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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

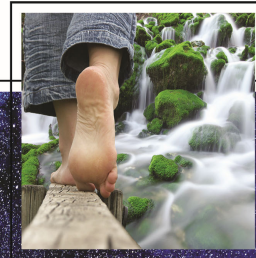
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
                          8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

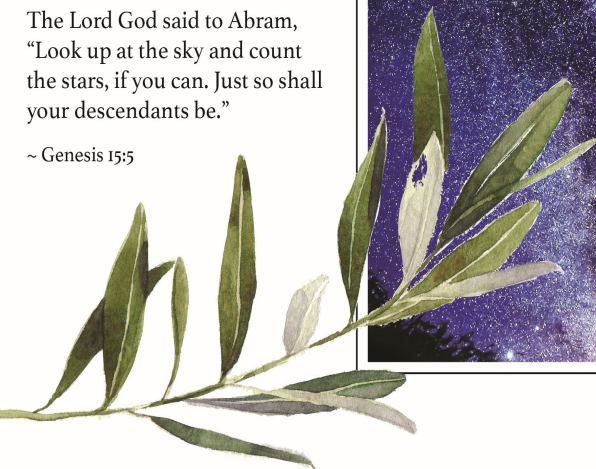
LENT  
2019

MARCH 17, 2019  
*Second Sunday  
of Lent*



The Lord God said to Abram,  
“Look up at the sky and count  
the stars, if you can. Just so shall  
your descendants be.”

~ Genesis 15:5





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

We've all learned some useful things sitting in a classroom. How to read and write, add and subtract, name the 50 states, and random facts about the history of our country and the world. If we went to a Catholic school, we also memorized prayers, lists of sacraments, and definitions of heavy mysteries like the Trinity and the Virgin Birth. You can learn a lot in a classroom. But there are some things we'll never learn from a book, teacher, or memorized fact. Some things have to hit us right between the eyes, or bull's-eye straight into our hearts. We have to experience these things to know them – like falling in love, being forgiven, or receiving grace in a perilous hour. People can tell us what those things are like. Poets describe the delirious feeling of seeing a loved one's face. In confession you are told by the priest that you are ritually forgiven by God. The definition of grace in the Catechism states: "the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies." But we still don't know what any of those words mean until we have the personal, visceral, soul-shaking experience of love, forgiveness, and grace.

It's the same with knowing Jesus. Everybody knows Jesus right? We know He's the Son of God, and Mary's boy, and that He was born in Bethlehem and died in Jerusalem and rose in glory and ascended to heaven. But what does all that tell us? Maybe not as much as we think it does. Actually nowhere near enough!! There's a difference between the classroom lesson about Jesus and the actual encounter of Him. Even the disciples, who hung around with Jesus all the time, didn't really know Him.

That's why the Transfiguration (today's gospel) comes as such a surprise, a shock really. The three friends who knew Jesus best – Peter, James, John – literally "wake up" to the knowledge of who Jesus really is. He's the fulfillment of every story from the law of Moses to the prophecies of Israel! He's God's every promise come to earth and in the flesh! He's the one they've been waiting for! He is the light of the world, shining dazzling white before their own eyes!!

One minute they see Jesus this way. The next minute they don't. Is it because they fall back asleep? Is that why they remain the ignorant disciples who run from Jesus and deny Him in his hour of greatest need? If so, we can't blame them. Most of us only see Jesus in little flashes of light, tiny glimmers of understanding that come and go.

Lent is an opportune time to stay awake and open ourselves to those transfiguration moments.

Some will have that moment in or after an ALPHA session. Some will experience that moment during Eucharistic Adoration. Some, during or after a pilgrimage to a religious site. Some in a stunning display of nature. So, the most important thing is to realize that all we "learned" about Jesus isn't enough. Pray for a "transfiguration moment" this Lent and be open to however that may come!

Happy St. Patrick's Day from your Irish pastor!

*Fr. Don*



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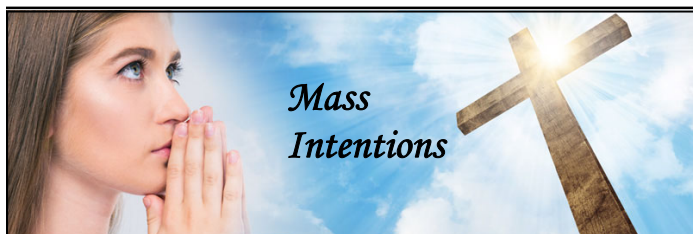
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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM † Beverly Linden Carolyn Kerkla

### Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer Roy Saurer

### Wednesday, March 20 - Lent

8:00 AM Int St Joseph Agnes Schlobohm

### Thursday, March 21 - Lent

8:00 AM † Ronnie Reyes Family

### Friday, March 22 - Lent

8:00 AM † Patrick, Sophia &  
Savannah Gupta

### Saturday, March 23 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM † Frank Ramsey Alice & Family  
Int Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra Phyllis Anderson

### Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family  
† Samantha Campion STVP Vincentians  
9:00 AM † Tim Savoie  
10:45 AM People of OLM  
12:30 PM † Anthony Straczynski Sylvia Chmielnicki  
5:30 PM † Rudy Schlobohm Agnes Schlobohm

## 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:

- |                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon   | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick         | 10. Volunteers             |
| 3. Ailani Banulos   | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutde     | 12. Andrew Toschak         |
| 5. Tiffany Fischer  | 13. Joseph F. Kubicki      |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky  |
| 7. Senovio Sarabia  | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. Safe Travel      | 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

**Prayer is our most powerful weapon.**

**Please join 40 Days for Life,**

**March 6 - April 14, 2019**

<https://40daysforlife.com/>

## Parish Lenten Mission

March 25, 26, 27

Presented by Deacon Keith Strohm

9:15a & 7:00p in Church

## Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent

March 22, 29/April 5, 12-7:00p in English

March 22, 29/April 5, 12-12:30p in Spanish

## Reconciliations

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:50p in the Narthex

Tuesday, April 9 - 7:00p Service

Tuesday, April 16 - 7:00p Until All Heard



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

Todos hemos aprendido algunas cosas útiles sentados en un aula. Cómo leer y escribir, sumar y restar, nombrar los 50 estados y hechos generales sobre la historia de nuestro país y el mundo. Si fuimos a una escuela Católica, también memorizamos oraciones, listas de sacramentos y definiciones de misterios serios como la Trinidad y el Nacimiento de la Virgen. Puedes aprender mucho en un aula. Pero hay algunas cosas que nunca aprenderemos de un libro, un maestro o un hecho memorizado. Algunas cosas tienen que golpearnos justo entre los ojos, o tirar al blanco directamente en nuestros corazones. Tenemos que experimentar estas cosas para conocerlas, como enamorarse, ser perdonados o recibir la gracia en una hora peligrosa. La gente puede decirnos cómo son esas cosas. Los poetas describen el sentimiento delirante de ver la cara de un ser querido. En la confesión, el sacerdote te dice que Dios te perdona ritualmente. La definición de gracia en el Catecismo dice: "el don del Espíritu que justifica y santifica". Pero todavía no sabemos qué significa ninguna de esas palabras hasta que tengamos la experiencia personal, visceral y conmovedora del amor, el perdón, y la gracia.

Es lo mismo con conocer a Jesús. Todo el mundo conoce a Jesús, ¿verdad? Sabemos que Él es el Hijo de Dios y el niño de María, y que nació en Belén y murió en Jerusalén, se levantó en gloria y ascendió al cielo. ¿Pero qué nos dice todo eso? Tal vez no tanto como creemos que lo hace. En realidad, ¡con eso no basta! Hay una diferencia entre la lección de aula sobre Jesús y el encuentro real de Él. Incluso los discípulos, que andaban con Jesús todo el tiempo, no lo conocían realmente.

Es por eso que la Transfiguración (el evangelio de hoy) es una sorpresa, un shock realmente. Los tres amigos que mejor conocían a Jesús: Pedro, Santiago, Juan, literalmente "despiertan" al saber quién es Jesús realmente. ¡Él es el cumplimiento de cada historia desde la ley de Moisés hasta las profecías de Israel! ¡Él es todas las promesas de Dios que vienen a la tierra y en la carne! ¡Él es el que han estado esperando! ¡Él es la luz del mundo, brillando de un blanco deslumbrante ante sus propios ojos!

Un minuto ven a Jesús de esta manera. Al minuto siguiente no lo hacen. ¿Es porque se vuelven a dormir? ¿Es por eso que siguen siendo los discípulos ignorantes que huyen de Jesús y lo niegan en su hora de mayor necesidad? Si es así, no podemos culparlos. La mayoría de nosotros solo vemos a Jesús en pequeños destellos de luz, pequeñas luces trémulas de comprensión que vienen y van.

La Cuaresma es un momento oportuno para permanecer despiertos y abrirnos a esos momentos de transfiguración.

Algunos tendrán ese momento en o después de una sesión de ALPHA. Algunos experimentarán ese momento durante la Adoración Eucarística. Algunos, durante o después de una peregrinación a un sitio religioso. Algunos en un impresionante despliegue de la naturaleza. Entonces, lo más importante es darse cuenta de que todo lo que "aprendimos" sobre Jesús no es suficiente. ¡Ora por un "momento de transfiguración" esta Cuaresma y mantente abierto a lo que venga!

¡Feliz día de San Patricio de tu pastor irlandés!

*Padre Ken*



## MANTENTE FIRME EN EL SEÑOR

No es difícil imaginar, en esta época de guerras, que grupos malvados tiendan a la destrucción de la humanidad y locuras políticas, que las palabras de san Pablo fueron tan precisas, aún para el tiempo en que vivió. Pareciera que el mundo nunca cambia. Pablo dice "muchos se comportan como enemigos de la cruz de Cristo. Para los que piensan en cosas terrenas, su destino es la perdición. . . (Filipenses 3: 18, 19). El resultado es la destrucción de personas inocentes y del planeta mismo. Pero Pablo dice a los filipenses: "somos ciudadanos del cielo, de donde esperamos como salvador a Jesucristo el Señor" (3:20). Él "transformará nuestro cuerpo frágil en un cuerpo glorioso semejante al suyo" (3:21). Nota que él dice "cuerpo" en lugar de "cuerpos". Él habla acerca de la completa comunidad de creyentes, quienes, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús y Pablo, vendrán a la gloria de Dios. Así que "¡manténganse firmes en el Señor!" (4:1). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78): 8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-8
- Martes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
- Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30) : 5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
- Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
- Domingo: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more importantly to “give something to the poor.” Wherever we live, there are poor families within walking distance of our homes. When in need they call the parish. They are in effect, calling on us, their parish family. We are there to answer the call.

Do you know a family who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and the poor in our neighborhood. They need our support and prayers. And our support in the monthly envelope no matter how much or how little, together helps in our efforts to meet the needs of those who call upon us. These are some meaningful Lenten practices - prayer and alms giving.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

**Gospel** — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## 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)

### CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK WITH SONG AND STORIES



#### Preschool – Grade 1

Google, *I'm a Little Leprechaun* Song for Kids | St Patrick's Day Song | The Kiboomers  
(Length 1:22 & 2,069,015 views)

#### Grades 2-3

Google, *St. Patrick's Day*, Blending historical facts with beloved traditions, PATRICK, BRAVE SHEPHERD OF THE EMERALD ISLE brings to life a

long-lost world, showing how he followed the example of the Good Shepherd. Published by CCC of America  
(Length 3:05 & 264,656 views)

#### Grades 4-5

Google, *The History of Saint Patrick - a Short Story*  
This is a clever animated telling of facts of St. Patrick for tweens.  
(Length 3:15 & over 970,000 views)



## EDGE (Grades 6-8)

### Events

- March 11**    **6/7/8<sup>th</sup>**    **Stations of the Cross**
- March 18**    **6/7/8<sup>th</sup>**    **Reconciliation/Service Proj.**
- April 1**        **6/7/8<sup>th</sup>**    **Parables**

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

**Teen Sunday Nights** for high school teens meets on March 17, April 7, 14 & 28 from 6:30-8:15 pm. in the Parish Life Center. Come for dinner, friends and faith!

**Fish Fry** is Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the PLC. Please get your tickets after masses or in the parish office. A limited number will be available at the door.

The **L.I.G.H.T. Family Mass** is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry is always looking for adults to help with the ministry!** We need mini-course facilitators, youth group leaders, service project leaders, etc. Please check out the L.I.G.H.T. formation webpage or contact Dave in the youth ministry office to learn more or volunteer to help!



## Catholic Summer Camp

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Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378

## Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

### March Health Tip

March is *National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month*. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS) colorectal cancer is one of the most common cancers in the U.S. The statistics reflect that about one in twenty-three men and one in twenty-five women will develop colon or rectal cancer at some point in their life. As with many cancers, there are risk factors that you have control over and some that you can't change.

When thinking about ways to decrease risk factors that you can control for colorectal cancer, the ACS offers the following suggestions. *Get screened for colorectal cancer.* Screenings are tests that look for cancer before signs and symptoms develop as the screenings can often find growths on the colon or rectum (polyps) that can be removed before they turn into cancer. Cancer is usually found earlier which means that treatments are more likely to be successful. The American Cancer Society recommends testing starting at age forty-five for people at average risk. It is suggested to talk to your health care provider about when you should start and which tests would be best for you taking into consideration family history.

*Eat the recommended amount of vegetables, fruits and whole grains* as a diet that includes these have been linked with a decreased risk of colon or rectal cancer. It is recommended to eat less red meat (beef, pork or lamb) and processed meats (hot dogs and some luncheon meats) which have been linked with an increased risk of colorectal cancer. *Get regular exercise.* A greater chance of developing colon or rectal cancer is related to not being physically active. Increasing activity may help to reduce one's risk. *Watch your weight.* Being obese or overweight increases the risk of developing colon or rectal cancer. *Do not smoke and limit alcohol* as smoking and alcohol use has been linked with a higher risk of colorectal cancer. For additional information about colorectal cancer and other cancers, check out [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) – the source for this information. If you have health concerns or medical conditions that may not benefit from these health tips, please consult with your health care provider for information and guidance.

### Communion to the Homebound



If you or someone you know is not able to attend Mass due to illness, being discharged from a hospital or other care facility after surgery, having a baby or rehab or due to decreased mobility, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the home.

## 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.

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# 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](http://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

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# 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.



**Menu:**

- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Fruit
- Coffee, Tea & Juice

**Ticket Prices**

(at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$5.00

Children: \$3.00 (10 and under)

Children under 3 no charge

*All profits will support Joliet Diocese Pro-Life Initiatives*

## Save the Date FOR OUR PARISH MISSION March 25, 26, & 27

9AM-10:30AM & 7PM-8:30PM

Mission Night One    Mission Night Two    Mission Night Three

THE FATHER'S DELIGHT

BREAKING THE POWER OF SIN

UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT

*presented by*

Popular Catholic Speaker Deacon Keith Strohm

## 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.

## I thirst

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A MUSIC & STORY EVENT ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST

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Free admission - Donations appreciated

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For more information visit [olmrcy.com](http://olmrcy.com)



## 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



*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

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

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,144,365
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,116,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,365</b>
03/03/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	38,804
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,804</b>

*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](http://www.olmercy.com) under “Give”.



Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide *Signs of Hope* to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

Our parish’s goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$133,400. Every gift — large and small — makes a difference! If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org), or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

**GEMS**

GREETINGS TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND OLM PARISHONERS OVER 50:

Thanks to all of you GEMS members for donating to Waterleaf in February...they have communicated to us their sincere appreciation for your kindness and generosity.

Our next GEMS meeting will be on April 10 at noon in the PLC. We will be serving salads and sandwiches and welcome fruit and dessert contributions. April is our annual "movie month" and we will be announcing the name of the featured movie shortly.

We will also be using this meeting as an opportunity to have a brief open discussion as to your collective feelings about GEMS as an organization...now and in the future. So please bring your ideas, suggestions and any concerns to this meeting and be ready to share them with the group. Please continue to bring any canned goods as a contribution to the food pantry.

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 join the Diocese of Joliet Office for Human Dignity ~ Respect Life Ministry on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019** for **LIFE ADVOCACY DAY**

**At the Capitol Building in Springfield**  
**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Paper registration forms are in the Respect Life corner at the narthex next to the cry room.

To register online visit:

[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/)

Cost per person \$10.00. Make checks payable to “Diocese of Joliet”,



**Please register by**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**



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).

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

A Catholic & Benedictine College Prep High School for Young Men

ALL 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://marmion.org)

### Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

March 23 & 24

Deacon Keith Strohm will preach at all Masses.

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

### Parish Activities for the Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 17</b>	
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 18</b>	
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/Narthex
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 19</b>	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Goup	Rm 108
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:30-10:00p	Knights of Columbus General Mtg	Rm 114
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 20</b>	
9:00-10:00a	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 202
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Children's Chapel
7:30-9:00p	Administration Commission	Ministry Rm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 21</b>	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 22</b>	
12:30-1:30p	Via Crusis	Narthex
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 23</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 108
9:00-10:00a	Walking to Jerusalem	MPR
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 24</b>	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

# RETRouvaille

OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. It is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend experience, followed by post-weekend presentations, and monthly small group support meetings. The non-profit program is available in your community and has an upcoming weekend soon. **For Information Call: 1-815-246-2080 or HelpOurMarriage.com**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program for Struggling Couples: The Retrouvaille Program helps husbands and wives put the pieces of their marriage back together and rebuild loving relationships. Many couples may be separated or divorced and simply want to try again.

Retrouvaille, pronounced (Retro-vi), is a French word meaning "rediscovery".

- It is a Christian program, Catholic in origin, and couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- It is primarily a practical program about improving communication, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other.
- Retrouvaille presenters are not trained counselors, but couples that share their personal stories of their marital struggles and the tools they utilized to rediscover their love for each other.



## 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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