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MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

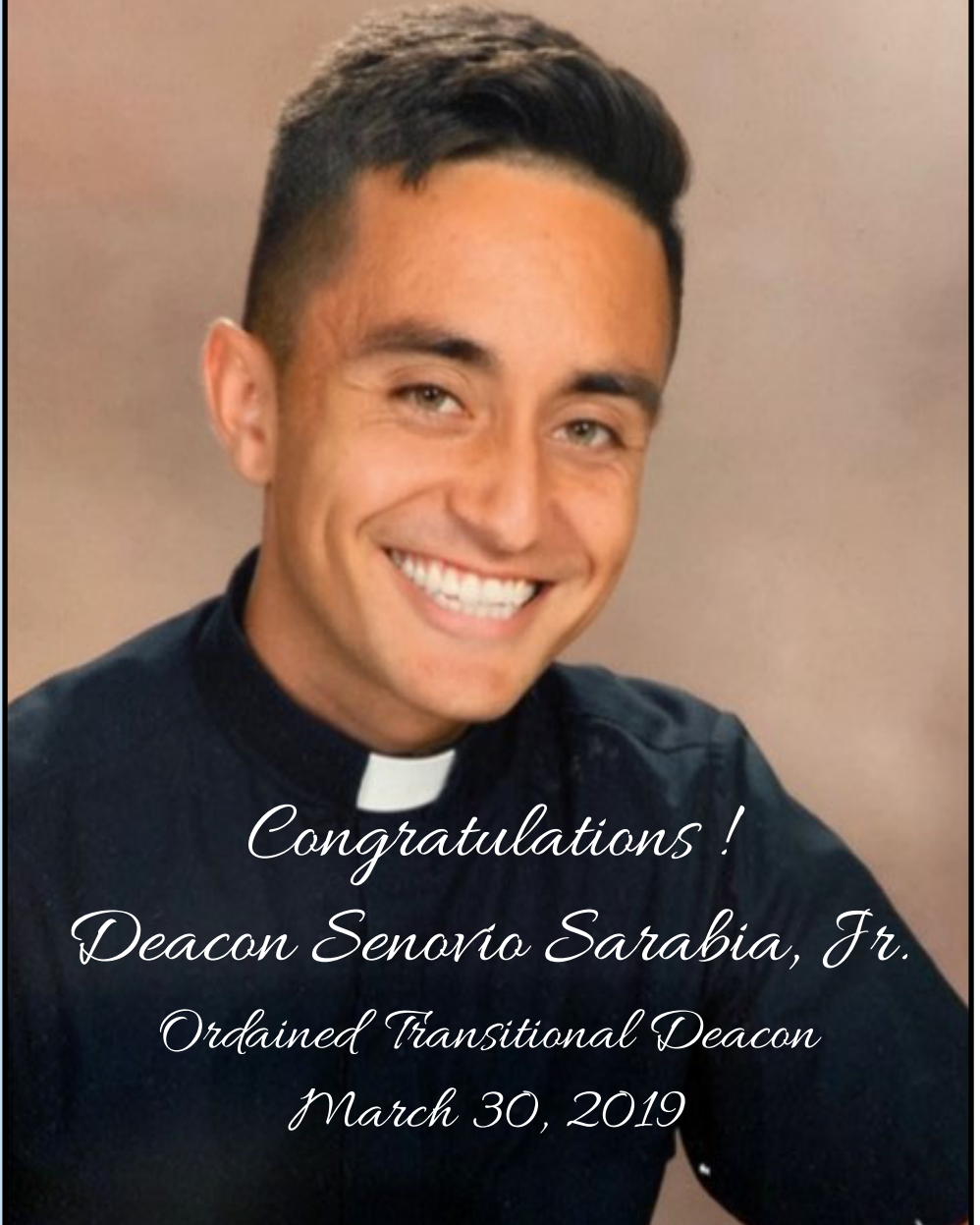
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Congratulations!

Deacon Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

Ordained Transitional Deacon

March 30, 2019



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

Congratulations Deacon Senovio Sarabia, Jr.! Our seminarian intern who has been with us since the fall of 2017 was ordained a transitional deacon yesterday. We are thrilled to have been a part of his preparation for ministry and this special day. His first Mass to serve as a deacon is today at 9:00AM here at

Our Lady of Mercy. He will continue to be with us on weekends until school is out for the summer. This summer he will be living with Fr. Mark and myself. He will have some responsibilities here at the parish and at various diocesan events for youth during the summer. When he returns to school this fall, he will continue to be with us on most weekends and will deacon a weekend Mass and occasionally preach. Assuming Deacon Senovio passes his final courses and is recommended by the seminary, he should be ordained a priest in May 2020. We pledge our prayerful support as Deacon Senovio embraces this final period of preparation for the priesthood. And we look forward to his diaconal ministry with us!

Because we have adults to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, we use the A-Cycle scripture readings for Mass today even though we are in the C-Cycle readings this year. The Scrutiny's are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent with those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and the prayers are based on the A-Cycle readings. Today we celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny at the 9:00AM Mass. The 3rd and final Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 10:45AM Mass next Sunday.

The C-Cycle gospel you won't hear today is the story of the prodigal son. So, I would like to share a few thoughts about this familiar gospel. This being the 4th Sunday of Lent or "Laetare" "Rejoice" Sunday, there is much to rejoice about! Jesus addressed this story to the scribes and Pharisees because of their efforts to undermine his message. The story is of two sons who had a falling out with their father. Neither son had a grasp of his true relationship with the father. Each operated out of his own desires and suppositions. And neither was filled with joy. The younger son didn't see what he had. He imagined that he could find a better life away from his father and family. That son broke away after demanding his inheritance. The older son also did not see what he had. However, this son stayed at home and did what was expected of him. But his heart was not in it. Inside, he may have been jealous of his brother, who had the nerve to ask for his inheritance and then skipped out to squander it on loose living. Both sons needed to return to the father – and so do we. Jesus addressed this parable to the scribes and Pharisees – and to us. We are all sinners. We are in need of God's loving kindness, God's ever-available mercy. Like the father in this parable, the God of love and mercy is always waiting for our return! And THAT is worth REJOICING about!

Have a Blessed Lent!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM † Susan & Peter Krug

Tuesday, April 2 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
8:00 AM Int Benjamin Dodd Grandparents

Wednesday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM † Tessie Reyes Family

Thursday, April 4 - St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of Church
8:00 AM † Catherine McCloskey Laurie Schwab

Friday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:00 AM † Emma & Juanito DeChavez Family

Saturday, April 6 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM † Casilda Pena Agnes Schlobohm
† David Schremp Schremp Family

Sunday, April 7 - 5th Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
† Angie Sanchez Miguel Sanchez
9:00 AM † Dean Coit The Coit Family
10:45 AM † Armando Torres Family
12:30 PM The People of OLM
5:30 PM † James W Ray & Helean Ray
James W Ray, Jr

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. Good Health for JD |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Raymond Nilles | 12. The Cabrera Family |
| 5. Gene Seifrid | 13. Peace, Comfort, Health-JC |
| 6. Leticia Ou & Family | 14. Ben Orig |
| 7. The Homeless | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Dcn Senovio Sarabia | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We pray for the deceased and their families...
Jose Chavez, brother of Carlos

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 Pucas, 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



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

¡Felicitaciones al Diácono Senovio Sarabia, Jr.! Nuestro pasante seminarista que ha estado con nosotros desde el otoño del 2017 fue ordenado diácono de transición ayer. Estamos encantados de haber sido parte de su preparación para el ministerio y este día especial. Su primera

Misa para servir como diácono es hoy a las 9:00 am aquí en Our Lady of Mercy. Él continuará estando con nosotros los fines de semana hasta que termine las clases antes del verano. Este verano el vivirá con el Padre Mark y yo. Tendrá algunas responsabilidades aquí en la parroquia y en varios eventos diocesanos para jóvenes durante el verano. Cuando regrese al seminario este otoño, continuará acompañándonos la mayoría de los fines de semana y será diácono en una Misa de fin de semana y ocasionalmente predicará. Suponiendo que el Diácono Senovio apruebe sus cursos finales y que el seminario lo recomiende, debe ser ordenado sacerdote en mayo del 2020. Prometemos nuestro apoyo de oración cuando el Diácono Senovio se dedique a este último período de preparación para el sacerdocio. ¡Y esperamos su ministerio diaconal con nosotros!

Debido a que tenemos adultos a ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual, usamos las lecturas de las escrituras del Ciclo A para la Misa de hoy, aunque estamos en las lecturas del Ciclo C en este año. Los Escrutinios se celebran el 3^{er}, 4^{to} y 5^{to} domingos de Cuaresma con los que se bautizarán en la Vigilia Pascual y las oraciones se basan en las lecturas del Ciclo A. Hoy celebramos el 2^{do} Escrutinio en la Misa de las 9:00 am. El 3^{er} y último Escrutinio se celebrará en la Misa de las 10:45 am del próximo domingo.

El evangelio del Ciclo C que no escucharás hoy es la historia del hijo pródigo. Entonces, me gustaría compartir algunos pensamientos sobre este evangelio familiar. Siendo este el 4^{to} domingo de Cuaresma o “*Laetare*” el domingo de “*Alegría*”, ¡hay mucho de qué alegrarnos! Jesús dirigió esta historia a los escribas y fariseos debido a sus esfuerzos por debilitar su mensaje. La historia es de dos hijos que tuvieron una pelea con su padre. Ninguno de los hijos comprendió su verdadera relación con el padre. Cada uno operaba a partir de sus propios deseos y suposiciones. Y ninguno estaba lleno de alegría. El hijo menor no vio lo que tenía. Se imaginó que podría encontrar una vida mejor lejos de su padre y su familia. Ese hijo se separó después de exigir su herencia. El hijo mayor tampoco vio lo que tenía. Sin embargo, este hijo se quedó en casa e hizo lo que se esperaba de él. Pero su corazón no estaba en ello. En el interior, puede haber estado celoso de su hermano, que tuvo el descaro de pedir su herencia y luego se fue para desperdiciarlo en una vida perdida. Ambos hijos necesitaban volver al padre, y nosotros también. Jesús dirigió esta parábola a los escribas y fariseos, y a nosotros. Todos somos pecadores. Necesitamos la bondad amorosa de Dios, la misericordia siempre disponible de Dios. Como el padre en esta parábola, ¡el Dios del amor y la misericordia siempre está esperando nuestro regreso! ¡Y de ESO es lo que vale la pena ALEGRARSE!

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Cuaresma!

Padre Len

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 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;
 Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

Lenten Family Sacrifice Suggestions for the Fourth Week of Lent

Sunday Fast from light for thirty minutes. In the evening, sit by the light of one candle in your home. Remember that Jesus has called you to be a light for the world.

Monday Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.

Tuesday Fast from overscheduling your time. Leave time to simply be.

Wednesday Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.

Thursday Pray at the sound of sirens from emergency vehicles. Pray for people who are in trouble or struggling in some way.

Friday Fast from gossip or name calling.

Saturday Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

L.I.G.H.T. Spring Quarter Mini-Courses and Confirmation Preparation classes begin April 7th!

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

Aurora Day of Service will be on May 4th. Have jobs around the house or yard that you need help with? Then sign-up for our help! Details are in the lobby wall display or on the LIGHT webpage. Teens are also needed to help work on this day (for Discipleship credit!). Contact Dave to sign-up.

Harvest Saturday is April 27th. Teens and parents are needed to help. Sign-up online.

The annual **Bake Sale** to support the Teen Mission Trip will be on April 27-28 after all masses in the PLC. Please stop by to get some delicious treats!

Teen Road Trip to see Catholic speaker Mark Hart will be Sunday, April 28th. Details are in the lobby wall display or on the LIGHT webpage. All high school teens welcome!

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 webpage and click on "Service & Discipleship" to check out all the projects offered for teens!

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

Enjoy Spring Break!!



Catholic Summer Camp
Our Lady of Mercy
 July 14-19, 2019
Kids Grades 1-12
 Taught by Faith-Filled Young Adults & Seminarians



Register Now! Gr. 1-6 \$35/Gr. 7-12 \$15
www.GiveCentral.org/TTJoliet
 Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Open H.E.A.R.T.S. Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the mental and emotional health and wellness ministry at the parish, please come to the meeting on Monday, April 1 at 7:00pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. Future programs and initiatives will be discussed to decrease the stigma of mental illness in the community and provide education and resources. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Please come to the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Monday, April 8 at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church. The St. Peregrine Ministry accompanies caregivers and those persons who live with serious illness, especially cancer and chronic illnesses and provides prayer support, resources, education and a sacred space for sharing. After the prayer service led by Tony Leazzo, there will be an opportunity for refreshments and sharing in the Ministry Room and Tony will lead a discussion on hope. The next prayer service will be on Saturday May 25 at 1:00pm in the church.

Walking to Jerusalem

How are you doing on your Lenten journey? How many miles have you achieved? The most important question is – have you grown closer to Jesus? If you have not reported any miles yet, consider calling in the number of miles that you have accumulated up to April 2. From that point there will be two weeks until Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday! Not many miles have been reported yet so I am not sure if we are going to make it to Jerusalem and back this year. Blessings on your journey!

Nutrition Tip during National Nutrition Month®

If you are tired during the day and do not know what to contribute it to – the answer may be the foods that you are eating. There are seven fatigue-busting foods recommended to enhance muscle energy, clear brain fog and energize you! *Coffee* which contains caffeine acts to boost physical energy and enhance stamina, performance, strength and power. Of course, moderation is important as too much caffeine interferes with sleep. *Peanut butter* is high in tyrosine, an amino acid that promotes alertness and motivation. *Eggs* contain protein that increases the brain's production of chemical messengers (norepinephrine and dopamine) that promote alertness and activity. *Celery* is high in water that helps to prevent dehydration and loss of energy. *Chard* is rich in magnesium as low magnesium impacts physical stamina and may lead to fatigue. *Potatoes* are rich in potassium that helps with brain function. *Oatmeal* is a source of complex carbohydrates that is a primary source of energy for the body and a source of fiber which may prevent blood sugar ups and downs that lead to fatigue. Try adding these foods into your daily intake and see if your energy increases! (Source: "Energize Your Life" in *Nourish and Heal* 2019)



Do it for her, do it for him...do it for your family!

Don't miss our Spring Open House April 1 through April 8

Call 630-554-7590 today to make your reservation.

The Catholic Cemeteries, Mausoleums and Cremation Columbarium's of the Diocese of Joliet

Assumption Cemetery 1S510 Winfield Ave. in Wheaton
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 Resurrection Cemetery 200 W. Romeo Rd. (135th) in Romeoville
 Risen Lord Cemetery 1501 Simons Rd. (127th) in Oswego
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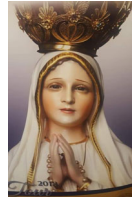
Applications for the 2019 Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 Scholarship are available for pick up in the parish office or online at the parish website. This scholarship was developed by the Knights to recognize graduating high school seniors for their service to the Our Lady of Mercy parish and community in general. Applications must be completed, printed, and turned into the parish office no later than 3:30, April 26, 2019 (no electronically completed applications will be accepted).



Our Lady of Fatima International Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Schedule visit at Our Lady of Mercy April 1—2, 2019
Monday April 1, 2019

- 3 PM: Reception of the Statue, Procession from the Narthex to the Altar, Crowning, Marian songs, Recitation of the Holy Rosary, a short talk of the Fatima Apparition, Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 6 PM: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Visitation ends at 8 PM Tuesday April 2, 2019
- 8 AM: Mass followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Litany of Loreto and other prayers.
- 1:30 PM Closing Prayers
- Visitation throughout the day.



Join us Friday, April 5, 2019

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8am-2pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst> For more information please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or email janeconner@comcast.net

**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

Join us at OLM as we delve into the message and amazing promises that Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina, and how we can transform our spiritual relationship with Christ by placing our trust in His "Ocean of Love and Mercy."

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.

**NEXT HESD HOUSE EVENT
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2 AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesd House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality. The O.L.M. program for Hesd House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis.

For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232.
Thank you!



Women
at the Well

*Sir, give me
this water for?
get thirsty*

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

**Friday, April 5
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114**

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

Questions?
Joana Lopez joana1.lopez@gmail.com
Cindy Hapke chapke20@gmail.com

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/17/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,219,426
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,178,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	41,426
03/17/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	43,637
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	12,637

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:

Exercise for brain health: Aerobic exercise is especially beneficial for brain health, and even better when combined with strength training. Exercising for longer periods - at least 30 minutes or more at a time - appears to be better for brain health than shorter sessions. And, it's never too late to start. People older than 65 showed more benefits than those 55 to 65.

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.



Schedule a shadow visit for your soon to be Junior High/Middle School student to take a closer look at ASCA. Did you know that All Saints offers a **Tuition Transfer Grant totaling \$1,500** over two years to students who transfer to All Saints from a local public school into grades 1 – 7? For more information, visit ascacademy.org; or better yet, call (630) 961-6125. At All Saints, **All Are Welcome!**

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

April 6 & 7 - Fr. Don Preaching at all Masses

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

FOR ALL BOYS GRADES 7-10

MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

WHERE **FR MARK ATTENDED**

Jeremiah Day

SATURDAY APRIL 6

CAMPUS TOUR
MEET OUR SEMINARIANS
LUNCH

SPORTS
MASS
ADORATION

REGISTER ONLINE @ [HTTPS://CONTA.CC/2STdLEV](https://conta.cc/2STdLEV) (\$10 FEE)
(815)221-6141 OR WWW.VOCATIONS.COM FOR QUESTIONS

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	March 31	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
9:00 & 10:45a	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
MONDAY	April 1	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharist Adoration	Chapel
3:00-11:59p	Our Lady of Fatima	Church
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:00-6:30p	Benediction	Church
6:30-8:00p	EDGE	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	April 2	
12:01a-3:00p	Our Lady of Fatima	Church
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:00-5:30p	PADS	Narthex
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
6:30-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
7:00-8:00p	Light Facilitator Wine & Cheese	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Stewardship Committee Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	April 3	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
THURSDAY	April 4	
8:30-6:00p	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
9:00-10:30a	Gems Board Mtg	Ministry Rm
6:30-9:30p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	April 5	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
8:30-9:00a	Reconciliation	Narthex
9:00-10:00a	Holy Hour	Church
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	Church
12:30-1:30p	Via Crucis	Narthex
4:00-10:00p	CRHP Men's Wknd Setup	PLC
7:00-10:00p	Lenten Concert—Tajci	Church
SATURDAY	April 6	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30-8:30p	CRHP Men's Wknd	PLC
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
3:00-3:50p	Reconciliation	Narthex
SUNDAY	April 7	
7:30-3:00p	CRHP Men's Wknd	PLC
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-10:15a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
4:30-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 204
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	Rm 211
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 214

BBQ

Fundraiser

BBQ Event is located in the parking lot of Oswego Presbyterian Church on April 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Tickets are available in the Habitat For Humanity Office at Fox Valley, 1300 S. Broadway Rd in Montgomery or at Oswego Presbyterian Church 1976 Rt. 25 in Oswego

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2019

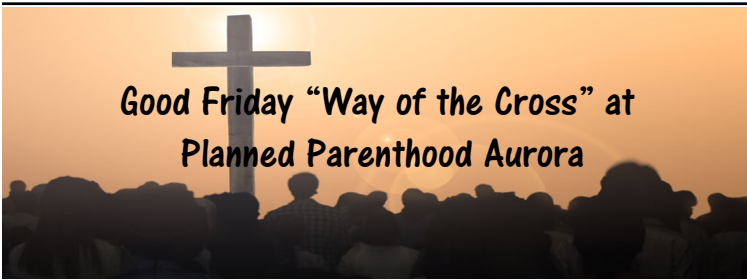
Saturday, April 27, 2019 🔥 4:30-6:30pm

Drive through service at OPC

Dinner: 2 Chops, 2 Quarter Chickens or Combo
Sides: Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Applesauce

\$13.00 in advance 🔥 \$15.00 at the door

Purchase tickets at the church office weekdays 9:00-5:00
More information and other ticket sale dates and times to come.



Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

This year's service will be officiated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Conlon of the Diocese of Joliet!

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood, 3051 E New York St, Aurora

More Info: Contact Matt Yonke at 630-896-1200 or matt@prolifeaction.org

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

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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