



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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                  10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm  
Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
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 Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
                          8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*February 24, 2019*



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**Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together,  
shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.**

*Luke 6:38*



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

Today in parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is announced. The theme of this year's appeal is "Signs of Hope." This appeal funds the many ministries coordinated by the Diocese of Joliet that serve all our parishes in the seven county Diocese of Joliet as well as the administrative offices that are necessary to operate as a Diocese. Our Diocesan Chief Development Officer, Tony Brandilino shares the following message: "Thanks to the many generous donors to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, our diocese is filled with signs of hope. I see signs of hope when I visit the Day-break Shelter and Shepherd's Table and witness Catholic Charities helping those in our community most in need. I see signs of hope in our newly ordained priests, who are assisting Bishop Conlon in his mission to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. I see signs of hope in the many men and women answering the Lord's call to vocations in the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. I see signs of hope when I visit our Catholic schools, where thousands of young people learn Church teachings alongside their standard subjects and attend Mass with their friends and teachers. I also see signs of hope in our parishes, which recognize Jesus in the diverse faces of our Church's membership today and ensure everyone is invited to worship at the Lord's table. Finally, I see signs of hope in the people I meet with who have become friends - Catholics who give what they are able, from their hearts, to support the Church, knowing that Bishop Conlon and his staff members will be good stewards of their gifts to the CMAA. Every gift is important to the success of the CMAA. Each pledge helps us reach our goal of \$8.2 million - and allows us to provide signs of hope to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal supports."

Once again this year, I ask your support for the CMAA. Our parish goal this year is \$133,400.00. Last year we surpassed our parish goal and received a \$22,000 rebate from the Diocese which went back to the parish operating fund to support programs like ALPHA and Religious Education. Please be a person of hope by supporting the Diocesan Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

Last weekend you heard an invitation to participate in the "Christ Renews His Parish" (CRHP) retreat weekend. Those who have attended CRHP in the past speak of their wonderful experience and deepening relationship with God. I encourage you, if you haven't made the CRHP renewal weekend retreat to prayerfully consider doing it this year! The fraternal support after the renewal weekend will enrich your life. The Men's weekend is April 6 & 7. The Women's weekend is April 13 & 14. Check the parish website for more information and to register.

Have a Blessed Week!

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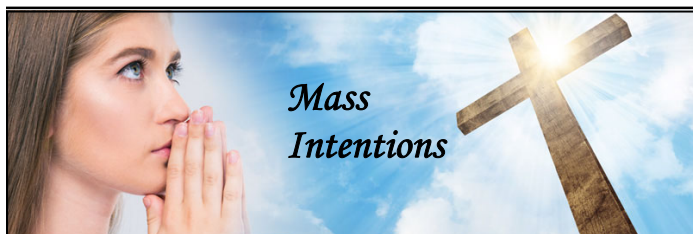
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*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, February 25 - Weekday Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM † Eustaquio Arabejo Pat Daylor

**Tuesday, February 26 - Weekday Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM † Arthur & Edward Jennings Agnes Schlobohm

**Wednesday, February 27 - Weekday Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM † Bryan Lange Family

**Thursday, February 28 - Weekday Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM † Andrew Toschak Family

**Friday, March 1 - World Day of Prayer**  
8:00 AM † Celine Buchanon Loving Hands

**Saturday, March 2 - Vigil 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM † Francisco Uy Uy Family  
† Dorothy Crotty Small Family

**Sunday, March 3 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family  
† Michael Fiasche Family  
9:00 AM † Deloris Pruszka Kathmann & Schilz Family  
10:45 AM † Jose Tornero Family  
12:30 PM The People of OLM  
5:30 PM † David Marcinko Family

**We pray for our sick, confined and their families**

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

Mark Hoeksema  
Mel Schmutde  
Kathryn Martini  
Mary Moody  
Brady Pembroke  
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  
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:

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon       | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick             | 10. Henry Pratt Employees  |
| 3. Ailani Banulos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutde         | 12. Aurora Police Dept.    |
| 5. First Responders     | 13. Amanda H               |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra     | 14. Good Health for Ricky  |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. Henry Pratt Families | 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...  
Ulpiano Madamba, father of Rich*

**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







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

Hoy día, en las parroquias de la Diócesis de Joliet, se anuncia la Campaña Anual de los Ministerios Católicos (CMAA). El tema de la campaña de este año es "Signos de Esperanza". Esta campaña financia los muchos ministerios coordinados por la Diócesis de Joliet que sirven a todas nuestras parroquias en los siete condados de la Diócesis de Joliet, así como a las oficinas administrativas que son necesarias para operar como un Diócesis. Nuestro Director de Desarrollo Diocesano, Tony Brandilino, comparte el siguiente mensaje: *"Gracias a los muchos donantes generosos de la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos, nuestra diócesis está llena de signos de esperanza. Veo signos de esperanza cuando visito el Refugio del Amanecer (Daybreak Shelter) y la Mesa del Pastor (Shepherd's Table) y soy testigo de las Caridades Católicas que ayudan a aquellos más necesitados en nuestra comunidad. Veo signos de esperanza en nuestros sacerdotes recién ordenados, que asisten al Obispo Conlon en su misión de construir el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. Veo signos de esperanza en los muchos hombres y mujeres que responden al llamado del Señor a las vocaciones en el sacerdocio, el diaconado permanente y la vida religiosa. Veo signos de esperanza cuando visito nuestras Escuelas Católicas, donde miles de jóvenes aprenden las enseñanzas de la Iglesia junto con sus clases normales y asisten a Misa con sus amigos y maestros. También veo signos de esperanza en nuestras parroquias, que reconocen hoy a Jesús en los diversos rostros de los miembros de nuestra Iglesia y se aseguran que todos estén invitados a adorar en la mesa del Señor. Finalmente, veo signos de esperanza en las personas con las que me encuentro y que se han convertido en amigos - católicos que dan lo que pueden, desde sus corazones, para apoyar a la Iglesia, sabiendo que el Obispo Conlon y su personal serán buenos administradores de sus donaciones a la CMAA. Cada donación es importante para el éxito de la CMAA. Cada compromiso nos ayuda a alcanzar nuestra meta de \$8.2 millones, y nos permite brindar signos de esperanza a tantos a través de los 30 ministerios que respalda nuestra campaña anual"*.

Una vez más este año, les pido su apoyo para la CMAA. La meta de nuestra parroquia este año es de \$133,400.00. El año pasado superamos la meta de nuestra parroquia y recibimos un reembolso de \$22,000 de la Diócesis que regresó al fondo operativo de la parroquia para apoyar programas como ALPHA y Educación Religiosa. Por favor, se una persona de esperanza apoyando la Campaña Anual de los Ministerios Diocesanos Católicos.

El fin de semana pasado escuchaste una invitación para participar en el retiro de fin de semana "Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia" (CRHP). Aquellos que han asistido a CRHP en el pasado hablan de su maravillosa experiencia y su profunda relación con Dios. ¡Te animo, si no has hecho el retiro de fin de semana de renovación de CRHP, para considerar en oración hacerlo este año! El apoyo fraternal después del fin de semana de renovación enriquecerá tu vida. El fin de semana de los Hombres es el 6 y 7 de abril. El fin de semana de las Mujeres es el 13 y 14 de abril. Consulta el sitio web de la parroquia para obtener más información y para registrarse.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

*Padre Con*

## NO CAUSAR DAÑO

Escuchamos por un buen rato antes de llegar a la "culminación ingeniosa" de la primera lectura de hoy: si bien hubiera sido fácil hacerlo, David no causará daño al ungido del Señor. Nosotros, por supuesto, sabemos que Jesús es el Mesías, el ungido de Dios, mas la Biblia usa ese término para distintas personas. Es la manera bíblica de indicar quién ha sido elegido por Dios para un lugar y misión especial dentro de la historia de la salvación.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús presenta una abultada lista de aquellos a quienes, por ser hijos de Dios, no debemos dañar, sino más bien amar: nuestros enemigos, los que nos maldicen o nos hacen daño, los que nos deben dinero, los ingratos, los malvados. El punto de la enseñanza de Jesús no es alentar esos tipos de comportamiento en otros, sino más bien formarnos a imagen de nuestro Padre celestial cuando incrementamos las oportunidades para amar incondicionalmente, sin esperar nada a cambio; ser misericordiosos y compasivo, aun cuando sería más fácil no serlo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Eclo 1:1-10; Sal 93  
(92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29

Martes: Eclo 2:1-11; Sal 37  
(36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mc 9:30-37

Miércoles: Eclo 4:11-19; Sal 119  
(118):165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mc 9:38-40

Jueves: Eclo 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50

Viernes: Eclo 6:5-17; Sal 119  
(118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mc 10:1-12

Sábado: Eclo 17:1-15; Sal 103  
(102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16

Domingo: Eclo:27:4-7; Sal 92  
(91):2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lc 6:39-45

## DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## WHAT TO DO WITH DRIED PALM BRANCHES?

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







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## Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

### February is Heart Health Month

The heart weighs between nine and eleven ounces which is a little heavier than a large apple. The heart beats about 100,000 beats per day and is located just left of the breastbone. The heart is slightly bigger than the fist and puts out an average of five quarts of blood around the circulatory system every minute. The heart does so much to keep you alive. What are you doing to take care of your heart?

There are a variety of ways to take care of your heart. Consider focusing on the following three ways to promote heart health especially if you have had heart-related issues: *Eat Healthy. Be Active.*

*Stay Balanced.* The first suggestion is: *Eat Healthy!* It is important to realize that the foods you choose to eat have a big impact on heart health. Think about the foods that you put on your plate. Research is showing that up to 70% of heart disease can be avoided with heart healthy food choices. It is suggested to eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. The following eight heart-healthy picks are a good start: oranges, kale, garlic, lentils, sardines, pomegranate juice, dark chocolate and almonds. As with any diet, it is important to consult with your healthcare provider to make sure that your other medical conditions are taken into consideration. A registered dietician is a great resource to help you determine what is best for you and your health concerns. And please be aware of your salt intake as too much salt could increase your blood pressure and have negative effects on the heart and kidneys. Some diets to check out are the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet or the Mediterranean diet.

The second suggestion is: *Be Active!* It is a fact that heart-pumping exercise is a highly effective tool for strengthening the body's most important muscle, managing weight and preventing future artery damage. To maximize the benefits of exercise it should include cardio, strength training and stretching. The usual recommendation is 150 minutes of activity per week such as walking, running, cycling, swimming, using any cardio machine or dancing in your living room. The recommendation for strength training is for fifteen to twenty minutes of total body strength training two to three times a week. It is recommended to try to do fifteen to thirty minutes of full-body stretching, three times a week.

The third suggestion is: *Stay Balanced!* If you can reduce stress in your life – do it. The more important focus is to manage your reaction to stress and learn how to find your peace and calm when the world around you is chaotic and stressful. Think about the activities that bring you joy and as a result will decrease the negative effects that stress causes on the body, especially the heart. Some ideas to help you stay in balance are to connect with a loved one, sing or listen to music, take a trip, stay hydrated, create healthy routines or take part in leisure activities that keep your hands and mind engaged. Always remember to spend time with Jesus! Connect with God in prayer, through reading Scripture and receiving the Sacraments. God knows that life is stressful so turn to Him to help you relax and have the peace and calm that only God can provide!

As you think about the lifestyle choices that you should change to benefit your heart health this month, make it your intention to continue the changes as time goes on so that by next February you will see how much your heart health and spiritual health has improved! Happy Heart Month!!!

**Open HEARTS Ministry:** Mental and emotional health and wellness ministry meeting on Monday, February 25 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Room. **End-of-Life Issues:** This program will help everyone with end-of-life decisions and planning on Saturday, March 2 from 9:30am to noon in the Parish Life Center.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:** Training for adults to support the youth in their lives. Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care to register for the training of if you have any questions about the programs at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).



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**RESPECT LIFE**

Join us Friday, March 2, 2019

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8am-2pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst>

For more information please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or email [janeconner@comcast.net](mailto:janeconner@comcast.net)

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**



In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

In the month of February, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to assist many families, providing them with assistance with utility bills, rent, and referrals. Thank you. Our home visitors spend time with those who contact us and listen to their stories and offer guidance and prayers in addition to the financial help. Please be as generous as possible in the monthly SVDP donation envelope. It helps those experiencing an emergency/temporary set back. God bless you for caring and sharing.

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*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, March 1**  
**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 questions  
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*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/10/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,043,728
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,023,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,728</b>
02/10/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	31,272
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>272</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



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for this icon at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) under "Give".



**Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

**Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference!** The opening report for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeals help us offer *Signs of Hope* of God's work here on earth.

The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. As you will read in the opening report, gifts to the CMAA make a difference to members of our parish as well as our friends and neighbors and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet last month and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$133,400. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA and making the most generous pledge possible.

**GEMS**



**CELEBRATE...  
CELEBRATE**

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.

**ATTENTION!:**

A trip to Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook is being planned to see the play MAMA MIA on Thursday, April 11. The cost is \$64 per person which includes the show and lunch. There are limited numbers of tickets available so please contact Rose at 630-247-1513 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

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](mailto:phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com)

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.

## 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.catholicssportscamps.org](http://www.catholicssportscamps.org) to register now.



Pope Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy is currently enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year.

Returning families are asked to complete and return the registration paperwork along with the \$150.00 family registration fee to secure the registration. New families are asked to contact the office to schedule an appointment for registration at either campus.

South Campus is located at 601 Talma St., Aurora, 60505. To schedule an appointment at the South Campus, please contact Ms. Norma Heredia at 630-851-4400 or via email at: [nheredia@jp2aurora.org](mailto:nheredia@jp2aurora.org).

North Campus is located at 706 High St., Aurora, 60505. To schedule an appointment at the North Campus, please contact Ms. Theresa Garcia at 630-844-3781 or via email at: [tgarcia@jp2aurora.org](mailto:tgarcia@jp2aurora.org).



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**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE STEP-UP DAYS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 Or**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**  
**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Day at Aurora Central Catholic High School. Step-Up Day is a unique experience for 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mlivingston@auroracentral.com).  
Thank you!

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses March 2 & 3

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

## Parish Activities for the Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 24</b>	
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
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 25</b>	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
6:30-7:30p	Edge Family Mass	Church
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 26</b>	
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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 27</b>	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 28</b>	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:30-10:00p	Knights of Columbus General Mtg	Rm 114
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 1</b>	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:00-10:00a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 2</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-12:00p	End of Life Issues	MPR
12:00-1:00p	Baptism	Church
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
7:15-10:30p	Charismatic Prayer Mtg	MPR
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 3</b>	
7:30-10:30a	Men's CRHP Formation	Rm 114
9:00-12:00	Light Workshop	Rm 217/218
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
2:00-5:00p	Light Workshop	Rm 217/218
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Young Adult Fellowship	Rm 211
6:30-8:30p	Sunday Teens	MPR
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208
8:30-10:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

**HOSPITALIZATION:** If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

**HOSPITALITY:** "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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