



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

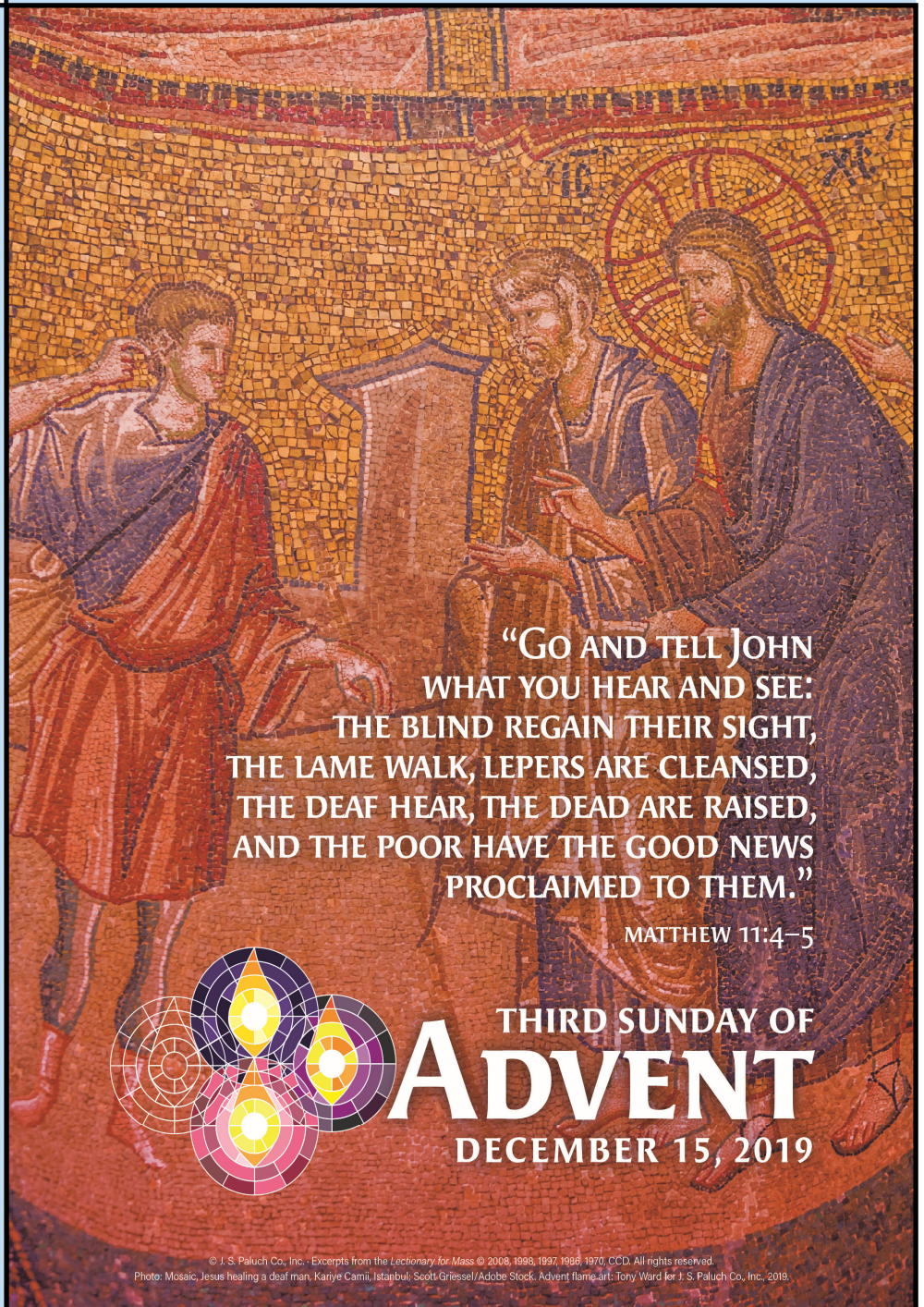
Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## 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



**“GO AND TELL JOHN  
WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE:  
THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT,  
THE LAME WALK, LEPERS ARE CLEANSED,  
THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED,  
AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS  
PROCLAIMED TO THEM.”**

MATTHEW 11:4-5



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 15, 2019



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

Whoohoo! It is the Third Sunday of Advent! I guess the more correct way to say it is *Gaudete* Sunday – Latin translate to English.....REJOICE! We light the rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath and rose-colored vestments are an option for the priest to wear. Last year a parishioner sent me a text with an amusing cartoon about the rose-colored vestments. The priest is at the altar celebrating Mass wearing rose-colored vestments. The girl altar server says to the boy altar server: *"I like Father's pink robe."* The boy altar server responds: *"It's not pink!"* The girl altar server says: *"How do you know?"* The boy altar server says: *"Because Jesus rose from the dead. He didn't pink from it!"*

As the Scripture readings for the Third Sunday of Advent moves us closer to the Christmas celebration of the First Coming of Jesus, we do have reason to REJOICE!! In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah announces that God is approaching to deliver the people and to advance the plan of salvation. The first half of the reading contrasts the lifeless conditions of a desert with a lush garden teeming with life. The latter half of the reading brings this lovely imagery to bear on the human condition. Sin and ignorance have rendered the people spiritually weak and feeble. Their eyes are unable to see by the light of heaven; their ears are deaf to God's word; they are unable to make progress along the way of life. But now, they sing and dance as they return to God. That was then. We have reason to REJOICE NOW! For in the Gospel, when John the Baptist, in prison, asks whether Jesus is the one to come, Jesus tells John's disciples to go back and tell John what they see and hear. The blind regain their sight! The lame walk! Lepers are cleansed! The deaf hear! The dead are raised! As Christians, we know and experience these very things in our life today because of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. So indeed, we have two reasons to REJOICE today. First, Jesus came which we celebrate at Christmas, and second, Jesus will come again!!

Have a blessed Advent!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 16 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Ron Peterson, by Patsy Peterson  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, December 17 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Lorriane Schwab, by Laurie Schwab  
 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliations Until All Heard

### Wednesday, December 18 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Int. Alphonse Rajasekhar Family

### Thursday, December 19 - Advent Weekday

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

### Friday, December 20 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Int. Savannah Tan by John & Zara Tan

### Saturday, December 21 - Advent Weekday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 † Miles Small, by Family  
 † Joyce Markus, by Family

### Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Patrice Klasinski  
 9:00 AM † Ulpiano Madamba, by Family  
 10:45 AM † Mary Cullotta, by Family  
 12:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 5:30 PM † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

## 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. Louise Touvell         |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos    | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmutde       | 12. Robin Pazos            |
| 5. Mason's Well Being | 13. Tristan Pazos          |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra   | 14. Special Intention-JG   |
| 7. Ben & Imelda Orig  | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. The Deceased       | 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 Puscas, US Navy  
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF  
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF  
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF  
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 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 Schmutde  
 Kathryn Martini  
 Mary Moody  
 Brady Pembroke  
 Wayne Draper  
 Ailani Banulos  
 Julia Schremp  
 Billy Walowski  
 Kathy Walowski  
 Flo Paprzycki

Helga Manglinong  
 Marilyn Reich  
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 Jill Brisceno  
 Lexi Brisceno  
 Michael Butler  
 Mary Ellen Reiter  
 Hailey Hartnett  
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 La Moua  
 Valerie Plesha  
 Deacon Bob Vavra  
 Hedy Sterling  
 Christopher Rich  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Ramonas  
 Diane Singer  
 Joyce Craig  
 Bob Chima Mary Ubi  
 John Swanston

Baby Otto  
 Christopher Rich

*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

¡Yeee! ¡Es el Tercer Domingo de Adviento! Supongo que la forma más correcta de decirlo es Domingo de *Gaudete*: del latín traducido al español... ¡ALEGRÍA! Encendemos la vela de color rosa en la corona de Adviento y las vestiduras de color rosa son una opción para el sacerdote. El año pasado, un feligrés me envió un mensaje de texto con una divertida caricatura sobre las vestiduras de color rosa. El sacerdote está en el altar celebrando la Misa con vestiduras de color rosa. La monaguillo le dice al monaguillo: "Me gusta la túnica rosada del Padre". El monaguillo responde: "¡No es rosado!" La monaguillo dice: "¿Cómo lo sabes?" El monaguillo dice: "¡Porque Jesús resucitó (rose, en inglés) de la muerte. No se puso rosado por eso! "

A medida que las lecturas de las Escrituras para el Tercer Domingo de Adviento nos acercan a la celebración de la Navidad de la Primera Venida de Jesús, ¡tenemos razones para ALEGRARNOS! En nuestra primera lectura, el profeta Isaías anuncia que Dios se está acercando para liberar al pueblo y avanzar el plan de salvación. La primera mitad de la lectura contrasta las condiciones sin vida de un desierto con un exuberante jardín lleno de vida. La segunda mitad de la lectura trae estas hermosas imágenes para influir en la condición humana. El pecado y la ignorancia han vuelto a las personas espiritualmente débiles y frágiles. Sus ojos no pueden ver a la luz del cielo; sus oídos están sordos a la palabra de Dios; son incapaces de progresar en el camino de la vida. Pero ahora, cantan y bailan mientras regresan a Dios. Eso fue entonces. ¡Tenemos razones para ALEGRARNOS AHORA! Porque en el Evangelio, cuando Juan el Bautista, en la prisión, pregunta si Jesús es el que vendrá, Jesús les dice a los discípulos de Juan que regresen y le digan a Juan lo que ven y oyen. ¡Los ciegos recuperan la vista! ¡Los cojos andan! ¡Los leprosos están limpios! ¡Los sordos oyen! ¡Los muertos han resucitado! Como cristianos, conocemos y experimentamos estas mismas cosas en nuestra vida hoy debido al sufrimiento, la muerte y la Resurrección de Jesús. De hecho, tenemos dos razones para ALEGRARNOS hoy. Primero, vino Jesús, lo que celebramos en Navidad, y segundo, ¡Jesús vendrá otra vez!

¡Que tengan un bendecido Adviento!

*Padre Ken*

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;  
Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
- Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
- Sábado: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
- Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASSES & SERVICES

**Tuesday**                      **Reconciliation Before Christmas**  
Dec. 17                              6:00 pm-Confessions Until All Heard

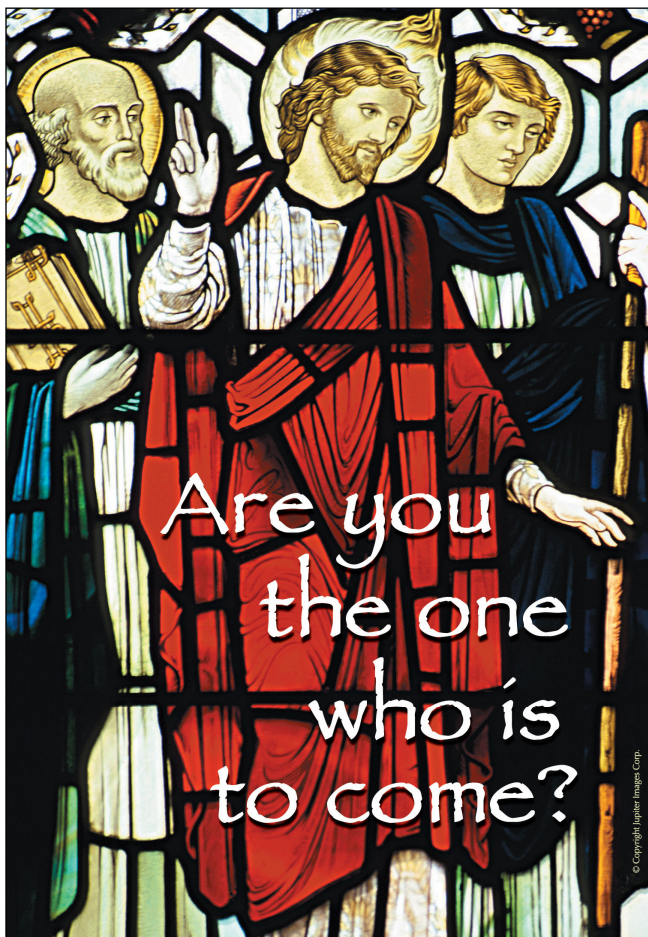
**Saturday**                      **Last Confessions Before Christmas**  
Dec. 21                              2:30pm – 4:00pm  
Regular Weekend Masses will take place.

**Tuesday Christmas Eve Masses**  
Dec. 24                              3:00 pm (Church & Parish Center),  
5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 12 Midnight Masses  
Preceded by Carols

**Wednesday Christmas Day Masses**  
Dec. 25                              9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

**Tuesday**                      **Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God**  
Dec. 31                              4:00 pm Mass *For Holy Day of Obligation*

**Wednesday**                      **Solemnity of Mary *Holy Day Obligation***  
Jan. 1                                      9:00 am and 11:00 am





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(Grades K-5)**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus~  
7 Advent Calendar Ideas for Children**

**Sunday** *I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.*

**Monday** *I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.*

**Tuesday** *I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am treated rudely.*

**Wednesday** *I will do some work for my parents to help them rest after a day of work.*

**Thursday** *I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.*

**Friday** *I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.*

**Saturday** *I will try to be more thoughtful of others.*

**EDGE (Grades 6-8)**

**EDGE NIGHTS**

Dec. 16            ALL GRADES            PROVERBS, Fr. Don, Presenter, & CHRISTMAS PARTY

**EDGE PLUS**

Sun. Dec. 29	COOKING AT OLM FOR HESED	2/4 PM	(OLM KITCHEN)
Mon. Dec. 30	BOWLING AT PARKSIDE	1/3 PM	(PERM. FORM NEEDED)

**Please find all forms needed on OLM website w/links**

**CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATE!! This invitation is for all parishioners.**

On Sunday, January 11, OLM will participate in the *Chicago March for Life*. We will be joining many other Joliet Diocese parishes as we **SPEAK WITH OUR FEET!** We will be taking the bus from St. Petronille's Church in Glen Ellyn.

**Cost:** \$15 PP/\$45 Family of 4. (\$5 each additional child.)  
**Agenda:** 11:30 am Meet the bus in front of St. Pet's Church  
 4:30 pm Back at St. Petronille Church

**DEADLINE OF MON. DEC. 16 IS FIRM!**

Permission forms will be available through EDGE Nights, in front of RE Office & on OLM website. **WE WILL BE NEEDING CHAPERONES FOR THIS TRIP.** If you are a parent attending, please fill out a permission form.

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

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.

**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. As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. Through the ministry, we pray that individuals and their loved ones feel comfortable reaching out for support and prayer, that the stigma associated with mental health is broken and that people realize that treatment is available.

The next opportunity to come together in a safe and sacred space that honors confidentiality to support one another with resources, sharing of experiences, praying together and sharing food and fellowship is Monday, December 16 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. Gatherings will take place on the third Monday of the month in 2020 in room 114 at 7:00PM.

There is no registration for coming to the gatherings. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aepli at 312-217-7872 or at [jaepli@gmail.com](mailto:jaepli@gmail.com).

### In Appreciation for the Ladies Advent Tea

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Advent Tea on December 1. There were close to 130 participants at the tea – the most ever in its history! The presenter, Dr. Marissa Happ, touched our hearts with her reflections and personal stories surrounding the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. The theme for the Advent tea was JOY!

During the Advent season, the Advent wreath is a beautiful tradition of lighting a candle that has a certain meaning each week leading up to Christmas. The candle for this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is the Shepherd's Candle that represents JOY. The pink or rose-colored candle reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus and the joy of being at the mid-point of Advent. When thinking about joy – would you consider yourself to be a joy-filled person? Do you think that joy and happiness are the same? There is a distinction between the two. Happiness is based on circumstances and situations in life whereas joy is not dependent on what is happening in life. Joy comes from the heart and from a deep trust in God. Joy comes from God's unconditional love!

Henri Nouwen describes joy as being essential to the spiritual life. He emphasizes that we have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. When you see the word JOY, you may want to look at it this way: the J stands for Jesus, the O stands for others and the Y stands for yourself. Think about how you are paying attention to and taking care of your relationship with Jesus and others and how you are taking care of yourself. Blessings on your Advent!

### Pastoral Care Ministries

If you are in need of pastoral care or are unable to make it to Mass and would like a Minister of Care to bring Communion to the home, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

## Knights News:



### Knights of Columbus Council 12005 Heartland

**Blood Drive:** Thanks to all who supported our Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. We were able to collect 22 units of Blood – potentially saving 66 lives! Our next drive will be Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – come out and support us. Each unit can save up to three people's lives, thanks to all who gave – you really make a difference!

**Coats For Kids Drive:** Thanks to all who supported our November Pancake Breakfast. Through your generosity we were able to donate over 50 coats to Joliet Diocese Catholic Charities. Our next breakfast will be Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend – profit will be used to sponsor a Bus for the Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC.

**Tootsie Roll Drive:** Our council collected over \$2,500 during the weekend Drive in October which will be distributed to local non-profit organizations such as Gigi's playhouse to help support those with Intellectual Disabilities.

**New Portable Alter:** Working with Father Don, the council donated the funds needed to purchase a new Portable Alter which will be used for the Masses held in the PLC.

**Free Throw Contest:** Calling all free throw sharp shooters ages 9 – 14. Come out and show off your skills on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> in the PLC starting a 9:00 am. There will be fun and prizes for the participants with the District Finals directly after.

**Do you want to make a real difference in our Parish and Community?** Why not join us – membership is open to all practicing catholic men age 18 and over. For information contact Jeff LeRoy – [jleroy53@hotmail.com](mailto:jleroy53@hotmail.com).

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

# MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE

While Advent is a time to acknowledge the beauty of the Christmas season, it can also be a time of sadness for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. To help cope with the holidays, those who have lost loved ones are encouraged to write your loved one's name onto the Christmas ornament provided and place the ornament on the Memory Christmas trees during the Christmas season.

THE TWO MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREES, ORNAMENTS AND MARKERS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE MINISTRY ROOM AND BY THE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PAINTING

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### Why and How Should I Tell Others?

Do you know people who are struggling to find meaning and purpose in their lives? Do you know people struggling with guilt, fear, sadness, and hopelessness? If we were in the desert and we came across water, wouldn't it be selfish not to share the news? Wouldn't we want to tell other people about it? Come and learn why we should tell others about Jesus.

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*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/01/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	687,751
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	704,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(16,249)</b>
12/01/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,968
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,968</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



**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	\$	164,250
Amount Paid	\$	145,807
Remaining Balance	\$	18,443
Rebate Amount	\$	8,685
# of Families Pledged		611

**GEMS**

TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND ALL O.L.M. PARISHIONERS AGE 50 AND OVER...

**FEELING HUNGRY?** January is time for our traditional "Chili Cookoff" luncheon. So dust off your best chili recipes and let's see great participation. As always, dessert contributions to share are appreciated.

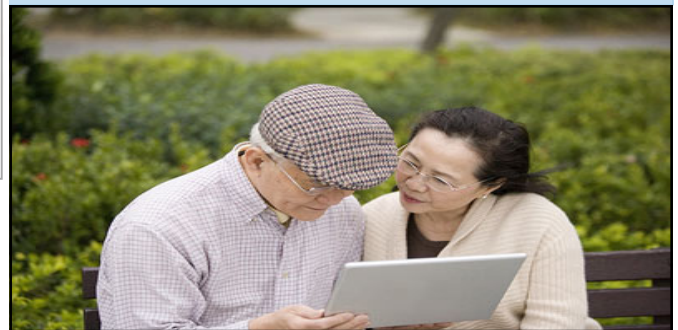
Our meeting will be at Noon on January 8 in the PLC.

Also, in true OLM fashion, please consider donating either single or double sized bed sheets for use at Hesed House.

Our GEMS advisory group meets on the first Thursday of each month to formulate plans and ideas for future GEMS activities...come join us...out next meeting will be on January 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

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

**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.



**Qualified Charitable Distributions**

If you have reached age 70 1/2, you can make donations to charities out of your IRA. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution free of any federal tax hit.

For a QCD to count toward your 2019 RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by December 31st, so be sure to contact IRA custodian in mid-December. Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity, such as the CEF.



**Save the Date**  
**Open House**  
 Sunday, January 26  
 from 1 – 3 pm

Save the date for our upcoming **Open House on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 1 – 3 pm** at All Saints. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin at that time.

**Preschool at All Saints**

Find out more about how your 3 or 4 year old preschooler will benefit from the **superb academics and faith formation** in our **Growing Saints Early Childhood Academy**.

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Weekend Masses**  
**December 21 & 22**  
**Deacons will preach at all Masses.**

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



**“Go Cadets Nights”  
 at Marmion Academy**

All 5th-8th grade boys are invited to attend Marmion Academy’s upcoming Go Cadets Nights! The wrestling Go Cadets Night will be Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9:00 AM in Marmion’s Alumni Hall Gymnasium located at 1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 the basketball Go Cadets Night will take place. The Sophomore game begins at 5:30 PM and Varsity at 7 PM. The Marmion Cadets will take on the St. Charles East Fighting Saints at both events. 5th-8th boys will be treated to FREE admission and more! Please visit [marmion.org/games](http://marmion.org/games) for additional details and to register. Questions? Please contact Bill Dickson, Director of Admissions, at 630-897-6936 or [bdickson@marmion.org](mailto:bdickson@marmion.org).

**Parish Activities for the Week**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 15</b>	
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men’s Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-11:00a	Faith Conversations	Rm 211/213
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Teen Christmas Party	MPR
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 16</b>	
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Narthex
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry	Rm 114
7:00-8:00p	Posadas	Church
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 17</b>	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-10:00a	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	Posadas	MPR
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 18</b>	
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:00-7:00p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:00p	Posadas	Church
7:00-9:00p	St Vince DePaul Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
7:00-8:30p	ANEW	Rm 211
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 19</b>	
8:30-10:00a	Art & Environment	Rm 114
6:00-10:00p	Orchestra Sectionals	Rm 119
7:00-8:00p	Posadas	Church
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 20</b>	
7:00-10:00p	Posadas	Church/MPR
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 21</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary’s Squad	Rm 208
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/MPR
10:00-12:00p	Orchestra Rehearsal	Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 22</b>	
9:00-10:00a	Art & Environment	Narthex/MPR

# St. George's Romanian Mios Sausage (Liver & Rice) Sale

**Sunday, December 15th • Pre-Orders Required.**

**Pickup orders from 2-5pm**

**Text Orders to:**

**April at 708-704-9323**

**Calls only to Sylvia 630-898-4143**

**St. George Church, 667 Sheridan St., Aurora**

## **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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