



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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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
 10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

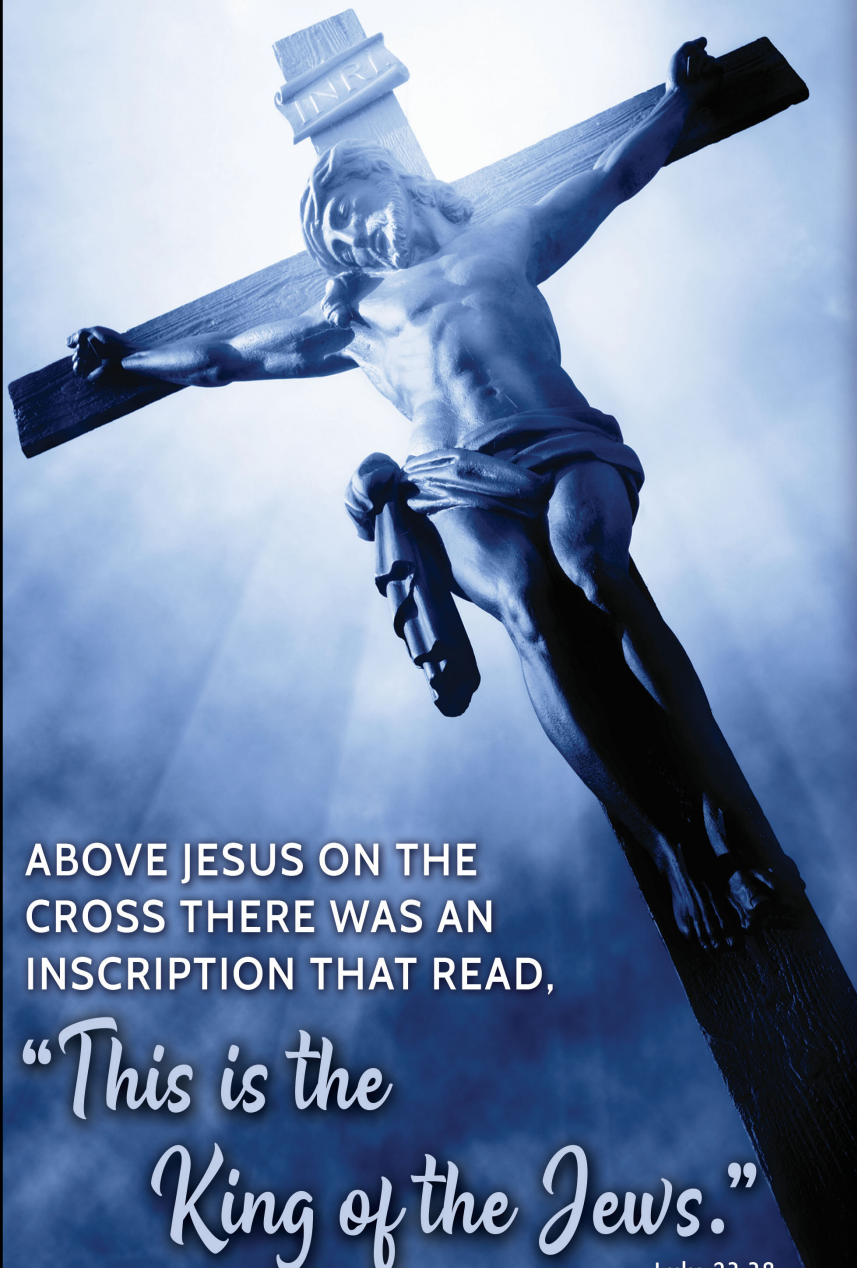
Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

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



ABOVE JESUS ON THE
CROSS THERE WAS AN
INSCRIPTION THAT READ,

*“This is the
King of the Jews.”*

Luke 23:38

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 · OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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

The scripture readings and prayers at Sunday Mass celebrate the birth, life, teachings, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus in a three year cycle. Each cycle begins on the First Sunday of Advent and ends on the feast we celebrate today, Christ the King. Today then, we end cycle C. During cycle C we have heard the story of Jesus as told from the Gospel of Luke. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent we will begin cycle A and will hear the story of Jesus as told from Matthew's perspective.

Some things to know about Matthew's Gospel. He writes primarily to Jewish Christians around AD 80-85. He begins with a long genealogy of Jesus to establish Jesus as an heir to the promise of Abraham and as the Messiah King who has to come from the house of David. At the time Matthew wrote, Jews and Christians alike were in turmoil. The Romans had destroyed the great Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Christians were under suspicion and attacked by Jews, Romans, and even other Christians who had set themselves up as prophets. In this turbulent time, Matthew assures his audience that even though the world in which they must preach the Good News is a hostile one, with many temptations to turn away from Jesus, those who acknowledge Jesus will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Also, in Matthew's vision, faithfulness to the Gospel ethic to love God and neighbor is the crucial determinant of whether a Christian will be invited into heaven. Finally, Matthew's Gospel places emphasis on the concept of Church. It is in this Gospel that Peter is named the rock upon which the Church is built. Matthew also draws out the understanding of Christian discipleship and community as the fuller and deeper living out of the Jewish Law. Jesus himself says, "Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17)

Year A then is dominated by two themes from Matthew's account: **urgency** and **uncompromising choice**. Matthew begins our cycle A with warnings to stay awake for the coming of God, and ends it with judgment between those who followed a righteous path and those who did not. In between, Matthew exhorts us to watch, to listen, and to follow Jesus. One either follows Christ or does not; one either lives in the reign of God or dies apart from it.

This Thursday we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. We invite you, your family, friends and guests to start your celebration by coming to the greatest thanksgiving feast ever! We will celebrate the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00AM. Fr. Mark and I hope to see you there!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25 - St Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 AM † Margaret Nowak, by Robert & Valerie Webber
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, November 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Alphonese Rajsekhjar Family

Wednesday, November 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int John Tan

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
 † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

Friday, November 29 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Kenneth Hickey, by Karen Hickey

Saturday, November 30 - St Andrew, Apostle

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - First Sunday of Advent**
 † William C. Rehmer, by Phyllis Anderson
 † David Schremp, by Ruth Palter

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Barbara DeZellar
 9:00 AM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:45 AM † Daniel Cordero, by Family
 12:30 PM Int. Uriel Ruiz
 5:30 PM † Edward Wasyluk, by Paluch & Budny 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. Louise Touvell |
| 5. Mom's Death Anniversary | 13. Diane Pazos |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Glenn L. Heywood | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Charles & Sophia Martin | 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
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, Army
 Lt. Joshua Pucas, 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
 Wayne Draper
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Billy Walowski
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki

Helga Manglinong
 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
 Dave Doughrty

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!

Las lecturas de las Escrituras y las oraciones en la Misa Dominical celebran el nacimiento, la vida, las enseñanzas, el sufrimiento, la muerte, la resurrección y la ascensión de Jesús en un ciclo de tres años. Cada ciclo comienza el Primer Domingo de Adviento y termina en la fiesta que celebramos hoy, Cristo Rey. Hoy, entonces, terminamos el ciclo C. Durante el ciclo C hemos escuchado la historia de Jesús contada por el Evangelio de Lucas. El próximo domingo, Primer Domingo de Adviento, comenzaremos el ciclo A y escucharemos la historia de Jesús contada desde la perspectiva de Mateo.

Algunas cosas que debemos saber sobre el Evangelio de Mateo. Escribe principalmente a Cristianos Judíos alrededor de los años 80-85 d. C. Comienza con una larga genealogía de Jesús para establecer a Jesús como un heredero de la promesa de Abraham y como el Rey Mesías que tiene que venir de la casa de David. En el momento en que Mateo escribió, tanto Judíos como Cristianos estaban en crisis. Los Romanos habían destruido el gran Templo Judío en Jerusalén. Los Cristianos estaban bajo sospecha y fueron atacados por los Judíos, Romanos e incluso otros Cristianos que se habían erigido como profetas. En este tiempo turbulento, Mateo asegura a su audiencia que, aunque el mundo en el que deben predicar las Buenas Nuevas es hostil, con muchas tentaciones de alejarse de Jesús, aquellos que reconocen a Jesús heredarán el Reino de Dios.

Además, en la visión de Mateo, la fidelidad a la ética del Evangelio de amar a Dios y al prójimo es el determinante crucial de si un Cristiano será invitado al cielo. Finalmente, el Evangelio de Mateo pone énfasis en el concepto de Iglesia. Es en este Evangelio que Pedro es nombrado la roca sobre la cual se construye la Iglesia. Mateo también extrae la comprensión del discipulado Cristiano y la comunidad como la vida más plena y profunda de la Ley Judía. Jesús mismo dice: “No crean que he venido a abolir la ley o los profetas. No he venido para abolir sino para cumplir” (Mateo 5:17).

El año A está dominado por dos temas de la versión de Mateo: **urgencia** y **elección inflexible**. Mateo comienza nuestro ciclo A con advertencias de permanecer despiertos para la venida de Dios, y termina con un juicio entre los que siguieron un camino recto y los que no lo hicieron. Entre ambos, Mateo nos exhorta a mirar, escuchar y seguir a Jesús. Uno sigue a Cristo o no lo hace; uno vive en el reino de Dios o muere separado de él.

Este jueves celebramos nuestra fiesta nacional de Acción de Gracias. ¡Te invitamos a ti, a tu familia, amigos e invitados a comenzar tu celebración asistiendo a la mejor fiesta de acción de gracias! Celebraremos la Eucaristía el Día de Acción de Gracias a las 9:00am. ¡El Padre Mark y yo esperamos verte allí!

¡Que tengan un bendecido Día de Acción de Gracias!

Padre Mark

DE REYES Y REINADOS

Los estadounidenses tienen una relación incómoda con los reyes. La Revolución Estadounidense se peleó para lograr la independencia del Rey Jorge, después de todo. Sin embargo, hoy cada iglesia católica alrededor del mundo celebra la Solemnidad del Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. La celebración de hoy de la Iglesia nos invita a ver más allá de nuestras lealtades nacionales y regocijarnos en nuestra primera identidad. Somos hijos de Dios en Jesús, Cristo el Rey. Nuestras lecturas nos ayudan a considerar cómo pertenecer al Reino de Dios. El libro de Samuel captura el profundo anhelo de los israelitas por un rey que los pastoree. San Pablo recuerda a los colosenses que pertenecemos al reino de Cristo, cuyo poder alaba en un hermoso himno. Por último, el Evangelio de Lucas evoca el tipo de rey que Jesús elige ser, un siervo sufriente, un hombre para los demás. Al sacrificar su vida por nosotros, Jesús abre las puertas del Paraíso.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4

Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lc 21:12-19

Jueves: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lc 21:20-28 Día de Acción de Gracias-sugerencia: Eclo 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19

Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33

Sábado: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Domingo: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).



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,

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EDGE (Grades 6-8)

UPCOMING EDGE PLUS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

SAT. DEC. 7TH	9/3 PM - SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING AT JEWEL
SUN. DEC. 8TH	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. 30TH	BOWLING (TIME TBA)

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

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

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

Teen Alpha Update
Upcoming dates: Nov 24.

Service and Discipleship projects are available for teens! Sign-up online! Go to the LIGHT webpage for more details!

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

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 plants will be delivered December 7th.

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

10th Annual Ladies Advent Tea

Prepare your heart for the season of Advent! Ladies of the parish (ages sixteen and older) are invited to attend and welcome to bring a guest. Mothers and daughters are encouraged to come together!

JOY . . . Divine Surprises from a Loving God will be presented by Marissa Happ, LCSW, parishioner of OLM and Associate Professor at Aurora University in the School of Social Work. There will be time for fellowship and light refreshments after the presentation. Please bring your favorite tea cup or coffee mug for your beverage and a plate of dessert to share.

Please register for the event with Jolene LeRoy by November 25 2019 by calling 331-707-5380 or by email at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Open HEARTS Ministry

The mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish is the Open HEARTS Ministry. The ministry offers hope, empathy, awareness, renewal, trust and support individuals living with mental health challenges and their loved ones.

If you are in need of support, would like more information or are interested in volunteering in the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at jaeppli@gmail.com. The next meeting is Monday January 20 2020 at 7PM in Room 119 in the Parish Life Center.

Ministers of Care

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to take Communion to the homebound, to those in the hospital or to those in a care facility, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com for information.

Join us Friday, December 6, 2019

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8 am - 2 pm to change hearts and save lives.

Please prayerfully consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst>

For more information, please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or email janeconner@comcast.net

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.**



Justice & Peace Ministry

Thank you to all who donate toiletry items for the ongoing wash-up bag project. Hundreds of bags have been distributed during this past year, providing homeless persons on the street as well as in shelters with needed items that not only allow them to take care of their daily needs to keep clean/healthy but also assure them that someone cares. This gives them hope as well.

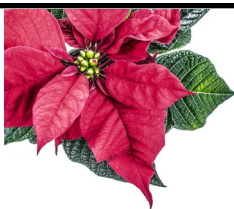
Please keep all who are homeless, especially during the cold winter months, in your prayers. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, let us recall the place of His birth, in a cold stable and the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt to escape the danger of Herod's edict. Pray for refugees, asylum seekers, all migrants around the world. May they be welcomed and cared for.

Remember that we continue to collect hotel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, feminine products, deodorant, razors, combs, wash cloths, socks and granola bars. In the winter months we include hats and gloves. A container for donations can be found in this PLC lobby near the desk.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

A Christmas Concert Experience
EMMANUEL
 with award winning music artist and author
TATIANA 'TAJCI' CAMERON
 Featuring country music artist **David Langley**
 idobelieve.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 7 PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

 A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a gold jacket, singing into a microphone on stage.


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 11/10/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	593,118
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	608,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(14,882)
11/10/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	32,659
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	659

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy in you 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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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 Hesed House.

If you would like to contribute a toy to be given to a needy child in the Aurora area by the Aurora Police Department (in cooperation with the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association), please bring the toy (unwrapped but new) to our December GEMS meeting and we will arrange for them to be transported to the Aurora Police Department for distribution to the needy kids.

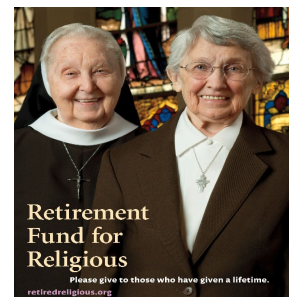
Just FYI, we have a meeting of the "advisory group" for GEMS the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the OLM Ministry Room...please join us and bring your ideas for future GEMS activities and other ideas to share.

**Retirement Fund for Religious
December 8-9, 2019
Second Collection**

On December 7 and 8 parishes across the Diocese of Joliet are encouraged to support the annual Retirement Fund for Religious with an in pew 2nd collection.

Religious brothers, sisters and order priests have dedicated their lives to ministering to those in need. Today, with longer life expectancies and rising health care costs, the challenge to provide retirement funding is compounded. Now, parishioners across the diocese can help care for those in their hour of need.

Collection proceeds offer financial assistance and resources to help eligible communities meet the ongoing needs of senior members.



All 8th grade boys are encouraged to take Marmion's Exam on Dec. 7 to qualify for one of the 15 scholarships available (totaling \$345,600).

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAM
SAT., DEC. 7, 2019 AT 9:00 AM
 APPLY ONLINE AT: MARMION.ORG/ADMISSIONS

A Catholic & Benedictine College Preparatory High School for Young Men
MARMION ACADEMY

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**Our Lady of Mercy
 Weekend Masses
 November 3 & December 1
 Fr. Mark will preach at all Masses.**

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

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Placement Exam

December 7, 2019 @ 8:00 AM
 Registration & Practice Exam - December 4th @ 7 PM

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Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	November 24	
7:30-2:00p	Hospitality/Qtly Ministry Fair	MPR
9:00-10:45a	Teen Alpha	Rm 211
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
4:00-7:00p	Simbang Gabi Dance Practice	Rm 208
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
6:30-8:15p	Teen Night	Rm 211
6:30-8:15p	Teen Alpha	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Simbang Gabi Choir Practice	Church
MONDAY	November 25	
	No Activities	
TUESDAY	November 26	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Teen Friendsgiving Dinner	MPR
7:30-9:00p	Knights of Columbus Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	November 27	
7:00-8:30p	ANEW	Rm 208
THURSDAY	November 28	
	No Activities	
FRIDAY	November 29	
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
6:30-8:30p	Legions of Mary	Rm 202
SATURDAY	November 30	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
SUNDAY	December 1	
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC	PLC
2:00-4:30p	Lady's Advent Tea	MPR
4:00-5:30p	Simbang Gabi Dance Practice	Rm 208
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
5:30-7:00p	Simbang Gabi Dance Practice	MPR
7:00-9:00p	Simbang Gabi Choir Practice	Church

Aurora Central High School
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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



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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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