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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

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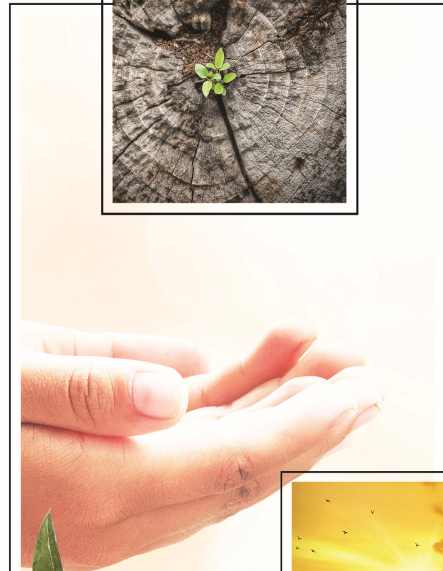
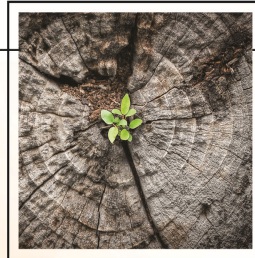
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

LENT
2019

APRIL 7, 2019
*Fifth Sunday
Of Lent*



I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.
— *Philippians 3:8*





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

This weekend is the Men's CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) retreat, and next weekend is the Women's CRHP retreat. Please keep the retreatants in your prayers these two weekends that they will have a life changing encounter with Jesus. Thanks and may God bless the teams that are leading the retreat

weekends. The fruits of your labors will be seen in the new enthusiasm for Jesus and his Church that the retreatants will leave with.

It is hard to imagine that Lent will soon be over! Next week is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Lent will end with the beginning of the celebration of The Sacred Paschal Triduum, starting with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. The Sacred Paschal Triduum ends at the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening. Even though Lent ends on Holy Thursday evening, we begin the Paschal fast that goes through the celebration of the Easter Vigil. So, what you gave up for Lent is to continue until the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening. Then you can have that chocolate!!

So what does the Sacred Paschal Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil – celebrate? While we recall the events of salvation history, the Triduum celebrates not what once happened to Jesus, but what is NOW happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. The liturgies of the Triduum celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life – a community, rich in compassion, steadfast in hope and fearless in the search for justice and peace. I invite and encourage you to celebrate all three liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) with us as one single seamless three-day celebration. And then, be bathed in the light of the Resurrection as you renew your baptismal promises on Easter!

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening we will begin using new communion cups. The cups that have been used for many years are ceramic and some have chipped and the gold plating inside is wearing off. In the past, only cups made of precious metal were used for communion. After Vatican II the Church affirmed the goodness of vessels made of other materials such as pottery, wood, and glass. At my ordination in 1981 my cousins presented me a set (chalice, paten, cruets) of hand-made ceramic with their names on the bottom of the paten. After the experience of many years of using these materials, the Church has returned to the use of communion vessels made of precious metals. This is not to say that other materials are not dignified to hold the Body and Blood of Jesus, but that these materials are susceptible to breakage and spillage. As I mentioned, we will start using our new cups on Holy Thursday.

Have a blessed Lent!

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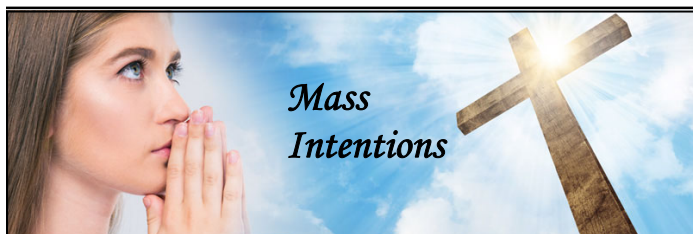
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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM † Billy Mahaney Rowena Mahaney

Tuesday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM † Peter & Susan Krug Family

Wednesday, April 10 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM † Russ Weiser Patsy Peterson

Thursday, April 11 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM Int. David & Tess Kerchner Simbang Gabi

Friday, April 12 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00 AM † Stanley Kerkla Carolyn Kerkla

Saturday, April 13 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM † Bob Humanski Toni

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman Family
 † Patrice Klasinski
 9:00 AM † Peter & Susan Krug Family
 10:45 AM † Samantha Campion Jenny Sirios
 12:30 PM † Adelaide Randazzo Dina Giodano
 5:30 PM The People of OLM

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema
 Mel 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. Mel Schmutde | 12. First Responders |
| 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. The Cabrera Brothers | 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 pray for the deceased and their families...
 Edna A. Smith, mother of Michael
 Michael Moran, husband of Susan*

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

SSG Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholas 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
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine

confession RECONCILIATION
 SATURDAYS DURING LENT
 9AM-10AM
 2:30PM-3:45PM
 FRIDAY 3/2
 8:30AM-9:30AM
 SUNDAY 4/7
 4PM-5:30PM
 TUESDAY 4/9
 7PM Penance Service
 TUESDAY 4/16
 7PM until all are heard

*"Do not be afraid of Confession"
 -Pope Francis*



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

Este fin de semana es el retiro CRHP (Cristo Renueva su Parroquia) para Hombres, y el próximo fin de semana es el retiro CRHP para Mujeres. Por favor, mantenga a los participantes en sus oraciones estos dos fines de semana para que tengan un encuentro con Jesús que les cambie la vida. Gracias y que Dios bendiga a los equipos que lideran los fines de semana de retiro. Los frutos de su trabajo se verán en el nuevo entusiasmo por Jesús y su Iglesia con los que los participantes saldrán.

¡Es difícil imaginar que la Cuaresma terminará pronto! La próxima semana es el Domingo de Ramos y el comienzo de la Semana Santa. La Cuaresma terminará con el comienzo de la celebración del Triduo Pascual Sagrado, comenzando con la celebración de la Misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo por la noche. El Triduo Pascual Sagrado termina al final de la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en la noche del Sábado Santo. Aunque la Cuaresma termina en la noche del Jueves Santo, comenzamos el ayuno Pascual que se lleva a cabo hasta la celebración de la Vigilia Pascual. Entonces, lo que renunciaste en la Cuaresma va a continuar hasta la conclusión de la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en la noche del Sábado Santo. ¡Luego puedes tener ese chocolate!

Entonces, ¿qué celebra el Sagrado Triduo Pascual (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual)? Mientras recordamos los eventos de la historia de la salvación, el Triduo no celebra lo que una vez le sucedió a Jesús, sino lo que AHORA está sucediendo entre nosotros como un pueblo llamado a la conversión, reunido en la fe y dotado del Espíritu de santidad. Las liturgias del Triduo celebran que Dios toma posesión de nuestros corazones en su esencia más profunda, recreándonos como una nueva comunidad humana partida como el pan para la vida del mundo: una comunidad rica en compasión, firme en la esperanza y audaz en la búsqueda de justicia y paz. Te invito y te aliento a celebrar las tres liturgias del Triduo (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual) con nosotros como una única celebración perfecta de tres días. Y luego, ¡báñate en la luz de la Resurrección al renovar tus promesas bautismales en la Pascua!

En la Misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo por la noche, comenzaremos a usar nuevas copas de comunión. Las copas que han sido utilizadas durante muchos años son de cerámica y algunas se han astillado y el enchapado de oro en el interior está desapareciendo. En el pasado, solo las copas hechas de metales preciosos se usaban para la comunión. Después del Concilio Vaticano II, la Iglesia afirmó la bondad de los vasos hechos de otros materiales, como cerámica, madera y vidrio. En mi ordenación en 1981, mis primos me presentaron un juego (cáliz, patena, vinagreras) de cerámica hecha a mano con sus nombres en la parte inferior de la patena. Después de la experiencia de muchos años de uso de estos materiales, la Iglesia ha regresado al uso de vasos de comunión hechos de metales preciosos. Esto no quiere decir que otros materiales no sean dignos de contener el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús, sino que estos materiales son susceptibles de romperse y derramarse. Como mencioné, comenzaremos a usar nuestras nuevas copas el Jueves Santo.

¡Que tengan una bendecida Cuaresma!

Padre Don

LAS ACCIONES DE DIOS AHORA

Cuando los judíos celebran la Pascua, ellos siempre cuentan la historia del Éxodo en términos presentes, como si ellos mismos hubieran pasado por esa experiencia: cuando fuimos prisioneros en Egipto, cuando Dios nos liberó de la esclavitud e cruzamos por las aguas del mar. Haríamos bien en seguir su ejemplo y ver las obras de Jesús y su sacrificio como si fuera en el presente, pasándonos ahora. Creemos que las obras de Cristo, sus enseñanzas y su sacrificio en la cruz no solo fueron por sus seguidores de su tiempo, sino por todas las personas en todo tiempo. Cuando pensamos en esto en nuestras oraciones, nos hacemos una sola fe con la gran nube de testigos, los santos.

Nos hemos esforzado a través de esta Cuaresma para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y faltas, y seguir a Jesús más cercanamente. En la historia de hoy de la mujer descubierta en adulterio, vemos a Jesús perdonar a la mujer, salvándola de una muerte horrible y exhortándola a no pecar más. Esto es nuevo y revela algo que la ley no había permitido, el perdón. Desde luego, uno después de muerto ya no puede pecar, descubierto en los pecados de uno para siempre. Pero Jesús presenta los conceptos del perdón y la reconciliación.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Domingo: Lc 19:28-40 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Lc 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, I am doing something new!
(Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 6

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

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

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

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

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

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

Lenten Family Calendar~ 5th Week of Lent

SUNDAY Pray for the willingness to seek forgiveness from people you have hurt.

MONDAY As a family, sit by the light of one candle in your home for five quiet minutes. Remember that Jesus has called us to be a light for the world.

TUESDAY Make a prayer out of performing a loving action for others. For example, when helping your child with homework, do it mindfully.

WEDNESDAY Fast from worrying. Trust God instead.

THURSDAY Fast from hitting the snooze alarm. Use the extra time for prayer.

FRIDAY Fast from complaining. Notice how often you are tempted to complain.

SATURDAY At the grocery store, pray for the farmers and all those who help make available the food that you will bring to your table.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE-Monday Nights

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| April 8 | 6 th Grade | Disciple of Christ-Eileen Maggiore |
| | 7-8 th Grades | Super Heroes |

April 22 6-7-8th Grades End of Year Sports Party!!!

End of Year Party Help Needed

We would greatly appreciate some parents helping with this event. We are hoping to have it outside with a few surprises. If you can help (about 10 parents would be great) please contact Candy at candy@olmercy.com. Those parents that signed up to help at the beginning of the year will be contacted to confirm their attendance. Thank You!

EDGE Plus

There will be no EDGE PLUS nights this month. Keep an eye on the bulletin for this summer's activities.

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.

AURORA DAY OF SERVICE Saturday, May 4, 2019

Sponsored by our LIGHT Teen Youth Ministry

ANY parishioner who has a job or task around the house or yard is invited to participate in the Aurora Day of Service on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

HOW DOES IT WORK: It's rather simple. Think of a job you have been putting off because you simply don't have the time or the desire to do it. Fill out a slip found in the lobby or website and return it to the AURORA DAY OF SERVICE box located in the lobby by April 28th! You will receive a call to confirm the job and location...and at the designated time (we arrange transportation), "SUPERTEENS" will arrive to do the work! A goodwill offering for this service will be welcomed and used for the teen mission trip. Please call Ann Marie Stone at 331-421-3729 with any questions.



Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

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 close are we getting to Jerusalem? With two weeks left until Easter, the number of miles reported by participants as of April 1 amounts to 1,087 miles. The total air miles from Aurora, Illinois to Jerusalem, Israel is about 6,215 miles. If we want to make it back home to Aurora after we get to Jerusalem, the total miles that we need are 12,430 miles. Last year, we did make it there and back. Since weekly reporting was optional this year, there are many miles not reported yet from a majority of the participants. It is okay to report your miles after Easter, but if you want to report what you have so far – that works, too! What is most important about your Lenten journey is that you are focusing on Jesus and growing closer in your relationship with Him! Keeping all participants in prayer! Blessings on your journey!



Smoothie Recipe

Thank you to those who tried the green smoothie that was offered at the March Hospitality Weekend to promote National Nutrition Month®. It is an easy way to increase the intake of green leafy vegetables along with fruit. The green color of the spinach in the smoothie takes over the colors of the fruit but the taste is not overpowered by the spinach. The recipe for the smoothie is as follows: Blend one cup of fresh spinach with one cup of water. After completely blended, add in a half cup of frozen pineapple and a half cup of frozen mango. When the fruit is blended, add in one banana and blend until smooth. Pour and enjoy!!

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs is to drop them off at designated locations on Saturday, April 27 2019 from 10am to 2pm. The Aurora Police Department and the Naperville Police Department are two locations that are participating in this program. For additional information, go to takebackday.dea.gov. Disposing of drugs in this way will save lives and it protects the environment.



Pastoral Care

If you would benefit from pastoral care for grief support, having communion brought to the home due to being homebound, for mental and emotional health support or resources, being visited while in the hospital or for assistance navigating the health care system or management of health issues, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



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

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, the young Polish nun whose visions of Jesus revealed to the world the unfathomable love and mercy of Our Lord. At her canonization Mass, the Pope declared that Divine Mercy is “God’s gift to our time” and invited all to “trust in the mercy of Jesus” in these troubled times.

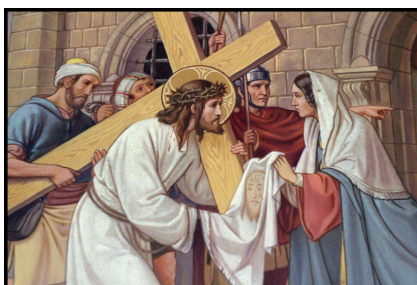
Now, in keeping with Pope Francis’ desire that boundless graces of Divine Mercy be shared with the world, you’re invited to join us at OLM as we delve into the message and amazing promises that Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina, and how we can transform our spiritual relationship with Christ by placing our trust in His “Ocean of Love and Mercy.”

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.



Spanish ministry will be praying the Station of the Cross in Spanish during the lent session on Fridays April 5th and 12th at the Narthex. Adults and Children are welcome.

Durante el tiempo de cuaresma el ministerio hispano tendrá el rezo de las estaciones de la cruz los viernes 5 y 12 de abril en la iglesia. Adultos y niños están invitados.



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).



Come and learn the art of palm weaving to help us decorate our worship space for Palm Sunday. Join us Monday, April 8 and Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 to 9:00 pm or Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00-11:00 am in Room 114.

If you have any questions, please call Linda at 630-209-8651.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

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

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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections: | \$ | 1,246,442 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget: | \$ | 1,209,000 |
| Amount in Excess of Budget: | \$ | 37,442 |

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| 03/17/19 Sunday Collection: | \$ | 27,016 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal: | \$ | 31,000 |
| Amount Short of Goal: | \$ | (3,984) |

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.olmrcy.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:

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 enjoy the comedy movie "Bewitched".

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.



MARMION ACADEMY

A Catholic & Benedictine College Prep High School for Young Men



ALL 7TH GRADE BOYS ARE INVITED TO ONE OF OUR

EXPLORE DAYS


Friday, March 22 or Wednesday, April 10

Drop off: 7:45 AM | Pick up: 10:30 AM
Drop off and pick up is at Marmion's Battaglia Lobby (Door #1).

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

630-897-6936

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



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!**



A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

EXPLORE DAY

For Seventh Grade Girls

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

8:15 to 10:30 am

www.rosaryhs.com/explore

901 N. Edgelawn Drive | Aurora, IL | 60506
630-896-0831 | www.rosaryhs.com

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

April 13 & 14 - Fr. Mark preaching at all Masses

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

Parish Activities for the Week

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| SUNDAY | April 7 | |
| 7:30a-8:00p | CRHP Men's Weekend | 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 | Young Adult Fellowship | Rm 211 |
| 6:45-8:15p | Light Class | PLC |
| 6:45-8:45p | Exodus 90 | Rm 214 |
| MONDAY | April 8 | |
| 8:30-6:00p | Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel |
| 4:30-5:45p | RE Class | PLC |
| 6:00-6:30p | Benediction | Church |
| 6:30-8:00p | Edge | PLC |
| 7:00-9:00p | Palm Weaving Workshop | Rm 114 |
| 7:00-9:00p | St. Peregrine Prayer Service | Church |
| 7:00-9:00p | Boy Scouts | Rm 124 |
| TUESDAY | April 9 | |
| 8:30-9:00a | Coffee And... | Ministry Rm |
| 4:30-5:45p | RE Class | PLC |
| 5:30-6:30p | Teen Bible Study | Rm 211 |
| 7:00-9:00p | Adult Alpha | MPR |
| 7:00-9:00p | Penance Service | Church |
| WEDNESDAY | April 10 | |
| 9:00-11:00a | Palm Weaving Workshop | Rm 114 |
| 12:00-3:00p | Gems Meeting | MPR |
| 4:30-5:45p | RE Class | PLC |
| 6:30-7:45p | RE Class | PLC |
| 7:00-9:00p | Baptism Class | Church |
| THURSDAY | April 11 | |
| 8:30-6:00p | Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel |
| 7:00-8:30p | RCIA | Rm 217 |
| 7:00-8:30p | Divine Mercy Seminar | Rm 208 |
| 7:00-9:00p | Palm Weaving Workshop | Rm 114 |
| FRIDAY | April 12 | |
| 8:00-4:00p | Art & Environment | MPR |
| 8:45-10:00a | Church Tour | Church |
| 10:00-11:00a | Moms & Tots | Rm 124 |
| 12:30-1:30p | Spanish Stations of the Cross | Narthex |
| 4:00-10:00p | CRHP Women's Setup | PLC |
| 6:00-7:00p | Wedding Rehearsal | Church |
| 6:30-8:30p | Women at the Well | Rm 114 |
| 7:00-7:30p | Stations of the Cross | Narthex |
| SATURDAY | April 13 | |
| 7:00-8:00a | Fit Shepherds | Parish Grounds |
| 7:30a-8:30p | CRHP Women's Weekend | PLC |
| 8:15-10:15a | Mary's Squad | Rm 208 |
| 2:00-3:00p | Wedding | Church |
| 3:00-3:50p | Reconciliation | Narthex |
| SUNDAY | April 14 | |
| 8:00-3:30p | CRHP Women's Weekend | PLC |
| 9:00 & 10:45a | Nursery | Rm 108 |
| 9:00-10:15a | Teen Alpha | Rm 211 |
| 9:00-1:15p | Light | PLC |
| 2:00-5:00p | RCIA Palm Sunday Retreat | Rm 217/Church |
| 6:30-8:30p | Teen Sunday | Rm 211 |
| 6:45-8:15p | Light | PLC |
| 6:45-8:45p | Exodus 90 | Rm 214 |



Annual Diocesan Scout Recognitions Ceremony

Attention **ALL** youth members of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire & Girl Scouts of the USA. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10am - 12:30pm (registration begins at 9am) at St. Jude Catholic Church, 241 W. Second Avenue, New Lenox.

The event is free and open to **ALL** who would like to come and share in the achievements of these young men and women. **No** pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on the 'A - Z Directory' from the main page. From there scroll down alphabetically to: 'Annual Recognitions Mass'.

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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