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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

MARCH 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

~ Luke 6:43 - 44



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

This is pledge weekend for this year's Diocesan Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please join me and Fr. Mark in making a gift to this year's appeal and become "Signs of Hope". Your gift to the appeal brings hope to so many throughout the Diocese who are in need. A gift to the CMAA is very important because it provides most, if not all, of the funding for the 30 ministries that serve our parishes, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. The diocese provides priests to staff our parishes. Currently there are 38 seminarians being educated for priestly service in our diocese. We are very blessed to have this many, but, imagine for a moment the total cost of each year of college and graduate school education for these 38 young men. The CMAA through your contributions, helps to pay these costs. Our parish goal for this year is \$133,400. You can make a one-time gift or make a pledge and pay it over 10 months. Like last year, 70% of funds received over our parish goal are rebated back to the parish for use in our ministries here at OLM. I thank you in advance for your generous support!

In the Gospel today, Jesus addresses something that we all rail against, and at the same time are sometimes guilty of – hypocrisy! The story is told of Mark Twain at a dinner party whose guests included a businessman notorious for having made his money by sharp dealing and by unscrupulously and aggressively squeezing money out of his beleaguered tenants and clients. At one point in the evening, the fellow cornered Twain and piously gushed: "Before I die, Mr. Twain, I intend to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I want to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud." "I have a better idea," suggested Twain acidly. "Why don't you stay right here in Boston and keep them?" Hypocrisy is also an occupational hazard of the religious professional. Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted, "People are very inclined to set moral standards for others." The implication is that we may not use the same criteria to regulate our own lives. Jesus chided the religious leaders of his day....I think he would do the same today. Clergy of all faiths are in a precarious position, for it is expected that they will publicly preach morality, but we have seen many not practice it themselves. There is a Latin phrase that scarcely requires translation to show why abuse perpetrated by any clergy is particularly scandalous: "*Corruptio optimi pessima est*" which means "The corruption of the best is worst of all."

Today's gospel may just set the right tone for Lent which begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Instead of giving up soda, cigarettes, candy, swearing, etc. etc. Let's give up being hypocritical in our relationship with others and get the plank out of our own eye before worrying about others. "Judge not, and you will not be judged!"

Have a blessed week!

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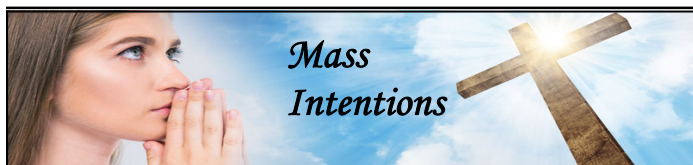
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**Monday, March 4 - St. Casimir**

8:00 AM † Daniel Sullivan Peggy Hartnett

Tuesday, March 5 - Shrove Tuesday

8:00 AM Int Cheryl Lohse Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM † Ken Jachim Family
 8:00 AM Int Mike & Carole Brogan Pat & Tom McHugh
 6:00 PM † Anne Heckel
 7:30 PM Int Rudy & Cora Gamaro Phyllis Anderson

Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 AM Int Fr Mark Bernhard Phyllis Anderson

Friday, March 8 - St. John of God

8:00 AM † Bob Watts Mary Houdek

Saturday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome/Vigil of 1st Sunday

4:00 PM † Anne Hackel George & Willie Durante
 † Samantha Campion OLM Staff

Sunday, March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
 † Patrice Klasinski
 9:00 AM † Cathy Dodd Family
 10:45 AM † Daniel Guzman Guzman Family
 12:30 PM † Awilda Martinez Hurtado Family
 5:30 PM People 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
 Sherry White
 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. Nora de Caceres |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Autumn Schmitt |
| 5. Phil Damore | 13. Conversion of Family |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Family Safety, Good Health and Peace | 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 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
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army

Ash Wednesday March 6th

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the following Masses and Services

Mass	6:30am
Mass	8:00am
Scripture Service	12:00pm
Children's Service	4:30pm
Mass	6:00pm
Mass	7:30pm



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

Este es el fin de semana de la promesa de donación para la Campaña Anual de los Ministerios Católicos (CMAA) Diocesanos de este año. Por favor, únense a mí y al Padre Mark al hacer una donación a la campaña de este año y conviértanse en "Signos de Esperanza". Su donación a la campaña trae esperanza a tantas personas de la

Diócesis que lo necesitan. Un regalo para la CMAA es muy importante porque proporciona la mayoría, si no todos, de los fondos para los 30 ministerios que sirven a nuestras parroquias, tocando las vidas de cientos de miles de personas. La diócesis provee sacerdotes para dotar de personal a nuestras parroquias. Actualmente hay 38 seminaristas siendo educados para el servicio sacerdotal en nuestra diócesis. Nos sentimos muy bendecidos de tener tantos, pero, imagínense por un momento el costo total de cada año de educación universitaria y de posgrado para estos 38 hombres jóvenes. La CMAA a través de las aportaciones de Uds., ayuda a pagar estos costos. La meta de nuestra parroquia para este año es de \$133,400. Pueden hacer una donación única o hacer una promesa de donación y pagarla durante 10 meses. Al igual que el año pasado, el 70% de los fondos recibidos sobre la meta de nuestra parroquia se devuelven a la parroquia para usarlos en nuestros ministerios aquí en OLM. ¡Gracias de antemano por su generoso apoyo!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús aborda algo contra lo que todos nosotros criticamos, y al mismo tiempo a veces somos culpables de: ¡hipocresía! Se cuenta la historia de Mark Twain en una cena en la que sus invitados incluyeron a un hombre de negocios famoso por haber ganado su dinero mediante tratos violentos y de forma inescrupulosa y agresiva para sacar dinero de sus asediados inquilinos y clientes. En un momento de la tarde, el hombre acorraló a Twain y piadosamente habló con entusiasmo: "Antes de morir, señor Twain, tengo la intención de hacer una peregrinación a Tierra Santa. Quiero subir a la cima del Monte Sinaí y leer los Diez Mandamientos en voz alta". "Tengo una idea mejor", sugirió Twain mordazmente. "¿Por qué no te quedas aquí en Boston y los guardas?" La hipocresía también es un gaje del oficio del experto religioso. Ralph Waldo Emerson dijo una vez: "La gente es muy inclinada a establecer estándares morales para los demás". La implicación es que es posible que no utilicemos los mismos criterios para regular nuestras propias vidas. Jesús reprendió a los líderes religiosos de su época... Yo creo que hoy haría lo mismo. El clero de todos los credos se encuentra en una situación precaria, ya que se espera que prediquen públicamente la moralidad, pero hemos visto que muchos no la practican ellos mismos. Hay una frase en latín que apenas requiere traducción para mostrar por qué el abuso perpetrado por cualquier clero es particularmente escandaloso: "*Corruptio optimi pessima est*", que significa "La corrupción de los mejores es lo peor de todo".

El evangelio de hoy puede establecer el tono correcto para la Cuaresma que comienza este miércoles, el Miércoles de Ceniza. En lugar de renunciar a los refrescos, los cigarrillos, los dulces, las malas palabras, etc. etc.; renunciemos a ser hipócritas en nuestra relación con los demás y quitemos la viga de nuestro propio ojo antes de preocuparnos por los demás. "¡No juzgues, y no serás juzgado!"

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

“**Bertrand de Margerie S.J.** En el contexto de la doceava gran manifestación, Jesús pidió a Santa Margarita María la comunión de los primeros viernes del mes y la hora santa. Jesús pidió claramente una participación en su agonía redentora. Estamos frente al programa pastoral elaborado por el Señor mismo: sufrir con él” (aciprensa.com).

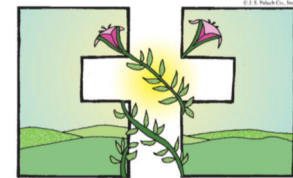
Acompáñanos a orar y adorar a nuestro Señor durante “La Hora Santa” en español.

Cuando: todos los primeros Viernes de cada mes 3 de marzo, 5 de abril, 3 de mayo y 7 de junio 2019). Si tienes preguntas acerca de la Hora Santa favor llamar a Soledad Escandon 908-296-5709

Donde: en la iglesia

Hora: a las 9:00 a.m.

*Para mas información acerca de la Hora Santa ver <http://www.entronizar.me/index.php/hora-santa/>



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Eclo 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7;

Mc 10:17-27

Martes: Eclo 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23;

Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Ashes distributed after the homily at the following services

Mass	6:30am
Mass	8:00am
Scripture Service	12:00 Noon
Children's Service	4:30pm
Mass	6:00pm
Mass	7:30pm

Parish Lenten Mission – March 25, 26, 27

Presented by Deacon Keith Strohm
9:15 am & 7:00pm in Church

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent

March 8, 15, 22, 29/April 5, 12-7:00pm in English

March 8, 15, 22, 29/April 5, 12-12:30pm in Spanish

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

FOUR KEYS FOR PRACTICING FAITH

1. Caring Conversations Christian values and faith are passed on to the next generation through supportive conversations. Listening and responding to the daily concerns of children and youth makes it easier to have meaningful conversations regarding the love of God, and are ways to express God's love to others. Hearing their parents "faith stories" is one of the most important influences on the faith of children and teenagers.

2. Family Devotions and Prayer The Christian faith shapes the whole of our lives and involves a lifetime of study reflection, and prayer. Family devotions provide a way to learn more about the Bible and Christian traditions as a family, and apply the teaching to daily life as a follower of Jesus Christ. Family prayer includes Sunday worship, bedtime prayers, Bible reading, table grace, and praying at any time.

3. Family Rituals and Traditions Families identify themselves and tell their family stories through daily routines, celebrations, and rituals. Family rituals include celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, and special achievements; church year rituals at home such as Advent and Lent; milestones such as births, first day of school and graduations. Special family rituals speak volumes about what the family values and how much the family values its faith.

4. Family Service Engaging in service increases faith among both youth and adults when their family service is together in the home and the community.

Adapted from Faith Formation 20/20: Designing the Future of Faith Formation, by John Roberto

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

Events

- March 4** 6/7/8th Grades Mardi Gras Party
- March 11** 6/7/8th Stations of the Cross
- March 18** 6/7/8th Reconciliation/Service Proj.
- April 1** 6/7/8th Parables

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Teen Sunday Nights: All high school teens are invited to Teen Sunday Nights. We meet on March 3rd, 10th and 17th 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!

L.I.G.H.T. Family Mass has been moved to March 17th at 5:30 pm. (originally March 3rd). Please make a note of this date change. All families invited to attend!

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!



Catholic Summer Camp

Our Lady of Mercy

July 14-19, 2019

Kids Grades 1-12

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Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Eat with Your Heart in Mind

As the month of February has come to a close (National Heart Month) – we are now in the month of March which is *National Nutrition Month*. The American Heart Association promotes heart-healthy eating all year suggesting that we eat a variety of nutritious foods from all of the food groups.

The key is to eat an overall healthy dietary pattern that emphasizes: a variety of fruits and vegetables; whole grains; low-fat dairy products; skinless poultry and fish (eating fish at least twice a week especially with omega-3 fatty acids such as salmon, trout and herring); nuts and legumes; and non-tropical vegetable oils. Keep in mind to limit saturated fat, trans fat (check food labels to avoid partially hydrogenated vegetable oils), sodium, red meat (choose leanest cuts) and sugar-sweetened beverages.

It is important to know how many calories you should be eating and drinking to maintain your weight which depends on several factors including age, gender and level of activity. If you would like to know the recommended caloric intake for you check out the chart at the following website - health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/appendix-2. Check out the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan (at www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/dash-eating-plan) or the Mediterranean diet (one source is www.olivetomato.com) to help out with heart-healthy choices. Too much sodium in the diet may contribute to health concerns, so be sure to check food labels as to the amount of salt per serving in the food item. The American Heart Association suggests to aim for no more than 2,300 mg/day and emphasizes that reducing the daily intake to 1,500 mg is desirable as it may reduce blood pressure more. The month of March and the season of Lent are opportunities to reflect on your eating behavior and pattern to determine changes and modifications to benefit your overall health!!

Keep in mind that the above information and suggestions may not be appropriate for everyone due to medical conditions, food allergies or other reasons. Please consult with your health care practitioner or a registered dietician to figure out the healthy eating choices best for you.

Walking to Jerusalem

As the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, 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. If you would like to participate, you can register and pick up your packet in the parish office or make other arrangements by contacting Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING: Saturday, March 16 from 8am – 5pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church. The training program for adults to support the youth in their lives is provided free by AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center. Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN to register at jolene@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380.



Save the Date **PARISH MISSION on March 25,
9AM-10:30AM or 7PM-8:30PM**

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 the Father's Heart—which beats for you.

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!



Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 9
5:30—8:00pm

Join your fellow parishioners for our Lenten Meal before or after Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the Narthex and Church.

Adults - \$9.00
 Children 3 – 12 - \$5.00
 Children under 3 – FREE

Knights of Columbus
 Will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt !
 The Easter Bunny may also stop in for some fun. Kids ages 0 to 10 should bring their basket! Hope to see everyone there!

Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am
Hunt starts at 10:30 am in the PLC.

NEXT HESD HOUSE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality. The O.L.M. program for Hesed House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis. For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232. Thank you!



YOUR FAITH

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

Men's Weekend April 6-7, 2019
 Women's Weekend April 13-14, 2019

REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE MARCH 31
WWW.OLMERCY.COM

Christ Renews His Parish, or CRHP, is a program designed to help us renew our Christian faith by bringing members of the Our Lady of Mercy community together in Christ.

It is a break from your busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that you can refresh yourself spiritually and renew your heart. You will be meeting with and listening to the experiences of other men or women from our Parish in an informal and relaxed environment of reflection, fellowship and fun.

The emphasis during the weekend is on small group interaction. Everyone is free to share as much or as little as they feel comfortable. Discussion and sharing is enjoyed by all participants.

After the weekend, the opportunity to continue faith formation exists with an option to continue to meet and grow as a spiritual community and eventually share what you've experienced with others.

REACH OUT to the Invitation Coordinators
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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/17/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,063,676
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,054,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	9,676
02/17/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	19,948
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(11,052)

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.olmery.com under "Give".



Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

God calls all of us to be *Signs of Hope* for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the diocese is able to when we all work together.

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 the parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year's CMAA. You may make your gift using one of the pledge envelopes available in the church, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting jolietdioceseappeal.org, or texting "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

GEMS

DID YOU KNOW? THERE ARE 8,000 BABY BOOMERS IN THE U.S. TURNING 65 EVERY DAY.

Get regular dental, vision, and hearing checkups. Your teeth and gums will last a lifetime if you care for them properly, that means daily brushing and flossing and getting regular dental checkups.

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.



MARMION ACADEMY

A Catholic & Benedictine College Prep High School for Young Men



ALL 7TH GRADE BOYS ARE INVITED TO ONE OF OUR
EXPLORE DAYS

Friday, March 22 or Wednesday, April 10

Drop off: 7:45 AM | Pick up: 10:30 AM

Drop off and pick up is at Marmion's Battaglia Lobby (Door #1).

For more information or to register, please contact the Admissions Office at:

630-897-6936

1000 Butterfield Road | Aurora, IL 60502 | Visit us at marmion.org

Aurora Central Catholic High School
www.auroracentral.com

7th GRADE STEP-UP DAYS
TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2019 Or
TUESDAY, 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 (630) 907-0095 ext. 109 or email

mlivingston@auroracentral.com.

Thank you!



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMPS

2019



Wide variety of camps and clinics available for students entering grades 1-12



REGISTRATION OPENS MID-FEBRUARY!
<https://sfhs.8to18.com>

2130 W. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 630.668.5800 sfhscollegeprep.org

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses March 9 & 10

Father Mark preaching at all Masses.

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

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	March 3	
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
MONDAY	March 4	
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 Mardi Gras	MPR
TUESDAY	March 5	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
WEDNESDAY	March 6 - Ash Wednesday	
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha Small Grp Trng	Rm 114
THURSDAY	March 7	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
9:00-10:30a	Gems Board Mtg	Ministry Rm
6:30-9:30p	Adult Alpha Team Trng	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	March 8	
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Rosary	Narthex
5:30-9:00p	Friday Family Feast	MPR
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
SATURDAY	March 9	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-3:00p	Adult Alpha Holy Spirit Day	Church/Narthex
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-9:00p	Crafty Souls Day	MPR
3:00-3:15p	Reconciliation	Narthex
5:00-6:00p	Respect Life Mtg	Rm 110
SUNDAY	March 10	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 124
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
2:00-5:00p	Confirmation Seder Meal	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Mtg	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208

The Tax Filing Season is Here!

Free Tax Return Help for Lower Income Families and Individuals

WHAT	Federal and Illinois income tax return preparation for those earning under \$54,000
COST	FREE – NO COST to eligible taxpayers
WHERE	Naperville Public Library, Nichols Library - 200 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540 Community Meeting Room
WHEN	Saturdays: March 2, 9, 23 and 30 9:00AM – Noon, Arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 – clients served in order of arrival.
HOW	Trained volunteers will assist you in completing your 2018 Federal & IL State Income Tax Returns
BRING	Wage and earnings statements (Form W-2, 1099R, 1099Misc) Social Security benefit statement Form SSA 1099, if applicable Proof of health care coverage (Form 1095) Interest and dividend statements (Form 1099) Other relevant information about income and expenses Your property tax bill (if applicable) Copies of your 2017 tax returns Proof of personal identification (photo ID) Social Security cards for all family members Proof of dependents
QUESTIONS?	Call Mike Domagola at (630)717-0439



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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