



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

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



April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy

"Jesus, I trust in you"



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....
AKA Chardonnay W(h)ines!!**

For a number of years now, the Sunday after Easter has been designated as "Divine Mercy Sunday". Our second reading today begins with the words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great *mercy* gave us a new birth to a living hope..." In the Gospel reading, Jesus shows *mercy* to Thomas even though Thomas doubted in the Resurrection. Mercy defines God.....it should define us too! An article I read in the August 2016 issue of Columbia magazine published by the Knights of Columbus was entitled "Mercy Begins in the Home". The author of the article, Kathleen M. Masi stated that we often think of "mercy" in relation to forgiveness. But if we look at the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in their essence, they are about recognizing and honoring the elemental goodness – the presence of God – in everyone around us. Mercy is about opening our hearts and minds to accept and love others, rather than judge and censure them. She wrote that mercy begins with kindness. But kindness is in short supply these days. Our culture doesn't encourage us to find the best in others; we're conditioned to assume the worst. So, she asks how can we expect our children to honor the presence of God in a complete stranger – and even enemies – unless they first learn to honor that presence in who are closest to them? Thus the title of her article "Mercy Begins in the Home." Throughout the article she gives examples from raising her own children of how showing mercy to others begins with small acts of kindness. As I thought about the article, I realized that "new birth to hope" we celebrate at Easter is a hope that our world, our nation, our families, our very self can be more kind, more merciful. The salvation we celebrate at Easter, mercifully given to us by God through our baptism, is a gift. We are called to BE gifts of mercy to others! So, as an Easter people, on this Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy, may we show a little of the Divine in us by being merciful to others! Not just today, but for a lifetime!

All are welcome to come to our Divine Mercy celebration today starting at 1:30PM.

Blessed Easter Season!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

8:00 AM † Aaron Banez, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Corazon Gamaro, by Mary Krcmarik

Wednesday, May 1 - Easter Weekday - St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM Int. Justin & Erlic Hurtado, by Simbang Gabi

Thursday, May 2 - Easter Weekday - St. Athanasius

8:00 AM † St. Peregrine, by Agnes Schlobohm
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, May 3 - Easter Weekday - Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

8:00 AM † Donato Preciado, by Family
 8:30 AM 1st Friday Reconciliation to 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

11:00 AM 1st Communion Mass
 2:00-3:00 PM Baptisms
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter**
 † Vincente & Felicita Yu, by Uy Family

Sunday, May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Edwin Biegon, by Audrey Biegon
 9:00 AM May Crowning
 † Marian Leckey, by Children
 10:45 AM The People of OLM
 12:30 PM † Joyce Schmitt, by Platon Family
 2:30 PM 1st Communion Mass
 5:30 PM † Bob & Rose Mary Twohig, by Family

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. Msgr. Tom Powers |
| 3. Ailani Banulos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Parishioners of OLM |
| 5. Miles Small & Family | 13. Charles & Sophia Martin |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Safe Travels for Jacob |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. Samantha Campion |
| 8. Daniel Cordero | 16. Cast A 2019 |

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

TSgt 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 Marines

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.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6767.



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

Desde hace algunos años, el domingo después de la Pascua se ha designado como el "Domingo de la Divina Misericordia". Nuestra segunda lectura de hoy comienza con las palabras: *"Bendito sea el Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, quien en su gran misericordia nos dio un nuevo nacimiento a una esperanza viva..."* En la lectura del Evangelio, Jesús muestra **misericordia** a Tomás, aunque Tomás dudó en la Resurrección. La misericordia define a Dios... ¡también debería definirnos a nosotros! Un artículo que leí en el número de agosto del 2016 de la revista Columbia, publicado por los Caballeros de Colón, se titulaba "La Misericordia comienza en el Hogar". La autora del artículo, Kathleen M. Masi, afirmó que a menudo pensamos en la "misericordia" en relación con el perdón. Pero si miramos las obras corporales y espirituales de la misericordia en su esencia, se trata de reconocer y honrar la bondad elemental, la presencia de Dios, en todos los que nos rodean. La misericordia trata de abrir nuestros corazones y mentes para aceptar y amar a los demás, en lugar de juzgarlos y censurarlos. Ella escribió que la misericordia comienza con la amabilidad. Pero la amabilidad es escasa en estos días. Nuestra cultura no nos alienta a encontrar lo mejor en los demás; estamos condicionados a asumir lo peor. Entonces, ella pregunta ¿cómo podemos esperar que nuestros hijos honren la presencia de Dios en un completo extraño, e incluso enemigos, a menos que primero aprendan a honrar esa presencia en quienes están más cerca de ellos? Por eso es el título de su artículo "La Misericordia Comienza en el Hogar". A lo largo del artículo, ella da ejemplos de la crianza de sus propios hijos de cómo el mostrar misericordia a los demás comienza con pequeños actos de amabilidad. Mientras pensaba en el artículo, me di cuenta de que "un nuevo nacimiento a la esperanza" que celebramos en la Pascua es una esperanza de que nuestro mundo, nuestra nación, nuestras familias, nuestro propio ser pueden ser más amables, más misericordiosos. La salvación que celebramos en la Pascua, que Dios nos ha dado misericordiosamente a través de nuestro bautismo, es un regalo. ¡Estamos llamados a SER regalos de misericordia a los demás! Entonces, como pueblo de Pascua, este domingo celebremos la Divina Misericordia, ¡que podamos mostrar un poco de lo Divino en nosotros al ser misericordiosos con los demás! ¡No solo hoy, sino toda la vida!

Todos son bienvenidos a venir a nuestra celebración de la Divina Misericordia hoy a partir de la 1:30 PM.

¡Bendecida temporada de Pascua!

Padre Ken

“Bertrand de Margerie S.J. En el contexto de la doceava gran manifestación, Jesús pidió a Santa Margarita María la comunión de los primeros viernes del mes y la hora santa. Jesús pidió claramente una participación en su agonía redentora. Estamos frente al programa pastoral elaborado por el Señor mismo: sufrir con él” (aciprensa.com).

Acompáñanos a orar y adorar a nuestro Señor durante “La Hora Santa” en español.

Cuando: todos los primeros Viernes de cada mes (3 de mayo, 7 de junio, julio 5, agosto 2 2019). Si tienes preguntas acerca de la Hora Santa favor llamar a Soledad Escandon 908-296-5709

Donde: en la iglesia

Hora: a las 9:00 a.m.

*Para mas información acerca de la Hora Santa ver <http://www.entronizar.me/index.php/hora-santa/>

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 4:23-31-37; Sal 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21 o (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo: Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; Ap 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

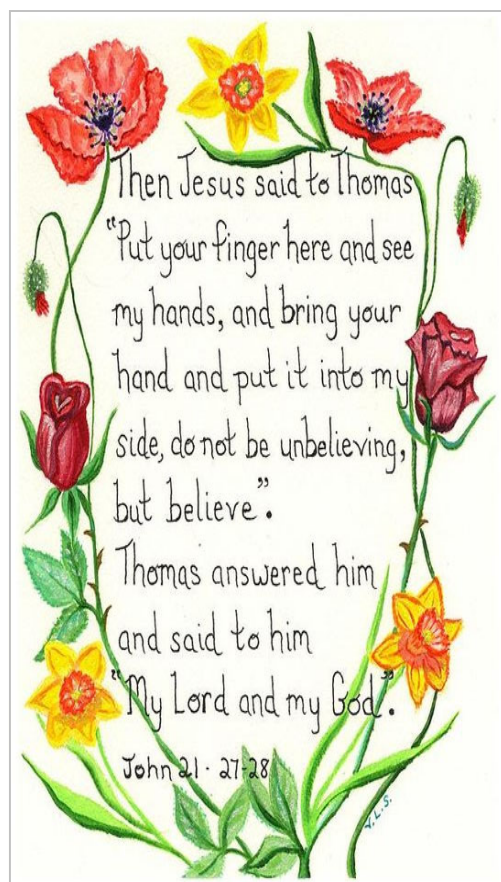
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial)
Gn 1:26— 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

*Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward
to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

*May their special day be an initial step
into a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food
so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance,
and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

*May their hands, extended in anticipation
of your Body and Blood,
inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.*

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

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.

Camp Rock

Don't forget our Catholic Summer Camp **CAMP ROCK!** The two sessions that are available are: **(Sat. June 8-Tues. June 11) or (Thurs. Aug 1-Sun August 4) REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY.** Go to www.camprock.me hit on the Camp Rock Logo & register! First come, first serve!! \$80 Deposit required & balance of \$190 & forms due by April 15th. Questions? John Lamperis at 630-846-0688.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

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

Teen Sunday Nights for high school teens meets on May 5th, 19th, June 2nd and 9th 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. DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP FOR A JOB IS APRIL 28TH. 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.

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!

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

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The theme for 2019 is *Strong and Thriving Families*. There are tip sheets available in English and Spanish on information that focuses on concrete steps that parents can take to strengthen the family at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website at www.childwelfare.gov.

Check out the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org, *In The Spotlight* section for information on Child Abuse Prevention Month; The Promise to Protect and the Pledge to Heal and a variety of resources.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) describes that child abuse and neglect are common as at least one in seven children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year and that children who are abused and neglected may experience immediate physical injuries as well as emotional and psychological problems.

Protective factors have been studied and the family protective factors that have been identified are as follows: supportive family environment and social networks; concrete support for basic needs; nurturing parenting skills; stable family relationships; household rules and child monitoring; parental employment; parental education; adequate housing; access to health care and social services and caring adults outside the family who can serve as role models or mentors.

It is important to build resilience in our children and teens. Resilience is the ability to cope and recover after a setback and it is a skill that can be learned. The *2019 Prevention Resource Guide* on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website lists the following steps to help children develop resilience: model a positive outlook; build confidence; build connections; encourage goal-setting; see challenges as learning opportunities; teach self-care and help others.

As parents, grandparents, role models or mentors of children, it is imperative to learn how to manage stress in our lives so that children can learn how to handle stress in healthy ways in their lives. Think about the following suggestions to help with managing stress: identify what is making you stressed; accept what you cannot change; have faith; relax; take care of your health; take time for yourself; and develop a support network.

Walking to Jerusalem

The total miles accumulated during Lent will be revealed on May 11 at the first *Walking with Mary* gathering at 9am in the multi-purpose room in the Parish Life Center. All parishioners are invited to walk and pray the rosary together on Saturdays in May – May 11, 18 and 25. It would be great to see individuals, couples and families with children of all ages! On May 11 we will celebrate our **Walking to Jerusalem** journey with refreshments, faith sharing and surprises!

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



God Bless the Children Receiving Their First Communion

April 27, 2019

Ivy Adams	Kellan Corona	Abigail Jackson	Benjamin Oliva
Kellen Aleksiewicz	Quentin Dailey	Michael Johnson	Sophia Orvino
Henry Baessler	Rianna D'Costa	Braeden Kaminski	Rebekah Pacheco
Kenneth Banks	Brandon DeLa Guerra	Allison Kenniburg	Kylie Pasley
Charlie Bartzen	Gianetta Dellutri	Robbi Lee	Jasmine Perez
Emily Bausch	Joseph Dellutri	Carter Leibold	Michael Petges
Logan Bausch	Ibinabo Fredrick	Stephanie Leibold	Evan Sauer
Ryan Bishop	Laila Gainey	Patricio Lizaola	Marissa Schmit
Zachary Bochart	Ella Garnholz	Gus Lonis	Callie Struve
Arabella Bucher	Milana Giannone	Philip Maczewski	Leila Sumayo
Daniela Calzada-Rendon	Olivia Grusnick	Arabella Manglallan	London Tyler
Juliana Cardenas	Miles Guillen	Nathan McCue	Jacob Ver
Nina Carey	Anna Herrmann	Alexander Nelson	Katherine Widmer
Brandon Carmack	Mattea Ippolito	Tyce Nelson	Madison Wucka
Anne Cashman			

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

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

We will accept.....

Clothing, shoes, linens, small housewares 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!**

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



Mother's Day is May 12th!

Mother's Day Mass cards for novena Masses celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy Church are available in the Narthex. The suggested stipend is \$10.00.

The names will be published in the May 19th bulletin so please return you intentions to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, May 9th.



Adults=\$10.00
(\$12.00 at the door)
Children 3-12=\$5.00
Children under 3=Free

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with fellow parishioners on Friday, May 03th in the PLC.

Cheese Enciladas, Chicken Fajitas, Beef Tacos and much, much more!

Tickets on sale next weekend after all Masses or in the Parish Office the week of April 29th!



The Knights of Columbus Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 in the PLC, room 114.

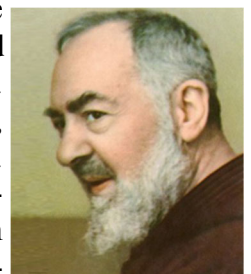
You can sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org, or by calling Chris at 630-608-8901 or 630-851-0907. Walk-ins are also welcome! If you are unable to donate on that date, you can go to any Heartland Blood Center and give the Knights' council number, 12005.

Please consider donating because the need for blood is great.



Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) to Visit the Diocese of Joliet

The relics will be available for veneration at **St. Bernard Parish**, 1301 Sterling Ave. at High St., Joliet on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio- better known as Padre Pio, will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. by The Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet.



The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration will be: (Left, picture) Saint Pio's glove; Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds; Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains; A lock of Saint Pio's hair; Saint Pio's mantle; Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died.

The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring the tour, will provide books and items related to Padre Pio in the entryway of St Bernard Parish.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 04/14/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,345,335
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,302,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	43,335

04/14/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	32,218
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	1,218

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.

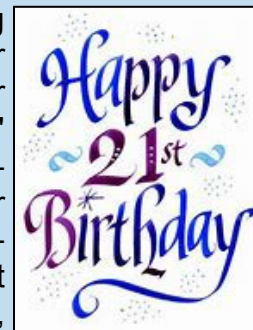
Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form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

GEMS

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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Weekend Masses

May 4 & 5

Fr. Mark will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin & Dcn Mike Plese
Sunday: 7:30a Fr Don McLaughlin & Dcn Tony Martini
9:00a Fr Don McLaughlin & Dcn Art Tionson
10:45a Fr Mark Bernhard & Dcn Phil Rehmer
12:30p Fr. Don McLaughlin
5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	April 28	
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Mens's Formation	Rm 114
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-10:15a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
12:00-3:00p	CRHP Day of Pentecost	Rm 208/Church
3:00-5:00p	Charismatic Dance Practice	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Evening of Discipleship	Rm 114
6:30-10:00p	Art & Environment	Church
6:30-8:15p	Teen Night	Rm 211
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 214
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	April 29	
9:00-11:00a	By My Witness	Rm 214
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:30p	1st Communion Practice	Church
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	April 30	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	Narthex
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
6:30-9:30p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
WEDNESDAY	May 1	
8:30-11:30p	Women in Faith	Rm 114/203/208
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
THURSDAY	May 2	
9:00-10:30p	Gems Board Mtg	Ministry Rm
6:30-9:30p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
6:30-7:30p	1st Communion Practice	Church
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
FRIDAY	May 3	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:00-10:00a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
5:30-8:00p	Friday Family Feast	MPR
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
SATURDAY	May 4	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:30-4:30p	Aurora Day of Service	MPR
8:15-10:15p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:30-10:30p	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
SUNDAY	May 5	
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 108
9:00-10:15a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
9:00-1:15p	Light Class	PLC
10:30-11:30a	Peer Ministry Team Mtg	Rm 211
1:00-3:00p	1st Communion Practice	MPR
3:00-5:00p	Charismatic Dance Practice	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Young Adult Fellowship	Rm 211
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sunday	MPR
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 214

Help Wanted

Religious Education Secretary

St. Anne (Oswego) Religious Education Office is looking to hire a part-time secretary with day time hours on Monday, Wednesday, alternating Fridays, and 18 Sunday evenings (3 – 8:30pm) a year. Please see Diocesan website for more details <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php> . Job to start mid-May.

Communications and Social Media Coordinator

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.

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>

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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