



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

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



God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

~ Exodus 3:4, 5





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

We welcome Deacon Keith Strohm to Our Lady of Mercy Parish! Deacon Keith is a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago and Executive Director of M3 Ministries. He will be leading our parish Lenten Mission March 25th through 27th. I attended a workshop given by him last summer sponsored by our Diocesan

Religious Education Office. I was very much enriched by his presentation on the five paradigm shifts parish leadership must undertake to transform parishes into a culture of discipleship and mission. This transition has begun at Our Lady of Mercy.

I invite and encourage you to attend our Lenten Mission. Invite neighbors and family who don't belong to OLM to join you. The Good News is for EVERYONE! I am sure you will enjoy and be enriched by Deacon Keith's presentations: Monday's presentation is "The Father's Delight" Tuesday's presentation is "Breaking the Power of Sin" and Wednesday's presentation is "Unleashing the Spirit". I urge you not to miss this opportunity!!

Even though we are in the "C cycle" scripture readings for Mass, we will be using the "A cycle" readings this weekend and the next two weekend at all the Masses. This is because we have adults to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this year and on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, a liturgical rite called "Scrutiny" is celebrated with the Elect - those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are based on three specific gospel stories that are found in the "A cycle" readings. The scrutinies solemnly celebrated on Sundays, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have, above all, a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the Elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. In order to inspire in the Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the Elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the First Scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the Second Scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the Third Scrutiny). From the first to the final Scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

While the Scrutinies will be celebrated at a different Mass each weekend, we ALL join with the elect in praying to be delivered from the power of sin and to be renewed in our baptismal promises at Easter. Thus, the "A cycle" readings will be used for all Masses the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.

Have a Blessed Lent!

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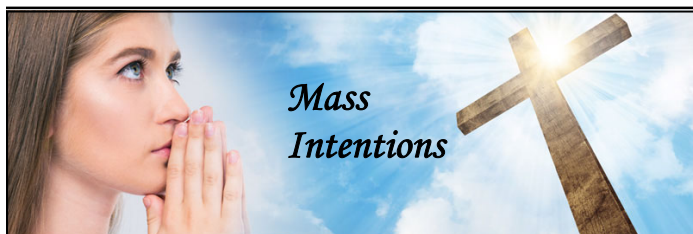
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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM † Robert Schwab Laurie Schwab

Tuesday, March 26 - Lent

8:00 AM Int Don McLaughlin Phyllis Anderson

Wednesday, March 27 - Lent

8:00 AM Int Roland & Gigi Tolentino Simbang Gabi

Thursday, March 28 - Lent

8:00 AM † Roland Vercillo Mary Houdek

Friday, March 29 - Lent

8:00 AM † Paulus Chua Han Khim Family

Saturday, March 30 - Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM † James W Ray & Helean Ray
James W Ray, Jr.

Sunday, March 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
† Bob Humanski Toni
9:00 AM † Susan Krug Peter Krug
Deacon Senovio Sarabia
10:45 AM † Fabian & Rufina Lanuza Family
12:30 PM † Virginia Kinney Family
5:30 PM People of OLM

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. First Responders |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Autumn Schmitt |
| 5. The Mentally Ill | 13. Amanda H |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Senovio Sarabia | 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

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.

Marmion Academy's Middle School
POETRY CONTEST

All 6th-8th grade writers are encouraged to submit an original piece of poetry for Marmion's 2019 Middle School Poetry Contest. Winning entries will receive prizes and be published in the *Marmion Literary Magazine*. The deadline is Friday, March 29, 2019.

Please visit marmion.org/poetry for details.



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

¡Damos la bienvenida al diácono Keith Strohm a la parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy (OLM)! El Diácono Keith es un Diácono en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago y Director Ejecutivo de los Ministerios M3. El dirigirá nuestra Misión de Cuaresma de la parroquia del 25 al 27 de marzo. Asistí a un taller impartido por él el ve-

rano pasado, patrocinado por nuestra Oficina de Educación Religiosa Diocesana. Me enriqueció mucho su presentación sobre los cinco cambios de paradigma que el liderazgo de la parroquia debe emprender para transformar las parroquias en una cultura de discipulado y misión. Esta transición ha comenzado en Our Lady of Mercy.

Te invito y te animo a asistir a nuestra Misión de Cuaresma. Invita a vecinos y familiares que no pertenecen a OLM a que se unan a ti. ¡La Buena Nueva es para TODOS! Estoy seguro de que disfrutarás y te enriquecerás con las presentaciones del Diácono Keith: la presentación del lunes es "*La Delicia del Padre*" La presentación del martes es "*Rompiendo el Poder del Pecado*" y la presentación del miércoles es "*Desatando el Espíritu*". ¡Les exhorto a no perder esta oportunidad!

Aunque estamos en las lecturas de las escrituras del "ciclo C" para la Misa, usaremos las lecturas del "ciclo A" este fin de semana y los dos siguientes fines de semana en todas las Misas. Esto se debe a que tenemos adultos a ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual este año y en el 3^{er}, 4^{to} y 5^{to} domingos de Cuaresma, se celebra un rito litúrgico llamado "Escrutinio" con los Elegidos, aquellos que se bautizarán en la Vigilia Pascual. Los escrutinios se basan en tres historias específicas del Evangelio que se encuentran en las lecturas de "ciclo A". Los escrutinios celebrados solemnemente los domingos, son ritos de búsqueda y arrepentimiento y, sobre todo, tienen un propósito espiritual. Los escrutinios están destinados a descubrir y luego sanar todo lo que es débil, defectuoso o pecaminoso en los corazones de los elegidos; para resaltar, y luego fortalecer todo lo que es íntegro, fuerte y bueno. Los escrutinios se celebran para liberar a los elegidos del poder del pecado y de Satanás, para protegerlos contra la tentación y para darles fuerza en Cristo, quien es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Debido a que están pidiendo los tres sacramentos de iniciación, los elegidos deben tener la intención de lograr un conocimiento íntimo de Cristo y su Iglesia, y se espera que progresen particularmente en el autoconocimiento genuino a través de un examen serio de sus vidas y un verdadero arrepentimiento. Para inspirar en el Elegido un deseo de purificación y redención por Cristo, se celebran tres escrutinios. Por estos medios, en primer lugar, los elegidos son instruidos gradualmente sobre el misterio del pecado, del cual todo el mundo y cada persona anhelan ser liberados y, por lo tanto, salvados de sus consecuencias presentes y futuras. Segundo, su espíritu está lleno de Cristo Redentor, que es el agua viva (evangelio de la mujer Samaritana en el Primer Escrutinio), la luz del mundo (evangelio del hombre nacido ciego en el Segundo Escrutinio), la resurrección y la vida (evangelio de Lázaro en el tercer escrutinio). Desde el primero hasta el Escrutinio final, los elegidos deben progresar en su percepción del pecado y en su deseo de salvación.

Si bien los Escrutinios se celebrarán en una Misa diferente cada fin de semana, TODOS nos uniremos a los elegidos en oración para ser liberados del poder del pecado y ser renovados en nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua. Por lo tanto, las lecturas de "ciclo A" se utilizarán para todas las Misas el 3^{er}, 4^{to} y 5^{to} domingos de Cuaresma.

¡Que tengan una Cuaresma Bendecida!

Padre Ken

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 Grignion 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 comunión. 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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32 Lecturas alter natives (Año A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn’t miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you’ve ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13: 1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.



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Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Walking to Jerusalem

If you are participating in the Walking to Jerusalem program then you are aware that this Tuesday, March 26 is the end of the third week of our journey. How are you doing? Because bulletin deadlines were before the time when miles were reported, the update on the miles will not be in the bulletin until the next week. Whether you are reporting your miles to Jolene weekly, monthly or waiting until after Holy Saturday – we will find out after Easter if we made it to Jerusalem as a parish and hopefully made it back home. Keep in mind that the focus is truly on your relationship with the Lord and growing closer to Him during this blessed season of Lent!

A Lifetime of Healthy Eating

The month of March is *National Nutrition Month*®. It is an annual nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The focus is on the importance of “making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits”.

Besides bringing attention to eating healthy, this month is also a time to increase awareness of registered dietitian nutritionists as important providers of food and nutrition services and their commitment to helping people enjoy healthy lives.

If you would like information about food and nutrition that is based on strong scientific evidence, there are three free tools that will help make right food and nutrition choices on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website at www.eatright.org. The tools are: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans; MyPlate and Food Labels. *The Dietary Guidelines for Americans* are evidence-based food and beverage recommendations for ages two and older giving advice on how to create and maintain a healthful diet; understand how to reduce one’s risk for many chronic diseases and how to reach and maintain a healthy body weight. *MyPlate* gives you an image to help you learn how to portion foods from various food groups as detailed in the Dietary Guidelines. *Food labels* provides information so that you know the nutrition content of foods and beverages that you buy and put into your body.

Nutrition can be confusing as you see the many advertisements for a variety of diets and what they can do for you. One of the best resources are registered dietician nutritionists who take into consideration your eating habits, your body’s needs and health issues that you may have and help you design an eating plan that you can follow and will benefit your health today and more importantly in the later years of your life. During this month, take a look at your eating patterns. Are you eating because you are hungry or because you are bored or stressed? Keep a food diary for a few days to see what and how much you are eating. Reflect on what you are eating – are you living to eat or eating to live? Pray to the Lord to help you change and make healthier eating choices one day at a time so that healthy eating (and physical activity) will benefit your health for a lifetime!



Nutrition Resources on Hospitality Weekend

Please stop by the Health & Wellness Table on Hospitality Weekend (March 30 & 31) in the multi-purpose room for resources on nutrition. There may be samples of the green smoothie that was offered last year for a way to boost your intake of fruits and vegetables or there may be a new recipe to try!

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 _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

NAME _____

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.



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

Save the Date FOR OUR PARISH MISSION *March 25, 26, & 27* 9AM-10:30AM & 7PM-8:30PM

Mission Night One
THE FATHER'S DELIGHT



Mission Night Two



Mission Night Three



presented by

Popular Catholic Speaker Deacon Keith Strohm

Jesus, I Trust in You: *Discovering Divine Mercy*

A Seminar on Divine Mercy at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 11, or at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, both in PLC, Room 208

Our 4th annual Seminar will offer even more detail than last year's event, including: Key excerpts from Saint Faustina's Diary and highlights of her life. The Apparitions and Words of Jesus as chronicled by Saint Faustina. The detailed meanings of the Divine Mercy Image. How to pray The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy (pamphlets available to all). The graces and mercy promised by Jesus to those who trust in Him. The depths of Jesus' forgiveness to trusting souls on Divine Mercy Sunday. Applying Divine Mercy to our daily lives by Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. A preview of OLM's observance of the Divine Mercy Feast Day on April 28. Saint Faustina's chronicled spiritual visits to Heaven and Purgatory.



Culminating our evening will be a group recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in preparation for OLM's April 28th Divine Mercy Feast Day observance in the church, so be sure to bring your rosary to class! For more information, contact Bill Troller, (630) 585-1865 or at trollerw@live.com.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Men's Weekend
April 6-7, 2019

Women's Weekend
April 13-14, 2019

RENEWAL WEEKEND

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

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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 3/10/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,175,789
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,147,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	28,789

03/10/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	31,424
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	424

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”.



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, 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.

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.

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Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses March 30 & 31

Father Mark will preach at all Messes

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

**Prayer is our most powerful weapon.
Please join 40 Days for Life,
March 6 - April 14, 2019**
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Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY		March 24	
	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
	MONDAY	March 25	
	8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
	9:15-10:15a	Parish Mission	Church
	6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
	7:00-8:00p	Parish Mission	Church
	TUESDAY	March 26	
	8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
	9:15-10:15a	Parish Mission	Church
	5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
	7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	PLC
	7:00-8:00p	Parish Mission	Church
	WEDNESDAY	March 27	
	9:15-10:15a	Parish Mission	Church
	4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
	7:00-8:00p	Parish Mission	Church
	THURSDAY	March 28	
	8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
	7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
	FRIDAY	March 29	
	12:30-1:30p	Via Crucis	Narthex
	5:30-8:00p	Friday Family Feast Fish Dinner	MPR
	6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
	7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
	SATURDAY	March 30	
	7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
	8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
	9:00-12:00p	K of C Easter Egg Hunt	PLC
	3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
	4:30-6:00p	Hospitality	MPR
	SUNDAY	March 31	
	7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
	7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
	9:00 & 10:00a	Nursery	Rm 108
	11:00-12:00p	Welcome Meeting	Rm 114
	6:00-9:00p	CRHP	Rm 114
	6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 208

**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."*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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