



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

## 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

August 4, 2019 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

~Psalm 90:14





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

Summer is fast waning – here it is August already, and thoughts begin to turn to the start of school. I am away this week-end visiting my nephew and his wife and my great-nephew and great-niece in San Antonio, Texas. Went there to cool off! Ha! Ha! The pastor of the parish that my nephew belongs to was in the seminary with me, so it will be nice to see him as well. He is getting older and has had some recent health problems. Ah, that aging process isn't always very kind.

A modern take on today's Gospel about the man who builds larger barns to store all his treasure would be the proliferation over the past 20-30 years of the availability of storage units to rent. Now granted, those storage pods you see in front yards make sense when you are remodeling your house. But it seems to me that if you don't already have room for all your stuff, and you have to rent a storage unit, then you have too much stuff!! This Gospel challenges us to examine what is most important in our lives...what matters to God or what matters ultimately to us. What do we hold on to and don't want to let go of? So what exactly matters to God? The second reading gives us some idea. We are told to seek what is above, to put on our new selves and to stop lying to one another. Practical advice. But perhaps it is the psalm response that says it best: *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* By nature, holding on to, keeping anything safe, that is not of God, we close in. When our fists clench, our breath shortens and our hearts harden. Perhaps it isn't what we have but how we hold it that causes the greatest spiritual malady. Just as there are particular physical symptoms indicating such conditions as hardening of the arteries, so too are there discernible symptoms of a spiritually hardened heart. The rich man in the Gospel is a poster child for this condition. First, he is focused on what he can physically hold on to. Next, he is counting on material wealth to afford him rest, nourishment and happiness. Sadly, he believes he is the one in control. What about us? In his book *With Open Hands*, Henri Nouwen teaches us to pray: *Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be when I have nothing to hang on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Please help me to gradually open my hands and discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me. And what you want to give me is love, unconditional, everlasting love. AMEN!!*

Have a blessed summer!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 5 - Dedication of Basilica St. Mary Major

8:00 AM † Robin Pazos, by Barbara Markowski  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM Int Jessica Jabonero, by Agnes Schlobohm

### Wednesday, August 7 - St. Sixus II, Pope & St. Cajetan, Priest

8:00 AM † Robert Schwab, by Laurie Schwab

### Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

8:00 AM Int Alana Depaz, by Agnes Schlobohm  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 AM † Anne Heckel  
 † Evelyn Bretana, by Family

### Saturday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 † Louise Walski, by Willie & George Durante

### Sunday, August 11 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Connie Fiasche, by Cheryl Hartnett  
 9:00 AM † Wayne Leckey, by Children  
 10:45 AM † Alejandro Caceres, Family  
 12:30 PM † Joan Vrchota, by Mary Houdek  
 5:30 PM † Amy 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  
 Marilyn Reich  
 Michael Dandan

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

*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. Timothy Nilles            | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mary & Don                | 12. Richard Cimbor         |
| 5. Parents Eternal Rest      | 13. Robin T. Pazos         |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra          | 14. Robin Pazos            |
| 7. Helen O'Brien             | 15. Jim Hartnett           |
| 8. Florence & Joseph Kubicki | 16. The Homeless           |

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

## We remember in prayer those in service to our country

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/Cpl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines  
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army  
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine  
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy



**"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa**



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

El verano se está desvaneciendo rápidamente, ya está aquí agosto, y los pensamientos comienzan a dirigirse al comienzo de la escuela. Estoy fuera este fin de semana visitando a mi sobrino y su esposa y mi sobrino nieto y sobrina nieta en San Antonio, Texas. ¡Fui allí para refrescarme!

¡ja ja! El pastor de la parroquia a la que pertenece mi sobrino estuvo en el seminario conmigo, por lo que también será agradable verlo. Él está envejeciendo y ha tenido recientemente algunos problemas de salud. Ah, ese proceso de envejecimiento no siempre es muy amable.

Una versión moderna del Evangelio de hoy sobre el hombre que construye graneros más grandes para almacenar todo su tesoro sería la proliferación en los últimos 20-30 años de la disponibilidad de unidades de almacenamiento para alquilar. Ahora reconocido, esos compartimientos de almacenamiento que ves en los patios delanteros tienen sentido cuando estás remodelando tu casa. Pero me parece que si ya no tienes espacio para todas tus cosas, y tienes que alquilar una unidad de almacenamiento, ¡¡entonces tienes demasiadas cosas!! Este Evangelio nos desafía a examinar qué es lo más importante en nuestras vidas... lo que le importa a Dios o lo que realmente nos importa a nosotros. ¿A qué nos aferramos y no queremos dejar de lado? Entonces, ¿qué es exactamente lo que le importa a Dios? La segunda lectura nos da una idea. Se nos dice que busquemos lo que está arriba, que nos pongamos en nuestro nuevo ser y dejemos de mentirnos unos a otros. Consejo práctico. Pero quizás es la respuesta del salmo la que lo dice mejor: *"Si hoy escuchan su voz, no endurezcan sus corazones!"* Por naturaleza, aferrándonos, manteniendo algo a salvo, eso no es de Dios, nos cerramos. Cuando nuestros puños se aprietan, nuestra respiración se acorta y nuestros corazones se endurecen. Tal vez no sea lo que tenemos, sino cómo lo agarramos lo que causa el mayor mal espiritual. Así como hay síntomas físicos particulares que indican condiciones tales como el endurecimiento de las arterias, también hay síntomas discernibles de un corazón endurecido espiritualmente. El hombre rico en el Evangelio es un ejemplo típico para esta condición. Primero, se enfoca en lo que físicamente puede aferrarse. A continuación, está contando con la riqueza material para poder descansar, alimentarse y ser feliz. Lamentablemente, él cree que él es el que tiene el control. ¿Qué pasa con nosotros? En su libro *"Con las Manos Abiertas"*, Henri Nouwen nos enseña a orar: *¡Dios mío, tengo tanto miedo de abrir mis puños cerrados! ¿Quién seré cuando no tenga nada a que aferrarme? ¿Quién seré cuando esté frente a ti con las manos vacías? Por favor, ayúdame a abrir mis manos gradualmente y descubrir que no soy lo que tengo, sino lo que quieres darme. Y lo que quieres darme es amor, amor incondicional y eterno. ¡¡AMÉN!!*

¡Que tengan un bendecido verano!

*Padre Don*

## Clases de Inglés Gratis

REGISTRACIÓN  
19 o 20 de Agosto  
9:00 - 10:00am  
POR FAVOR VENGA A:  
New England  
Congregational Church  
406 W Galena Blvd.  
Aurora, IL 60506

## Clases Comienzan el 4 de Septiembre!

Clases de inglés gratis para adultos. Aprenda inglés para su vida y para el trabajo. ¡Y hacer nuevos amigos!

Programa pre-escolar disponible durante el tiempo de clase para niños de 3 meses a 6 años de edad.

Clases son lunes, martes, miércoles, y jueves, de 9:30-11:30 de la mañana.

Registración puede durar 2 horas. Si tiene preguntas, llame a (630) 534-0529 para hablar con Katie.

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 11:4b-15; Sal 81 (80): 12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
Martes: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Lc 9:28b-36  
Miércoles: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
Jueves: Nm 20:1-13; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
Viernes: Dt 4:32-40; Sal 77 (76):12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
Sábado: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
Domingo: Sab 18:6-9; Sal 33 (32):1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lc 12:32-48 [35-40]

### USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
 Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,  
 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).



### 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





**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.**



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**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**EDGE CLASSES**

REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER PACKETS ARE @ THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE  
OR DOWNLOAD @ [WWW.OLMERCY.COM](http://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 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EDGE leaders for our upcoming year. **Our 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:candyr@olmercy.com)

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

**L.I.G.H.T. Information Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

### Open HEARTS Ministry

Mental and emotional health and wellness is essential to overall health and well-being. It is important to pay attention to both physical health and mental health since much of what we do physically impacts us mentally. A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset of worsening mental health conditions, as well as chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes and obesity. It can also help people recover from these conditions.

Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy but can be achieved by gradually making small changes and building on those successes. Finding the balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, physical health and mental/emotional health helps to achieve overall wellness. *Mental Health America*, the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and to promoting overall wellness suggests that humor, spirituality, recreation, animal companionship and work-life balance are important for everyone, but may be of special importance to people also living with chronic health conditions and those who care for them.

The **Open HEARTS Ministry** at Our Lady of Mercy is a ministry that focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness offering support, resources and hope. Through education and programs, the ministry strives to raise awareness about and decrease the stigma of mental and emotional health challenges and illness. The ministry is planning a suicide awareness program on September 7 from 9am to noon at the parish. Please save the date if you would like to attend. More details will be in the bulletin soon. The next **Open HEARTS Ministry meeting** is Monday August 19 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center Room 119. If you would like to join the ministry, please come to the meeting. If you have questions about the ministry or wonder if the ministry could be of support to you, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

### Pastoral Care Needs

As you journey in life, you experience times that may need a caring presence, a listening ear, guidance in navigating the health care system, prayer support or comfort after the loss of a loved one. While you are in the hospital, you may wish to have a visit from clergy or a pastoral care minister. After being discharged from the hospital, you may not be able to come to church but would like to receive Communion. Before surgery, you may wish to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The pastoral care ministries at the parish reach out and support all aspects of health – spiritual, physical, emotional and mental. If you would like to make connection with pastoral care, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.

**AUGUST 24 - 25, 2019**

**AFTER ALL MASSES**



The Knights of Columbus Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, August 10, 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). 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.**

*Investigate opportunities  
for service*







**Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish for participating in this year's Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of July 18, 2019, the parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy have raised \$5,207.90!**

Your support ensures that we can provide the material and emotional support necessary for men and women to choose life for their babies. Sometimes, just the simple fact that our doors are open and a woman visits us, rather than an abortion provider, is the difference between life and death. We greatly appreciate your support, and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers.

For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at [www.onechoiceonelife.org](http://www.onechoiceonelife.org).



# MASS FOR LIFE

**AUGUST 31 | 9AM MASS | 10AM ROSARY PROCESSION & SPEAKER**

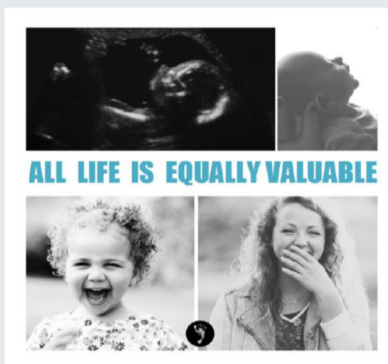
**MASS CELEBRANT**

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon  
 Bishop of Joliet Diocese

**SPEAKER**

Nancy Kreuzer  
 Chicago Regional Coordinator  
 Silent No More Awareness

After Mass, join us in a Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood (1.4 miles). Listen to Nancy Kreuzer share her personal story about the loss and grief of abortion, and how the love and mercy of God healed and transformed her life.



Free bus to/from Planned Parenthood for those unable to walk in the procession

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**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Katherine Woltering  
 40 Days for Life Aurora  
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 312-810-0603

**UPCOMING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE AURORA EVENTS!**

<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Kick-Off Rally (morning)</b>
<b>Sept 25 – Nov 3</b>	<b>40 Days for Life Campaign</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Youth Rally (time TBD)</b>



## *Parish Sacrificial Giving*

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 07/21/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	101,428
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	96,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,428</b>
07/21/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	33,243
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,243</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



**Please Pray for the Success of the CMAA.** A big thank you to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please continue to fulfill your pledges, as we are counting on your commitment.

If you have not yet made a gift, please remember that every contribution, big or small, is welcome and appreciated! If we all participate, we can meet our parish goal of \$133,400. To date, we are at \$110,963. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

If you have not made a gift yet, please consider doing so. Checks can be made to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and mailed to: Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, Diocese of Joliet, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403. You can also make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org), or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

Your support will help provide *Signs of Hope* to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

## GEMS



## HELLO GEMS MEMBERS:

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

**Please pray for our sick GEMS members.**



The legacy of a Catholic education is more than the knowledge imparted to students; it is the **development of a deep and abiding sense of faith**, recognition of the **value of moral character**, and the inspiration for a **life-long journey of learning**.

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Joliet have a long tradition of promoting excellence in academics, encouraging spiritual growth, and assisting in the formation of students in **mind, heart and spirit**.

The new school year starts on August 21, and it is **not too late** for your student to register for pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Find out more at [ascademy.org](http://ascademy.org); or call (630) 961-6125.

**Let the journey begin!**

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Weekend Masses  
August 10 & 11**

**Father Mark will be preaching at all Masses.**

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

**ADVERSITY**

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant. —Horace

**8th GRADE DAY August 7, 2019**

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY

**REGISTER at**  
[www.sfhscollgeprep.org/8thgradeday](http://www.sfhscollgeprep.org/8thgradeday)

**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

**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.sfhscollgeprep.org](http://www.sfhscollgeprep.org) 630.668.5800

**LEARN. LEAD. TRANSFORM. SUCCEED**

**Parish Activities for the Week**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 4</b>	
9:00-12:00p	VBS Set-up	PLC
10:00-12:00p	Light Team Mtg	Rm 211 & 214
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 5</b>	
9:00-12:00p	Vacation Bible School	PLC
1:00-5:00p	Loving Hands Summer Project	Ministry Rm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 6</b>	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-12:00p	Vacation Bible School	PLC
1:00-5:00p	Loving Hands Summer Project	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:30-5:30p	PADS Drop-Off	Narthex
7:00-9:00p	Bible Study—The Mass	MPR
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 7</b>	
9:00-12:00p	Vacation Bible School	PLC
7:00-8:00p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 8</b>	
9:00-12:00p	Vacation Bible School	PLC
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 9</b>	
9:00-12:00p	Vacation Bible School	PLC
6:30-8:30p	Simbang Gabi Mtg	Rm 214
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 10</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-12:00p	K of C Blood Drive	Rm 114
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
6:30-9:00p	Teen Alpha Trng	MPR
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 11</b>	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



The Diocese of Joliet together with Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elmhurst, is seeking to fill a combined College Campus and Parish Youth Ministry position that provides ministry to students at Elmhurst

College and to youth at Immaculate Conception parish. This collaborative position requires a passion for ministry, a commitment to sharing the Gospel message with young people, a heart for evangelization, service and missionary activities and a spirit of enthusiasm, energy and joy. The successful candidate must be committed to develop and coordinate dynamic and age appropriate programming that is in alignment with current professional standards in ministry as well as parish goals, vision of the pastor/parish community and diocesan policies.

A Bachelor's Degree in Theology or related field is preferred, with at least two years of campus or parish ministry experience. Candidate must be able to collaborate well with staff and exhibit strong communication skills. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and have a thorough knowledge of and belief in Catholic teachings. Flexibility to work some evenings and week-ends (including Sunday evening liturgy) is required. This is a part time (29 hours), non-benefited, exempt position. To view a full job description, visit:

<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Interested candidates meeting the necessary qualifications please submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

**HOSPITALIZATION:** If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

**HOSPITALITY:** "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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



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