



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am  
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm  
Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
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 Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

# Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to  
Simon Peter,  
“Feed my sheep.”*

*John 21:17*

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May 5, 2019



From The Pastor's Desk...  
Now Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Last Saturday and this Saturday and Sunday we celebrate First Holy Communion with 144 of our parish children. What a joyful day this is! These children are so excited and full of enthusiasm – all dressed up for a special occasion!

Mom's, dad's, and grandparents are smiling and perhaps reminiscing about their own First Communion day. But, as we've aged, have we still kept the same sense of wonder and awe we had on our First Communion day? Or, has receiving the Eucharist become routine? Worse yet, some have stopped receiving communion altogether! Why? When I preach First Communion Masses, I ask the children why do they eat food every day? They know the answer!! To grow, to keep healthy, to keep strong. And yes, we must do that to keep our bodies functioning. BUT, there is another part of us that needs to be fed besides our bodies, and that is our spirit. We are BOTH body and spirit. Why feed one and starve the other? It makes no sense, but many do it! When we feed our spirit with the Eucharist, the very body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus – the original "soul food" – we are strengthened to face and deal with the challenges of life. We are not alone in those times when everything seems to be falling apart. So, if you've been away from the Eucharist, I encourage you to go to confession first, then join us around the table to partake in the Eucharist - food for the journey.

And what about adoring Jesus in the Eucharist? I once read an article written by a woman who was invited by a member of her parish to commit to one hour a week to adore the Eucharist in her parish's chapel. She thought it would be a great way to start the day, so she took an early shift. She wrote about her first time doing it "I felt anything but peaceful. I'd never adored before, and I discovered it's incredibly hard, at least for me, to sit quietly and pray for that long! I walked out feeling restless and agitated – like I'd failed somehow." She chatted with a woman who showed up for the next shift who told her how much she enjoys adoring the Eucharist: "Jesus and I just look at each other for a whole hour, and I feel so loved for who I am." Our first time adorer then realized: "I'd missed the point that Jesus is actually present, which of course makes the encounter a two-way exchange. It wasn't just me doing all the work of adoring. By being there, Jesus was loving me back. And then it wasn't work at all!" We have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30AM to 6:00PM. Join us....Jesus is waiting!

Have a blessed Easter Season!

*Fr. Don*

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Mary Reiter, by Cheryl Hartnett  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, May 7 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Bill Lindner, By Tom & Margaret Mary Powers

### Wednesday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Joan Golebeck, by Carolyn Kerkla

### Thursday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Jack Oakley, by Tom & Letty Nolan  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, May 10 - Easter Weekday - St Damien deVeuster, Priest

8:00 AM † Andrew Zinn, by Marybeth Zinn

### Saturday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

12:00 PM Baptism to 1:00 PM  
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 † Mark Atwood, by the Hapke Family  
 † Ed Schremp, by the Schremp Family

### Sunday, May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Carol Bonafacchi, by Family  
 † Patrice Klasinski  
 9:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo  
 10:45 AM † Emma & Juanito DeChavez, by Family  
 12:30 PM † Maryann & Lissy  
 5:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

## 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  
 Maria Luna  
 William Nimmow  
 Jill Brisceno  
 Lexi Brisceno

*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. Msgr. Tom Powers       |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos      | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde         | 12. Autumn Schmitt         |
| 5. Those in Need        | 13. Gracie                 |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra     | 14. Good Health for Ricky  |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. First Responders       |
| 8. OLM Staff            | 16. Students               |

*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...  
 Sherry White, mother of Brenda Beltz*

## 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 Marine

## 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.





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

El sábado pasado y este sábado y domingo celebramos la Primera Santa Comunión con 144 de los niños de nuestra parroquia. ¡Qué día tan alegre es este! ¡Estos niños están tan emocionados y llenos de entusiasmo, todos vestidos para una ocasión especial! Mamás, papás y abuelos sonríen y quizás recuerdan el día de su primera comunión. Pero, a medida que envejecemos, ¿seguimos manteniendo el mismo sentido de maravilla y sobrecogimiento que tuvimos en el día de nuestra Primera Comunión? O bien, ¿recibir la Eucaristía se ha convertido en rutina? Peor aún, ¿algunos han dejado de recibir la comunión por completo! ¿Por qué? Cuando predico en las Misas de Primera Comunión, les pregunto a los niños ¿por qué comen alimentos todos los días? ¡Ellos saben la respuesta! Para crecer, para mantenerse sano, para mantenerse fuerte. Y sí, debemos hacer eso para que nuestros cuerpos funcionen. PERO, hay otra parte de nosotros que necesita ser alimentada además de nuestros cuerpos, y ese es nuestro espíritu. Somos AMBOS cuerpo y espíritu. ¿Por qué alimentar a uno y privar de alimento al otro? No tiene sentido, pero muchos lo hacen! Cuando alimentamos nuestro espíritu con la Eucaristía, el mismo cuerpo, la sangre, el alma y la divinidad de Jesús - el "alimento del alma" original - somos fortalecidos para enfrentar y tratar los desafíos de la vida. No estamos solos en esos momentos en que todo parece desmoronarse. Entonces, si has estado lejos de la Eucaristía, te animo a que primero te confíes, luego únete a nosotros alrededor de la mesa para participar en la Eucaristía, comida para la jornada.

¿Y qué hay de adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía? Una vez leí un artículo escrito por una mujer que fue invitada por un miembro de su parroquia a comprometerse una hora a la semana para adorar la Eucaristía en la capilla de su parroquia. Ella pensó que sería una buena manera de comenzar el día, así que tomó un turno temprano. Ella escribió sobre su primera vez que lo hizo "*Sentí cualquier cosa menos paz. Nunca antes había adorado, y descubrí que es increíblemente difícil, al menos para mí, sentarse en silencio y orar por tanto tiempo! Salí sintiéndome inquieta y agitada, como si hubiera fallado de alguna manera*". Ella conversó con una mujer que se presentó para el siguiente turno quien le dijo cuánto disfruta adorando la Eucaristía: "*Jesús y yo nos miramos el uno al otro por una hora entera, y me siento muy amada por lo que soy*". Nuestra adoradora de primera vez se dio cuenta: "*Me había perdido el punto de que Jesús está realmente presente, lo que, por supuesto, hace que el encuentro sea un intercambio de dos vías. No era solo yo quien hacía todo el trabajo de adoración. Al estar allí, Jesús me estaba amando de vuelta. ¡Y por lo tanto no funcionó en absoluto!*" Tenemos Adoración Eucarística los lunes y jueves de 8:30am a 6:00pm. Únete a nosotros... ¡Jesús está esperando!

¡Que tengan una bendecida temporada de Pascua!

*Padre Ron*

En el mes de mayo celebramos a nuestra María nuestra Madre Celestial. Acompañanos a venerarla y celebrarla con un rosario de niños y una romería en la iglesia.

**Evento: Rosario de niños y ofrecimiento de flores**

Donde: Narthex

Fecha: viernes 10 de Mayo

Hora: 6-7pm

Adultos sin niños también son bienvenidos

**Evento: Romería**

Donde: imágenes exteriores OLM

Fecha: viernes 24 de mayo

Hora: 12:30-2pm

**“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](http://aciprensa.com)).

Acompañanos 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.

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 13:14, 43-52; Sal 100 (99):1-2, 3, 5; Apo 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

## LIFELONG SERVICE

“I am going fishing.” What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess “Grandpa” or “Uncle Fred,” or admit, “I said that last summer!” But it is a Bible quote, from today’s Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Yes, it’s Peter! So today’s announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter’s later announcement deeper, “Lord, you know that I love you,” and Peter’s apostolic calling clearer, “Tend my sheep.” Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, “We must obey God rather than men.” As Revelation proclaims, “Worthy is the Lamb”—to receive Peter’s lifelong service, and ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalms** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;  
Jn 6:30-35

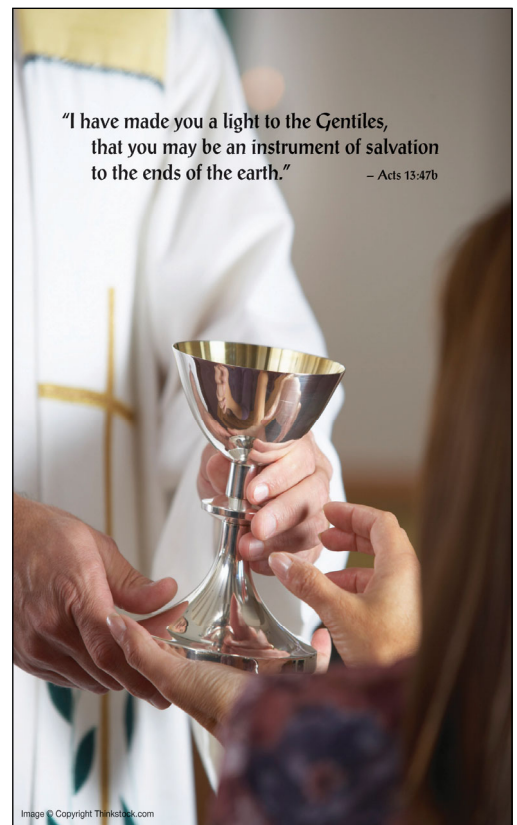
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;  
Jn 10:27-30



“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth.”  
— Acts 13:47b



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

A HEART-FELT THANK YOU TO...  
*Catechists, Assistants, Nursery, RE Office & Teen Volunteers!!!*

At Our Lady of Mercy Parish there are as many as 90 men and women who serve in a variety of ways to witness their Catholic faith in word and deed, leading our children to love Jesus and serve as His disciples.

On behalf of Fr. Don, Fr. Mark and the entire parish staff, I want to express our profound gratitude for the gift these volunteers who have given an abundance of their time and energy to shape the hearts of some of our youngest parishioners and be a living sign of God's love to them!

I invite every parishioner to join me in saying thank you to them, by offering a simple prayer of thanks to God on their behalf. They represent our community in the Kindergarten through Grade 5, R.E. program. May God's blessings return to them 100-fold.

In His Love, Mary Jo

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

**Teen Sunday Nights** for high school teens meets on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:15 pm. in the Parish Life Center. Come for dinner, friends and faith!

**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/>

## EDGE (Grades 6-8)

### MAKING ROSARIES

Candy is looking for some EDGE teens that would like to make one of a kind rosaries that could be part of the silent auction for this year's *Mercy Fest*. If you are interested, please contact Candy at either:

[candyr@olmercy.com](mailto:candyr@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5376. A few times will be set up throughout the summer as soon as we know how many teens will be a part of this project. This includes teens entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next fall as well as outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents are also welcome!

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We are looking for input on this year's summer social activities for Jr. High teens to be offered by OLM. Any suggestions for Jr. High teens may be sent to [candyr@olmercy.com](mailto:candyr@olmercy.com). Thanks!!



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



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[www.GiveCentral.org/TTJoliet](http://www.GiveCentral.org/TTJoliet)  
Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378



## Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

### Walking with Mary

You are invited to gather with fellow parishioners during the month of May to pray the rosary while walking together in the multi-purpose room of the Parish Life Center on May 12, 19 and 26 (Saturdays) from 9am to 10am. On May 12 from 9am to 10am, there will be a celebration for the *Walking to Jerusalem* participants as the miles achieved will be revealed. There will also be prizes and refreshments.

### St. Dymphna Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the *St. Dymphna Prayer Service* on Friday, May 17 at 7pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Come to learn about St. Dymphna who is the patron saint of stress, anxiety and mental health and pray for her intercession. The feast day of St. Dymphna is May 15. There will be a St. Dymphna Feast Day Mass on May 6 at 7pm at St. Thomas Church at 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville with a reception to follow.

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Please come to the *St. Peregrine Prayer Service* on Saturday, May 25 at 1:00pm 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. There will be an opportunity after the prayer service for refreshments and sharing in the Ministry Room.

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences some form of mental illness each year. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. Everyone has stress in their life at some point in their life and needs to be aware of coping strategies to manage their reactions to stress and other mental or emotional health challenges.

Our Lady of Mercy is working on being a faith community that is stigma-free! The Open HEARTS Ministry is instrumental in providing support, raising awareness through education and programs, providing resources and offering hope! If you did not get a chance to visit the table in April on Hospitality Weekend, stop by in May! If you would like more information about the ministry or could benefit from its services, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

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.

**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.

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



## Heartland Blood Centers

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](http://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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

# God Bless the Children Receiving Their First Communion

## May 4, 2019

Camille Billings  
 Noah Boskocevic  
 Loren Bragas  
 John Bridenstine  
 Zachary Burk  
 Viviana Burnett  
 Ari Cabrera  
 Ava Cabrera  
 Haley Caracci  
 Christopher Chen  
 Stephanie Chen  
 Juan Pablo Cordero  
 Scott Davis

Nile DeDecker  
 Lila Dellenbach  
 Michael Dellenbach  
 Dominic Donofrio  
 Audrey Dusek  
 Cameron Egan  
 Avery Gage  
 Keagan Graves  
 Vivian Gruber  
 Sophia Guzman  
 Joseph Harazin  
 Andrew Hrad  
 Isabella Inglese

Samara Jackson  
 Devon Jaranilla  
 Addison Jones  
 Maya Joseph  
 Logan Katz  
 Leo Koeller  
 Sarah Kucharski  
 Landon Lindstrom  
 Marissa LoBue  
 Frida Luna  
 Giavanna May  
 Camila Medina  
 Dayana Mendoza

Nicholas Miserendino  
 Cristian Morales  
 Aayan Pinto  
 Gio Potenza  
 Giuseppe Potenza  
 Julia Robb  
 Margaret Seay  
 Claire Shadrach  
 Sebastian Sifuentes  
 Sophia Sifuentes  
 Isabella Stone  
 Nicolas Tucci  
 Alexander Valle

## May 5, 2019

Tyler Allred  
 Adrian Aquino  
 Alysa Aquino  
 Matthew Ayala  
 Nicholas Ayala  
 Anna Baibak  
 Madeline Benavides  
 Eithan Benton  
 Lucas Cabase

Zachary Cash  
 Kayden DePeralta  
 Frank Diaz  
 Lillian Fleming  
 Santino Flores  
 Heidi Jackson  
 Jescha Manuel  
 Karina McLees

Jayden Nguyen  
 Elin Olmstead  
 Antonio Osuch  
 Shane Roberts  
 Marco Salamanca  
 Leonardo Sanchez  
 Hayden Santiago  
 Jeffrey Schimel

Colton Smith  
 Jayden Soske  
 Andrew Styles  
 Mokali Tande  
 Mia Van Tassel  
 Betsy Velazquez  
 Jasmyn Venegas  
 Daniel Wolschlag

**MAY 25 - 26, 2019 ...  
 AFTER ALL MASSES**

**MINISTRY FAIR**

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where IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

### Baby Bottle Fund Raiser

to promote the culture of life and help moms and dads choose life by providing practical support through their life saving work.

Empty baby bottles will be at the foyer of Our Lady of Mercy on Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 & 12.

Filled baby bottles will be collected after all weekend Masses on Father's Day Weekend, June 15 & 16.





*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 04/21/19)

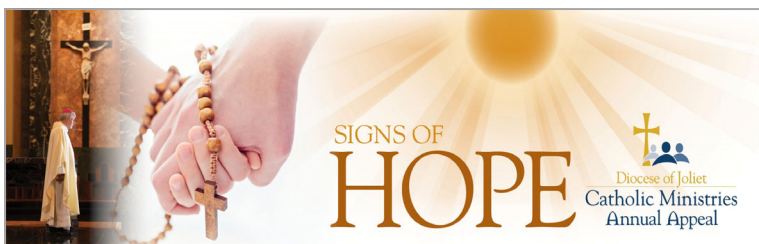
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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections:   | \$        | 1,345,335      |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:        | \$        | 1,302,000      |
| <b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>43,335</b>  |
|                                    |           |                |
| 04/21/19 Easter Sunday Collection: | \$        | 64,024         |
| Weekly Sunday Goal:                | \$        | 66,000         |
| <b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>       | <b>\$</b> | <b>(1,976)</b> |

*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](http://www.olmrcy.com) under "Give".



**2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report**

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

|                       |    |         |
|-----------------------|----|---------|
| Parish Goal           | \$ | 133,400 |
| Amount Pledged        | \$ | 134,905 |
| Amount Paid           | \$ | 76,050  |
| Remaining Balance     | \$ | 58,855  |
| Rebate Amount         | \$ | 0       |
| # of Families Pledged |    | 526     |

**GEMS**

**A HELPFUL TIP:** Get information on medication management: Ask about and review medications with your physician. Consider possible drug interactions and take note of any new symptoms (allergic reactions, drowsiness, loss of appetite and others) after changing or starting new medications.



**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](mailto:phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com)

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.



**SPECIAL  
COLLECTION  
FOR WATERLEAF**

Waterleaf Pregnancy Services is building a new facility right next to Planned Parenthood. The new facility will provide more services to women (and men) who are facing a crisis pregnancy. Waterleaf and its staff have already saved hundreds of lives each year through helping parents choose life. Our Lady of Mercy through our savings account has already made a \$20,000 gift to the construction of the new facility. The baby bottle collection you received last week and return on Father's Day supports the operations of Waterleaf. The new facility will also have a chapel. We will be taking a second collection the weekend of May 18/19 to help furnish the chapel will some religious item that will include a recognition "From the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy – Aurora". Thank you for your generosity and supporting a culture of life!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality. The O.L.M. program for Hesed House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis. For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232. Thank you!



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Weekend Masses  
May 11 & 12**

**Fr. Don is preaching at all Mass**

|           |        |                                    |
|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|
| 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 Mike Pelse   |
|           | 12:30p | Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tionson   |
|           | 5:30p  | Fr Don McLaughlin                  |

**Parish Activities for the Week**

|                  |                             |                |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>May 5</b>                |                |
| 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         |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>May 6</b>                |                |
|                  | No Activities               |                |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>May 7</b>                |                |
| 8:30-9:00a       | Coffee And...               | Ministry Rm    |
| 1:00-3:00p       | OLM Bridge Group            | Rm 108         |
| 4:30-5:30p       | PADS                        | Narthex        |
| 5:30-6:30p       | Teen Bible Study            | Rm 211         |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>May 8</b>                |                |
| 8:30-11:30a      | Women in Faith              | Rm 114         |
| 12:00-3:00p      | Gems Mtg                    | MPR            |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>May 9</b>                |                |
| 10:00-11:00a     | Muffins with Mom            | MPR            |
| 6:30-9:30p       | Loving Hands                | Ministry Rm    |
| 6:30-7:30p       | Alpha Team Trng             | Rm 208         |
| 7:00-8:30p       | RCIA                        | Rm 217         |
| 7:30-9:00p       | K of C Business Mtg         | Rm 114         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>May 10</b>               |                |
| 6:00-7:00p       | Spanish Rosary for Children | Church         |
| 6:30-8:30p       | Legion of Mercy             | Rm 110         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>May 11</b>               |                |
| 7:00-8:00a       | Fit Shepherds               | Parish Grounds |
| 8:15-10:15a      | Mary's Squad                | Rm 208         |
| 9:00-10:00a      | Walking with Mary           | MPR            |
| 5:00-7:00p       | Simbang Gabi Mtg            | MPR            |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>May 12</b>               |                |
| 9:00 & 10:45a    | Nursery                     | Rm 108         |
| 11:00-12:00p     | Alpha Trng                  | Rm 208         |
| 1:30-2:30p       | Wedding                     | Church         |
| 3:00-5:00p       | Charismatic Dance Practice  | MPR            |
| 6:45-8:45p       | Exodus 90                   | Rm 124         |
| 7:00-9:00p       | Adult Men's Basketball      | MPR            |

**Got questions about life**  
**try alpha**

**Thursdays Starting May 16th**

*Register soon for spots fill up fast*

**Learn more or register at [olmercy.com/alpha](http://olmercy.com/alpha)**

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**Alpha**

**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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