



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed are you who are poor,

for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,

FOR YOU WILL BE SATISFIED.
~ LUKE 6:20-21A



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

Today our gospel reading is the very familiar "beatitudes." And while these are certainly worthwhile statement of Jesus to reflect upon, for this bulletin article I want to reflect upon our second reading today – St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It is a topic so central to our faith! The Corinthian Christians brought Paul genuine blessedness in their enthusiasm for the faith, their spiritual gifts and their desire to live in accord with the challenges of the good news. Still, their recalcitrance in certain matters and their misinterpretations of some of Paul's teaching must have weighed heavily upon him. Paul was required to explain at length and in detail several very important truths. From these explanations, successive generations of believers including ours, have certainly benefited. The truth in question today is the resurrection of the dead.

There were a variety of factors that had influenced and distorted the Corinthian believers' understanding of the resurrection. Fully aware of those factors, Paul was also fully convinced that if belief in the resurrection should unravel, so also would the entire fabric of the faith. For that reason, he wrote with an intensity and a fervor that could not be ignored to affirm the centrality of the resurrection and to dispel all notions to the contrary.

According to Paul, the resurrection of Jesus was not a fable. Paul insisted that it is the story of a real event, a bodily resurrection. Christ, risen from death is not just a symbol or an abstract truth, removed from reality. Therefore, those who deny that God has the power to raise the dead are placing themselves in contradiction to the Gospel. Furthermore, Paul was adamant in his claim that if Christ is not raised then the whole foundation of the Christian faith has been undone and a series of disastrous consequences has been thereby precipitated. The consequences Paul enumerates: 1. Our proclamation is in vain! 2. We are false witnesses! 3. Your faith is in vain and worthless! 4. You are still in your sins and those who have fallen asleep in Christ are the deadest of the dead! All of these consequences lead to a stark result...we are the most pitiable of all peoples!

If Christ is not raised, we preach a message that is an illusion. We offer as a cure for this world's ills a lie that hides the terrible truth that we are powerless and alone. If there is no resurrection, our lifestyle of self-denial and service makes no sense - those who follow Jesus are mere "chumps" who are missing out on their fair share of this life's rewards.

But, we who stand for Christ and the resurrection are not "chumps". Rather, we are believers who are willing to be thought of as fools for the sake of the faith. For, as Paul has said elsewhere in his correspondence with the Corinthians, "God has chosen the foolish of the world to shame the wise." (1 Cor 1:27)

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Have a blessed week!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, February 18 - Weekday Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, February 19 - Weekday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer Roy Saurer

Wednesday, February 20 - Weekday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Houdek Family

Thursday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

8:00 AM † Nick Camp Bob & Midge Holzworth

Friday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM † Michael W. Hesselback, Jr. Grandparents

Saturday, February 23 - St. Polycarp - Vigil of 7th Sunday

4:00 PM † Michael W. Hesselback, Jr. Grandparents
† Edward Lynch Family

Sunday, February 24 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
† Scott Radwan Carolyn Kerkla
9:00 AM † Scott Bowsher Den Tony & Allyson Martini
10:45 AM † Robert Hall, Sr. Norma Srock & Tomas
12:30 PM Thanksgiving— Tesar Family
Immaculate Conception
5:30 PM † Amy D'Silva Maybird D'Silva
Parishioners of OLM

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

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

Mark Hoeksema
Mel Schmudde
Kathryn Martini
Mary Moody
Brady Pembroke
Carole Brogan
Wayne Draper
Ailani Banulos
Julia Schremp
Billy Walowski
Kathy Walowski
Flo Paprzycki
Helga Manglinong
William Durante
Marilyn Reich

Michael Dandan
Charlene Oates
Sibin Marattil
Sherry White
Miroslava Manzanares
Maria Luna

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. The Sick | 10. Camille Damore |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention -W.R. | 12. Pat Sermersheim |
| 5. A Job for DJD | 13. The Pluskota Family |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Joseph F. Kubicki |
| 7. Good Health William Edwards | 15. Florence H. Kubicki |
| 8. Good Health for Ricky | 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...

Bob Holzworth, husband of Midge
Enrique Rodarte, husband of Guadalupe

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

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.



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

Hoy, nuestra lectura del evangelio es la muy familiar "bienaventuranzas". Y si bien estas son ciertamente valiosas declaraciones de Jesús para reflexionar, en este artículo del boletín quiero reflexionar sobre nuestra segunda lectura de hoy: la primera carta de San Pablo a los Corintios. ¡Es un tema tan central para nuestra fe! Los Cristianos Corintios trajeron a Pablo una verdadera bendición en su entusiasmo por la fe, sus dones espirituales y su deseo de vivir de acuerdo con los desafíos de las buenas nuevas. Sin embargo, su terquedad en ciertos asuntos y sus malas interpretaciones de algunas de las enseñanzas de Pablo deben haber tenido un gran peso sobre él. Esto requirió que Pablo explicara con detenimiento y en detalle varias verdades muy importantes. De estas explicaciones, generaciones sucesivas de creyentes, incluida la nuestra, ciertamente se han beneficiado. La verdad en cuestión hoy es la resurrección de los muertos.

Hubo una variedad de factores que influyeron y distorsionaron la comprensión de la resurrección de los creyentes Corintios. Totalmente consciente de esos factores, Pablo también estaba completamente convencido de que si la creencia en la resurrección se debía desenredar, también lo haría toda la estructura de la fe. Por esa razón, el escribió con una intensidad y un fervor que no podía ser ignorado para afirmar la centralidad de la resurrección y disipar todas las nociones en contra.

Según Pablo, la resurrección de Jesús no fue una fábula. Pablo insistió en que es la historia de un evento real, una resurrección corporal. Cristo, resucitado de la muerte no es solo un símbolo o una verdad abstracta, removida de la realidad. Por lo tanto, aquellos que niegan que Dios tenga el poder de resucitar a los muertos se están poniendo en contradicción con el Evangelio. Además, Pablo insistió en su afirmación de que si Cristo no es resucitado, entonces se ha deshecho todo el fundamento de la fe cristiana y se han precipitado una serie de consecuencias desastrosas. Las consecuencias que Pablo enumera son: 1. ¡Nuestra proclamación es en vano! 2. ¡Somos testigos falsos! 3. Tu fe es en vano y sin valor! 4. ¡Todavía estás en tus pecados y los que se han dormido en Cristo son los más muertos de los muertos! ¡Todas estas consecuencias llevan a un resultado absoluto... somos lo más lamentable de todos los pueblos!

Si Cristo no está resucitado, predicamos un mensaje que es una ilusión. Ofrecemos como una cura para los males de este mundo una mentira que oculta la terrible verdad de que somos impotentes y estamos solos. Si no hay una resurrección, nuestro estilo de vida de abnegación y servicio no tiene sentido: los que siguen a Jesús son meros "tontos" que se están perdiendo su parte justa de las recompensas de esta vida.

Pero, nosotros que estamos a favor de Cristo y la resurrección no somos "tontos". Más bien, somos creyentes que estamos dispuestos a ser considerados como tontos por el bien de la fe. Porque, como lo ha dicho Pablo en otra parte de su correspondencia con los Corintios, "Dios ha escogido a los necios del mundo para avergonzar a los sabios" (1 Co. 1:27).

¡Los escritos de Pablo deben haber tenido un impacto profundo, ya que los Cristianos de hoy en día, con audacia y constancia, proclamamos que Cristo ha muerto! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Y un día lo haremos también!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Ken

BIENAVENTURADOS O DICHOSOS

Cuando pensamos en la palabra "bienaventuranzas" pensamos en el discurso de hoy del Evangelio según Lucas, o en el más familiar según Mateo (que comienza "Dichosos lo que tienen espíritu de pobre . . ."). En realidad, las bienaventuranzas ocurren en los profetas y evangelios. Hoy, en Jeremías (con un eco en el salmo) oímos: "Bendito el hombre que confía en el Señor" (Jeremías 17:7). Luego de su resurrección en el Evangelio de san Juan, Cristo proclama: "¡Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto!" (Juan 20:29). Los evangelistas colocaron estos dichos por todos los evangelios como cortos recordatorios sobre las características de quien sigue a Cristo, características que ayudarán a diseminar la Buena Nueva en esta vida y llevarnos a la dicha eterna en la próxima. En latín, los santos son llamados *Beati* o "Beatos" porque son aquellos que viven la vida "feliz" descrita por Jesús en los evangelios. ¡Qué dichosos somos cuando nos esforzamos por hacer de nuestros días bienaventuranzas vivas! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (115):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves: Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado: Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13
Domingo: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lc 6:27-38



WHAT TO DO WITH DRIED PALM BRANCHES?

Bring them to church! There will be baskets in the narthex of church from now through March 3rd to collect dried branches. The dried branches will then be burnt on Monday, March 4th with the 4:30PM RE classes watching. The ashes will then be used on Ash Wednesday, March 6th to mark our foreheads as a sign of our repentance during the Lenten season.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

The Gospel at Home

Students heard the Good News of Jesus' Beatitudes, according to St. Luke (6:17, 20-26). Consider the Beatitudes as *The Way* to our true and lasting happiness and continue this important Gospel conversation at home. Here are a few ideas.

Grades K-1 One thing that always makes us happy is following Jesus. Have your child show you the drawing of Jesus and him or her from class. How can we include everyone like Jesus does?

Grades 2-3 Have a conversation with your child about the different ways we show who our heart belongs to. Ask your third grader to tell you what he or she learned from the story, "Marielle's New Start." Be sure to have your child show the booklet about "The Beatitudes: Jesus' Map to Happiness." What does Jesus teach about true happiness?

Grades 4-5 Is it fair the way food is distributed in the world? Your fourth and fifth grade children should have some thoughts on that from class this week. What are L'Arche communities? Again, your child should know from class. Talk about the important work of the organization and how you can help too. Talk about how the Beatitudes teach us to see through God's eyes, and how we can hear the cries of the poor.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE
FEB 25

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. candyr@olmercy.com or 331.707.5376

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Confirmation Letters of Intent for teens who have completed or are close to completing the requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation are DUE by Feb. 25th to the R.E. Office. Information is available on the parish website, R.E. Office or in the lobby wall display.

Teen Sunday Nights: All high school teens are invited to Teen Sunday Nights. We meet on February 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!

A **Catholic Teen Night** will be held on Thursday, February 28th at St. Raphael' parish in Naperville. All teens are invited to join us for a fun night of faith and food with teens from other local churches! Bring friends!

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!

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!

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.

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.

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.

Walking to Jerusalem

Lent will begin on March 6. Let's join together as a parish family to walk together to Jerusalem to first and foremost grow closer to Jesus while improving our physical, mental and emotional health.

Sign up for the program and get your packet at the table in the multi-purpose room on Hospitality Weekend, February 23 and 24.

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.



Save the Date PARISH MISSION on March 25, 26, 27

THE FATHER'S DELIGHT

Ablaze Parish Mission Night One

What if you didn't have to earn God's love? What if performance had nothing to do with salvation? In this engaging talk, Deacon Keith Strohm explores the reality of the Father's love for each of us. We were created for an eternal life filled with peace, joy, freedom, and communion with God and each other. Using Scripture, Tradition, and personal stories seasoned with a dose of humor, this first talk hopes to draw you closer to

BREAKING THE POWER OF SIN

Ablaze Parish Mission Night Two

"Jesus died for our sins." We may hear that a lot, but what does it mean that God's Son gave His life for you and me? Deacon Keith Strohm explores the mystery of sin and the Father's response in Jesus Christ. How does the Cross set us free? Is the Cross simply a declaration of our sinfulness, or does it reveal something deeper—something essential for us to know about who we are? Why does it matter that Christ rose from the dead?

UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT

Ablaze Parish Mission Night Three

The Lord frees us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the fullness of His life—a life we were originally created for. Peace, joy, freedom, holiness, intimacy and love, integrity, fruitfulness, mercy, healing—these are all hallmarks of the Kingdom life we receive from Jesus, and they come to us through the gift of His Holy Spirit in Baptism. In this last talk, Deacon Keith Strohm, explores what it means to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit and shares how to unleash that Spirit for our sake and the sake of the world!

FEBRUARY 23 & 24 AFTER ALL THE MASSES

MINISTRY FAIR

connect grow serve

where IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?



Join Deacon Mike Plese on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy

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

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/03/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,012,456
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	992,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	20,456
02/03/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	35,469
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	4,469

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



Don't forget some sweets... celebration and treats adds sweetness to life. Look for recipes such as grilled peaches with pureed raspberries, and no-sugar-added fruit pie with walnut crust, that let you and your loved ones enjoy a reasonably healthy splurge.

GEMS MEMBERS AND OLM PARISHONERS OVER 50:

Come join our St. Patrick and St. Joseph celebration. We are planning a special luncheon on Wednesday, March 13 at noon in the PLC (fee to be determined). We could welcome any Italian and Irish dessert contributions.

This will be a great opportunity to see what GEMS is all about. Hope to see you there. Are you interested in the OLM bridge club, please contact Willie at 630-898-1999 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.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH
Spaghetti Dinner
 Sponsored by the Youth Group
Saturday, February 23rd, 2019
 Serving from 5pm to 7pm at St. George Hall



Dinner: \$6⁰⁰
Family: \$25⁰⁰
 Carryouts Available
 Tickets are available at the door

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**Our Lady of Mercy
 Weekend Masses
 February 23 & 24
 Father Don will preach at all Masses**

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

Parish Activities for the Week

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
MONDAY	February 18	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	February 19	
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
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
WEDNESDAY	February 20	
9:00-10:00a	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 217
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	Baptism Class	Church
7:00-9:00p	St. Vincent DePaul Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:00p	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Children's Chapel
7:30-9:00p	Administration Commission Mtg	Ministry Rm
THURSDAY	February 21	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
6:00-6:45p	Moms of Tots	Rm 124
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	February 22	
5:30-9:00p	Friday Family Feast	MPR
SATURDAY	February 23	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
1:00-2:00p	St. Peregrine Prayer Service	Church
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
4:00-6:00p	Hospitality	MPR
SUNDAY	February 24	
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
2:00-3:00p	Baptism	Church
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	Rm 211



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7th GRADE STEP-UP DAYS
TUE, MARCH 5TH, 2019 Or
TUE, MARCH 19, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All 7th grade students are invited to participate in a 7th Grade Step-Up Day at Aurora Central Catholic High School. Step-Up Day is a unique experience for 7th grade students to interact with ACC students at a Student Panel, attend an all-school Mass and embark on their very own block schedule.

For more information or to register, please call Mackenzie Livingston at (630) 907-0095 ext. 109 or email mlivingston@auroracentral.com.

Thank you!

**CONFERENCE FOR THE
DIVORCE AND WIDOWED**

“Six Keys to Healing and God’s Plan for your Life”

March 16, 2019

Blanchette Catholic Center

8:30AM- 4:00PM (Concludes with Vigil Mass)

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and often difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support for those who are divorced or widowed. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to heal and begin to move forward in your life.

Our speaker for the day is Catholic author and speaker Lisa Duffy. A relationship and divorce recovery expert, she experienced the tragedy of an unwanted divorce in the early 1990s. Lisa has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse.

The conference day begins with a 8:30 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is \$35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by March 11, 2018 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://conta.cc/2RULZmY>.

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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