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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-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 15, 2019 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rejoice with me
because I have found
the coin that I lost.”

~ Luke 15:9





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Today the Church throughout the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The words of the disciples on the road to Emmaus when encountering the risen Jesus but not recognizing him, "Stay with us" is the theme for Catechetical Sunday.

Catechetical Sunday also gives us the opportunity to say "thank you" to the men, women, and teens who volunteer in our faith formation programs at Our Lady of Mercy. Fr. Mark and I truly appreciate your desire and commitment to sharing our Catholic faith with our children. Guided by our Directors of Religious Education, Mary Jo Trapaini, Candy Rice, and Dave Miserendino, our catechists and volunteers receive the support they need to help our children experience Jesus and become missionary disciples. Fr. Mark and I are deeply grateful for the expertize and passion Mary Jo, Candy, and Dave, along with Jean Rehmer and Jean Palasz bring to the Religious Education Program at Our Lady of Mercy.

Stay with us! That is the message I would like to get out to all our parents concerning religious education for their children. We have 1,186 children in our parish between the ages of 5 and 13 – the formative years of faith development. As I write this article, we currently have 475 children of this age group registered to attend our religious education program this fall. Where are the other 711 children??? I know that some are attending Catholic schools, but that still leaves us with a huge number of children not receiving the Good News and coming to know Jesus. We are deeply concerned!!

Parents who have not registered your children in our program, how can we help? Maybe God and church are not a priority in your life at this time. No matter the reason, we want to invite and help you to reconnect. Call me, Fr. Mark or any of the RE staff if you would like to talk. We pray that you feel God tugging at your heart. We want nothing to stand in the way of your children and you experiencing Jesus' love and mercy. Parents, if you've been away from God and/or the Church, we would love to welcome you to try ALPHA. Find out more at alpha@olmercy.com. Help your children discover the goodness of God and the joy of being a part of the family of Our Lady of Mercy. RE classes begin the week of September 23rd. Registration is still open – call the RE office. If you have something holding you back, Fr. Mark and I are more than willing to meet with you to address any issues or concerns you may have. We are here to help!! Call us! Be a part of us! Stay with us!!

Have a Blessed Week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

8:00 AM † Purisima Tiongson, by Shirley Staples
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop

8:00 AM Int. Jeff & Nicole Dod, by Family

Wednesday, September 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Helen Norton, by Mary Ann & Bill Kenney

Thursday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, September 20 - The Korean Martyrs

8:00 AM Int. Ronald & Reccie Bautista, by Simbang Gabi

Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

2:00 PM Wedding - Butterfield & Panupun
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 † David Schremp, by Bill Walowski Family

Sunday, September 22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldmann, by Family
 † Patrice Klasinski
 9:00 AM Int. Jeffrey Dodd, by Mom & Dad
 10:45 AM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 12:30 PM † Helen Norton, by Jen Riley
 5:30 PM † Charles Schwab, 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. Ben Orig | 12. Georgieon Dudley |
| 5. Louise Touvell | 13. Tristan Pazos |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Life's Goodness |
| 7. Elizabeth Pattermann | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Sophia & Charles Martin | 16. Alexander Brillantes |

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
 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
 Thomas F. Sterling

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 PAS-TOR.....

¡También Conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Hoy, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos celebra el Domingo Catequético. Las palabras de los discípulos en el camino a Emaús al encontrarse con Jesús resucitado pero sin reconocerlo, "Quédate con nosotros" es el tema del Domingo Catequético. El Domingo Catequético también nos da la oportunidad de decir "gracias" a los hombres, mujeres y adolescentes que se ofrecen como voluntarios en nuestros programas de formación de la fe en Our Lady of Mercy. El Padre Mark y yo sinceramente agradecemos su deseo y compromiso de compartir nuestra fe Católica con nuestros niños. Guiados por nuestros Directores de Educación Religiosa, Mary Jo Trapaini, Candy Rice y Dave Miserendino, nuestros catequistas y voluntarios reciben el apoyo que necesitan para ayudar a nuestros niños a experimentar a Jesús y convertirse en discípulos misioneros. El Padre Mark y yo estamos profundamente agradecidos por la experiencia y la pasión que Mary Jo, Candy y Dave, junto con Jean Rehmer y Jean Palasz aportan al Programa de Educación Religiosa en Our Lady of Mercy.

¡Quédate con nosotros! Ese es el mensaje que me gustaría transmitir a todos nuestros padres sobre la educación religiosa para sus hijos. Tenemos 1,186 niños en nuestra parroquia entre las edades de 5 y 13 años, los años formativos del desarrollo de la fe. Mientras escribo este artículo, actualmente tenemos 475 niños de este grupo de edad registrados para asistir a nuestro programa de educación religiosa este otoño. ¿Dónde están los otros 711 niños? Sé que algunos asisten a escuelas Católicas, pero eso todavía nos deja con una gran cantidad de niños que no reciben las Buenas Nuevas y llegan a conocer a Jesús. ¡Estamos profundamente preocupados!

Padres que no han registrado a sus hijos en nuestro programa, ¿cómo podemos ayudar? Quizás Dios y la iglesia no son una prioridad en tu vida en este momento. No importa la razón, queremos invitarlos y ayudarlos a volver a conectarse. Llámenme, al Padre Mark o a cualquiera del personal de Educación Religiosa (RE) si desean hablar. Oramos para que sientan a Dios jalando a su corazón. No queremos que nada se interponga en el camino de que sus hijos y Uds. experimenten el amor y la misericordia de Jesús. Padres, si han estado lejos de Dios y/o la Iglesia, nos encantaría darle la bienvenida para probar ALPHA. Obtengan más información en alpha@olmercy.com. Ayuden a sus hijos a descubrir la bondad de Dios y la alegría de ser parte de la familia de Our Lady of Mercy. Las clases de Educación Religiosa (RE) comienzan la semana del 23 de septiembre. La inscripción aún está abierta, llamen a la oficina de RE. Si tienen algo que los detiene, el Padre Mark y yo estamos más que dispuestos a reunirnos con ustedes para abordar cualquier problema o inquietud que puedan tener. ¡¡Estamos aquí para ayudar!! Llámanos! ¡Sé una parte de nosotros! ¡¡Quédate con nosotros!!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El santo Peruano Fray Juan Macias fue dominico. Este santo es reconocido como el amparo de los pobres, patrón de los emigrantes y ladrón del purgatorio. El concepto del purgatorio es un poco difícil de entender. La Iglesia adoptó la creencia en la última purificación de los elegidos (nombrado el Purgatorio) en los siglos XV y XVI en los concilios de Florencia y Trento. Ella se basa en las Escrituras que se refieren en la purificación en el fuego (1 Corintios 3:15; 1 Pedro 1:7) y en la práctica de la oración por los difuntos como aparece en 2 Macabeos 12:46 y Job 1:5. San Juan Crisóstomo dijo: "Si los hijos de Job fueron purificados por el sacrificio de su padre, ¿porqué vamos a dudar que nuestras oraciones por los difuntos puedan hacerle llegar alguna consolación a los que han muerto? Ofrezcamos pues, nuestras oraciones por los difuntos. Los que están en purgación necesitan nuestro apoyo en la oración. Pidamos por ellos".

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Sal 28 (27):2, 7-9; Lc 7:1-10
 Martes: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Sal 101 (100):1b-3ab, 5-6; Lc 7:11-17
 Miércoles: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 7:31-35
 Jueves: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Sal 111 (110):7-10; Lc 7:36-50
 Viernes: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Sal 49 (48):6-10, 17-20; Lc 8:1-3
 Sábado: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Domingo: Am 8:4-7; Sal 113 (112):1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13 [10-13]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
 Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
 Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

*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 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



**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



**no charge
 free childcare
 bring a friend**

**thursday evenings
 or
 saturday mornings**

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

**Unplug.
 Connect.
 Try Alpha.**



alpha is **GOOD FOOD** **TALK** **DISCUSSION**



**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**

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 on Monday, 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.**

Upcoming OLM Picnic

To celebrate the beginning of a new RE year, we are hosting a family mass & a family picnic on **Sat. Sept. 23 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!!

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

Teen Alpha Sign-Up

High School teens are invited to sign-up for Alpha which starts on September 22nd. Information and sign-up can be found on the LIGHT webpage: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Teen Alpha begins Sunday, September 22nd. There will be a morning session (9:00-10:45 AM) and an evening session (6:30-8:15 PM). Please sign-up online (above) so we know who is attending. Space is limited.

Chili Bowl Flag Football Tournament

Teens are invited to attend our flag football tournament on Sunday, October 6th from 1:30-4:30 PM behind the church. Get details and sign-up information online <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

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.

Knights News:
Knights of Columbus Council
12005 – Our Lady of Mercy



Heartland Blood Drive: Thanks to all who supported our Aug 10th Blood Drive. We were able to collect 29 units of Blood! Our next drive will be Saturday Nov 16 – come out and support us so we can save lives. Each unit can save up to three peoples lives, thanks to all who gave – you really make a difference!

Did you know: In 2018 the Knights of Columbus worldwide gave \$185.7 million to Charity and donated 76.7 million hours of hands on service which demonstrates that once again “Charity” is the first principle of our order.

Pancake Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be Sunday Sept. 8 to support Mercy Fest. Come in to the PLC and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with other Parishioners.

Tootsie Roll Drive: Our annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive will be the weekend of Sept 20 – 22. Look for the Knights in bright yellow vests and donate to this worthy cause. We will be handing out the famous Tootsie Rolls to all who donate!

**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!!** Donation bags are in the lobby of the PLC.

***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



Calling all the Hands and Feet of Christ!

Fox Valley Habitat is a Christian housing ministry that believes in empowering working low-income families through home ownership.

We are currently in need of OLM volunteers both Youth and Adult on Saturday October 12th to help with building our next home in Aurora for a wonderful well deserving family.

If you are not able to physically work on the construction site, but would like to purchase a shirt or hat, this would be a great way to support our Christian housing ministry. Cost is \$15.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Chuck Clark: 630-229-6300



MercyFest



7th heaven

Come for dinner & a 7th Heaven concert!
Saturday, October 12th 7 pm - 10 pm
at the MercyFest Pub & Grill

MercyFest **PUB & GRILL**

Join friends & family
in the BIG TENT for food
& entertainment
Saturday & Sunday



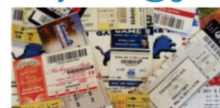
October 12th & 13th

Silent Auction

Do you work for a company
that can donate a gift card
or item for the silent auction?

Contact Ann Marie Stone:
331-431-3729

annmariejstone@gmail.com



Basket Raffle

Pick a theme
Be creative
Make a Basket
Donate to MercyFest



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 09/01/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	290,862
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	288,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	2862
09/01/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	35,021
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	3,021

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".



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

All are invited to the Anointing of the Sick Mass on **Saturday September 28 at 11:00am.**
Anointing will occur during Mass.

Come to experience the love and presence of the Lord and healing of the body, mind and soul.

Please come to the Parish Life Center in the multi-purpose room for fellowship and refreshments after Mass.

Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN
Director of Pastoral
Care with any questions at 331-707-5380.

GEMS

YOU ARE INVITED!

All OLM parishioner's 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 Hesed House.



Greetings OLMers!!!

Hike for Hesed is coming up 9/21

Please come on out for the hike or if you'd like to donate we created a team to accept donations:

http://events.hesedhouse.org/site/TR/Events/General?&pg=team&fr_id=1120



ATTENTION CRAFTERS:

Sunday, December 8, 2019

2019 Christmas Cookie and Craft Fair

presented by

St. Anne's Society of Holy Angels Church

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US,

Call or Text **Julie Lano** at **(630) 217-0837**

Email: **JULIELANO@SBCGLOBAL.NET**



An application and information sheet will be sent to you

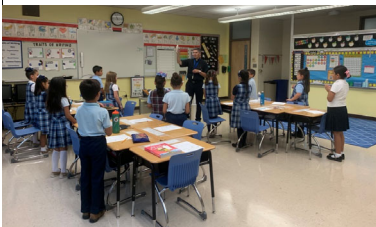
**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
September 21 & 22
Fr. Don will preach at all Masses.**

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

School has started at Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy but we are still accepting registrations! PreK-8th Grade! Father Jerry surprised the students at JP2 North and South by blessing their classrooms, teachers as well as themselves for a new school year.



If you would like to see more pictures, visit our Facebook page: @PSJPIIAuroraIL



“I love JP2 because I made my First Holy Communion. I was happy to have the body and blood of Christ.” – 2nd Grader, North Campus



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Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	September 15	
2:00-3:00p	Baptism	Church
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	September 16	
12:00-1:30p	Deanery Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry	Rm 119
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	September 17	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
WEDNESDAY	September 18	
7:00-8:00p	Baptism Class	Church
7:00-9:00p	St. Vincent DePaul Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Ministry Rm/CC
THURSDAY	September 19	
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	September 20	
8:00-5:00p	K of C Tootsie Roll Drive	Rm 114
5:00-6:00p	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
6:30-8:30p	Legions of Mary	Rm 202
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	MPR
SATURDAY	September 21	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-5:00p	K of C Tootsie Roll Drive	Rm 114
8:00-5:30p	STVP Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:45-11:45a	Adult Alpha	MPR
4:00-8:00p	RE Picnic	Parish Grounds
SUNDAY	September 22	
7:00-12:00p	STVP Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00-10:45a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
5:00-9:30p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
6:30-8:15p	Teen Night	Rm 211
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How does God guide us?

All of us have to make decisions about what we do with our lives-our work, our family, our children, the use of our time, and certainly day-to-day decisions. Discerning God's will can be tricky business. But the wonderful news of the Christian faith is that we're not on our own in this life. God is with us and is very engaged in our lives. If you're interested in learning more about how God guides us, consider trying Alpha.

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All are welcome to attend
**The 32nd Annual Bishop's Mass for
 Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community,
 Family, Friends, and Caregivers**
 with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon



Sunday, September 22, 2019
12:15 PM Mass
St. Mary Immaculate Parish
15629 S. Route 59
Plainfield, IL

Mass will be interpreted.

*Luncheon to follow for
 Persons with disabilities, family, friends, and caregivers
 Prepared by the Knights of Columbus*

RSVP kindly suggested for planning purposes, but not required to attend
 Contact Mary Dragovan at (815) 221-6251 or prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org
 Register online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life

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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