



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS  
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**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

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Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am  
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm  
Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:00am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

## November 17, 2019

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Congratulations Confirmandi!*

Kailani Acierto	Lauren Denning	Shane Murphy
Morgan Acs	Vincent DiCosola	Kyle Olazek
Francesca Arquiza	Makayla Dutkanych	Dominic Papa
Alexandria Ola Asuan	Arianna Escandon	Isabella Perez-Hernandez
Bridget Beacom	Liam Fitzpatrick	Samantha Piccione
Jacob Beardsley	Ivan Flores	Vittoria Carina Pigatti
Michael Bellavance	Jennifer Garitty	Christopher Portanova
Julia Beltz	Jamie Belle Gonzales	Brandon Raiz
Payton Bishop	Jordan Gullett	Reese Ramos
John Bizon	Annamarie Guieb	Sebastian Ramos
Makenna Black	Olivia Guzman	Avery Reidy
Connor Breck	Justin Hamilton	Jack Relser
Makayla Buenafe	Samuel Hapke	Gabriella Marie Rinon
Gianni Cammarata	Kathryn Harris	Julianna Romero
Lauren Cancio	John Heying	Nicole Santucci
Joseph Cantu	Luke Jachimiec	Maddie Satinover
Sarah Carroll	Kathryn Kim	Matthew Sindac
Michael Coolidge	Paul Lally	Cody Sorensen
Madeline Cooper	Adam Lammert	Hayley Stachniak
Connor Cordes	Jeffrey Lang	Madison Stasch
Amber Corkey	Rebecca Larmer	Elizabeth Stock
Zoe Cox	Don Lazatin	Zachery Stockley
Andrew Coyle	Brandon Lopez	Elizabeth Sullivan
Benjamin Coyle	Madelyn Losurdo	Jessica Velazquez
Jack Coyle	Tommy Maxon	Katie Wilen
Alexa Cussans	Madeline McCarron	Paige Williams
Moira Danko	Austin Miller	
Ryan Danko	Jessica Molina	
Jovanni DeLaTorre	Ellie Moulton	



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

Today we welcome our Bishop, R. Daniel Conlon who will confirm 84 of our young high school parishioners. We congratulate and welcome these young adults as fully initiated members of the Church. Here is a little bit of history on Confirmation.

In the early Church the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – were celebrated in the same ceremony by adult catechumens at the Easter Vigil which was presided over by the bishop. Then by the fourth century when Constantine proclaimed Christianity the state religion, many more people, with their children were being baptized, and not just at the Easter Vigil. Christianity also spread from the cities to the countryside. It became impossible for bishops, who were now also involved in governing, to preside at every Baptism.

The bishops of the East solved the problem by delegating the Sacraments of Initiation to the presbyter (priest), reserving for themselves only the blessing of the oil used in the rite. To this day, the Eastern churches initiate with all three sacraments at once, whether the person is an infant or adult. The bishops of the West also delegated Baptism to priests, but retained the function of performing the initial anointing and laying on of hands. This they would do whenever they visited a particular locality. Thus, in the West the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was done at a later time than the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. In 1932 it became common in the West to receive Eucharist before Confirmation.

The theological debates continues today about when Confirmation should be administered. Some say put it back in its original order. Some say 8<sup>th</sup> grade is the right time and others say high school and older. But whenever Confirmation is received, it brings baptismal grace to completion and strengthens us to live our baptismal commission to be a disciple of Jesus, and make more disciples!

Have a blessed week!

**HOLIDAY ANGEL PROGRAM**

If you are in need of assistance to celebrate Thanksgiving and or Christmas this year, please contact the office during business hours to complete a form or to have one mailed to you. All forms must be returned to the office by Wednesday , November 13th.

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 18 - St. Rose, Philippine Duchesne

8:00 AM † Patrice Klasinski  
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, November 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

### Wednesday, November 20 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Jim DeTolve, by Maribeth

### Thursday, November 21 - Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM † Hailey Carlson, by The Arquiza Family  
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM Int Uriel Ruiz

### Saturday, November 23 - St. Clement & St. Columban

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM **Vigil - Christ the King**  
† James W. Ray by Helean M. Ray  
† James W. Ray, Jr.

### Sunday, November 24 - Christ the King

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Mike & Carole Brogan, by Pat & Tom McHugh  
9:00 AM † Wayne & Marian Leckey, by Children  
10:45 AM † Christopher Ianno, by Family  
12:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
5:30 PM † Sergio Noyola, by Family

### 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. Diane Pazos            |
| 5. Helen O'Brien        | 13. Joyce Craig            |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra     | 14. Good Health for Ricky  |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8.                      | 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.*

You are cordially

*invited*

**NOVEMBER 23 - 24, 2019 ...**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**Except 5:30 p.m. Mass**



*Investigate opportunities  
for service*

### 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  
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  
Michael Butler  
Mary Ellen Reiter  
Hailey Hartnett  
Thomas F. Sterling  
Henrietta Pineda  
La Moua  
Valerie Plesha

Deacon Bob Vavra  
Hedy Sterling  
Christopher Rich  
Diane Pazos  
Keith Patzer  
Diane Ramonas  
Diane Singer  
Joyce Craig  
Bob Chima Mary Ubi

*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!

Hoy damos la bienvenida a nuestro Obispo, R. Daniel Conlon, quien confirmará a 84 de nuestros jóvenes feligreses de secundaria. Felicitamos y damos la bienvenida a estos jóvenes adultos como miembros totalmente iniciados de la Iglesia. Aquí les doy un poco de historia sobre la Confirmación.

En la Iglesia primitiva, los tres Sacramentos de Iniciación: Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía, fueron celebrados en la misma ceremonia por catecúmenos adultos en la Vigilia de Pascua que era presidida por el obispo. Luego, en el siglo IV, cuando Constantino proclamó el Cristianismo como la religión del estado, muchas más personas, con sus hijos, fueron bautizados, y no solo en la Vigilia Pascual. El cristianismo también se extendió de las ciudades al campo. Se hizo imposible para los obispos, que ahora también estaban involucrados en el gobierno, presidir cada bautismo.

Los obispos de Oriente resolvieron el problema delegando los sacramentos de Iniciación al presbítero (sacerdote), reservándose solo la bendición del aceite usado en el rito. Hasta el día de hoy, las iglesias Orientales inician con los tres sacramentos a la vez, ya sea que la persona sea un bebé o un adulto. Los obispos de Occidente también delegaron el Bautismo a los sacerdotes, pero conservaron la función de realizar la unción inicial y la imposición de manos. Esto lo harían cada vez que visitaran una localidad en particular. Así, en Occidente, la celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación se realizó más tarde que la celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo. En 1932 se hizo común en Occidente recibir la Eucaristía antes de la Confirmación.

Los debates teológicos continúan hoy sobre cuándo se debe administrar la Confirmación. Algunos dicen que se vuelva a ponerlo en su orden original. Algunos dicen que el octavo grado es el momento adecuado y otros dicen que la escuela secundaria y mayores. ¡Pero siempre que se recibe la Confirmación, se completa la gracia bautismal y nos fortalece para vivir nuestra comisión bautismal para ser un discípulo de Jesús y hacer más discípulos!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

*Padre Con*

## LA VIDA ES DURA, PERO NO TENEMOS MIEDO

Las lecturas de hoy toman una mirada valiente a la realidad y llegan a la conclusión que todos sabemos, la vida es dura. El profeta Malaquías predica fuego y azufre, advirtiéndonos que los malhechores perecerán en llamas. San Pablo ofrece su propia advertencia a los tesalonicenses: manténgase ocupados, pero nunca en entrometidos. Él recuerda a los cristianos que los mismos apóstoles hicieron “trabajos pesados y penosos” como un modelo de cómo debemos contribuir a nuestra comunidad. El Evangelio regresa al tono apocalíptico de Malaquías, describiendo el caos total del final de los tiempos. Sabremos que el fin se acerca cuando la violencia, las catástrofes y el odio dominen la tierra. ¡Pero no debemos tener miedo! El plan de salvación de Dios nos da paz a nuestros corazones. Malaquías habla de los “rayos sanadores” del sol, y el mismo Jesús promete proteger cada cabello de nuestras cabezas. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Sal 119 (118):53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lc 18:35-43 o (para el memorial de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Martes: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10

Miércoles: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lc 19:11-28

Jueves: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Sal 50 (49):1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lc 19:41-44

Viernes: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Cr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lc 19:45-48

Sábado: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lc 20:27-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lc 23:35-43

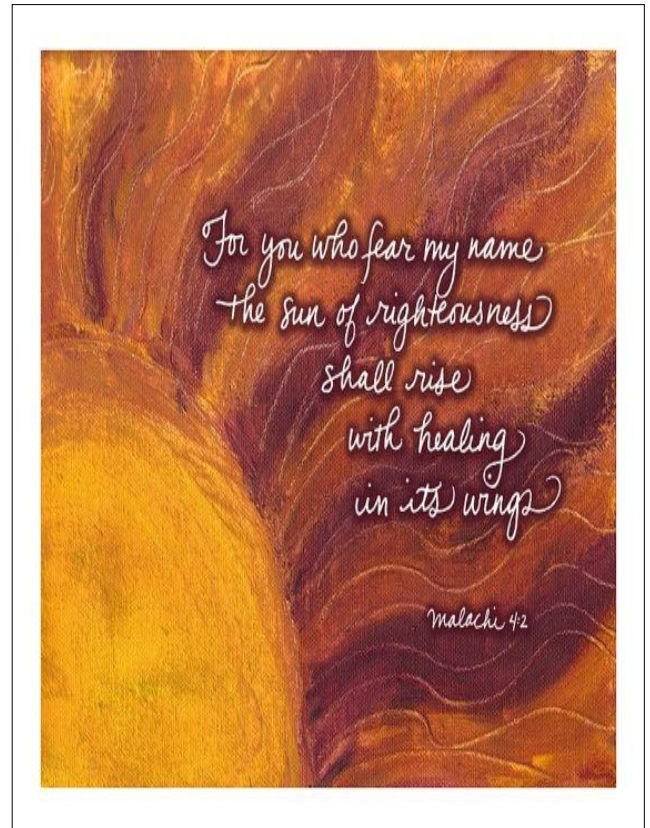
## LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

**Psalms** — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

**Gospel** — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

R.E. Parents, Catechists & Kids Discover God's Presence *Together*

Now more than half-way through the month of November, the Spirit is moving my heart to recognize and share God's amazing faithfulness through the goodness of our dedicated volunteers, parents, and students during our weekday and Sunday R.E. faith sessions.

Our returning and new catechists come prepared having studied and prayed with the Gospel passage and relatable life experiences written for their students. I find so much joy in members of the R.E. community- students, parents and catechists alike, sharing their discoveries of who Jesus is~ a discovery that leads to a greater living of our faith.

It's exciting to gather at each faith session, ready to see and hear the presence of God working in the students' lives as they learn to connect their experience to the Biblical text and reflect together on who the Lord is and how He is calling us to live as His disciples. Our choice of animated videos of Scripture stories and songs, learning games, gospel meditations and religious crafts all work to strengthen our personal encounters of Him and how we are called to live as children of God.

If you are a parent who has a child(ren) attending one of the weekday sessions and hear the call to share in the session alongside your child(ren), please contact me! If you're an adult or parent and would like to discuss assisting or co-leading in one of our R.E. faith sessions, please reach out to discuss this opportunity with me!

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Mary Jo Trapani  
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## EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE NIGHTS 6:30/8 PM  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) JOB (7/8<sup>th</sup>) LIVING A MORAL LIFE

### UPCOMING EDGE PLUS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

SAT. DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup> 9/3 PM - SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING AT JEWEL  
SUN. DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> 1:30/3:30 PM - ALDEN-DELIVERY OF DECORATIONS & CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
SUN. DEC. 29 2/4 PM - COOKING FOR HESED HOUSE AT OLM IN KITCHEN  
MON. DEC. 30<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING (TIME TBA)

*(Permission slips are available at EDGE, in front of RE Office & on our website for Nov. 7 & Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional info will be forthcoming for the last 2 EDGE PLUS events in December.)*

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

### Teen Alpha Update

Upcoming dates: Nov 17 & 24.

**Teen Bible Study** meets on Wednesday's from 6-7pm in the youth center. Any teen is welcome to attend.

**Holiday Pies** will be delivered on the Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 10am-Noon in the PLC.

**Signup for LIGHT Mini-Courses now!** Courses for teens are filling up fast. Get the LIGHT Guidebook on the LIGHT webpage or in the lobby wall display.

**Faith Conversations** with high school teens interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in November. Check out the LIGHT webpage for more details.

**Poinsettia Sale** will begin on November 16-17 after masses. Order your beautiful holiday plants now to be delivered on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Teen Friendsgiving Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm in the PLC. All high school teens welcome!

**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.



## PASTORAL CARE

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. The next session will be Monday November 18 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center in Room 119. If you are looking for support and resources or would like to be of support to others, please join us.

### Ladies' Advent Tea

It is not too early to think about attending the tenth annual Ladies' Advent Tea on Sunday, December 1 from 2:00 to 4:30pm. All women of the parish (ages 16 and older) are invited. Please consider asking a friend or family member to come with you! Mothers and daughters are encouraged to come together. Take the opportunity to slow down, refresh your spirit and prepare your heart for Christ!

The presenter this year will be parishioner, Marissa Happ. The focus of the tea this year will be "JOY".

To register please contact Jolene LeRoy at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

### Grieving During the Holiday Season

The holidays are a time of joy and celebrations. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the holidays may intensify your feelings of grief and loss. How can one rejoice or feel happy when one's heart is breaking?

Thanksgiving and Christmas will not be the same without your loved one. Traditions of the past may change this year. Listen to your body, heart and soul as to what will be the best for you to do. Start each day with a prayer asking for God's care and love to help you through each day. Pray for the gift of hope and peace that only comes from our loving God who is always there for us. Remember that Jesus understands pain and loss and He is beside you every moment of the day.

There are grief resources and a list of the Diocese of Joliet parish-based bereavement support groups available on the table in the narthex. If you would like individual grief support, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.



**OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**VISION and VALUES**

**OPEN TO ALL MINISTRY LEADERS & PARISHIONERS**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019 | 7 PM TO 8 PM @ CHURCH**  
**HOSTED BY FR DON & FR MARK**

Calling all Ministry Leaders, take part in this essential meeting you won't want to miss as Father Don and Father Mark lay out our parish vision. See you on Oct 1st!

looking forward to seeing you and your fellow Ministry leaders

**Regrets only RSVP to [frdon@olmercy.com](mailto:frdon@olmercy.com)**  
 PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THIS ESSENTIAL GATHERING

**TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

## The Angel Gift Giving Program needs your support.

This program is supporting our parishioners that are in need of assistance over Thanksgiving and Christmas. We ask you to prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters. We will gladly accept any monetary donation. We then convert the money into gift cards for stores that are convenient for the families. This year we will have a Giving Tree in the narthex with tags on it indicating the various denominations that are needed. We have different allotments for various size families for dinners. Christmas gifts are allotted at \$25 a person.

You can donate by using one the Angel Giving Envelopes located under the Giving Tree in the Narthex and placing it in the collection basket at Mass. Donations can also be brought into the Parish Office or mailed. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Beth at 630-303-6668.





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Thank you for supporting our parish!!

## JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY Fair Trade Sale



The Justice and Peace Ministry will host a Fair Trade Sale on November 23/24 and November 30/December 1 in the Multipurpose Room after all the Masses. We will have coffee, tea, chocolate, jewelry, scarves, household items, baskets, ornaments and much more for sale. Shopping Fair Trade means taking a stand for a system that treats everyone with respect - artisans, farmers, workers, laborers. Fair Trade insures the principles of fair wages, gender equality, concern for the environment, safe working conditions, respect for culture and prohibition of child exploitation. All artisans and laborers are receiving a fair wage for their work. This is in keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the dignity of human work.

This sale is not a fundraising event but an awareness rating event. **Come find out more about Fair Trade and maybe find a gift for someone on your Christmas list or treat yourself.**



### Christmas Flower Offerings

*This Christmas we will again display poinsettias around the altar to remind all of us that the best gift we can give is the gift of love. If you wish to remember a family member this Christmas, please use this form or a Flower Offering donation envelope (available in the Narthex). **Please return this form along with the suggested stipend of \$10 to the Parish Office by December 6th** in order to be inserted in the December 22nd bulletin.*

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_







*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/03/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	560,459
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	576,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(15,541)</b>
11/03/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	33,490
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,490</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

*Please remember Our Lady of Mercy in your will and estate planning.*



**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	\$	163,649
Amount Paid	\$	141,276
Remaining Balance	\$	22,374
Rebate Amount	\$	5,513
# of Families Pledged		610

**GEMS**

**TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS & ALL OLM PARISHIONERS AGE 50 & OVER...**

Come join us for a special Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 11 in our PLC at OLM. We will be serving Chicken Cordon bleu. We are asking our members to bring your favorite traditional Christmas cold or hot dish/salad and a desert...all to share with the group.

We will be exchanging Christmas ornaments this year so please bring along a wrapped ornament for the exchange. In addition, we will be enjoying singing Christmas karaoke songs.

Also, in the OLM Christmas tradition of helping those in need, please consider donating either single or double sized bed sheets for use at Hesus House.

**We will continue to collect GEMS dues (\$20 per person under age 80).**

Critics Corner Movie Club...contact Pat at 630-585-6437 for information.

**SIGN UP NOW: A special trip to Drury Lane Theater is being planned for Thursday, February 20 to view a performance of "An American in Paris". Your \$66 ticket price will cover both the performance and a luncheon...lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the show begins at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Rose Zois at 630-247-1513 for additional information.**

Join Fr. Steven Dominic Borello on a **Holy Land Pilgrimage**  
10 Days - March 23 - April 1, 2020

Optional Jordan Extension

Space is limited, Register Early to reserve your spot!

For more information, contact:  
Penny Borello with IntelTravel  
630-309-1851 • PBorello@gmail.com



# ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL

A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

## OPEN HOUSE

For 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families  
Thurs., November 21, 6:30 pm  
[www.rosaryhs.com/open\\_house](http://www.rosaryhs.com/open_house)

## ENTRANCE EXAMS

December 7, 2019, 9 am\*  
\*Scholarship-Qualifying Exam  
January 11, 2020, 9 am  
[www.rosaryhs.com/exam](http://www.rosaryhs.com/exam)

## SHADOW DAYS

Spend the Day as a Rosary Royal!  
[www.rosaryhs.com/shadow](http://www.rosaryhs.com/shadow)  
(630) 896-0831 x245

901 N. Edgelawn Drive | Aurora, IL | 60506 | 630-896-0831 | [www.rosaryhs.com](http://www.rosaryhs.com)

**Aurora Central High School**  
[www.auroracentral.com](http://www.auroracentral.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING PLACEMENT EXAM**  
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 8:00am-12:00pm

All 8th grade students are required to take the National Scholastic (STS) Placement Examination on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. This is the only "scholarship qualifying" exam date ACC will offer during the year. A parent Q&A will be offered around 8:30am (coffee & donuts will be served).  
Alt test dates (non scholarship qualifying) Saturday, December 14, 2019 & Saturday, January 11, 2020  
What to Expect: \$30 fee / No calculator / Snacks & water will be provided

# ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

## COLLEGE PREPARATORY

EXCEPTIONAL COLLEGE PREP. DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY SPIRIT. UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY.

# ENTRANCE EXAM

## 12/7/2019 8:00 a.m.

**REGISTER ONLINE BY December 3, 2019**

Scholarship eligibility and priority admission consideration given to those who test at SFHS.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Maureen Ispording, Director of Admissions at (630)668-5800, ext. 1120

[www.sfhscollegeprep.org](http://www.sfhscollegeprep.org)

2130 W. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 (630)668-5800

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses November 23 & 24

**Fr Don will be preaching at all Masses.**

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tim Kueper

Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Plese

9:00a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini

10:45a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionsong

12:30p Fr Mark Bernhard

5:30p Fr Don McLaughlin

### Parish Activities for the Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<p><b>November 17</b></p> <p>8:00-11:00a RE Class K-1 PLC</p> <p>9:00-10:45a Teen Alpha Rm 211</p> <p>10:05-11:15a RCIC PLC</p> <p>3:00-5:00p Confirmation Church</p> <p>4:00-7:00p Simbang Gabi Dance Practice Rm 208</p> <p>6:00-9:30p CRHP Women's Formation Rm 114</p> <p>6:30-8:15p Teen Night Rm 211</p> <p>6:30-8:15p Teen Alpha MPR</p> <p>6:30-9:00p Art &amp; Environment Church</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Simbang Gabi Choir Practice Church</p> <p><b>November 18</b></p> <p>4:30-5:45p RE Class PLC</p> <p>6:30-8:00p Edge PLC</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Open HEARTS Ministry Rm 119</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Boy Scouts Rm 124</p> <p><b>November 19</b></p> <p>8:30-9:00a Coffee And... Ministry Rm</p> <p>1:00-3:00p OLM Bridge Group Rm 108</p> <p>4:45-6:00p RE Class PLC</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Ministry Leader Mtg Church</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Adult Bible Study Rm 208</p> <p><b>November 20</b></p> <p>9:00-11:00a Women in Faith Rm 114/208</p> <p>4:45-6:00p RE Class PLC</p> <p>6:00-7:00p Teen Bible Study Rm 211</p> <p>6:30-7:45p RE Class PLC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Baptism Class Church</p> <p>7:00-8:30p ANEW Rm 208</p> <p>7:00-9:00p St Vincent DePaul Mtg Rm 114</p> <p><b>November 21</b></p> <p>9:00-1:00p Holiday Angel Program Ministry Rm</p> <p>7:00-8:30p RCIA Rm 217</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Adult Alpha MPR</p> <p><b>November 22</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00p Art &amp; Environment Church/Narthex</p> <p>6:30-8:00p RE Catechist/Parent Formation Rm 217</p> <p>6:30-8:30p Legions of Mary Rm</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Adult Alpha Dinner MPR</p> <p><b>November 23</b></p> <p>7:00-8:00a Fit Shepherds Parish Grounds</p> <p>8:00-12:00p Mission Trip Pie Pickup MPR</p> <p>8:15-10:15a Mary's Squad Rm 208</p> <p>9:00-10:30a RE Catechist/Parent Formation Rm 217</p> <p>4:00-6:00p Hospitality/Ministry Fair MPR</p> <p><b>November 24</b></p> <p>7:30-2:00p Hospitality/Ministry Fair MPR</p> <p>9:00-10:45a Teen Alpha Rm 211</p> <p>11:00-12:00p Welcome Mtg Rm 114</p> <p>4:00-7:00p Simbang Gabi Dance Practice Rm 208</p> <p>6:00-9:00p CRHP Women's Formation Rm 114</p> <p>6:30-8:15p Teen Alpha MPR</p> <p>6:30-8:15p Teen Night Rm 211</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Simbang Gabi Choir Practice Church</p>
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# HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Saturday, November 23rd, 5pm



## Want to grow closer to Jesus and make friends?

Join other young adults for an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a happy hour at a local establishment.



Meet at 5pm at the St. Francis Adoration Chapel at Sts. Peter and Paul in Naperville. At 6pm, we'll walk to a pub in downtown Naperville for drinks and fellowship. Bring a bible/rosary for adoration and money for a quick pint afterwards. Appetizers will be provided during the happy hour.

Questions? Contact Laura Kizior, [ltkizior@gmail.com](mailto:ltkizior@gmail.com).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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