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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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET,
INVITE THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED,
THE LAME, THE BLIND.
LUKE 14:13



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

Today's gospel speaks a lot about being of humble service. Of course all those who minister in the Church, whether ordained or lay persons are called to be of humble service. One of those ordained ministries is that of the permanent diaconate. We currently have three men from our parish studying to be ordained permanent deacons.

Doug McIlvaine and Rodney "Bugsy" Sindac have successfully completed the Diaconate Aspirancy Year and will be admitted as candidates for the permanent diaconate at a Mass celebrated on Friday, September 6th at St. Ann Parish in Channahon. We congratulate Doug and "Bugsy", their wives and families on this step toward ordination. Upon completing their studies and with approval of the bishop, they will be ordained permanent deacons in 2022. Our other candidate for the diaconate, Dr. Tony Leazzo, will receive the ministry of Acolyte at a Mass on October 4th at St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. Congratulations to Tony and his family. Upon completion of his studies and with the approval of the bishop, Tony will be ordained a permanent deacon on August 22, 2020. Information about becoming a permanent deacon is on the Diocese of Joliet website – www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Church. There are three groups, or "orders" of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters (priests), and deacons. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, presbyters and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As minister of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but HOW a deacon is, that is most important.

I conclude with a word of thanks to our current permanent deacons and their wives for their ministry at OLM. Deacon Bob Vavra (now retired), Deacon Tim Kueper, Deacon Art Tiongson, Deacon Phil Rehmer, Deacon Tony Martini, and Deacon Michael Plese have served our parish well! Let us pray for our deacons and deacon candidates.

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

9:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

Tuesday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope

8:00 AM Int. Diane & Greg Abbott, by Mary Houdek

Wednesday, September 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Jimmy, Uy, by Family

Thursday, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM † Joseph Saraceni, by Luchie Saraceni

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, September 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Frances Zehnal, by Family

Saturday, September 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in Rm 124

12:00 PM Baptism

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Vigil - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† Allan Harris, by Family

Int. of the Bistrain Family, by Rosario Zuniga

Sunday, September 8

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Samantha Campion, by Clare Foy

9:00 AM † Norma Knecht, by Mike & Lori Coit

10:45 AM † People of Our Lady of Mercy

† Edgar Titular, by Lady Titular & Lily Viray

12:30 PM † John Gorman, by the Allen Family

5:30 PM † Rosemary Casey, by Laurie Schwab

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. Louise Touvell |
| 5. Ben Orig | 13. OLM Clergy |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Special Intention - PBG | 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/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

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.

The next
**Charismatic Healing
 Prayer Service**
 will be
**Saturday, September 7
 at 6:30 pm.**



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

El evangelio de hoy habla mucho de ser de servicio humilde. Por supuesto, todos los que se ocupan en la Iglesia, ya sean ordenados o laicos, están llamados a ser de servicio humilde. Uno de esos ministerios ordenados es el del diaconado permanente. Actualmente tenemos tres hombres de nuestra parroquia que estudian para ser ordenados diáconos permanentes. Doug McIlvaine y Rodney "Bugsy" Sindac han completado con éxito el Año de Aspiración del Diaconado y serán admitidos como candidatos para el diaconado permanente en una Misa celebrada el viernes 6 de septiembre en la parroquia de St. Ann en Channahon. Felicitamos a Doug y "Bugsy", sus esposas y familias por este paso hacia la ordenación. Al completar sus estudios y con la aprobación del obispo, serán ordenados diáconos permanentes en el 2022. Nuestro otro candidato para el diaconado, el Dr. Tony Leazzo, recibirá el ministerio de Acólito en una Misa el 4 de octubre en St. Mary Immaculate en Plainfield Felicitaciones a Tony y su familia. Al finalizar sus estudios y con la aprobación del obispo, Tony será ordenado diácono permanente el 22 de agosto del 2020. La información sobre cómo convertirse en diácono permanente se encuentra en el sitio web de la Diócesis de Joliet: www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Un diácono es un ministro ordenado de la Iglesia. Hay tres grupos u "órdenes" de ministros ordenados en la Iglesia: obispos, presbíteros (sacerdotes) y diáconos. Todos los ministros ordenados en la Iglesia están llamados a funciones de Palabra, Sacramento y Caridad, pero los obispos, presbíteros y diáconos ejercen estas funciones de varias maneras. Como ministros de la Palabra, los diáconos proclaman el Evangelio, predicán y enseñan en nombre de la Iglesia. Como ministros del Sacramento, los diáconos bautizan, guían a los fieles en oración, presencian matrimonios y realizan servicios de velorio y funeral. Como ministros de la Caridad, los diáconos son líderes en la identificación de las necesidades de los demás, y luego organizan los recursos de la Iglesia para satisfacer esas necesidades. Los diáconos también se dedican a eliminar las injusticias o inequidades que causan tales necesidades. Pero no importa qué funciones específicas realice un diácono, fluyen de su identidad sacramental. En otras palabras, lo más importante no es solo QUE hace un diácono, sino CÓMO es un diácono.

Concluyo con una palabra de agradecimiento a nuestros actuales diáconos permanentes y sus esposas por su ministerio en OLM. El diácono Bob Vavra (ahora jubilado), el diácono Tim Kueper, el diácono Art Tiongson, el diácono Phil Rehmer, el diácono Tony Martini y el diácono Michael Plese ¡han servido bien a la parroquia! Oremos por nuestros diáconos y candidatos a diáconos.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Ron

Clases de Ciudadanía

Clases de Ciudadanía empiezan el nueve de septiembre en el Centro Parroquial de la Iglesia Santa María en el 432 E. Downer Place Aurora, IL. Las clases te ayudarán a prepararte para pasar tu examen de ciudadanía y la entrevista. Las clases son los Lunes y Miércoles 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 donación de \$10.00 es requerida por los materiales.

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.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 4:13-18; Sal 96 (95): 1, 3-5, 11-13; Lc 4:16-30
 Martes: 1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Sal 27 (26) 1, 4, 13-14; Lc 4:31-37
 Miércoles: Col 1:1-8; Sal 52 (51):10-11; Lc 4:38-44
 Jueves: Col 1:9-14; Sal 98 (97):2-6; Lc 5:1-11
 Viernes: Col 1:15-20; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 5:33-39
 Sábado: Col 1:21-23; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 6, 8; Lc 6:1-5
 Domingo: Sab 9:13-18b; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-17; Flm 9-10, 12-17; Lc 14:25-33

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Women In Faith

Begins Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 AM

Join other women from Our Lady of Mercy Parish to help bridge the gap between our Catholic Faith and everyday life. Our study for the fall session will be "Getting to Know Jesus; Mark" by Kevin Perrotta En Español "Marcos: Conociendo a Jesús" by Carlos Junco Garza.

These books can be purchased from any online retailer like Amazon.com, ThriftBooks.com or christianbook.com.

The Women In Faith group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 AM in room 114. The dates for the fall session are September 11 & 25; October 2,16,30; November 13 & 20 and Dec 4.

For more information, contact Kim Cancio at 847-987-2319 or olmwomeninfaith@gmail.com



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



Why & how do I pray?

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

BE AN AMAZING CATECHIST

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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

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry for High School Teens!

1) Guidebooks for the 2019-2020 year are now available online or in the lobby wall display. Information on all we offer high school teens is included as well as details/registration information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

2) All parents of high school teens are strongly encouraged to attend our **L.I.G.H.T. Information Meeting** on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Come learn more about the program for teens, including Teen Alpha, Basics of our Faith Mini-Courses, the Sacrament of Confirmation and all that is offered for high school teens!

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.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Kick Off & Parent Meeting

EDGE begins on **Monday, Sept. 23rd at 6:30 & ends at 8 PM.** John Lamperis will be our presenter for a fun filled night for our Jr. High teens.

At **7 PM** all **EDGE** parents will be needed to gather in church for a parent meeting that will last until 8 PM when your teen finishes EDGE. Calendars as well as important information for the year will be handed out. You will also be given the opportunity to sign up for different events during the year to help support your Jr. High teen.

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.**

Interesting in Cub Scouting?

Cub Scout Pack 123 is now out of Our Lady of Mercy! We would love for new scouts to join us. Cub Scouts is for grades K-5. This year's agenda includes camping, hiking, volunteering, the Pinewood Derby, and lots of other fun indoor and outdoor events! Please call or text Casi at (630) 987-9900 or e-mail

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for more information.



OLM is looking for NFP (Natural Family Planning) instructors. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you and your spouse to help other couples from the parish learn the beauty of the Church's teaching in practicing NFP. If interested please contact our Director of Pastoral care, Jolene LeRoy at jolenel@olmercy.com



Come join the OLM Mixed Trio Bowling League

The OLM Mixed Trio League bowls every Wednesday night at 8pm at Parkside Lanes beginning Wednesday September 4th, 2019 thru Wednesday April 15th, 2020. Fees will be 20 dollars a week this year. We have spots available for teams of three, singles and substitutes for the upcoming season.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join the league please call Don Minnick at 630-518-7824 or email him at mapman17@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

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

Ticket Prices

(at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$5.00

Children: \$3.00 (10 and under)

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

Sunday, September 1st
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Have Mercy on Our Soles 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash!



Saturday, October 12, 2019
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

About our Race

Join the Our Lady of Mercy Community for our annual 5K race during MercyFest weekend! Funds raised through MercyFest events like the 5K help maintain the Parish Life Center and support various programs for the community. This is a professionally chip timed race on a USATF certified course that starts at the MercyFest carnival site and runs through the beautiful Waubonsie Creek Trail.

Group Challenge!

Bring the whole family for a friendly competition with your neighbors! We offer discounted group pricing and will be giving medals to the teams with the fastest average times (min. of 3 runners).

*New this year...100 yard Kids Dash!

The Kids Dash is a non-competitive fun event for children 3-8 years old. All registered children will get a water bottle and finisher's medal.

Registration Fees

Individual Participants: \$25/runner (until 10/11). Discounted for groups of 3 or more (\$20/runner).

Awards

Plaques and a gift card will be awarded to the top male and female in the 5K.

Medals will be presented to the top three male and female 5k finishers in each age group.

Medals will be presented to the group with the fastest average time in each group size group.

Age Groups: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & Over

Register Online: <https://runsignup.com/havemercyonoursoles5k-signup>

Registration Deadlines:

Race Day Registration CLOSES AT 8am for Kids dash and 8:30am for 5k

All runners registered by 9/22 will receive a race shirt (after 9/22 only while supplies last)

Key Dates and Times:

Kids Dash: 8:30am & 5K: 9:00 AM on
Saturday, 10/12 (Rain or Shine!)

Post-Race Awards along with chill, beer &
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Race Contact: Email 5K committee at olm5k@yahoo.com

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Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 08/18/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	223,834
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	224,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	(166)
08/18/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	30,544
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	(1,456)

Thank you for your generosity!!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CLOTHING DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of September 21st and September 22nd for our Clothing Drive!!

The truck will leave at noon on Sunday.

We will accept.....

Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

Thanks for your generous donations!
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GEMS

YOU ARE INVITED!

All OLM parishoners 50 years and older, come join us September 11 and meet fellow GEMS members and share a luncheon meal. Give it a try.

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.



MercyFest Cash Raffle

Grand prize
\$10,000

Second prize
\$5,000

3rd Prize: \$2,500

4th Prize: \$1,000

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

*Prizes are based on ticket sales and prorated (plus or minus).

We are only looking for 2-3 hours of your time...

- **Electrician**
- **Graphic Artist**
- **Volunteers to make phone calls**
- **Volunteers to pick up donations at local businesses**
- **Website developer**

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We need over 400 volunteers to make our event successful.

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Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses September 7 & 8

Fr. Mark will be preaching at all Masses.

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

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	September 1	
9:00-2:00p	Filipino Street Food Fair	MPR
MONDAY	September 2	
	No Activities	
TUESDAY	September 3	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 109
4:30-5:30p	PADS Drop Off	Narthex
WEDNESDAY	September 4	
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Ministry Rm & Children's Chapel
THURSDAY	September 5	
10:00-11:00a	Mom's & Tots Crafts & Stories	Rm 124
6:30-9:30p	Protecting God's Children	MPR
7:00-9:00p	EDGE Leader Trng	Rm 217
FRIDAY	September 6	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:15-10:30a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
6:30-8:30p	Simbang Gabi Mtg	Rm 217
6:30-8:30p	Legions of Mary	Rm 202
7:00-9:00p	Bible Study—Mass	Church
SATURDAY	September 7	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-12:00p	Suicide Awareness Program	Rm 114
6:30-10:00p	Charismatic Prayer Service	Church/MPR
SUNDAY	September 8	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
7:30-1:00p	K of C Pancake Breakfast	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
5:00-9:30p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

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Protecting God's Children Workshops

Thursday, September 5th from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

This is for EVERY PARENT participating in one of the Sunday R.E. faith sessions and EVERY VOLUNTEER working with children who have never completed a workshop.

For questions contact:
Mary Jo Trapani, Director of Religious Education
331.707.5378 or maryjot@olmercy.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!...



NEXT HESD HOUSE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesd House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality.

The O.L.M. program for Hesd House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis. For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, ext. 232. Thank you!

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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