



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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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

September 8, 2019 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Anyone of you who does not renounce
all your possessions cannot be my disciple.*

~ Luke 14:33



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Numbers don't tell the whole story!! Inserted in today's bulletin is a copy of our annual stewardship and financial report. This report covers the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2018 and ended on June 30, 2019. But as I've said, numbers and statistics don't tell the whole story. The people's lives we have been able to touch and change through the ministries provided through your financial support in the Sunday collection, tell much more of the story!

ALPHA was first introduced in the fall of 2018. Since then, countless souls have grown in understanding and deepening their relationship with God – some for the first time. Today at Mass, you heard Rob Katzberg share his ALPHA experience with you. There are many other stories similar to his. Many have encounter Jesus in a life changing way. ALPHA has changed the way many understand and experience church and the importance of community. It is not uncommon that those who go through ALPHA develop a much more intentional prayer life and understanding of the Holy Spirit. People who have been away from the church and attend ALPHA have a new enthusiasm for the faith and knowing more about Jesus. Additionally, over 60 parishioners deepened their understanding of the Eucharist by participating in the Bishop Barron Bible Study series on the Eucharist.

Perhaps you saw the cover story in the Diocesan magazine of March 2019 on "Fit Shepherds" at OLM. Guys witnessed to how they have grown spiritually and have become better husbands and fathers. Because of what we are doing at OLM, several parishes have reached out to us for direction on starting a group at their parish.

The volunteers in our St. Vincent de Paul chapter give hope to individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet, not only by material support, but by personal engaging visits as well. I often get thank you notes from people who have been helped.

I've just mentioned a few ways in which some of our ministries have made a difference in people's lives. I could go on and on about how ALL our parish ministries touch people's lives, but you get the point. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure truly make a difference in making our parish one of intentional disciples!

The last two years, I talked at all the Masses, asking you to fill out a commitment card for your financial support. I am not doing that this year, but simply asking you to continue your level of support, and if possible, to increase your support if your means allow. God has been so good to us!

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 AM † Michael W. Hesselbach, Jr. by Grandparents
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Nick Camp, by Bob & Midge Holzworth

Wednesday, September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int. OLM Senior Gems

Thursday, September 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int. Agnes Schlobohm
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

8:00 AM † Anita Ortego, by Raul Preciado & Family
 2:00 PM Wedding - Matundan & Gabrielson

Saturday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial—Elizabeth Irefo
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † James W. Ray, by Helean M. Ray
 † James W. Ray, Jr.

Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Patrice Klosinski
 9:00 AM † Miles Small, by Family
 10:45 AM † Tim Savoie, by Family
 12:30 PM The People of OLM
 5:30 PM † Edward & Frances Szott, by Daughter

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. Happy BDay, Joan |
| 5. Ben & Imelda Orig | 13. Tristan Pazos |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. In Memory of Patricia K. | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Those without Faith | 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.



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

¡Los números no cuentan toda la historia! Se inserta en el boletín de hoy una copia de nuestro informe anual de administración y finanzas. Este informe cubre el año fiscal que comenzó el 1 de julio del 2018 y finalizó el 30 de junio del 2019.

Pero como he dicho, los números y las estadísticas no cuentan toda la historia. ¡Las vidas de las personas que hemos podido tocar y cambiar a través de los ministerios proporcionados con tu apoyo financiero en la colecta dominical, cuentan mucho más de la historia!

ALPHA se introdujo por primera vez en el otoño del 2018. Desde entonces, innumerables almas han crecido en la comprensión y profundización de su relación con Dios, algunas por primera vez. Hoy, en la Misa, escuchaste a Rob Katzberg compartir su experiencia de ALFA contigo. Hay muchas otras historias similares a la suya. Muchos se han encontrado con Jesús de una manera que cambia la vida. ALPHA ha cambiado la forma en que muchos entienden y experimentan la iglesia y la importancia de la comunidad. No es raro que quienes pasan por ALPHA desarrollen una vida de oración mucho más intencional y una comprensión del Espíritu Santo. Las personas que han estado fuera de la iglesia y asisten a ALPHA tienen un nuevo entusiasmo por la fe y por saber más acerca de Jesús. Más de 60 feligreses profundizaron su comprensión de la Eucaristía al participar en la serie de Estudios Bíblicos del Obispo Barron sobre la Eucaristía.

Tal vez viste la historia de la portada en la revista Diocesana de marzo del 2019 sobre "Fit Shepherds" en OLM. Los chicos fueron testigos de cómo han crecido espiritualmente y se han convertido en mejores esposos y padres. Debido a lo que estamos haciendo en OLM, varias parroquias nos han pedido instrucciones para comenzar un grupo en su parroquia.

Los voluntarios en nuestra sección de St. Vincent de Paul dan esperanza a las personas y familias que están luchando para llegar a fin de mes, no solo con apoyo material, sino también con visitas personales interesantes. A menudo recibo notas de agradecimiento de personas que han recibido ayuda.

Acabo de mencionar unas pocas formas en que algunos de nuestros ministerios han marcado la diferencia en la vida de las personas. Podría seguir y seguir acerca de cómo TODOS nuestros ministerios parroquiales tocan la vida de las personas, pero Uds. entienden el punto. ¡Tus dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro realmente hacen la diferencia al hacer de nuestra parroquia una de discípulos intencionales!

Los últimos dos años, hablé en todas las Misas, pidiéndoles que completen una tarjeta de compromiso para su apoyo financiero. No lo haré este año, sino simplemente pedirles que continúen con su nivel de apoyo y, si es posible, que aumenten su apoyo si sus recursos lo permiten. ¡Dios ha sido tan bueno con nosotros!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Ken

Clases de Ciudadanía

Clases de Ciudadanía 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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11
Martes: Col 2:6-15; Sal 145 (144): 1b-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: Col 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves: Col 3:12-17; Sal 150 (149):1b-6; Lc 6:27-38
Viernes: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lc 6:39-42
Sábado: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77): 1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Domingo: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lc 15:1-32 [1-10]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).
Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).
Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).



**no charge
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**thursday evenings
or
saturday mornings**

**details & registration
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zara@olmercy.com**

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**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

Women at the Well

Sir, give me this water for I get thirsty

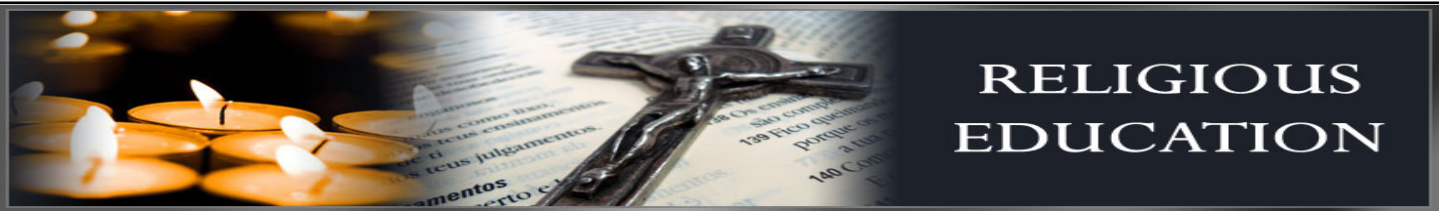


Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

**Friday, September 13 & 27
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114**

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

Please reach out with any questions
 Joana Lopez | joana1.lopez@gmail.com
 Cindy Hapke | chapke20@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

BE AN AMAZING CATECHIST

Experience how to offer children incredible encounters 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

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

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.

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!

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: Mon. Sept. 9th at 7/9 PM is Edge Leader Training. 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.

Upcoming OLM Picnic

To celebrate the beginning of a new RE year, we are hosting a family mass & a family picnic on Sat. Sept. 21 beginning with the 4 PM Mass. Following mass, bring your blankets/chairs & we will be grilling lots of hot dogs & hamburgers for you! Join us for a relaxing evening. No cost, no sign up...just show up!!

EDGE PLUS EVENT for the HOMELESS

On Thursday, October 3rd in the Youth Ministry, Rm. 211, we will be making full size fleece blankets that will be handed out to those that are homeless in Chicago, through the WRAPPED IN LOVE BACKPACK MINISTRY. This ministry is out on the streets of Chicago all year long trying to alleviate some of the conditions that the homeless face. Please join us in this wonderful ministry & help make the blankets that they need to hand out before it's too cold.

PASTORAL CARE

Open HEARTS Ministry

The Open HEARTS Ministry is a ministry that focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. The next 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.

September 8-14 is *National Suicide Prevention Week*. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. In 2017, 47, 173 Americans died by suicide. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "There is no single cause to suicide. It most often occurs when stressors exceed current coping abilities of someone suffering from a mental health condition".

If you are in crisis, please call the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (Veterans, press 1) or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

All are invited to attend the Anointing of the Sick Mass on Saturday September 28 at 11am. The Mass and anointing offers healing of the mind, body and soul to everyone who is present. There will be time after Mass to come together for fellowship and refreshments.



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

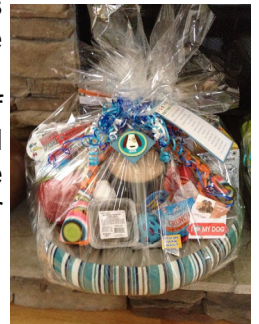
For information on any of our Pastoral Care Ministries, please contact Jolene LeRoy, R.N., Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or via email at jolenel@olmercy.com

MercyFest Basket Raffle

Would you like to help? Could you donate a basket? Make it a family project!! Choose a theme. Prepare a basket !!!

The Basket Raffle is one of the favorite events of MercyFest, which will be held Thursday to Sunday, October 10 to 13, 2019. The drawing will be held on Sunday evening. **Individuals and families are invited to donate baskets for the raffle.**

If you are interested, choose a theme and fill a basket, label it, listing the contents on an index card along with your name(s) or remain anonymous, if you wish. The theme can be anything that you choose. Some baskets donated in the past have been-- Movie Night, Italian/Spaghetti Night, Tea Time, Spa Basket, Reading, Game Night, Arts & Crafts, Baking Basket, Chocolate, Happy Hour, Gardening, Lucky Lottery Tickets, Pet Basket, Gift Cards Basket, etc. Be creative! Wrap the basket in clear cellophane please. The baskets can be dropped off after Masses on October 5th and 6th or 30th or at the parish office October 8th and 9th. Thank you for your help.



Do you have any questions? Please contact Chris Harvey at 631-561-9722 or chrisharveyny@gmail.com



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MercyFest presents...



Saturday
 October 12th
 7-10 pm
 in the Big Tent

MercyFest
 Pub & Grill
 Open for Dinner
 & Refreshments

MercyFest Outdoor Vendors

Where: Our Lady of Mercy - Parish Life Center Grounds

When: Saturday, October 12th 12 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunday, October 13th 12 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$100 (Saturday & Sunday) Add \$20.00 for electric

email mercyfestaurora.com to register or go to www.mercyfestaurora.com

MercyFest Cash Raffle

\$50.00

Grand prize
\$10,000

Second prize
\$5,000

3rd Prize: \$2,500

4th Prize: \$1,000

**EARLY BIRD
 DRAWINGS
 START 9/8!**

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

Please call 630-244-8899 or
 email: olmmercyfest@yahoo.com

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 08/25/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	246,851
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	256,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(9,149)
08/25/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	23,017
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(8,983)

Thank you for your generosity!!

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.



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.

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.

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)

Children under 3 no charge



All Profits will support:
MercyFest



Menu:

- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Fruit
- Coffee, Tea & Juice

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



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zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha

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**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.

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!
Society of St. Vincent de Paul



**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
September 14 & 15**

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

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	September 8	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
7:30-1:00p	KofC Pancake Breakfast	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00-12:00p	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Rm 124
11:00-1:00p	Alpha Team Mtg	Rm 208
5:00-9:30p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	September 9	
7:00-9:00p	EDGE Leader Trng	Rm 217
7:00-8:30p	Justice & Peace Mtg	Rm 110
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	September 10	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	Ministry Rm
WEDNESDAY	September 11	
9:00-11:00a	Women in Faith	Rm 114
12:00-3:00p	Sr. Gem's Mtg	MPR
THURSDAY	September 12	
6:30-9:00p	RE Catechist/Parent Mtg	Church
7:00-9:00p	EDGE Leader Trng	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Knights of Columbus Business Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	RCIA Information Session	Rm 204
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	September 13	
6:00-10:00p	Crafty Souls	Rm 124
6:30-8:30p	Legions of Mary	Rm 202
6:30-8:30p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
SATURDAY	September 14	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-11:30a	RE Catechist/Parent Mtg Formation	MPR
9:45-11:45a	Adult Alpha	Church
SUNDAY	September 15	
9:00-12:00p	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Rm 124
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basket	MPR

OKTOBERFEST
MARMION ACADEMY | 1000 BUTTERFIELD ROAD | AURORA, IL 60502
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28, 2019
5:30-9:30 PM
Register online at: marmion.org/fest
FEATURING **HOWL AT THE MOON**
DUELING PIANOS

THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MOVING WALL AND TRAVELING MUSEUM

September 26th thru the 30th

Queen of Heaven Cemetery 1400 S Wolf Road Hillside

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY 3:00 PM UNTIL 10:00 PM

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY 8:00 AM UNTIL 10:00 PM

MONDAY 8:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

OPEN TO VETERANS 24 HOURS A DAY

CEREMONY TIMES

Thursday, September 26th 5:00 pm

Friday, September 27th 12:00 noon

Saturday, September 28th 2:00 pm

Sunday, September 29th 1:00 pm

Monday, September 30th 12:00 noon

If you are a Vietnam veteran and would like to participate in any of our ceremonies, please contact Dianne Sheehan dsheehan@cathcemchgo.org or by calling 630-730-3296.



THE MOVING
WALL IS A HALF
SIZE REPLICA OF
THE MEMORIAL IN
WASHINGTON D.C.

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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