



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-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

Fourth Sunday
of
Easter

May 12, 2019



Photo Credit: Father Don McLaughlin



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

It's Good Shepherd Sunday! The 4th Sunday of Easter is always "Good Shepherd Sunday." No matter what cycle of scripture readings we are in, they will all speak of Jesus and shepherding on the 4th Sunday of Easter. And today we also celebrate Mother's Day!

One of the favorite images of the early Christians was Jesus carrying a lamb over his shoulders. Throughout the scriptures Jesus speaks of Himself as a good shepherd – watching over His flock, going after the lost sheep, referring to a flock not of His own but that He needs to shepherd them as well. Often times, appropriately, vocations to the priesthood is preached on Good Shepherd Sunday. But this year, since Good Shepherd Sunday falls on Mother's Day, I got to thinking about how the image of the good shepherd could be applied to women, especially mothers.

Did you even know there were female shepherds in Jesus' day? In ancient Israel it was not unusual that when a girl was eight to ten years old, she began leading the family herd out to nearby pasture. At the end of the day, the shepherdess brought her sheep back to the safety of home. Tending the family herd was reserved primarily for girls, and they continued this work until married at age fifteen or sixteen. It was the male members of the family who were more nomadic and moved the herds to distant fields. As a young shepherdess, Rachel met Jacob when she came to water her sheep (Genesis 29:9) Moses's wife Zipporah was one of seven daughters who tended their father's sheep (Exodus 2:16-21). Besides pasturing the flocks, watering and watching them, tending minor injuries and sheltering them at night, a shepherdess also had the responsibility of spinning. Equipped with her drop spindle and a bundle of wool, she could spin yarn during her hours in the field – a sort of multi-tasking that is required of mothers today!

And so, I think we can apply the image of a good shepherd to our mom's and those women in our lives who have been a shepherdess to us in various ways. They protect us, nurture us, and keep us close to home, sheltering us from our fears when we were young. They tended to our minor injuries, kissed and put a band aid on our little cuts. And often today, they tend to more complex medical challenges that many children face. Then later in life they listen to the injuries of our broken hearts when as teenager's we didn't make the team or experienced our first break-up with a girl or boy friend or didn't get accepted to the college we wanted to attend. They were there with consoling words, hopeful words, wise words, re-assuring words, and a hug. Our mom's still always have a watchful eye out for us and our wellbeing – no matter how old we become!

Today we thank our mom's and other women in our life who have indeed been a good shepherdess to us! Let us ask our Father in heaven to bless them and watch over them!

Happy Mother's Day!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13 - Easter Weekday - Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM † Dionicia Reyrao, by Family
Int. Raymund Tan, by Family
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 AM Int. Michael & Lyn Faustino, by Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, May 15 - Easter Weekday - St. Isidore

8:00 AM † Isidro & Dionisio Jabonero, by Agnes Schlobohm

Thursday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Edward Lynch, By Family
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Wilfredo Chiong, Sr., by Family

Saturday, May 18

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Easter - St John 1**
† Susan & Peter Krug, by Peter Krug
† Florian Klasinski

Sunday, May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
10:45 AM † Connie Fiashe, by Dcn. Michael & Katryn Barrett
12:30 PM People of OLM
2:00 PM Baptisms
5:30 PM † L. Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

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
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. Flood Victims | 12. Eleanor Baladich |
| 5. The Rippinger Family | 13. Newly Baptized |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Vocations | 16. The Homeless |

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

We pray for the deceased and their families...

Donna Duffy, mother Mary Beth Bolger
Arlene Buszkiewicz, sister of Jerry Meyers
Maria Assumption Diane Montebon, sister-in-law of Elizabeth Lo

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt 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

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Desde el escritorio del Pastor...
Ahora conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

¡Es el domingo del Buen Pastor! El 4º domingo de Pascua es siempre el "Domingo del Buen Pastor". No importa en qué ciclo de lecturas de las Escrituras estemos, todas hablarán de Jesús y pastoreo en el 4º domingo de Pascua. ¡Y hoy también celebramos el Día de la Madre!

Una de las imágenes favoritas de los primeros Cristianos era Jesús llevando un cordero sobre sus hombros. A lo largo de las Escrituras, Jesús habla de sí mismo como un buen pastor, velando por Su rebaño, yendo tras las ovejas perdidas, refiriéndose a un rebaño que no es Suyo, pero que Él también necesita pastorearlas. Muchas veces, apropiadamente, las vocaciones al sacerdocio se predicaban el domingo del Buen Pastor. Pero este año, dado que el domingo del Buen Pastor cae en el Día de la Madre, me puse a pensar en cómo se podría aplicar la imagen del buen pastor a las mujeres, especialmente a las madres.

¿Sabías que había pastoras en el tiempo de Jesús? En el antiguo Israel, no era extraño que cuando una niña tenía entre ocho y diez años de edad, comenzaba a dirigir el rebaño de la familia hacia las pasturas cercanas. Al final del día, la pastora traía sus ovejas a la seguridad del hogar. El cuidado del rebaño de la familia estaba reservado principalmente para las niñas, y continuaban este trabajo hasta que se casaban a los quince o dieciséis años. Los miembros masculinos de la familia eran más nómadas y movían los rebaños a campos distantes. Como una joven pastora, Raquel conoció a Jacob cuando ella llegó para dar agua a sus ovejas (Génesis 29:9). La esposa de Moisés, Zipporah, era una de las siete hijas que cuidaban las ovejas de su padre (Éxodo 2: 16-21). Además de pastorear los rebaños, darles agua y cuidarlos, curando heridas leves y protegiéndolas durante la noche, una pastora también tenía la responsabilidad del hilado. Equipada con su huso y un bulto de lana, podía hilar lana durante sus horas en el campo, ¡una especie de multitarea que se requiere de las madres hoy!

Y, entonces, creo que podemos aplicar la imagen de un buen pastor a nuestras madres y a aquellas mujeres en nuestras vidas que han sido una pastora para nosotros de varias maneras. Ellas nos protegen, nos crían y nos mantienen cerca del hogar, protegiéndonos de nuestros miedos cuando éramos jóvenes. Atendieron nuestras heridas leves, besaron y pusieron un curita en nuestros pequeños cortes. Y a menudo hoy en día, atienden los desafíos médicos más complejos que muchos niños enfrentan. Luego, más adelante en la vida, escuchan las heridas de nuestros corazones rotos cuando, como adolescentes, no formamos parte del equipo o experimentamos nuestra primera ruptura con una novia o novio o no fuimos aceptados en la universidad a la que queríamos asistir. Estaban allí con palabras de consuelo, palabras de esperanza, palabras sabias, palabras de reafirmación y un abrazo. Nuestras mamás todavía tienen un ojo vigilante hacia nosotros y nuestro bienestar, ¡no importa la edad que tengamos!

¡Hoy agradecemos a nuestras madres y otras mujeres en nuestra vida que de hecho han sido una buena pastora para nosotros! ¡Pidamos a nuestro Padre en el cielo que las bendiga y las cuide!

¡Feliz Día de la Madre!

Padre Don

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).

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 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Martes: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6- 11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Domingo: Hch 14:21-27; Sal 145 (144):8-13; Apo 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, May 19th from 8:00am to 12:30pm in the PLC Gym.

Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$5.00
 Children: \$3.00 (10 and under)
 Children under 3 no charge

All Profits will support:
 Youth Mission Trip



Menu:

Pancakes
 Eggs
 Sausage
 Fruit
 Coffee, Tea & Juice

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.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Bless, O God, all mothers.
 Grant strength and endurance to those
 caring for restless and rambunctious children.
 Let grace and humor provide both
 perspective and patience.
 Ease the anxieties of those caring for
 children who are sick.
 Let hope abound and offer a vision
 beyond the immediate moment.
 Bring joy to those whose children have grown.
 Let trust in the lasting impact bring
 assurance and peace.
 Bless, O God, all mothers.
 Let us never take for granted the gift of life
 with which they grace the world.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

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!

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 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 6th grade next fall as well as outgoing 8th 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. Thanks!!



Catholic Summer Camp

Our Lady of Mercy

July 14-19, 2019

Kids Grades 1-12

Taught by Faith-Filled
Young Adults & Seminarians



Register Now! Gr. 1-6 \$35/Gr. 7-12 \$15

www.GiveCentral.org/TTJoliet

Questions? Call MaryJo Trapani 331-707-5378

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Mental Health: Managing Stress

During *Mental Health Awareness Month* in May, it is important to focus on an area that affects everyone at some time in their life which is stress. Stress can affect a person in a positive way to help them focus and get things done or motivate. But if stress is intense and long-term, it may have negative consequences on one's body, mind or emotions. Stress can also contribute to worsening symptoms of a mental health condition so it is important to know what situations are the triggers.

Stress affects each person in a different way. Things that may upset one person may not upset another. Be aware that people are most susceptible to stress when they are: lacking sleep; do not have a network of support; are experiencing a major life change; are experiencing poor physical health or are not eating well.

Since stress is a part of everyday life, it is important to know the triggers of stress, have a personalized approach to reducing stress and be aware of how to manage one's reactions to stress. The following coping strategies are offered to reduce stress or deal with stress in a healthy way. *Accept your needs.* Notice what situations make you feel physically or mentally agitated. Try to avoid these situations when you can and cope with them when you cannot avoid them. *Manage your time.* Make a day-to-day schedule that will lessen feelings of being overwhelmed by daily tasks and deadlines. *Practice relaxation.* Deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation or taking a break to refocus helps you to relax.

Exercise daily. Plan and schedule an activity that also provides fun as daily exercise produces stress-relieving hormones in the body.

Set aside time for yourself. Take time out for yourself to do something that makes you feel good such as reading a book, getting a massage, listening to music or talking to a friend. *Eat well.* Eat healthy, unprocessed foods according to your health conditions that will be a foundation for a healthy body and mind. *Get enough sleep.* Too little sleep may trigger symptoms of some mental health conditions and lessen one's ability to deal with stress. *Avoid alcohol and drugs* which usually worsen stress instead of reducing it. *Dedicate time for prayer* and reach out to others to pray for you. *Talk to someone* such as a friend, a family member, a faith leader, a counselor or a support group. If the suggestions provided are not working, it may be time to reach out to a mental health professional who will help you create an action plan to deal with your stress.

If you would like support or resources to assist you with dealing with stress, the Open HEARTS Ministry at our parish is available. It is a ministry promoting mental and emotional health and wellness. Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Pastoral Care

St. Dymphna Prayer Service

Friday May 17 at 7pm
Our Lady of Mercy Church
Prayers for living with stress,
anxiety or mental health concerns

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Saturday May 25 at 1pm
Our Lady of Mercy—Room 114
Prayers for those living with chronic
illness and serious illness, especially cancer

Walking with Mary

Walk and pray the rosary together
Saturday May 18 and 25
9am-10am Multi-Purpose Room
Parish Life Center

Open HEARTS Ministry Mtg

Monday May 20 at 7pm

Dear Parishioners, Priests, Deacons and Staff,

There are no words to express how thankful Betty and I are to have people in our lives who are willing to pray for us, who think about us, and who love us.

For years I have said getting old ain't for sissys and let me tell you, I have learned how true that is.

All of the kind words, visits and cards have lifted our spirits and reaffirmed in our hearts that the parish community of Our Lady of Mercy is amazing. I know the world would be a more beautiful place if we all cared for each other the way you all have cared for Betty and I.

We are deeply grateful for the love of our parish family - you will always have a place in our hearts.

God bless,
Deacon Bob & Betty Vavra



Join us Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 10 a.m.

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora for a Living Rosary for Life on May 18, 2019 at 10 a.m. Help mothers choose life as we invoke the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion and for greater respect for life from the moment of conception to natural death. For more information, please call Lisa San Diego or email sandiego_family@msn.com

Graduation!



To acknowledge and congratulate parish members who are graduating this year (middle school, high school, college, or post graduate) we would like to list their name and the school they graduating from in the June 23rd parish bulletin.

Please send an email to parishoffice@olmercy.com with the name of the graduate and the school they attended by June 9th.

Women at the Well



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith
**Friday, May 17
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114**

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

Please reach out any questions

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Presents:

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Men Meeting Jesus

An Invitation From:

**Fr. Mark Bernhard & Fr. Burke Masters
to ALL Men of Diocese of Joliet
Thursday May 23rd 2019 @ 6:30pm
At Our Lady of Mercy
701 S. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL. 60504**

“Essentials of Catholic Morality”

**Evening Includes:
Adoration of Jesus Christ
Confession - Man-Feast and Fellowship – Discussion**



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.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 04/28/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,374,811
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,333,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	41,811

04/28/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,476
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(1,524)

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”.



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: SOCIALIZE...time spent with family and grandchildren will help you to feel connected, especially if you have mobility issues. It can also make you feel upbeat, which is the best medicine for any age.

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, June 12 at noon in the PLC. Lunch will be provided and desserts (as always) are welcomed and appreciated.

Please consider donating twin and full sized bed sheets (new sheets only please) for use at Hesed House. No pillow covers are needed thanks.

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



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 with 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!

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



**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
May 18 & 19**

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Plese
 Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper
 9:00a Fr Etheridge/Dcn Art Tiongson
 10:45a Fr Etheridge/Dcn Tim Kueper
 12:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Plese
 5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Senovio Sarabia

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	May 12	
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
MONDAY	May 13	
7:00-8:30p	Justice & Peace Mtg	Rm 110
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	May 14	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
5:30-6:30p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
WEDNESDAY	May 15	
9:00-10:00a	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Rm 217
7:00-8:00p	Baptism Class	Church
7:00-8:00p	Intercessory Prayer Mtg	Ministry Rm
THURSDAY	May 16	
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	May 17	
6:00-10:00p	Crafty Souls	Rm 124
6:30-8:30p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Legion of Mary	Rm 110
7:00-9:00p	St Dymphna Prayer Service	Church
SATURDAY	May 18	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30-1:00p	K of C Blood Drive	Rm 114
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-10:00a	Walking with Mary	MPR
10:00-11:00a	Living Rosary for Life	Grotto
10:00-3:30p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
11:00-12:00p	KIB Welcome	Rm 124
SUNDAY	May 19	
7:00-12:00p	KofC Pancake Breakfast	MPR
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation Mtg	Rm 114
8:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 124
9:00 & 10:45a	Nursery	Rm 208
9:00-10:15a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
9:00-1:00p	Light Class	PLC
10:30-11:30a	Peer Ministry Teem Mtg	Rm 211
3:00-5:00p	Charismatic Dance Practice	MPR
4:00-5:30p	Mission Trip Mtg	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
6:30-8:30p	Teen Sundays	MPR
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
6:45-8:45p	Exodus 90	Rm 214
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**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.

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**



HELP WANTED

The **Diocese of Joliet** is seeking to hire a full-time Associate Director of the Office of Youth Formation. The Associate Director works in collaboration with the Office of Youth Formation to implement a comprehensive vision for the formation of young disciples (birth through high school) with a specific focus on Catholic teen formation and the Domestic Church. A Master's degree in related ministry is preferred with a minimum of 5 years teen ministry experience is required; parish experience is a must and diocesan experience is a plus. To view a full job description and requirements, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php> Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

St. Isidore Catholic Church in Bloomingdale is seeking a Full Time Director of Music. The Director of Music is a professional administrator committed to the precepts of the Catholic Church. This administrator must have the ability to organize, coordinate, communicate, guide, advise and collaborate with all members of the Pastoral Staff and liturgical music ministers. **Requirements:** Bachelors Degree in music and five or more years of experience in parish music ministry. Proficiency in piano/keyboard performance and choral conducting. Responsible for training, weekly preparing and supporting all music ministers. Responsible for selecting music for all masses, prayer services, sacramental celebrations, etc. Please submit cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: dtobin@stisidoreparish.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).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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