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Saturday.....4:00pm
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 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.

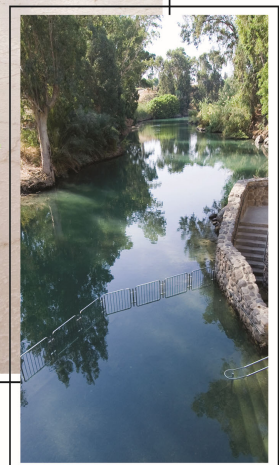
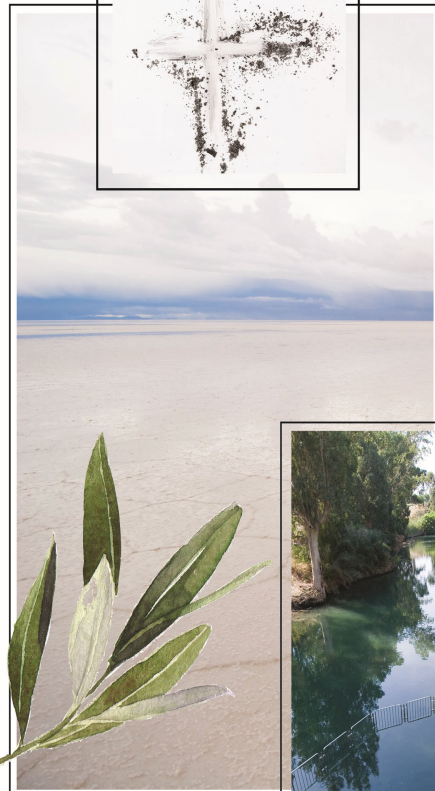
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Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

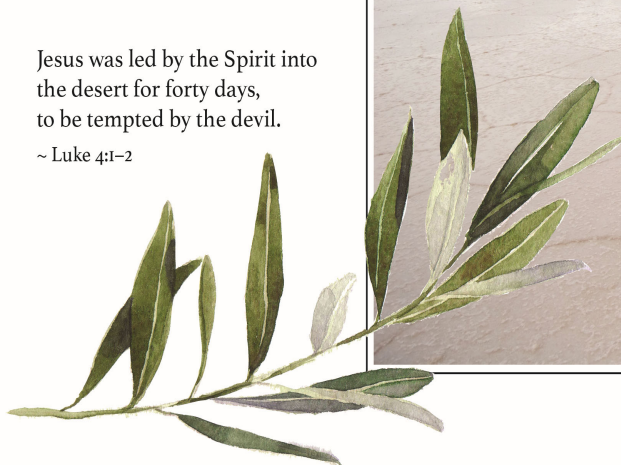
Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
 8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

LENT
2019
MARCH 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

~ Luke 4:1-2





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

The Lenten Season has begun! And just as the Advent Season has two characters, so too the Lenten Season. In Advent we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. But we also prepare to celebrate his second coming at the end of time. The Lenten season also has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens (those who have not been baptized) and the faithful who have been baptized, to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Those of us already baptized, during the Lenten season are to be ever more attentive to the word of God and by prayer and penance prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter.

Have you ever given much thought to the significance of your baptismal promises? You're going to be asked to renew them during whatever Mass you go to on Easter Sunday (or the Easter Vigil). Most of us were baptized as infants. We had no cognitive abilities yet. So at our baptism our parents and godparents made promises for us. As we grew up we learned about God, Jesus, and the church, but we never really had the significance of our baptism drilled into us. So let's use the 40 days of this Lent as a retreat to rediscover the significance of our baptism.

First, baptism is one of three sacraments of initiation (the other two are confirmation and Eucharist). The key word here is **initiation**. Initiation is the action of **beginning** something. So, in baptism we began a life-long journey of being and growing as a disciple of Jesus. This journey even continues after our death! So, if we figure that all we need to know about our faith we got in grammar school, or when we were confirmed, we are not living our baptismal promises. If we have not discovered a personal relationship with Jesus, we have not understood that baptism marks us permanently as belonging to Christ, whose image we bear. By baptism we are freed from Original Sin, however there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin. We promised in our baptism to *"reject the glamor of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin"*. We do this through the sacrament of penance, receiving the Eucharist, prayer, and a deepening spirituality. In baptism we became adopted children of God. We became sharers of divine life and temples of the Holy Spirit. Think about that!! YOU are a temple of the Holy Spirit!! WOW!

In baptism we became members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We share in the priesthood of Christ as well as his prophetic and royal **MIS- SION**. Baptism is a commissioning to discipleship.

In that, we are to carry on the mission of Jesus in our world today, bonded with all Christians. In the waters of baptism, we die to self and rise with Jesus.

So, at Easter your baptismal vows will once again be asked of you. This year, may you have a deeper appreciation and understanding of your response "I do" response to these promises which were once made for you a long time ago!

Have a Blessed Lent!

Fr. Don

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Monday, March 11 - Lent

8:00 AM Int Nicole Dodd Family

Tuesday, March 12 - Lent

8:00 AM † Maryann & Lissy

Wednesday, March 13 - Lent

8:00 AM † Mike Prier Luchie Saraceni

Thursday, March 14 - Lent

8:00 AM † Corazon Gamaro Mary Krcmarik

Friday, March 15 - Lent

8:00 AM † Rogelio Tanquilut Family

Saturday, March 16 - Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM † Josephine Tome The Harris Family
 De'd Members of Wagner Georgen Ponstein Family

Sunday, March 17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
 Int Nestor Caluza Family
 9:00 AM † Anne Heckel Diane Watts
 10:45 AM † Rosa Rosario Family
 People of OLM
 12:30 PM † Glorivette Alegria Family
 5:30 PM † Triplets: Patrick, Sophia & Savannah Gupta

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
 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. Job for DJD |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutde | 12. Ron's Heart |
| 5. Maria Luna | 13. Amanda H |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Special Intention-L.P. | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Special Intention-W.R. | 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

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 Admission is free, and a Love Offering is appreciated.



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

¡La temporada de Cuaresma ha comenzado! Y así como la Temporada de Adviento tiene dos caracteres, también la Temporada de Cuaresma. En Adviento nos preparamos para celebrar la primera venida de Jesús en Navidad. Pero también nos preparamos para celebrar su segunda venida al final de los tiempos. La temporada de Cuaresma también

tiene un doble carácter, es decir, preparar tanto a los catecúmenos (los que no han sido bautizados) como a los fieles que han sido bautizados, para celebrar el misterio pascual. Los catecúmenos, con los ritos de elección y escrutinio, y por catequesis, son preparados para la celebración de los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía) en la Vigilia Pascual. Aquellos de nosotros ya bautizados, durante el tiempo de Cuaresma, debemos estar cada vez más atentos a la Palabra de Dios y, con la oración y la penitencia, prepararnos para la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua.

¿Alguna vez has pensado mucho en el significado de tus promesas bautismales? Se te pedirá que los renueves durante la misa a la que asistas el domingo de Pascua (o la Vigilia Pascual). La mayoría de nosotros fuimos bautizados como infantes. No teníamos habilidades cognitivas todavía. Así que en nuestro bautismo nuestros padres y padrinos hicieron promesas para nosotros. A medida que crecimos aprendimos acerca de Dios, Jesús y la iglesia, pero nunca realmente tuvimos la importancia de nuestro bautismo inculcada en nosotros. Así que aprovechemos los 40 días de esta Cuaresma como un retiro para redescubrir el significado de nuestro bautismo.

Primero, el bautismo es uno de los tres sacramentos de iniciación (los otros dos son confirmación y Eucaristía). La palabra clave aquí es **iniciación**. La iniciación es la acción de **comenzar** algo. Entonces, en el bautismo comenzamos un viaje de por vida, de ser y crecer como un discípulo de Jesús. ¡Este viaje incluso continúa después de nuestra muerte! Entonces, si nos damos cuenta de que todo lo que necesitamos saber acerca de nuestra fe es lo que obtuvimos en la escuela primaria, o cuando fuimos confirmados, no estamos viviendo nuestras promesas bautismales. Si no hemos descubierto una relación personal con Jesús, no hemos entendido que el bautismo nos marca permanentemente como pertenecientes a Cristo, cuya imagen llevamos. Por el bautismo somos liberados del Pecado Original, sin embargo, queda como efecto del Pecado Original la inclinación a pecar. Prometimos en nuestro bautismo *"rechazar el glamour del mal y negarnos a ser dominados por el pecado"*. Nosotros hacemos esto a través del sacramento de la penitencia, recibiendo la Eucaristía, la oración y una profunda espiritualidad. En el bautismo nos convertimos en hijos adoptivos de Dios. Nos convertimos en partícipes de la vida divina y templos del Espíritu Santo. ¡¡Piénsalo!! ¡¡TÚ eres un templo del Espíritu Santo!! ¡GUAUU! En el bautismo nos convertimos en miembros de la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Compartimos el sacerdocio de Cristo, así como su **MISIÓN** profética y real. El bautismo es una comisión al discipulado.

En eso, debemos continuar la misión de Jesús en nuestro mundo de hoy, unidos a todos los cristianos. En las aguas del bautismo, morimos a nosotros mismos y resucitamos con Jesús.

Por lo tanto, en la Pascua se les pedirá una vez más sus votos bautismales. ¡Que este año, aprecien y comprendan más profundamente su respuesta "Si quiero" a estas promesas que alguna vez se hicieron por ustedes hace mucho tiempo!

¡Que tengan una bendecida Cuaresma!

Padre Don

PRESENTACION DE LA LEGION DE MARIA.

La Legion de Maria es una organizacion de fieles laicos en la Iglesia Catolica, para promover el amor y la devocion a la Virgen Maria y el Apostolado Cristiano, para conocer, vivir, y defender su fe Catolica y Apostolica. La Legion de Maria fue fundada en Irlanda, el 7 de diciembre de 1921 La Legion de Maria esta extendida por todo el mundo.

La Legion de Maria tiene como inspiracion y advocacion propia, las revelaciones de la Medalla Milagrosa y su lema es: A Jesus por Maria, a Jesus llegaremos por Maria. Y como santo protector, a San Luis Maria Grignon de Monfort.

La Legion de Maria tiene una organizacion muy solida y un manual de funcionamiento que permite a todos los miembros vivir en unidad y comunion. La Legion de Maria es una asociacion apostolica de caracter publico que anima y sostiene su fe y su apostolado, sobre la veneracion, el amor y la piedad a la Virgen Maria, bajo la disciplina y autoridad de la Iglesia. Si estas interesado, te invitamos a venir a un grupo que ya esta comenzando en esta Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Merced.

Ven a ser parte de este Ministerio, todos los Viernes a las 6:30 P.M

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14; Fil 3:17-4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36



SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 1-2, 2019

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The historic statue was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim. The image reflects the description of Sr. Lucia, the oldest of the three Fatima seers. On October 13, 1947, more than 150,000 Fatima pilgrims witnessed the blessing of this image of Our Lady by the Bishop of Leiria at Fatima, Portugal as he commissioned it to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin who would carry the blessings of Fatima and Our Lady's message throughout the world to the many millions of her children who would never have an opportunity to visit Fatima.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times visiting more than 100 countries, including Russia and Red China, bringing the great message of salvation and of hope, "the peace plan from heaven," to countless millions of people and will be here at OLM on April 1 & 2.

So many miracles and signal graces have been reported wherever the statue has traveled that, in 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked: *"In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes."*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

Lenten Regulations

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. This understanding of devotional life includes, but is not limited to, Sunday worship, bedtime prayers, Bible reading and study, table grace, evening and morning prayers and praying at any time of the day or night.

3. Family Rituals and Traditions Families identify themselves and tell their family stories through daily routines, celebrations, and rituals. Family rituals can take many forms from daily rituals such as mealtime, bedtime, leaving and returning; 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, and so on. Family rituals and traditions speak volumes about what the family values, believes and promotes, and how much the family values its faith.

4. Family Service Engaging in service with one's family is a powerful opportunity for growing in faith. Both youth and adults are more likely to have a growing strong faith when their family service is together; in the home, in the congregation, in the community and world.

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

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

Events

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| 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 Project |
| April 1 | 6/7/8th Parables |

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Teen Sunday Nights for high school teens meets on March 10, & 17 from 6:30-8:15 pm. in the Parish Life Center. Come for dinner, friends and faith!

Confirmation Preparation KICK-OFF Seder Meal is Sunday, March 10th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the PLC. All candidate who have returned their letter of intent are asked to attend with their parents and chosen sponsor. This is a potluck meal, so please bring a main dish to feed your family.

The **L.I.G.H.T. Family Mass** is Sunday, March 17th at 5:30 pm in the Church. All families in L.I.G.H.T. are invited to attend!

Teen Bible Study is now meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please contact Dave if interested.

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



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Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Please come to the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church. The St. Peregrine Ministry accompanies caregivers and those who live with serious illness, especially cancer and chronic illnesses and provides prayer support, resources, education and a sacred space for sharing. Tony Leazzo will lead the prayer service. Light refreshments will be provided after the service in the Ministry Room to allow an opportunity for sharing and support.

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like Communion brought to the home or is in need of support or resources for grief, mental or emotional health concerns, health care issues or life transitions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

If you or someone is in need of the Anointing of the Sick sacrament, would like to be put on the prayer list or would like a visit from clergy or a pastoral care minister, please contact the office at 630-851-3444.

March is National Kidney Month

When was the last time that you thought about the health of your kidneys? Do you know what they do for you and what you can do to keep them healthy? The kidneys are bean-shaped organs each about the size of a fist located just below the rib cage on each side of the spine. Healthy kidneys are able to: regulate the body’s fluid levels; filter wastes and toxins from the blood; release a hormone that regulates blood pressure; activate vitamin D to maintain healthy bones; release the hormone that directs the production of red blood cells and keep blood minerals such as sodium, phosphorus and potassium in balance.

Be aware that there are risk factors for kidney disease – diabetes (self or family); high blood pressure (self or family); cardiovascular disease (self or family); and family history of kidney disease, diabetes or high blood pressure. It is important to know if you have any of these risk factors and consult with your health care provider about ways to prevent kidney problems.

Suggestions to take care of your kidneys are to: exercise regularly; control weight; follow a balanced diet (eat more fruits and vegetables and be aware of salt intake); quit smoking; avoid alcohol or drink in moderation; stay hydrated; monitor cholesterol levels; get an annual physical and know your family history. (Sources: Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and National Kidney Foundation)



The Lily

According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ’s agony in the garden. The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ’s presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ’s display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame and has humbly remained so ever since.

If you’d like to dedicate one of the Easter flowers which will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please return this form (or the “flower” envelope available on the Narthex shelves with the suggested stipend of \$10 by Monday, April 7th.

GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

NAME

AMOUNT \$ _____



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, March 17 from 8:00am to 12:30pm in the PLC Gym.



Ticket Prices
 (at the door – no advanced sales)
 Adults: \$5.00
 Children: \$3.00 (10 and under)
 Children under 3 no charge

Menu:
 Pancakes
 Eggs
 Sausage
 Fruit
 Coffee, Tea &
 Juice

All profits will support Joliet Diocese Pro-Life Initiatives



Lenten Fish Dinner Friday, March 29 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

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

Mike Raiz @ 630.640.2432 | CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM
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Save the Date FOR OUR PARISH MISSION *March 25, 26, & 27*
 9AM-10:30AM & 7PM-8:30PM

Mission Night One THE FATHER'S DELIGHT
 GOD IS LOVE

Mission Night Two BREAKING THE POWER OF SIN

Mission Night Three UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT

presented by
 Popular Catholic Speaker Deacon Keith Strohm

Women at the Well



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

Friday, March 15
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114

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

Please reach out with any questions:

Joana Lopez | joana1.lopez@gmail.com
 Cindy Hapke | chapke20@gmail.com

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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/24/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,105,561
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,085,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	20,561
2/24/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	33,021
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	2,021

Thank you for your generosity!!



DONATE ONLINE

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”.



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? BY AGE 50, MOST PEOPLE NOTICE CHANGES IN THEIR VISION, INCLUDING A GRADUAL DECLINE IN THE ABILITY TO SEE SMALL PRINT OR FOCUS ON CLOSE OBJECTS. COMMON EYE PROBLEMS THAT CAN IMPAIR VISION INCLUDE CATARACTS AND GLAUCOMA.



GEMS MEMBERS AND OLM PARISHONERS OVER 50:

Come join our St. Patrick celebration. We are planning a special luncheon on Wednesday, March 13 at noon at Pomegranate Restaurant located on the corner of McCoy and Commons in Aurora. Pay \$12 at the door and you **must** RSVP in advance by Friday, March 8th to Phyllis at phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com.

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



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ACC 7TH GRADE STEP-UP DAYS

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!

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

Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
March 16 & 17
Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Activities for the Week

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
MONDAY	March 11	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Justice & Peace Mtg	Rm 110
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scout Mtg	Rm 124
TUESDAY	March 12	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
7:00-8:30p	Devine Mercy Committee Mtg	Rm 124
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Parish Pastoral Council	Ministry Rm
WEDNESDAY	March 13	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
12:00-3:00p	Gems Mtg	MPR
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:30-9:00p	Knights of Columbus Mtg	Rm 114
THURSDAY	March 14	
8:30-4:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
5:00-6:00p	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	March 15	
12:30-1:30p	Via Crucis	Narthex
2:00-3:00p	Wedding	Church
5:30-6:30p	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
6:30-8:30p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
7:00-9:00p	Worship Commission Mtg	Rm 119
7:00-9:00p	Cub Scouts	Rm 217
SATURDAY	March 16	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
2:00-3:00p	Wedding	Church
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
SUNDAY	March 17	
7:30-12:00p	K of C Pancake Breakfast	MPR
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208

*Join Deacon Mike Plese on a
Italy and Holy Land Pilgrimage*

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

WHEN: October 14—27, 2019

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

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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