



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

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

*Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

~ Isaiah 6:8



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

While fishing isn't as widespread a career as it once was, "catching people" is a well-defined science. Otherwise known today at advertising, this public art form is designed to hook consumers and take their money, their time and their energy. Once "caught"

the consumers serve the advertisers' goal. Everyone is together in on net.

In today's readings, Isaiah, Peter and Paul demonstrate the moral character necessary to become true "fishers of people." These wise men of God are brought to their knees by an encounter with the Divine. Isaiah, Peter and Paul fish for people because God has first caught them. Divine light reveals their unworthiness, and they respond appropriately. "Woe is me," exclaims Isaiah. "I am a man of unclean lips." In the longer version of today's second reading, Paul says that he is "the least of the apostles" and "unfit." Peter tells Jesus to leave him, "For I am a sinful man."

Humility is an unpopular attribute these days, but if you wish to be caught by God or to go fishing on God's behalf, acknowledging your unworthiness is key. When I told a priest that I was thinking about a priestly vocation, remembering my high school and college days, I told him that I just didn't feel worthy. His response was "none of us are worthy!" And with that, I applied to the Diocese to go to the seminary, and now here I am 38 years later! Before each and every Communion we proclaim our unworthiness, and yet, moments later we stand ready to receive. Our wise ancestors knew the importance of humility. They also knew that the unworthy become worthy through the grace of God.

Strangely enough, true humility which, on the surface, would seem to disqualify us from any form of meaningful ministry, actually prepares us to become fishers of people. Once Isaiah has announced his unworthiness, his unclean lips are cleansed; his guilt and sin are blotted out. Once Peter is on his knees, he is ready to fish for people. St. Paul says it best..."By the grace of God I am what I am."

Today's reading invites us to become an advertisement for God. Unlike our glossy counterparts in the secular world, we shine from within. Hallowed out by unworthiness, we stand worthy. Our brightness has nothing to do with color or design, money or power. Our salvation history, our journey with the Divine attracts others. This is our calling!

Peter left everything and followed Jesus. We are to do the same. Having a relationship with the Divine is not reserved for prophets and saints. God wishes to connect with each of us, and in doing so, we move from unworthy to worthy!! We become fishers of people - caught by the love of God shining through us!! And through ALPHA, we've gone on a fishing expedition. Join us!!

Have a Blessed Week!

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Jacinta Sabia |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Autumn Schmitt |
| 5. Special Intention-M. | 13. Amanda H. |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Miroslava Manzanares | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

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.

Monday, February 11 - *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 AM Int Phyllis Anderson Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra

Tuesday, February 12 - *Weekday Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Arlene Renn Family

Wednesday, February 13 - *Weekday Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Carol Bonafacchi Jolene LeRoy

Thursday, February 14 - *Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

8:00 AM † Gerald Wilkes Carol & Tom Bassett
 † Victoria Tiu Lo Elizabeth Lo

Friday, February 15 - *Weekday Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Patricia Pohlman Nancy Rozner

Saturday, February 16 - *Vigil 6th Sunday Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM † Jack Oakley OLM Staff
 4:00 PM † George Smart Alice & Family

Sunday, February 17 - *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
 † Dad Members of Waszak Family Carolyn Kerkla
 9:00 AM † Sarah Pepito Pflaum Fries Family
 10:45 AM † Nora de Casceres Family
 12:30 PM † Louis Sonetz, Sr. Mary Ann Sonetz
 Parishioners of OLM
 5:30 PM † L. Edward & Ida D'Silva Maybird D'Silva

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

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
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Billy Walowski
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki
 Helga Manglinong
 William Durante

Marilyn Reich
 Michael Dandan
 Charlene Oates
 George Lange
 Sabin Marattil
 Sherry White

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.

Serve the Poor

*Be diligent in serving the poor.
 Love the poor, honor them as you
 would Christ himself.*

—St. Louise de Marillac



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

Si bien la pesca no es una carrera tan extendida como lo era antes, la "captura de personas" es una ciencia bien definida. También conocida hoy en publicidad, esta forma de arte público está diseñada para enganchar a los consumidores y tomar su dinero, su tiempo y su energía. Una vez "atrapados", los consumidores sirven el objetivo de los anunciantes. Todos están juntos en la red.

En las lecturas de hoy, Isaías, Pedro y Pablo demuestran el carácter moral necesario para convertirse en verdaderos "pescadores de personas". Estos hombres sabios de Dios se ponen de rodillas por un encuentro con lo Divino. Isaías, Pedro y Pablo pescan personas porque Dios los atrapó primero. La luz divina revela su indignidad, y ellos responden apropiadamente. "Ay de mí", exclama Isaías. "Soy un hombre de labios inmundos". En la versión más larga de la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo dice que él es "el menor de los apóstoles" y que "no es apto". Pedro le dijo a Jesús que lo dejara, "Porque soy un hombre pecador."

La humildad es un atributo impopular en estos días, pero si deseas ser atrapado por Dios o ir a pescar en nombre de Dios, reconocer tu indignidad es clave. Cuando le dije a un sacerdote que estaba pensando en una vocación sacerdotal, recordando mis días en la escuela secundaria y la universidad, le dije que simplemente no me sentía digno. Su respuesta fue "¡ninguno de nosotros es digno!" Y con eso, solicité a la Diócesis que fuera al seminario, ¡y ahora estoy aquí 38 años después! Antes de cada Comunión, proclamamos nuestra indignidad y, sin embargo, momentos después, estamos listos para recibir. Nuestros sabios ancestros sabían la importancia de la humildad. También sabían que los indignos se hacen dignos por la gracia de Dios.

Por extraño que parezca, la verdadera humildad que, en la superficie, parece descalificarnos de cualquier forma de ministerio significativo, en realidad nos prepara para convertirnos en pescadores de personas. Una vez que Isaías ha anunciado su indignidad, sus labios inmundos son limpiados; su culpa y su pecado son borrados. Una vez que Pedro está de rodillas, está listo para pescar personas. San Pablo lo dice mejor... "Por la gracia de Dios soy lo que soy".

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a convertirnos en un anuncio de Dios. A diferencia de nuestras contrapartes brillantes en la palabra secular, nosotros brillamos desde adentro. Vaciados de la indignidad, somos dignos. Nuestro brillo no tiene nada que ver con el color o el diseño, el dinero o el poder. Nuestra historia de salvación, nuestra jornada con lo Divino atrae a otros. ¡Este es nuestro llamado!

Pedro dejó todo y siguió a Jesús. Nosotros debemos hacer lo mismo. Tener una relación con lo Divino no está reservado para los profetas y santos. Dios desea conectarse con cada uno de nosotros, y al hacerlo, ¡pasamos de ser indignos a dignos! ¡Nos convertimos en pescadores de personas, atrapados por el amor de Dios que brilla a través de nosotros! Y a través de ALPHA, hemos ido a una expedición de pesca. ¡¡Únete a nosotros!!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Ken

EL LLAMADO DE DIOS

Al ser confrontado con el poder y la majestad de Dios, la primera respuesta del profeta Isaías es reconocer su pecado. "Ay de mí, estoy perdido porque soy un hombre de labios impuros", dice en voz alta. De la misma manera, con las redes de pesca repentinamente llenas con la orden de Jesús, Pedro cae de rodillas y clama: "Señor, apártate de mí porque soy un pecador".

Después Pedro se levanta, deja atracado su bote y sigue a Jesús. Isaías también experimentó un cambio impresionante. Cuando escuchó al Señor que decía: "¿A quién voy a enviar? ¿Quién irá por nosotros?", Isaías respondió: "Aquí estoy, envíame".

Somos llamados diariamente por el Señor resucitado. Se nos recuerda del poder salvador del Evangelio y sabemos de corazón que, como escribió san Pablo, creer en otra cosa no nos llevará a ningún lado.

¿Qué se necesita para que dejes el pecado? ¿Qué se necesita para que caigas de rodillas? ¿Qué se necesita para que dejes lo que no es importante y aceptes el llamado de ser mensajero de Dios? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mc 6:53-56
- Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13
- Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23
- Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mc 7:24-30
- Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 7:31-37
- Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mc 8:1-10
- Domingo: Jer 17:5-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lc 6:17, 20-26

GOD'S SUMMONS

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

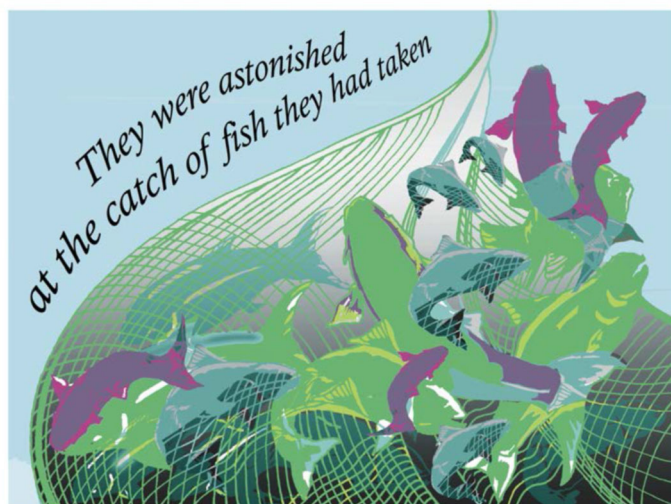
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. (Luke 5:1-11).





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

Love, Our Most Important Legacy to Our Children
From CatholicMom.com

Love is an unconditional gift from the heart; it is not a reward for good behavior. Let your children know that you will love and support them in any situation. This message creates a sturdy bond of trust. Your children will grow to feel safe in coming to you with any problem they face.

Children need the freedom to make decisions, try new things, and learn that life requires personal responsibility and persistence. They need the freedom to fail and learn from mistakes without being judged. Unconditional love helps them to acquire the decisiveness and resiliency required to become successful.

If you could sum up all of our children's needs, hopes, and expectations in one word, that word would be love. We share love when we play a central role in our children's world of learning and discovery. Our legacy of love will have a guiding influence upon our children and grandchildren for many generations.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

FEB 11

FEB 25

6TH THE CREED PART II 7/8TH JUDGING & BEING JUDGED
6/7/8TH FAMILY MASS AT 6:30 PM in CHURCH

EDGE PLUS

FEB 28TH

FEB 24TH

ESCAPE ROOM (CANCELLED)
ROLLER SKATING (INSTEAD OF ICE SKATING) PERM. FORM NEEDED

UPCOMING EDGE EVENT

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6/7/8TH GRADES MARDI GRAS PARTY

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 Sunday Nights: All high school teens are invited to Teen Sunday Nights. We meet on February 10th, 17th and 24th 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.

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

Sign-up for Service and Discipleship projects

ONLINE. Go to the LIGHT page on the website here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/> to check out all the projects for teens and sign-up!

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

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Please come to the **St. Peregrine Prayer Service** on Saturday, **February 23 at 1:00pm** in our Lady of Mercy Church. The St. Peregrine Ministry accompanies caregivers and those persons who live with serious illness, especially cancer and chronic illnesses and provides prayer support, resources, education and a sacred space for sharing. Father Chris Krymski, O.S.M., Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine (Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago) will lead the prayer service and provide information about St. Peregrine and the National Shrine of St. Peregrine. There will be an opportunity after the prayer service for refreshments and sharing in the Ministry Room.

End-of-Life Issues

Do you know what the Illinois POLST document is? Do you know what the Church's teachings are on end-of-life decisions? Do you have an understanding of advance directives, health proxies or when ordinary means of care are morally obligatory and when extraordinary means of care are not morally obligatory? Are you aware of the Five Wishes document? Please come to an End-of-Life Issues Program on Saturday, March 2 9:30am to noon in the Parish Life Center, multi-purpose room. There will be a hospital chaplain, clergy and a lawyer to present information and be available for questions.

Open HEARTS Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the mental and emotional health and wellness ministry at the parish, please come to the meeting on Monday, February 25 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Room to discuss future programs and development of a companionship ministry.

Pastoral Care

If you have any questions about the pastoral care programs or would benefit from pastoral care ministries, please contact Jolene Leroy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



I want to thank all the parishioners from Our Lady of Mercy for their prayers and support for me and my fellow seminarians. It has been wonderful and blessed 5 years as a seminarian for the Diocese of Joliet. I am touched by all the love and support that I have received. It is with a sad heart that I will be stepping down as a seminarian for the Diocese of Joliet. Things happen for a reason, but in time the Holy Spirit will reveal to us God's will for us.

About two years ago my parents moved to the Atlanta Georgia area. Mom and dad have had some health issues. They are doing well but can use some help. While I continue with my discerning what God is calling me to do with my life, for the next 6 months I'll be living with and assisting my parents in Atlanta Georgia.

I know I will do well and stay the course that God has planned for me, by all the love and support that I have received from everyone. Please know that Our Lady of Mercy will always be in my prayers as everyone continues to live their Catholic faith. If you would like to keep in touch, you can email me at dcdiesem1@sbcglobal.net. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin the next journey God has planned for me.

Thank you so much for all the support these last five years.

Take care and God bless,

Dave Diesem

thank you

January 21, 2019

Dear Father McLaughlin and the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Thank you for allowing us to hold a clothing drive at Our Lady of Mercy in January. That is so wonderful because so many people will be helped with the donations.

We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who organized the drive and worked the truck. We especially thank all the parishioners for their overwhelming generosity.

We look forward to working with OLM in 2019. Thank you for helping us help others!!

Sincerely,

Cindy DiCristina - Clothing Drive Coordinator



Friday Family Feast

Movie Night is back featuring Walt Disney Animated Studio's Coco. Start your weekend at our picnic in the PLC on Friday, February 22. Hot dogs, sliders and the trimmings.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Purchase your tickets after all Masses or at the Parish Office beginning the weekend of February 15 & 16..

\$6.00 adults
\$5.00 kids under 12

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

See you there!!!



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

FEBRUARY 23 & 24 AFTER ALL THE MASSES



Do you or someone you know have proven track record in commercial decorating?

OLM is looking to make areas of the Parish Life Center warm and welcoming.

Please email Diane Reiter in the parish office at dianer@olmercy.com.

2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champions

The Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Council #12005 would like to congratulate the following winners of our free throw contest held January 24, 2019 at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center:

Grace Grunloh
Abby Widmer
Kelly Kathmann

Sam Candela
Mike Wesely
Robert Vieira
Jake LaVine

We wish the best of luck to these champions who also won the district championship and will be moving on to the regional competition in March. We would also like to thank all the kids that came out for a fun night of competition.

Congratulations and good luck at the regional championship.

Women at the Well



Sir, give me this water for?

get thirsty.

Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith
Friday, February 15
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114

Feel free to bring a snack to share and your Bible or just yourself and a friend!!

Please reach out With any questions

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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/27/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	976,987
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	961,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	15,987
01/27/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,596
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(1,404)

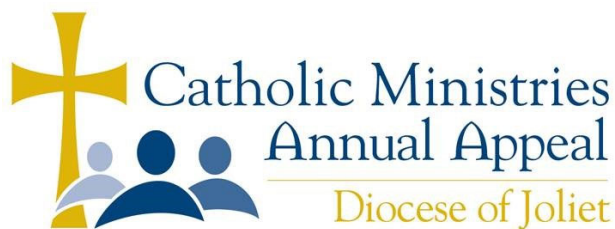
Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

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



**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.



The Robert H Weaver Knights of Columbus Chapter 12005 and Heartland Blood Center would like to thank everyone who donated blood on January 19.

12 units of blood were collected, and each unit of blood may aid 3 people. Your donation of blood and time is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for coming out in the snowy weather.





Excellence Grounded in Faith

Missed our Open House? Registration is **now active for the 2019-2020 school year**; but, it is **not too late to take a look at All Saints for your preschool through grade 8 student.**

Next Steps? Call to make an appointment for a personal tour – 9 am on Tuesday mornings, and 1 pm on Thursday afternoons. At All Saints, **All Are Welcome!** Your student will be challenged. Your student will grow in wisdom and faith. Your student and family will be **known and loved. You are family.** For more information, visit www.ascacademy.org.



The Marmion Music Boosters are hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 10, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Marmion Academy’s Lux Dining Hall at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora (enter through door #4). Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 per adult (13 years and up), \$5 for children 3-12 (under 3 is free) or \$25 per family of five. Tickets include sausage, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, coffee and unlimited pancakes and toppings. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance please email Mike Desch at mrdesch@gmail.com <<mailto:mrdesch@gmail.com>>.

Tickets are also available from all students in the Marmion Music programs.

Guests will enjoy performances by the Holy Angels Choir directed by Jodi Taylor, the Marmion Men’s Choir directed by Brian Birch, the Marmion/Rosary Combo and Jazz Ensemble directed by René Rosas, and more!

All proceeds from the breakfast go to support the activities of the Marmion music program consisting of the Marmion Choir, The Marmion/Rosary Band is made up of students from Marmion Academy and Rosary High School, and more.




**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
February 16 & 17**

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



Parish Activities for the Week

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
MONDAY	February 11	
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
TUESDAY	February 12	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Parish Council	Ministry Rm
WEDNESDAY	February 13	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114
12:00-3:00p	Gems Mtg	MPR
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
THURSDAY	February 14	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	February 15	
6:00-10:00p	Crafty Souls Night	Rm 124
6:30-8:30p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Worship Commission Mtg	Rm 119
7:00-9:00p	Cub Scouts	Rm 217
SATURDAY	February 16	
7:00-8:00p	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary’s Squad	Rm 208
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
SUNDAY	February 17	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men’s Formation	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
12:00-1:00p	Edge Leader Mtg	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women’s Formation	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
8:30-10:00p	Adult Men’s Basketball	MPR



The Holy Land

Join Deacon Mike Plese on a Holy Land Pilgrimage

WHERE: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Getsemani, Last Supper, Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rome, Assisi, Florence, Tuscany, Venice

WHEN: October 14—27, 2019

COST: \$4,899 Airfare and All-Included

How: Contact (855)842-8001
Or you can register online at
www.proximotravel.com

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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