



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm
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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

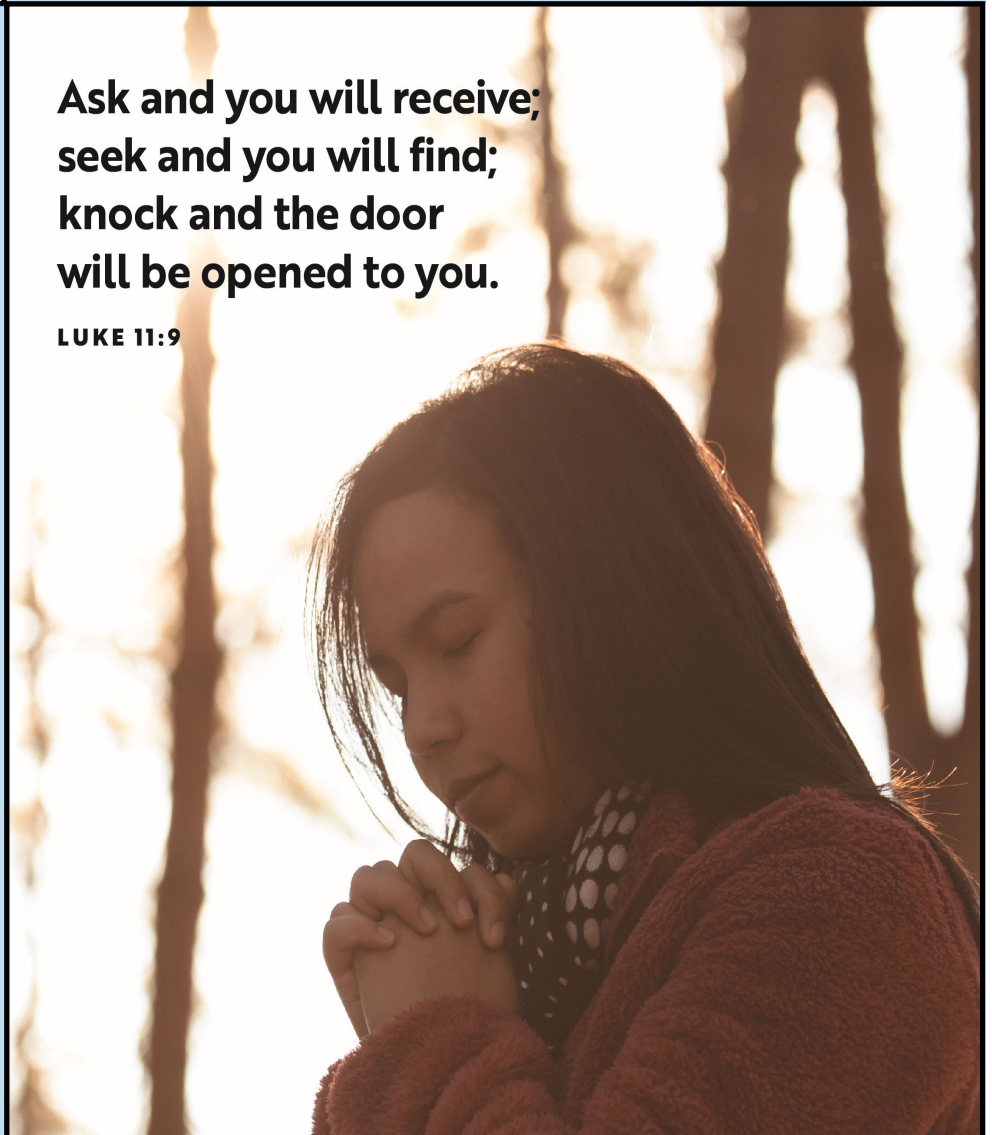
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

**Ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door
will be opened to you.**

LUKE 11:9



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

JULY 28, 2019



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

Next weekend we will welcome the Daughters of the Divine Love, a religious order of sisters, who do missionary work in Africa and other countries. One of the sisters will speak after the homily, and a second collection will be taken for their missionary work. You can read more information about the sisters and their work by going to www.ofdivinelove.com. Please welcome them, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated! If you wish to contribute by check, please make the check out to OLM, and in the memo line write "Mission Appeal."

All of us have probably experienced fear-based leadership. Perhaps a boss, parent, coach or teacher. They created an atmosphere where we found ourselves operating primarily out of fear; fear of making the slightest mistake and being punished, of getting on the boss's wrong side and being ostracized. I remember a nun at the Catholic grammar school I attended whose stare and discipline put "the fear of God" in me! I suspect some of you had that experience too. These experiences can have real and lasting effects on us, teaching us to anticipate punishment, blame others, and become overcritical of ourselves. Our fears and anxieties then often slide into other areas of our lives, including our walk of discipleship and the ways we picture God. Without even realizing it, we can slip into believing that God is like an angry boss set on punishing us; then the Christian life becomes much more like a fear-based work environment instead of "life in abundance" that Jesus came to give.

God wants us to experience him as he is so that we can live the life he planned for us. Pope Francis writes: "Mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is mercy. There are no situations we cannot get out of, we are not condemned to sink into quicksand." Experiencing and trusting in God's mercy are the primary tasks of discipleship. In today's first reading, God's mercy is relentless captured in the dialogue between Moses and God. In Jesus, Mercy has a face. Jesus offered salvation to the world – not because of our own merit, but by God's mercy. In the Church, justice and mercy kiss. Christians are called to be relentless in their mercy, tireless in their tenderness, and committed to holding together both justice and mercy. May God's divine mercy touch your heart this week!

Have a blessed summer!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 29 - St. Martha

8:00 AM † Evelyn McLaughlin, by Father Don McLaughlin
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

8:00 AM † William C. Rehmer, by Candy Rice

Wednesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 AM † Primo Pedrola, by Rina Pedrola & Family

Thursday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop

8:00 AM † Virginia Manego, by Rina Pedrola & Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Eymard

8:00 AM † Merlyn Limbo, by Family
 1:00 PM Wedding - Sanchez & Pacheco

Saturday, August 3 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 PM Baptisms
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Int. of the Bistrain Family, by Rosario Zuniga
 † Mike Brogan

Sunday, August 4 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Patrice Klasinski
 9:00 AM † Anne Heckel
 10:45 AM † Roland Vercillo, by Mary Houdek
 12:30 PM Int. Frank & Maria Novak, by Simbang Gabi
 5:30 PM People of Our Lady of Mercy

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 Schmutte
 Kathryn Martini
 Mary Moody
 Brady Pembroke
 Carole Brogan
 Wayne Draper
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Billy Walowski
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki
 Helga Manglinong
 Marilyn Reich
 Michael Dandan

Charlene Oates
 Maria Luna
 William Nimmow
 Jill Brisceno
 Lexi Brisceno
 Marie Steffy

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.

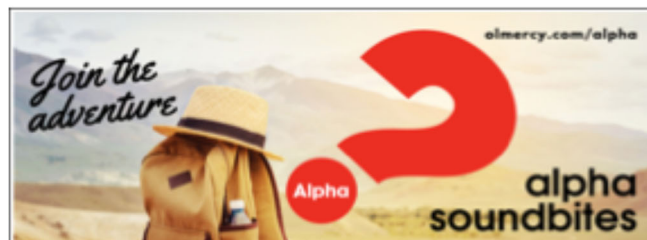
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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. Charles & Sophia Martin | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutte | 12. Anne Heckel |
| 5. In Thanksgiving | 13. Walter D'Rosa |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Parents Eternal Rest |
| 7. The Brogan Family | 15. Robin T. Pazos |
| 8. Elizabeth & Larry Nilles | 16. Robin Pazos |

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...
 Estela Ramirez, mother of Bonnie, Alfonso, Rick & David
 Joseph Harrington, husband of Paula*



Is there more to life?

Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once a week for 11 weeks, sometimes in a church, a home, or restaurant. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a short talk, and time to discuss the topic.

During the discussion, everyone is welcome to contribute their opinions and no question is considered hostile or too simple.

Questions might include—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Alpha is for everyone—no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. **We don't assume any background knowledge or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome.**

Connect with Zara to learn more 331-707-5381
 zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha.

SIGN UP NOW @ www.olmercy.com/alpha



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

El próximo fin de semana daremos la bienvenida a las Hijas del Amor Divino, una orden religiosa de hermanas, que hacen trabajo misionero en África y otros países. Una de las hermanas hablará después de la homilía y se tomará una segunda colecta para su trabajo misionero. Pueden leer más información sobre las hermanas y su trabajo en www.ofdivinelove.com. Por favor denles la bienvenida y les agradeceremos su generosidad. Si desea contribuir con un cheque, haga el cheque a OLM y en la línea del memo escriba "Mission Appeal".

Todos nosotros probablemente hemos experimentado un liderazgo basado en el miedo. Tal vez un jefe, padre/madre, entrenador o profesor. Ellos crearon una atmósfera donde nos hemos encontrado operando principalmente por miedo; miedo a cometer el más mínimo error y ser castigado, de ponerse del lado equivocado del jefe y ser excluido. ¡Recuerdo a una monja en la escuela Católica primaria a la que asistí, cuya mirada y disciplina pusieron "el temor de Dios" en mí! Sospecho que algunos de ustedes también tuvieron esa experiencia. Estas experiencias pueden tener efectos reales y duraderos en nosotros, enseñándonos a anticipar el castigo, culpar a los demás y volvernos críticos de nosotros mismos. Nuestros temores y ansiedades a menudo se deslizan hacia otras áreas de nuestras vidas, incluyendo nuestro caminar en el discipulado y las formas en que imaginamos a Dios. Sin darnos cuenta, podemos creer equivocadamente que Dios es un jefe enojado que nos castiga; entonces la vida cristiana se vuelve mucho más como un entorno de trabajo basado en el miedo en lugar de "vida en abundancia" que Jesús vino a dar.

Dios quiere que lo experimentemos tal como es para que podamos vivir la vida que él planeó para nosotros. El Papa Francisco escribe: *"La misericordia es el primer atributo de Dios. El nombre de Dios es misericordia. No hay situaciones de las que no podamos salir, no estamos condenados a hundirnos en las arenas movedizas"*. Experimentar y confiar en la misericordia de Dios son las tareas principales del discipulado. En la primera lectura de hoy, la misericordia de Dios se captura implacablemente en el diálogo entre Moisés y Dios. En Jesús, la misericordia tiene un rostro. Jesús ofreció la salvación al mundo, no por nuestro propio mérito, sino por la misericordia de Dios. En la Iglesia, la justicia y la misericordia se besan. Los cristianos están llamados a ser incesantes en su misericordia, incansables en su ternura y comprometidos a mantener unidos la justicia y la misericordia. ¡Que la divina misericordia de Dios toque tu corazón esta semana!

¡Que tengan un bendecido verano!

Padre Tom

PIDIENDO AYUDA

Las beatitudes alaban al pobre de espíritu. Una de las características de quienes son pobres de espíritu es su habilidad para pedir ayuda; ellos saben cuando otros pueden proveerles lo que les hace falta. Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a practicar la pobreza de espíritu pidiéndole a Dios aquello que necesitamos. ¿Qué podría ser más natural pedir a Dios que buenas cosas? Dios es, después de todo, el hacedor de la bondad y el dador de buenas cosas.

Pidiendo ayuda a Dios nos pone en una conversación con Dios. Esta conversación o conversaciones pueden ser de muchas formas. La lectura del libro del Génesis muestra a Abraham negociando con Dios de una manera graciosa, pero como un hábil negociador; por otro lado la carta de san Pablo a los colosenses alaba a Dios respondiéndonos aún cuando no lo merecemos. En el Evangelio de san Lucas, Jesús no solo nos da las palabras y frases para usar en nuestras conversaciones con Dios (el Padre Nuestro), sino también promete que Dios siempre escuchará nuestras oraciones.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Sal 106 (105):19-23 o Sal 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42
Martes: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Sal 103 (102):6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles: Ex 34:29-35; Sal 99 (98):5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Jueves: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Sal 81 (80):3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Domingo: Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lc 12:13-21

ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you have a lot of questions?

Are you a Catholic seeking to enrich your faith by completing the sacraments of initiation? Whether you are a baptized adult who is missing a sacrament or seeking to join the church for the first time, our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)/ Becoming Catholic classes are the place to begin.

Sessions will begin this Fall!

For more information please contact
Jean Rehmer at 331-707-5375 or
jeanr@olmercy.com.

*“the rite of Christian Initiation... is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit open their hearts” **

*from the Introduction – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

**RE & EDGE REGISTRATION NEWS:
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE \$30. TUITION DISCOUNT BEFORE AUGUST 6.
STANDARD FEE WILL RESUME AFTER AUGUST 6.**



2019 - 2020

REGISTRATION OPEN
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
EDGE CLASSES

REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER PACKETS ARE @ THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
OR DOWNLOAD @ WWW.OLMERCY.COM

Parents & High School Teens consider volunteering. Catechists & Co-catechists receive \$170 full tuition credit. ALL other volunteers receive \$100 tuition credit (aides, nursery caretakers, office assistants, information desk & hall monitors).

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Leaders Needed

We will be needing 7th & 8th Grade EDGE leaders for our upcoming year. **Our 6th grades are all set (thank you so much!)** But we are short leader for our older Jr. High teens. So please think about being with our teens that are smart, fun, inquisitive & faithful. It's a wonderful ministry to be able to share your own faith, knowledge, journey & love of Christ with those who need it. Any questions, please contact Candy at 331.707.5376 or candyr@olmerct.com.

High School Teens Needed for EDGE

Our EDGE teens enjoy having High School teens being a part of EDGE. So if you are looking for discipleship credits, come join us in EDGE. Contact Candy at candyr@olmercy.com

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

NCYC for Teens: Sign-Up NOW!

High school teens are invited to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis on November 21-24. Join over 20,000 other Catholic teens for the nation's largest youth gathering! More details can be found in the lobby wall display or on the Light Youth Ministry webpage. The registration deadline is approaching so please sign up now!

L.I.G.H.T. Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Parents and high school teens are invited to attend to learn more about the program for teens, including the sacrament of Confirmation.

L.I.G.H.T. program details and registration information for the 2019-2020 year will be available August 1st. This includes information on the Sacrament of Confirmation and some changes for teens incoming to L.I.G.H.T.

Parents and Interested Adults in the parish community are invited to consider helping with the Senior High Youth Ministry! We are in need of mini-course facilitators, Alpha hospitality and kitchen crew members as well as trip and event chaperones. Please contact the youth ministry office or see the LIGHT webpage for more details.

L.I.G.H.T. Team Kick-Off Meeting is Sunday, August 4th from 10:00AM to Noon in the youth center. Teen and Adult leaders in the L.I.G.H.T. youth ministry are asked to attend.

**It's not too late to register
for VBS!**

AUG 5-9 REGISTER NOW FOR

ROAR!
Life is Wild - God is good

Vacation Bible School

PLEASE CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE FOR QUESTIONS (331)707-5376

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Pastoral Care to Comfort the Grieving

When someone we know experiences the death of a loved one, we want to reach out but sometimes are hesitant and uncertain to reach out because we do not know exactly what to say and do. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is “to comfort the sorrowful” and in the Old Testament the people of God are invited to “comfort all who mourn” (Isaiah 61:2).

Be present to those who are grieving to surround them with a community that reminds them that they are supported and loved. One can be present to another through a phone call, sending a card or attending the funeral services. Take the time to listen with the heart. Bereaved people want to talk about their loved one and need to tell and retell their story without judgment and without being silenced. Retelling their story helps to deal with the pain. A supportive listener allows the bereaved to talk and let out their feelings accepting whatever feelings are expressed, being understanding, allowing the tears and not changing the subject.

There may be times that a grieving person may not feel like talking. The best way to offer comfort may be sitting in silence. If words do not come, offer your caring presence for support.

(Source: *How to Comfort the Grieving A Dozen Ways to Say “I Care”* by Victor M. Parachin)

If you would like support, resources or spiritual care as you grieve the loss of a loved one or other losses in your life, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com.

Healthy Foods for a Healthy Body

If you are looking for ways to improve your health and prevent disease, one way is to eat foods that are rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber. It is suggested to make the following foods a part of your daily eating plan. Kidney, pinto, navy or black beans are sources of magnesium, potassium and high in fiber. Beans do contain carbohydrates but a half a cup of beans provides as much protein as an ounce of meat without the saturated fat. If you use canned beans, drain and rinse them to get rid of the added salt. Dark green leafy vegetables provide vitamins A, C, E and K, iron, calcium and potassium. They are low in calories and carbohydrates. Go ahead and add them to salads, soups and stews. For a daily dose of fiber, vitamin C, folate and potassium, choose citrus fruits such as grapefruits, oranges, lemons and limes. Sweet potatoes are a starchy vegetable packed with vitamin A and fiber and are also a good source of vitamin C and potassium. Berries are a great source of vitamin C and potassium. Tomatoes provide your body with vital nutrients like vitamin C and E and potassium. An ounce of nuts provides healthy fats and help to manage hunger. They offer magnesium and fiber. Eating fish high in omega-3 fats may help to reduce the risk of heart disease and inflammation. Salmon, herring, sardines, mackerel, trout and albacore tuna are among the list of fish with healthy omega-3 fats. Choose fish that is broiled, baked or grilled. Avoid fish that is breaded or fried that adds extra calories. (Source: American Diabetes Association)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

Depression Hotline

(630) 482-9696

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

www.afsp.org



Join us Friday, August 2, 2019

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8am-2pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst>

For more information, please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or email janefonner@comcast.net

FREEZERS FREE TO GOOD HOME

Our Lady of Mercy has two (2) freezers that are no longer needed. One is a commercial 54" reach in model, and the other is a residential upright.

Neither of them work. Don't know why. To borrow from St. Paul, those that will not work will not be allowed to eat electricity. Both of them look good, if that helps.

If you want one or both of them, please contact Facility Manager Len Eickhoff at 630-631-1676.

AUGUST 24 - 25, 2019
AFTER ALL MASSES



Investigate opportunities for service

Tutor Volunteers Needed

The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in August. Female volunteers (with high school diploma) are trained to help women students learn to read, write, and speak English. Tutors meet with students once a week for 90 minutes, from Sept. to May, at 260 Vermont St., Aurora (behind St. Therese Church). Tutors do not need to speak Spanish or have teaching experience, but all volunteers must attend ten hours of training. The training dates are August 13, 15, 20, and 22, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. Email Alison Brzezinski at Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org to register. For more information, visit www.dominicanliteracycenter.org or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.

DO YOU LIKE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES? HAVE AN INTEREST IN SCOUTING?

Come check out OLM's Boy Scout Troop 849! Troop 849 moved to Our Lady of Mercy earlier this year and we are looking to grow. Boy Scouts provides a unique opportunity for youth to learn about faith, leadership, teamwork, community service and outdoor skills while having a great time. Our activities in the past year have included camping, hiking, canoeing and lugging. We meet on Monday nights in Room 124 at 7pm.

If you want to learn more please contact:

Spencer Coyle at slcoyle@sbcglobal.net (630-464-0480) or Tim Hickey at hiemin@gmail.com (224-805-1919)



Catholic Charities' Back to School Fair

The DuPage County Back to School Fair, coordinated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton). This is a new location this year!

This annual summer event is a major countywide effort to help families who are living on low-incomes access important services to begin the school year on a positive note. Children who attend the fair will receive free medical and dental services; vital information about local programs and services; and a new backpack with school supplies!

Please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org to learn more about Catholic Charities' Back to School Fair.

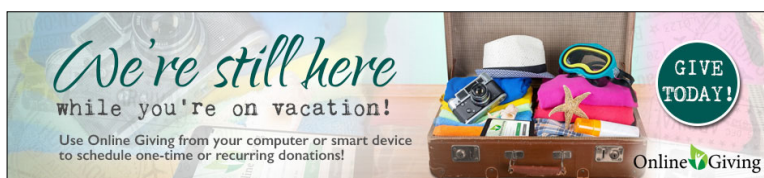


Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 07/14/19)

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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections: | \$ | 68,185 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget: | \$ | 64,000 |
| Amount in Excess of Budget: | \$ | 4,185 |
| | | |
| 07/14/19 Sunday Collection: | \$ | 32,129 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal: | \$ | 32,000 |
| Amount in Excess of Goal: | \$ | 129 |

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.

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| Parish Goal | \$ | 133,400 |
| Amount Pledged | \$ | 156,518 |
| Amount Paid | \$ | 110,963 |
| Remaining Balance | \$ | 45,555 |
| Rebate Amount | \$ | 0 |
| # of Families Pledged | | 594 |

GEMS



HELLO GEMS MEMBERS:

SENIOR DISCOUNTS: There are lots of savings online for those who are 65-plus. Websites list age-based discounts on everything from restaurant meals to airline tickets. But you have to know where to look. Start with SeniorLiving.org and TheSeniorList.com. For more specific information, search "senior discounts".

Our next GEMS meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14 at noon in the PLC. The menu for this meeting will be a "pasta bar" and salad. We are asking members to bring any type of pasta sauces (marinara, alfredo, meat sauce, etc.) or pasta toppings (meatballs, sliced chicken, etc.). As always, dessert contributions are welcomed.

"Day of reflection" activities will be announced.

Please consider bringing along a canned food item for use at Hesed House.

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 have any questions about GEMS, please contact Phyllis Anderson at phyllisanderson5027@yahoo.com

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.



**We are now enrolling at
Pope St. John Paul II
Catholic Academy!**

Here is what our student's are saying about our school:

"I love JP2 because our class did a "me" project. Now my class knows more about me!"
- 3rd Grader, North Campus

"I love JP2 because of the teachers. The teachers are really helpful and kind. They are also like a family."
- 5th Grader, South Campus

We are now enrolling PreK3-8th Grade. We offer a full day preschool program and Extended Care both before and after school.

Please contact our offices at:
North Campus
706 N High Street, Aurora 60505
630-844-3781

South Campus
601 Talma St., Aurora 60505
630-851-4400

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY

8th GRADE DAY August 7, 2019

STUDENTS: 9:00 A.M.-NOON
All incoming 8th graders are invited to a fun-packed day at St. Francis H.S.!

- Meet current SFHS students and fellow 8th grade future Spartans
- Participate in team-building activities
- Compete in the Spartan Amazing Race

PARENTS: 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Parents are invited for coffee and a tour of St. Francis High School

REGISTER at
www.sfhscollegeprep.org/8thgradeday

Mark your Calendars!

- Open Houses: October 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. / November 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
- Entrance Exam: December 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

2130 W. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 www.sfhscollegeprep.org 630.668.5800

EARN. LEAD. TRANSFORM. SUCCEED

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
August 3 & 4
Deacons preaching at all Masses.**

Saturday: 4:00p Benedictine/Dcn Mike Plese
Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
9:00a Benedictine/Dcn Phil Rehmer
10:45a Benedictine/Dcn Tim Kueper
12:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper
5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Pelse

Parish Activities for the Week

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| SUNDAY 7:30-7:00p 11:00-12:00p | July 28 Hospitality Welcome Mtg | MPR Rm 114 |
| MONDAY 7:00-9:00p | July 29 Boy Scouts | Rm 124 |
| TUESDAY 8:30-9:00a 6:30-9:00p 7:00-9:00p | July 30 Coffee And... Knights of Columbus Dist Mtg Bible Study-The Mass | Ministry Rm Rm 114 MPR |
| WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:00p 7:00-8:00p 7:00-9:00p | July 31 Wedding Rehearsal Mary's Squad Praise & Worship - College | Church Rm 208 Church |
| THURSDAY 7:00-9:00p | August 1 Adult Alpha | MPR |
| FRIDAY 9:15-10:30a 6:30-9:00p | August 2 Spanish Holy Hour Alpha Celebration Dinner | Church MPR |
| SATURDAY 7:00-8:00a 8:15-10:15a 9:00-12:00p | August 3 Fit Shepherds Mary's Squad VBS Set-up | Parish Grounds Rm 208 PLC |
| SUNDAY 9:00-12:00p 10:00-12:00p | August 4 VBS Set-up Light Team Mtg | PLC Rm 211 & 214 |

BELLARMINES
Jesuit Retreat House

**Silent Young Adult Retreat:
"Wholeness & Holiness:
Becoming One with Christ in a
World of Distraction"**

August 16-17, 2019
Retreat Master, Fr. Joe Simmons, SJ

420 W County Line Rd · Barrington, IL 60010 · 847-381-1261
www.JesuitRetreat.org



IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING? Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking altogether? Does talking about your problems only make them worse?

RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples facing difficulties in their marriage restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. This marriage-saving program provides couples with actionable steps they can take to improve communication, build a stronger marriage and help them reconnect.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEK-END! For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our upcoming weekend on **September 13-15** in Joliet, please call **815-246-2080**, email us at retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Retrouvaille Chicago has a weekend scheduled for November 22-24, 2019 if you are unable to attend the September weekend in Joliet.

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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