



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 25, 2019 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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Deacon Tony Martini
Deacon Mike Plese
Deacon Phil Rehmer
Deacon Art Tionsgon
Deacon Bob Vavra

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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm
Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

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

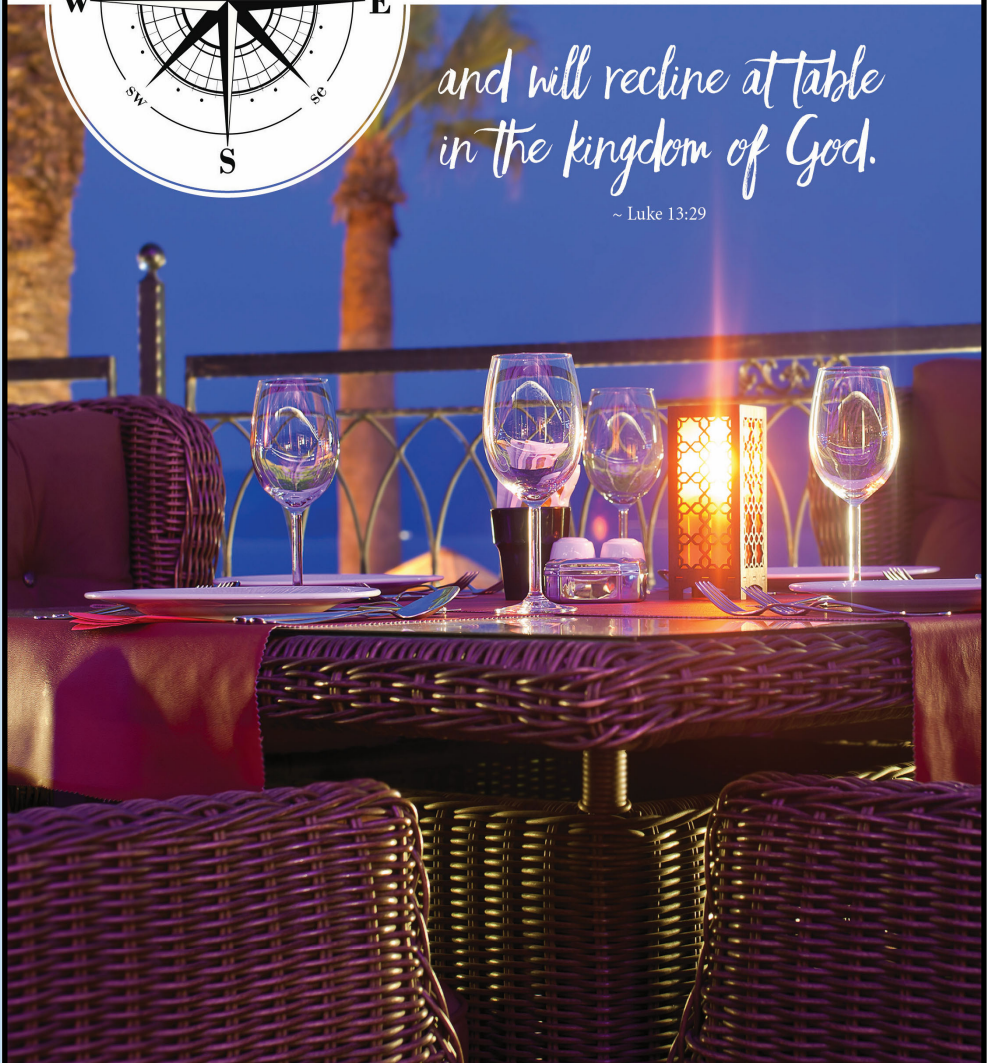
Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm



People will come from the east
and the west and from the north and the south

*and will recline at table
in the kingdom of God.*

~ Luke 13:29





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

144,000 that's it! According to the Book of Revelation that we heard from today, only 144,000 people will merit salvation – that's if you take the Book of Revelation literally. Several years ago I visited a parishioner at a former parish who was on their deathbed. Since childhood he believed, and still believed on his deathbed that only 144,000 were going to make it to heaven. "I'm not one of them" he told me. Having made peace with his flawed self a long time ago, he said "it doesn't matter what I do." He felt more comfortable in the doomed sinner category. Let the 144,000 have their reserved bleached white celestial garments! He will make do with whatever awaits the rest of us. At times I've jokingly said that it doesn't matter where I go...I'll know people in both places! But the belief that only 144,000 will make it need corrected. Revelation doesn't say 144,000 merit saving. It says uncountable multitudes do, underscoring this assessment with a number signifying completeness. Twelve represents all Israel, and also the 12 apostles or the ingathered New Israel of the church. Twelve times 12 is 144, which has a superlative effect in numerology. Think of the three zeros like ellipsis dots...as if to say this number goes on and on. Far from a limiting tally, the 144,000 predicts a vast ocean of rescued souls. In the Gospel today, Jesus seems to be narrowing the gene pool of the saved by the teaching that the gate is narrow. But rather, he is saying divine rescue comes more easily to the outsider (presumed damned) than to the insider (presumed saved.) This is Gospel good news!!

I would like to inform you about a few projects that have been happening this summer. We are in the process of making our grounds on the west side of the church a more park like setting for your enjoyment. Through the generous donation of the Savoie family, outdoors stations of the cross have been installed on the west wall of the church building, and a pathway is being installed by the Boy Scouts. This is all in memory of Timothy Savoie. A dedication ceremony will take place on September 8th. Well also plan to add benches. The Boy Scouts are also installing a permanent fire pit for use by our various youth ministry programs and parish organizations. A picnic table and outdoor furniture have been added outside of room 114. An outdoor conversation area has been added on the patio outside the west doors and we plan a pergola over it. We are also in the process of installing energy efficient and long lasting LED lighting in the church. Profits from this year's MercyFest will be directed toward LED lighting in the gym. The next project I am looking at is a new sign for the outside of church. Thanks for your generosity that makes all this possible!

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Karen Huddleston, by Laurie (Meisch) Paulson
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, August 27 - St. Monica

8:00 AM Int. Katelyn Merrily, by Grandparents

Wednesday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop/Dr. of Church

8:00 AM † Carmen Tan, by Family
Int. George & Willie Durante

Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM † Suzan Zbell, by Rowena Mahaney
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, August 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Valsamma Abraham

Saturday, August 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Pro Life Mass
12:00 PM Wedding - Martini/Mennenga
3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Vigil - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Int. Bistrain Family, by Rosario Zuniga

Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Melva Purnell, by John Salentine
9:00 AM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
10:45 AM † Estela & Alfonso Ramirez, Sr., by Bonnie Ramirez
12:30 PM † Ronald Guido Caprini, by Dina Giordano
5:30 PM Int. Joel & Suzanne Acierto, by Simbang Gabi

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Msgr. Tom Powers |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Earl Gurnack |
| 5. First Responders | 13. Teachers & Students |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Vocations | 16. The Mentally Ill |

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

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
George Scowins
Mary Ellen Reiter
Hailey Hartnett

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.



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

144,000 eso es todo! Según el Libro del Apocalipsis que escuchamos hoy, solo 144,000 personas merecerán la salvación, eso es si tomas el Libro del Apocalipsis literalmente. Hace varios años visité a un feligrés de una anterior parroquia quien estaba en su lecho de muerte. Desde pequeño creyó, y aún creía en su lecho de muerte, que solo 144,000 iban a llegar al cielo. "No soy uno de ellos", me dijo. Habiendo hecho las paces con su ser imperfecto hace mucho tiempo, dijo "no importa lo que yo haga". Se sintió más cómodo en la categoría de pecador condenado. ¡Deje que los 144,000 tengan reservadas sus vestimentas celestiales emblanquecidas! El se conformará con lo que nos espera al resto de nosotros. A veces he dicho en broma que no importa a dónde vaya... ¡Conoceré personas en ambos lugares! Pero la creencia de que solo 144,000 llegarán necesita ser corregida. El Apocalipsis no dice que 144,000 lo merecen. Dice que innumerables multitudes lo hacen, lo que subraya esta evaluación con un número que significa la totalidad. Doce representa a todo Israel, y también a los 12 apóstoles o al Nuevo Israel reunido de la iglesia. Doce veces 12 es 144, lo que tiene un efecto superlativo en la numerología. Piensen en los tres ceros como puntos de los puntos suspensivos... como decir que este número sigue y sigue. Lejos de ser un conteo limitante, los 144,000 predice un vasto océano de almas rescatadas. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús parece estar reduciendo el acervo genético de los salvados por la enseñanza de que la puerta es angosta. Pero más bien, él está diciendo que el rescate divino es más fácil para la persona de afuera (presunto condenado) que para la de adentro (presunto salvado). ¡Estas son buenas noticias del Evangelio!

Me gustaría informarles sobre algunos proyectos que han estado sucediendo este verano. Estamos en el proceso de hacer de nuestros terrenos en el lado oeste de la iglesia un lugar más parecido a un parque para su disfrute. A través de la generosa donación de la familia Savoie, se han instalado las estaciones de la cruz al aire libre en la pared oeste del edificio de la iglesia, y los Boy Scouts están instalando un camino. Todo esto es en memoria de Timothy Savoie. Una ceremonia de dedicación tendrá lugar el 8 de septiembre. Bueno, también se planea agregar bancas. Los Boy Scouts también están instalando un lugar para fogata permanente para que lo utilicen nuestros diversos programas de ministerio juvenil y organizaciones de la parroquia. Se ha agregado una mesa de picnic y muebles de exterior afuera del cuarto 114. Se ha agregado un área de conversación al aire libre en el patio afuera de las puertas del oeste y planeamos una pérgola sobre esta. También estamos en el proceso de instalar iluminación LED eficiente y duradera en la iglesia. Las ganancias del MercyFest de este año se destinarán a la iluminación LED en el gimnasio. El próximo proyecto que estoy viendo es un nuevo letrero para el exterior de la iglesia. ¡Gracias por su generosidad que hace todo esto posible!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Don

Invitamos Mujeres Para Las Clases de Inglés

The Dominican Literacy Center en Aurora esta registrando mujeres que quieran aprender a leer, escribir y hablar Inglés. Cada persona se le dará instrucciones individuales desde septiembre hasta mayo por un costo de \$25.00 por año. Por favor llame ahora al 630-898-4636 para obtener información. Los clases empiezan septiembre 5.

Clases de Ciudadania

Clases de Ciudadania empiezan el nueve de septiembre en el Centro Parroquial de la Iglesia Santa Maria en el 432 E. Downer Place Aurora, IL. Las clases te ayudaran a prepararte para pasar tu examen de ciudadanía y la entrevista. Las clases son los Lunes y Miercoles por las noches de 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. y los Martes y Jueves por las mañanas de 9:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. La clase es gratis. Una donacion de \$10.00 es requerida por los materiales.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149 (148):1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Martes: 1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Miércoles: 1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Jueves: 1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 71 (70):1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mc 6:17-291
- Viernes: 1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Sábado: 1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Domingo: Eclo 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68 (67):4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lc 14:1, 7-14

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).



**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



How can we have faith?

God wants us to be sure of our relationship with Him. How can we know that? How can we know that we are a Christian? How can we know that we have eternal life? Can we trust in the promises of the Father? To discover answers to these questions...

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 with any inquiries





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(Grades K-5)**

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



**BE AN
AMAZING
CATECHIST**

**Experience how to offer
children incredible en-
counters of Jesus'
presence AND MAKE
DISCIPLES ONE CHILD
AT A TIME!**

**Attend one of the two
initial catechist
orientation gatherings
in our MPR!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

-OR-

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Contact Mary Jo Trapani today!

maryjot@olmercy.com 331-707-5378

A Teen's Perspective on the Mission Trip

After going on my fifth Mission Trip (and counting), I can say that I have gained a lot of experience through leading and participating in them. However, one thing that varies from year to year is the growth in my faith life. Mission Trip gives me a new perspective of the world which I see through interactions within our youth group as well as the God sightings which are shared each evening during program. Each Mission Trip makes me look at a different aspect of my faith and God uses that to strengthen my relationship with Him throughout the week.

I have grown a tremendous amount in my faith for multiple reasons. On Mission Trip, I do not know what kind of project I will have or who will be on my crew. God connects with me through the people I meet on my crew as well as the resident I work for that week, enabling me to live out the Gospel and make a difference in someone's life. During Mission Trip, Christ works miracles through the work that we do for others, demonstrating that He is always present in our lives and He will help us grow in our faith relationship with Him.

By Jared Beltz

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@olmercy.com.

Upcoming EDGE Leader Dates for Training

There are two evenings for training this year to choose from: **Thursday, Sept.5th at 7/9 PM or Mon. Sept. 9th at 7/9 PM.** We will have your binders ready those evenings for pick up. Please make sure to attend one of these sessions. **First night of EDGE is, Mon. Sept.23rd at 6:30/8 PM.**

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

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Open HEARTS Ministry

The Open HEARTS Ministry is a ministry focusing on mental and emotional health and wellness. *Suicide Prevention Week* is September 8-14. A suicide alertness training (safeTALK) will be presented at Our Lady of Mercy through the efforts of the Open HEARTS Ministry. The Illinois Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is providing the training on Saturday September 7 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Parish Life Center in Room 114. Participants of safeTALK will learn: to notice and respond to situations where suicide thoughts might be present; recognize that invitations for help are often overlooked; move beyond the common tendency to miss, dismiss and avoid suicide; apply the TALK steps and know community resources and how to connect someone with thoughts of suicide to them for further help. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

The next Open HEARTS Ministry meeting is Monday September 16 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center in Room 119. If you would like to join the ministry or find out about the ministry, please come to the meeting.

St. Peregrine Ministry

The St. Peregrine Ministry accompanies caregivers and those living with serious illness, especially cancer and chronic illnesses and provides prayer support, resources, education and a sacred space for sharing. If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving cards of prayer and support or receiving a spiritual care basket, please contact the parish office at 630-851-3444, extension 403.



If you would benefit from pastoral care for grief support, having Communion brought to the home due to being homebound, for mental and emotional health support or resources, being visited while in the hospital or for assistance navigating the health care system or management of health issues, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Join us Friday, September 6, 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

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Please join Saints Peter and Paul Church and the Fishers of Men for an Authentic Catholic Man Evening on Thursday, August 29th from 6:00-9:00pm in the Ministry Center.

Fr. Richard Simon, "Father-Know-It-All" of Relevant Radio, will be presenting a Men's Sacrament-based, Micro Retreat.

All men are welcome. A free will offering is all that is requested. We hope you can join us as Fr. Simon explains how to get where you ultimately want to be - Heaven!

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Presents....

MercyFest Cash Raffle

Grand prize
\$10,000

Second prize
\$5,000

3rd Prize: \$2,500

4th Prize: \$1,000

New:

Receive 1 **FREE** ticket for every 5 purchased. Pick up a 5 pack and sell to family, friends and neighbors and return the pack with all 5 tickets sold and receive 1 **FREE** ticket for the Big Raffle

Prizes are based on selling 1,000 tickets

All prizes will be prorated (plus or minus) based on the actual number of tickets sold

Early Bird drawing dates are 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 & 10/6 at 7 pm

Any ticket drawn for an Early Bird award will be immediately re-entered for all subsequent drawings (Early Bird and Big Raffle)

Grand Prize and 2nd--4th prizes will be drawn on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in the PLC at 7 pm

*Prizes will be prorated based on the number of tickets sold.

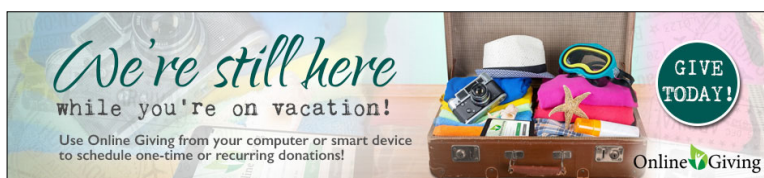
WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 08/11/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	193,290
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	192,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	1,290
08/11/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,485
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,515)

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	\$	158,144
Amount Paid	\$	118,630
Remaining Balance	\$	39,515
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		597

GEMS

TO ALL OLM PARISHONERS WHO ARE AGE 50 OR OVER, COME SEE WHAT GEMS IS ALL ABOUT...

Our next GEMS meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at noon in the PLC. Our theme will be "BACK TO SCHOOL" and, as such, we'll be offering several sandwich choices you'd find in a school "brown bag lunch". Desserts, as always, will be very welcome.

As our meeting date coincides with the 18th anniversary of the "9/11" terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the loss of United flight 93 at Shanksville, PA we'll be observing the occasion with the solemnity the occasion deserves.

This is the time of the year that we begin collecting GEMS dues (\$20 per person under age 80).

A mass for GEMS members will be said on Wednesday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.



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Filipino Street Food Fair

Tukneng Siopao Puto Bumbong Barbecue Egg Rolls

at marmion academy

A fundraising event to benefit the
20th Anniversary of Simbang Gabi at OLM

Sunday, September 1st
9AM-2PM @ the PLC
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
701 S Bala Rd, Aurora, IL

For inquiries, contact:
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(309) 618-7071

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

August 31 & September 1

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

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	August 25	
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality/Qrtly Ministry Fair	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Meeting	Room 114
6:30-8:00p	Teen Bonfire	Grounds
MONDAY	August 26	
6:00-8:00p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	MPR
TUESDAY	August 27	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
10:00-3:00p	Loving Hands Summer Project	Ministry Rm
7:00-8:00p	Light Information Mtg	Church
7:00-9:00p	Bible Study—The Mass	MPR
7:30-9:00p	K of C General Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	August 28	
7:00-8:00p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:00-9:30p	CRHP Continuation Committee	Rm 114
THURSDAY	August 29	
	No Activities	
FRIDAY	August 30	
10:00-3:00p	Loving Hands Summer Project	Ministry Rm
5:30-6:30p	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
6:30-8:30p	Legions of Mary	Rm 110
SATURDAY	August 31	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
SUNDAY	September 1	
9:00-2:00p	Filipino Street Food Fair	MPR

"Go Cadets Night" at Marmion Academy

All 5th-8th grade boys are invited to Marmion Academy's home football game on Friday, August 30, 2019. The game will take place on Fichtel Field, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, with the sophomore game beginning at 5:00 PM and varsity at 7:30 PM. FREE admission, hot dog, chips and drink for every 5th-8th grade boy who pre-registers online at marmion.org/games <<http://marmion.org/games>> . Come cheer on the Marmion Cadets as they take on the Maine East Blue Demons! For additional information, please contact Dan Heckle at 630-897-6936 or dheckle@marmion.org <<mailto:dheckle@marmion.org>> .



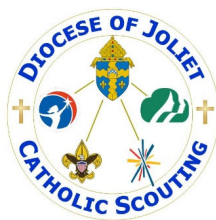
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Is your child a member of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, or Girl Scouts of the USA? If so, they may be eligible to earn a Catholic religious recognition!

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) invites and encourages all Catholic scouts to

consider earning a Catholic religious recognition in their respective Scouting program. It's a great way to grow in faith while living out 'duty to God' as a Scout. There are programs available to Scouts from Kindergarten through high school.

All information about the classes that are forming and opportunities for each Scouting organization can be found at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting. Note that many of the recognitions only need a parent's help and can be started at any time! Please also keep in touch by joining our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/jdccc

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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