they will always feel God's love and forgiveness and never shy away from receiving the sacrament throughout their lives. Thanks to the parents and catechists who helped prepare them to receive the sacrament.

Mark your calendars **NOW!** This is an event you and your family will not want to miss!! Our Lady of Mercy parish is hosting world famous singer, songwriter, author and inspirational speaker Tatiana "Tajci" Cameron who will perform a musical concert "I Thirst – The Crucifixion Story." The concert is on Friday, April 5th at 7:00PM (two weeks before Good Friday). There is no charge and EVERYONE is invited. A free-will offering will be taken.

Have a Blessed Week!

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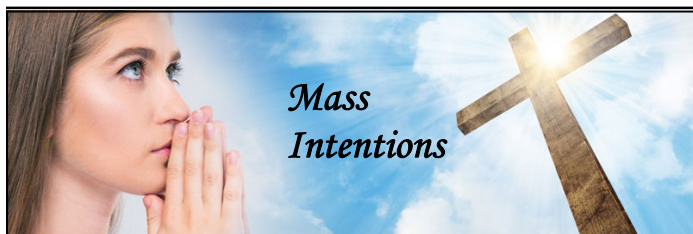
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Mass Intentions

Monday, February 4

8:00 AM † Connie Borsellino Mike & Cleo Hesselbach

Tuesday, February 5

8:00 AM † Angel Sanchez Miguel Sanchez

Wednesday, February 6

8:00 AM Int Graham Dodd Grandparents

Thursday, February 7

8:00 AM † Joan Boyce The Kraehmer Family

Friday, February 8

8:00 AM † Primo Pedrola Rina Pedrola & Family

Saturday, February 9

4:00 PM † Sylvia McLaughlin Fr Don McLaughlin
† Dolores Starnpanato Tom & Valerie Della Penna

Sunday, February 10

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
Patrice Klasinski
9:00 AM † Sally Coit The Coit Family
10:45 AM † Lucy Duncan Mary Ann Marker
Parishioners of OLM
12:30 PM † Joseph Tallerico Norma Jean & Tomas
5:30 PM † L. Edward & Ida D'Silva Maybird D'Silva

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
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:

1. Megan Gabaldon
2. The Sick
3. Ailani Banulos
4. Mel Schmutde
5. Peter Krug
6. Deacon Bob Vavra
7. Mike & Carole Brogan
8. Firefighters & Police
9. The Feldman Family
10. The Mentally Ill
11. Special Intention-C.H.
12. Autumn Schmitt
13. Amanda H
14. Good Health for Ricky
15. The Pluskota Family
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...
Purissima Vargas Tionson, mother of Deacon Art*

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

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6767.



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

Este domingo se celebra el Domingo del Boy Scout en la iglesia de todo el país. El domingo de Girl Scout se celebra el 10 de marzo. Our Lady of Mercy ha asumido recientemente el patrocinio del Cub Scout Pac # 123 y del Boy Scout Troop # 849. Estos grupos fueron patrocinados previamente por una escuela primaria local y una iglesia ahora extinta. El obispo Conlon es un gran partidario de las tropas de exploración, por lo que es un placer dar la bienvenida a estos programas de exploración a OLM. Para obtener información sobre cuándo, dónde y a qué hora se reúnen, comuníquese con: Jamie Patzer Johnson (jelf@yahoo.com) para el Cub Scout Pac y Tim Hickey (hicmin@gmail.com o 224.805.1919) para el Boy Scout Troop. Nuevamente, damos la bienvenida a estas organizaciones a nuestra parroquia y esperamos apoyar la naturaleza del desarrollo del carácter de la exploración en estos niños y jóvenes.

¡Estamos encantados de que ALPHA haya tenido un gran comienzo! ¡Y a pesar del clima inclemente en las sesiones del primer martes y primer jueves, hubo una gran asistencia! Y muchas gracias y aprecio para Len Eickhoff, Sylvester de Buck Services y las otras personas que ayudaron a instalar y desmontar. Las fantásticas comidas caseras de Mimi y Dan Tse y su increíble equipo fueron servidas con amor a los invitados de ALPHA por el equipo de anfitriones, saludadores y ayudantes de ALPHA. Y un agradecimiento especial a Zara Tan por coordinar el programa ALPHA para la Parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy.

La semana pasada la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos celebró la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas. Siendo el tema "Escuelas Católicas: Aprender. Servir. Dirigir. Tener éxito". Muchas de las escuelas primarias y secundarias Católicas de nuestra área tuvieron la jornada de las puertas abiertas. Una cosa a tener en cuenta es que la educación parroquial Católica no es meramente educación privada. Es un ministerio de la Iglesia que fundamentalmente prepara a los jóvenes Católicos para vivir su fe a lo largo de sus vidas. Si bien aquí en Our Lady of Mercy no tenemos una escuela primaria parroquial, sí ayudamos a las familias que desean enviar a sus hijos a una Escuela Católica con el costo de la matrícula. Si actualmente Uds. no envían a sus hijos a una Escuela Católica y desearían hacerlo, comuníquense conmigo.

El 26 de enero celebramos el Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación con 140 de los niños de nuestra parroquia. Oremos para que siempre sientan el amor y el perdón de Dios y nunca eviten recibir el sacramento a lo largo de sus vidas. Gracias a los padres y catequistas que ayudaron a prepararlos para recibir el sacramento.

¡Marquen sus calendarios **AHORA!** ¡Este es un evento que tú y tu familia no querrán perderse! La parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy recibirá a la cantante, compositora, autora y oradora inspiradora mundialmente famosa Tatiana "Tajci" Cameron, quien presentará un concierto musical "Tengo Sed – La Historia de la Crucifixión". El concierto será el viernes 5 de Abril a las 7:00pm (dos semanas antes del Viernes Santo). Es gratis y TODOS están invitados. Se tomará una donación voluntaria.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Len

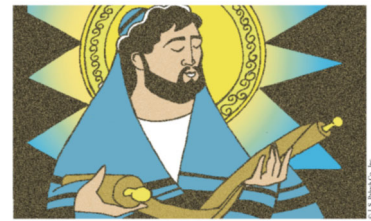
UNA MISIÓN CONTINUA

En la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, los vecinos se maravillaban con las palabras de Jesús. No obstante, se preguntaban: "¿No es este el hijo de José?"

Con seguridad la gente sabía quién era Jesús. El hijo del carpintero. El joven que aprendió en esa misma sinagoga. El muchacho de la calle.

El conflicto surge cuando Jesús empieza a definirse de una manera nueva. Las tensiones aumentan cuando se compara con los antiguos profetas Elías y Eliseo. Las tensiones se multiplican cuando Jesús empieza a hablar de una nueva misión para el pueblo de Dios: la Buena Nueva de la Escritura está dirigida a todos.

En su famoso pasaje de la primera carta a los Corintios, san Pablo nos recuerda la naturaleza del amor eterno. El amor no termina. En la lectura de hoy, se nos recuerda que, como el amor, la misión de Jesús no se puede detener. Jesús se desliza entre la multitud de perseguidores y sigue adelante con nuevos retos. Estamos llamados a esta misma perseverancia en nombre del amor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30): 20-24; Mc 5:1-20
 Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
 Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
 Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13
 Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
 Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
 Domingo: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Sal 138 (137):1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lc 5:1-11

AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive on-lookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now? —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



New Eucharistic Minister Training

Saturday, February 9th at 12:00Noon to 2:00 pm

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

Contact: Fr. Don at frdon@olmercy.com

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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

**Walking with Jesus:
Making Ordinary Time *Extraordinary***

Many of us know that Ordinary Time refers to the ordering- or numbering- of Sundays between Christmas and the Lenten season, and then a longer block of time that begins after the Easter season and lasts until the beginning of Advent. But, how does this counting of weeks throughout the Church year make our walk with Jesus extraordinary?

When we enter into the things Jesus said and did 2000 years ago something extraordinary indeed wants to occur within us. We begin to see how our God is *personally* interacting in our lives- which is anything but ordinary!

What an awesome mystery- not a mystery impossible for us to understand, but one God desires to reveal to us through the lens of His living Word and our lives. We “go there” (into the Gospel event) while “remaining here” and often are surprised when we encounter how He is present and active in our lives today.

Taking time to walk around with Jesus in the Gospel proclaimed each Sunday and living with a spirit of anticipation of when (not if) God plans to reveal Himself to us as Good News always makes Ordinary time, *extraordinary!*

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

Feb 4	6 th	THE CREED PART I	7/8 TH	FRIENDSHIPS WE MAKE
FEB 11	6 TH	THE CREED PART II	7/8 TH	JUDGING & BEING JUDGED
FEB 25	6/7/8 TH	FAMILY MASS AT 6:30 PM in CHURCH		

EDGE PLUS

FEB 28 TH	ESCAPE ROOM	(CANCELLED)	
FEB 24 TH	ROLLER SKATING	(INSTEAD OF ICE SKATING)	PERM. FORM NEEDED

UPCOMING EDGE EVENT

MONDAY, MARCH 4	6/7/8 TH GRADES	MARDI GRAS PARTY
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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.

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

Teen Sunday Nights: NO meeting on Feb. 3rd due to Superbowl. All high school teens are invited to our next Sunday Teen Night on February 10th 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!

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.

Mission Trip Prayers and Donations: Please keep our teens attending this summer's mission trip in your prayers! Any donations for their trip can be sent to the Youth Ministry Office in the Parish Life Center. Thanks so much for your support!

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

The L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry is always looking for adults to help with the ministry! We need mini-course facilitators, youth group leaders, service project leaders, etc. Please check out the L.I.G.H.T. formation webpage or contact Dave in the youth ministry office to learn more or volunteer to help!

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Raising Awareness of the Opioid Overdose Crisis

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 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.



Go Red for Women

If you wondered why you may have seen more women wearing red on Friday February 1 – it was National Wear Red Day®. If you missed it, go ahead and wear red more often during the month of February to bring attention to heart health for everyone! All women are encouraged to make a commitment to stand together with Go Red – to take charge of your own heart health and the health of those you care about. You do not need to do it alone – grab a friend or family member and make the Go Red Health Behavior Commitment today!

It is important to be aware of the symptoms of a heart attack in women. If you or someone you know is having any of these signs, call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital as soon as possible: uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of the chest – it lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back; pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach; shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort; other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness. The most common heart attack symptom for men and women is chest pain or discomfort, but women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms such as shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

It is important to be aware of the symptoms of stroke in women. If you or someone you know experiences any of these signs, call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital as soon as possible: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing or blurred vision in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination and sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Once you know the symptoms of a heart attack or stroke, it is important not to ignore them!! If you have jaw pain, don't pass it off as a result of sleeping funny. If you have lightheadedness, it may be more than something a snack or rest can fix. Women tend to take care of everyone else first before taking care of themselves. If you do not make your health a priority – who will? In order to take care of others, you must take care of yourself! Look at the following three areas of health. Move more! Eat smart! Know and manage your blood pressure! If you would like to know more about the Go Red Health Behavior Commitment and ways to improve your heart health, go to www.goredforwomen.org.

Pastoral Care Needs

Our Lady of Mercy offers prayer, guidance and support to promote optimal physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health to the faith community. Christ calls us to care for the sick, comfort the dying and those who have lost a loved one and to be a source of encouragement, love and support. If you or someone you know has pastoral care needs, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.





**NEXT HESED HOUSE
EVENT SCHEDULED
FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 5...**

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality.

The O.L.M. program for Hesed House provides the food/supplies and **VOLUNTEER WORKERS** to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis.

For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232. Thank you!

Please join us for Food, Fellowship and FUN!

OLM Crafty Souls 12-Hour Craft Day!!

Saturday, March 9th, 9am-9pm in the PLC

\$30 includes lunch, dinner and table favors

Please bring your favorite crafts and a snack to share.

For Information or Registration Forms,
contact us at OLMCraftySouls@gmail.com

Registration deadline is February 23rd



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.

URGENT NEED!

WE NEED ALL SIZES OF PULL-UP DIAPERS

- ESPECIALLY 4T -

We currently have many little ones staying with us.



We are also in need of new or gently used twin or full size bed sheets.

Please bring all donations to the Parish Office.



Thank you

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/20/18)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	947,391
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	390,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	17,391
01/20/18 Sunday Collection:	\$	28,411
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,589)

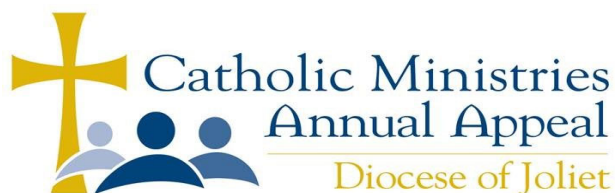
Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

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".



Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are *Signs of Hope* to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$133,400. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

GEMS

EAT HEALTHY:

The digestive system slows down with age, so high fiber fruits, vegetables and whole grains are more important than ever. Drink plenty of water to stay energized and sharp.



OLM PARISHONERS AGE 50 AND OVER:

Come join us for some helpful information on good heart and dental health and how they are linked. We also share a good time with a delicious meal. Our next luncheon meeting will be our February Valentine's Day celebration, which will be held on Wednesday, February 13 in the PLC. Contributions of Valentine's Day themed desserts are very welcomed.

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.



Middle School Art Invitational at Marmion Academy Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited to submit their artwork for the Marmion Academy Middle School Art Invitational. Students interested in participating need to complete the online participation form at

www.marmion.org/art <<http://www.marmion.org/art>> .

The 2D or 3D art (with at least one side measuring 8"x10") must be dropped off at Marmion (1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora) to the attention of Mrs. Lisa Dzuricsko by February 19, 2019. All participants and their parents will be invited to the Art Invitational Show and Awards on Sunday, March 3, 2019. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Dzuricsko at ldzuricsko@marmion.org <<mailto:ldzuricsko@marmion.org>> .



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AND FAITH COMES ALIVE!

Catholic Sports Camps

Catholic Sports Camps are faith-filled experiences where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened. As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to impact our Catholic faith by changing the future of one sports camper at a time. Each camp/retreat is designed to be a fun, inspiring, and challenging week of sports with the integration of learning the Catholic faith. For the summer of 2019, we have 9 sports and 12 camps and are ready to spread the Gospel throughout the Diocese of Joliet and beyond! Families may go to

www.catholicsportscamps.org to register now.

2019 Catholic Sports Camps Schedule - Illinois

- Soccer: June 10-12, 2019 at IC Catholic Prep
- Hockey: June 24-26, 2019 at Nelson Ice Arena
- Football: July 1-3, 2019 at Benedictine University
- Hockey: July 15-17, 2019 at Darien Sportsplex
- Basketball: July 22-24, 2019 at Guerin College Prep High School
- Baseball: July 29-31, 2019 at Benet Academy
- Wrestling: July 29-31, 2019 at Joliet Junior College*
- Volleyball: August 5-7, 2019 at Montini Catholic High School
- Cross Country: August 5-7, 2019 at Mt. Carmel High School (Chicago)

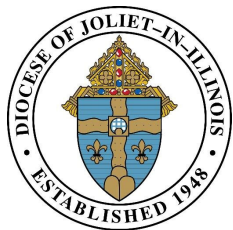
Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses February 9 & 10

Father Mark will be preaching at all Masses.

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

Parish Activities for the Week

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
MONDAY	February 4	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:00-9:00p	Benediction	Church
6:00-9:00p	Justice & Peace Movie Night	Rm 114
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC
7:00-8:00p	RE Family Mass	Church
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	February 5	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Card Group	Rm 110
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	RE Family Mass	Church
WEDNESDAY	February 6	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	RE Family Mass	Church
THURSDAY	February 7	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
9:00-10:30a	Gems Board Mtg	Ministry Rm
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	February 8	
6:30-11:59p	Search Retreat	PLC
SATURDAY	February 9	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30-11:30a	Search Retreat	PLC
12:00-2:00p	Eucharistic Ministry Trng	Church
3:00-4:00p	Respect Life Mtg	Rm 110
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
SUNDAY	February 10	
8:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
2:00-3:00p	Baptism	Church
6:30-8:30p	YA Fellowship	Rm 211
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sundays	MPR



**CONFERENCE FOR THE
DIVORCED & WIDOWED**
Diocese of Joliet Office of
Family Ministry

**"Six Keys to Healing &
God's Plan for Your Life"**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Check-in 8:30 a.m.)
Concludes with Vigil Mass**

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL

Our speaker for the day is Catholic author and speaker Lisa Duffy. Lisa has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse either through death or divorce.

The suggested donation is \$35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch and materials. Please register by March 11th by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815.838.5334 or [online](#).

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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