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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

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 14, 2019



Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.

LUKE 19:38



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

Today we start the most solemn and wonderful week in the Christian calendar – Holy Week! It is not only a week to *remember* historical events, but to enter into the *mystery* of what God has accomplished *through* these historical events and what God is doing **NOW** in our lives. They 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. So I invite you to share in the mystery of God's love that is so much a part of this week. Come and celebrate the Liturgies of the three sacred days – the Paschal Triduum. While these liturgies are lengthy, when you enter the mystery they celebrate, time stands still! Come and be transformed!!

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM is rooted in the Jewish feast of Passover which celebrates the historical event of the Israelites' freedom from political slavery in Egypt. Jesus transforms this celebration into a new covenant, celebrating freedom from our slavery to sin and death for those who believe in Him. The bread of ancient freedom Jesus transforms into His very self – body, soul, and divinity – as food for the journey as his disciples. The priesthood of Jesus is rooted in the "mandatum" the command to be of service as He washed the feet of His disciples. That priesthood, shared with ALL the baptized, calls ALL his followers, not just the ordained, to be of service to others. Holy Thursday also celebrates the institution of the ministerial priesthood shared by the ordained priests of the Church. Following Mass, the Eucharist will be processed to an altar of repose (this year in the PLC) where people can spend time in prayer and reflection, as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane, assenting to the will of the Father. Church will be open until midnight.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00 PM will start with readings from scripture, a homily, Universal Prayers, then veneration of the wood of the Cross. The Church instructs that only one cross should be used for the veneration, as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite. I realize this adds to the length of the service, but I believe the symbolism is worth it. The Liturgy concludes with the reception of Holy Communion using hosts that were consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

The Easter Vigil Mass is the most important Mass of the entire Church year! It is even more significant than Christmas!! Starting in darkness we begin with the lighting of the Paschal candle – the symbol of Christ's Resurrection and triumph over the darkness of death. We hear several scripture readings recalling our connection to our ancestors in faith. New members will be Baptized and Confirmed in the Church. We will renew our own baptismal promises, and be reminded that in Baptism we died with Christ, and because of that, we will share in His Resurrection. We will share in the Eucharist and become once again an Easter people!

Join Us!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15 - Monday of Holy Week

8:00 AM Intention of Kathy Minard, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, April 16 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, by the Rajasekhar Family
 7:00 PM Confessions until all are heard

Wednesday, April 17 - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM Int Bernie & Ana Labastide, by Simbang Gabi

Thursday, April 18 - HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 8:30 PM to Midnight Church Open For Prayer

Friday, April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
 7:00 PM Way of the Cross by OLM Youth

Saturday, April 20 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 11:00 AM Blessing of Easter Foods Baskets

No Confessions and No 4:00pm Mass

8:00 PM THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 Int Mike & Carole Brogan, by Pat & Tom McHugh
 9:00 AM CHURCH - † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 PLC - People of OLM
 11:00 AM CHURCH - † Julie Watson, by Mary Houdek
 PLC - † Bruno Isadore, by Marybeth Bolger
 12:30 PM † Jim Duffy, by Marybeth Bolger
No 5:30pm Mass

*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.

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. Dcn Senovio Sarabia |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 5. Msgr Tom Powers | 13. Fr Mark Bernhard |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Those who are traveling | 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
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine

Hosanna!





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

Hoy comenzamos la semana más solemne y maravillosa en el calendario Cristiano: ¡Semana Santa! No es solo una semana para *recordar* eventos históricos, sino para entrar en el *misterio* de lo que Dios ha logrado *a través* de estos eventos históricos y lo que Dios está haciendo **AHORA** en nuestras vidas. Celebran que Dios toma posesión

de nuestros corazones en su esencia más profunda, recreándonos como una nueva comunidad humana, fragmentada 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. Así que los invito a compartir el misterio del amor de Dios que forma parte de esta semana. Vengan y celebren las Liturgias de los tres días sagrados: el Triduo Pascual. Aunque estas liturgias son largas, cuando entren en el misterio que celebran, ¡el tiempo se detiene! Vengan y sean transformados!

!La Misa del Jueves Santo de la Cena del Señor a las 7:00 PM está enraizada en la fiesta Judía de la Pascua, que celebra el acontecimiento histórico de la libertad de los Israelitas de la esclavitud política en Egipto. Jesús transforma esta celebración en un nuevo pacto, celebrando la libertad de nuestra esclavitud al pecado y a la muerte para aquellos que creen en El. El pan de la antigua libertad que Jesús transforma en su propio cuerpo, alma y divinidad, como alimento para la jornada como sus discípulos. El sacerdocio de Jesús está arraigado en el "mandatum", el mandato de estar al servicio cuando lavó los pies de Sus discípulos. Ese sacerdocio, compartido con TODOS los bautizados, llama a TODOS sus seguidores, no solo a los ordenados, a servir a los demás. El Jueves Santo también celebra la institución del sacerdocio ministerial compartido por los sacerdotes ordenados de la Iglesia. Después de la Misa, la Eucaristía será llevada en procesión a un altar de reposo (este año en el PLC) donde las personas pueden pasar tiempo en oración y reflexión, como lo hizo Jesús en el Jardín de Getsemaní, dando su consentimiento a la voluntad del Padre. La iglesia estará abierta hasta la medianoche.

El Viernes Santo es el único día del año en que la Misa no se celebra en ningún lugar del mundo. La Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor el Viernes Santo a las 3:00 PM comenzará con lecturas de las Escrituras, una homilía, Oraciones Universales, y luego la veneración de la Cruz de madera. La Iglesia ordena que solo se use una cruz para la veneración, ya que esto contribuye al simbolismo completo del rito. Me doy cuenta de que esto se suma a la duración del servicio, pero creo que el simbolismo vale la pena. La Liturgia concluye con la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión usando hostias que fueron consagradas en la Misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo por la noche.

¡La Misa de la Vigilia Pascual es la Misa más importante de todo el año de la Iglesia! ¡Es aún más significativa que la Navidad! Comenzando en la oscuridad, empezamos con el encendido de la vela Pascual, el símbolo de la Resurrección de Cristo y el triunfo sobre la oscuridad de la muerte. Escuchamos varias lecturas de las Escrituras que recuerdan nuestra conexión con nuestros antepasados en la fe. Nuevos miembros serán Bautizados y Confirmados en la Iglesia. Renovaremos nuestras propias promesas bautismales, y se nos recordará que en el Bautismo morimos con Cristo, y por eso, compartiremos Su Resurrección. ¡Compartiremos la Eucaristía y volveremos a ser un pueblo de Pascua!

¡Únete a nosotros!

Padre John

LA HISTORIA DE NUESTRA REDENCIÓN

Empezamos la última semana de Cuaresma con estas lecturas ya conocidas. Este año, el Domingo de Ramos escuchamos la narración de la Pasión tomada del Evangelio de Lucas. Estas lecturas para el Domingo de Ramos y la Pasión solían leerse los domingos sucesivos. Ahora están combinadas en una sola celebración, para que así podamos ver toda la extensión de la gloria y el sufrimiento llevado a cabo. Jesús acepta la adulación de la gente, el anuncio de su gloria en la Resurrección. Él se despide de sus discípulos en su última pascua; y perdona a sus verdugos cuando muere en la cruz. Más adelante esta semana, entramos al Triduo Pascual de Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo, cuando toda la historia de nuestra redención se haga realidad. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Jueves: Misa crismal: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88): 21-22, 25, 27; Ap 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21
Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115): 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30): 2, 6, 12-13, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Sábado: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b)Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16(15):5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lc 24:1-12
- Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Lc 24:1-12 o (en la Misa de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

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TODAY'S READINGS

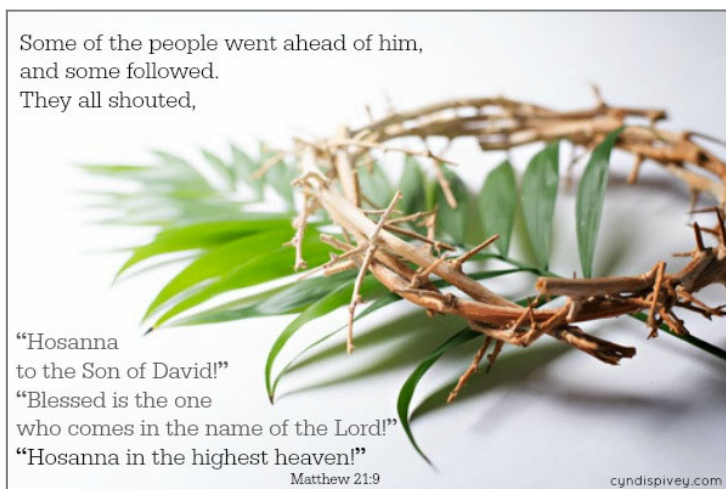
Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

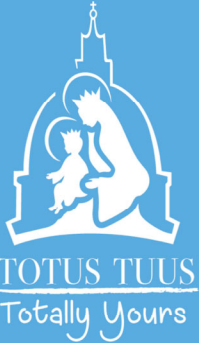


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Teen Sunday Nights for high school teens meets on April 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.

For more information and to sign-up for our e-newsletter, visit our webpage at <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE-Monday Nights

April 22

6-7-8th Grades

End of Year Sports Party!!!

EDGE Plus

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

A BIG THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank all of my Adult & High School Leaders & my EDGE Aides that made EDGE an amazing experience for our teens:

High School Will Kieffer, Filip Matsuiak & EJ Fleming

EDGE Aides: Agnese Pelligrino, Kerry Corkey, Marie Reitenbach & Rose Rollando

EDGE Leaders: Maureen Drone, Katie Drone, Jen Quinn, Stephen Cardena, Heather Harje, Ricardo Vargas, Jeanette Koeller, Julie Manecke, Colleen Beardsley, Andrea Winarski, Doug Kieffer, Catey Genc, Scott Zehnal, Julie Plesha, Mark Chapas, Suzanne Acierito, Chris Cullen, Heather Brandstedt, Kim Kim & Amy Elston.

Your journey with our wonderful teens has been enriched because you took the time to share your faith with them. Thank you, God Bless & I hope to see you all again!!

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Walking to Jerusalem

This is the final week to accumulate miles for our walk to Jerusalem and back! Please keep track of your miles up to and including Holy Saturday. Please submit your miles after Easter so that we can see how we did on our journey. Because the bulletin article was due early the miles were not updated in this article. **Wishing you a Blessed Holy Week!** May you feel the Lord's great love for you!

National Walking Day

The first Wednesday in April is National Walking Day. This year that day was April 3. The American Heart Association sponsors this day to remind everyone about the health benefits of taking a walk and to encourage people to take a 30-minute walk most days of the week. Some tips to remember when walking are to wear comfortable clothes, walk with a friend, make sure to stretch muscles, drink plenty of water, move your arms and make sure that you have good posture.

There are many health benefits of walking. The Harvard Nurses' Health Study has shown that moderate walking for an average of thirty minutes a day can lower the risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes by thirty to forty percent and the risk of breast cancer by twenty to thirty percent. Walking protects the hearts. Walking helps to reduce the risk of diabetes. Walking helps lower blood pressure. Walking reduces falls and fractures. Being active keeps muscles strong and flexible which may reduce falling and weight-bearing activities like walking keeps bones stronger and decreases the chance of breaking bones if you do fall.

Additional health benefits of walking are it counteracts the effects of weight-promoting genes; it reduces the risk of developing breast cancer; it helps curb cravings for chocolate and sugary snacks; it improves sleep; it sharpens thinking; it boosts your mood; it eases joint pain; it improves immune function and it can lengthen life. All of these benefits are great reasons to get up on your feet and walk! As with any activity, it is recommended to talk with your physician before starting a walking program to be sure that an injury, chronic or unstable health condition does not interfere with walking as a health activity. (Source: *Harvard Health Guide to Healthy Living* 2019 Harvard University) Through the month of April and into the rest of the year, make walking a priority to improve your health!

Pastoral Care Concerns

If you have any pastoral care concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE MAY 18TH & MAY 19TH

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **MAY 18th and MAY 19th** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

We will accept.....

Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

Thanks for your generous donations!
Society of St. Vincent de Paul





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 1:00pm, April 26, 2019 (no electronically completed applications will be accepted).



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

A Seminar on Divine Mercy
at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, 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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/24/19)

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

03/24/19 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

HELLO TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND OLM PARISHONERS OVER 50:

GEMS will be hosting a field trip to visit the Shrine of St. Theresa in Darien on June 19...details to follow.

Our next GEMS meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8 at noon in the PLC. We will be celebrating the "21st. Birthday" of our GEMS organization. Our meal will be a "brunch" and, as such, we are asking members to bring your choice of a "breakfast casserole" or "breakfast bread". Hard boiled eggs, sausage and fruit salad will be provided by GEMS.

In honor of Mothers Day, please consider bringing some old photos of Mothers, Grandmothers, etc. from your family for display and sharing of associated memories/stories.



Instead of canned goods please consider bringing "twin" or "double" sized sheets (top and/or fitted...no pillow cases please) Only NEW sheets please.

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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Pope Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy is now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Our meet Meet and Greet for prospective families is Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 6:00pm–7:30pm. We offer full or half day PreK3 and PreK4, full day Kindergarten, and Grades 1 – 8. We look forward to meeting you soon.

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 Mrs. Maureen Isphording
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Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses April 20 & 21		
Saturday:	8:00p	Fr Mark Bernhard & Fr Don McLaughlin
Sunday:	7:00a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
Church	9:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tim Kueper
PLC	9:00a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini
Church	11:00a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tionson
PLC	11:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
	12:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin



Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY		
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
MONDAY	April 15	
7:00-8:00p	Living Stations Mtg	Church
TUESDAY	April 16	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-10:30a	Divine Mercy Seminar	Rm 208
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
WEDNESDAY	April 17	
8:30-11:30a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
9:00-10:00a	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 217
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	MPR
7:00-8:30p	RCIA Easter Vigil Practice	Church
7:00-9:00p	St. Vincent DePaul Mtg	Rm 208
7:00-8:00p	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Children's Chapel
THURSDAY	April 18	
8:00-10:00p	Art & Environment	MPR/Church
FRIDAY	April 19	
8:00-10:00p	Art & Environment	MPR/Church
4:30-6:30p	Living Stations Practice	Church
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
SATURDAY	April 20	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
SUNDAY	April 21	
	No Activities	

HELP WANTED

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Communications and Social Media Coordinator. The Coordinator will be responsible for assisting the different diocesan agencies in developing and distributing content furthering the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet. Will collaborate with various diocesan agencies and parishes to facilitate and enhance any form of communication.

The Coordinator will serve the Diocese of Joliet by developing and deploying a clear communication strategy and standards that effectively utilizes all appropriate tools, including print material, website, social media, digital applications, photographic, audio and video content, etc. In addition, will work in close liaison with the staff and ministry leaders of the Diocese to streamline communication efforts for all promotions, opportunities, and/or needs in a clear, concise, and effective way.

Must be a practicing Catholic with a strong desire to find creative ways of spreading the Gospel. A degree in Marketing, Communications, Journalism or equivalent experience in a related field is preferred. Strong written and oral communication skills. Must understand basic Catholic theology and Church teachings. Must demonstrate proficiency in various social media platforms and possess website management/design experience and be skilled in video and audio editing, graphic design, photography, web design and be proficient in Microsoft Office.

This is a full time benefited, exempt position, that may require weekend or evening activities and meetings from time to time. To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php> Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications may submit a cover letter, resume, writing samples and salary requirements to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

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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