



# 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

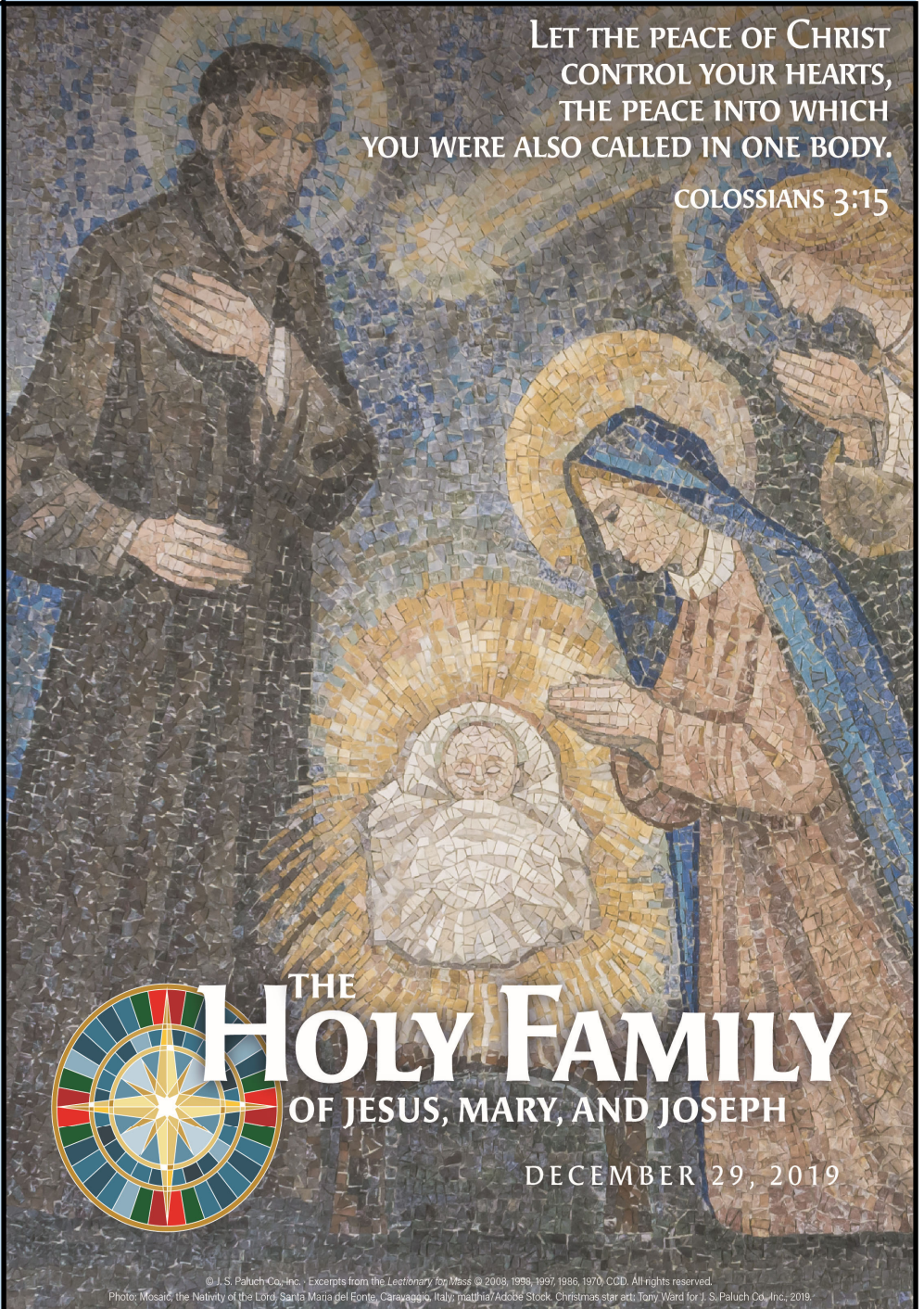
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:00am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

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

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,  
THE PEACE INTO WHICH  
YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019





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

If I were to ask you if yours was a holy family, what would your response be? I suspect the vast majority of you would roll your eyes and say "my family? No Way!" It seems that every family has a "black sheep" or is dysfunctional in

some way. Many families have secrets they prefer to keep in the closet about a living or deceased relative. Family life is not always easy! But, we can all help our families to be better, even if they cannot be perfect. And, let us not confuse perfection with holiness. One does not have to be "perfect" to be holy! Today's feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can give us some ideas of how to become of holy family.

The beginning of the Holy Family was not easy! The angels singing and the shepherds adoring sound great. But in a sense Mary and Joseph were "on the road." They had to leave their current home to register for the census. There was no place in the inn when Mary's time to deliver came. Many of you mothers can imagine what that was like. Even a motel today is not where you would want to give birth and a barn isn't even imaginable! In spite of all the hardship Mary and Joseph experienced, they were outstanding parents. Think of Joseph listening to the angel in his dream and taking Mary and Jesus to Egypt to keep Jesus safe from Herod. Before they were merely "on the road," but now they are refugees in another country. Even when they are able to return to their own country, Joseph still had to settle them in a different part of the country to be safe.

Our first reading tells us how God sets a father and mother over a family and how the children are to treat their parents – with honor. Our reading from Colossians spells that out for us. Because of Jesus we are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. That means that we must live in a special way as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did. It means we must have compassion for one another and be kind, gentle, and patient with one another. Just as the Lord is forgiving of our faults, we must be forgiving of one another. But, most of all, we must be loving with one another. None of this is easy for sure, but it is necessary.

Something else is necessary as well. We must have gratitude in our hearts to God. Our mother and father gave us life or we would not even be here today. That in itself is a wonderful miracle of love and one that calls for gratitude.

Family life isn't easy – but with a little more respect, kindness, patience and love, our families can become holier. Celebrate your family today and do so with gratitude for each member – even the one(s) who are a challenge to your patience!

Have a blessed Christmas season!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 30 - 6th Day Octave of the Lord

8:00 AM Int Fr. Don McLaughlin  
Int Fr. Mark Bernhard, by Shirley Staples  
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, December 31 - 7th Day Octave of the Lord

8:00 AM Int Carmen Talaue, by John & Zara Tan  
4:00 PM **Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
Zenny Tan, by Tessie Carlos

### Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo  
11:00 AM † Michael Higgins, by Kay Higgins

### Thursday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 AM † Leilani Velasquez-Johnson, by Gemma Lazatin  
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM † Clarence Popernik, by Freeston Family

### Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM **Vigil - Epiphany of the Lord**  
† David Schremp, by Jim Paprzycki  
† Richard Miller, by Virginia (His Wife)

### Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Patrice Klasinski  
9:00 AM † Sherry White, by The Luna Family  
10:45 AM Int UPS Drivers, by The Platon Family  
12:30 PM † Int Jason Trimble  
Int Fr. Mark Bernhard, by Beata Pabich  
5:30 PM † Edward & Ida 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. Happy Healthy 2020 2RL-TOL-ESL  | 10. Happy Healthy 2020 MRM    |
| 3. Happy Healthy 2020 NIL-HAL      | 11. Happy Healthy 2020 LR-M-J |
| 4. Happy Healthy 2020 JMP & Family | 12. Diana Metz                |
| 5. Mason's Well Being              | 13. Joel Moen                 |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra                | 14. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 7. Mel Schmudde                    | 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.*

## Parish Office Holiday Hours

### December 24 - January 1

The parish offices will be closed.

In the event where a priest is needed to anoint someone gravely ill or if a death occurs, please call 1-630-851-3444 and press 1.

### 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  
Diane Ramonas  
Diane Singer  
Joyce Craig  
Bob Chima Mary Ubi  
John Swanston  
Baby Otto

Jim Touvell

*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!

Si tuviera que preguntarte si la tuya fue una familia sagrada, ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? Sospecho que la gran mayoría de ustedes pondrían los ojos en blanco y dirían “¿mi familia? ¡De ninguna manera!” Parece que cada familia tiene una “oveja negra” o es disfuncional de alguna manera. Muchas familias tienen secretos que prefieren guardar en el armario sobre un pariente vivo o fallecido. ¡La vida familiar no siempre es fácil! Pero, todos podemos ayudar a nuestras familias a ser mejores, incluso si no pueden ser perfectas. Y no confundamos la perfección con la santidad. ¡Uno no tiene que ser "perfecto" para ser santo! La fiesta de hoy de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José puede darnos algunas ideas sobre cómo llegar a ser de la sagrada familia.

¡El comienzo de la Sagrada Familia no fue fácil! Los ángeles cantando y los pastores adorando suenan genial. Pero en cierto sentido, María y José estaban "en el camino". Tuvieron que abandonar su hogar actual para registrarse en el censo. No había lugar en la posada cuando llegó el momento del parto de María. Muchas de ustedes madres pueden imaginarse cómo fue eso. ¡Incluso un motel de hoy no es donde querrías dar a luz y un establo ni siquiera es imaginable! A pesar de todas las dificultades que experimentaron María y José, fueron padres sobresalientes. Piensa en José escuchando al ángel en su sueño y llevando a María y a Jesús a Egipto para mantener a Jesús a salvo de Herodes. Antes estuvieron simplemente "en el camino", pero ahora son refugiados en otro país. Incluso cuando pueden regresar a su propio país, José todavía tuvo que establecerlos en una parte diferente del país para estar a salvo.

Nuestra primera lectura nos dice cómo Dios establece un padre y una madre sobre una familia y cómo los niños deben tratar a sus padres, con honor. Nuestra lectura de Colosenses nos lo explica. Gracias a Jesús somos los elegidos de Dios, santos y amados. Eso significa que debemos vivir de una manera especial como lo hicieron Jesús, María y José. Significa que debemos tener compasión el uno por el otro y ser amables, gentiles y pacientes el uno con el otro. Así como el Señor está perdonando nuestras faltas, debemos estar perdonándonos unos a otros. Pero, sobre todo, debemos amarnos unos a otros. Nada de esto es fácil con seguridad, pero es necesario.

Algo más es necesario también. Debemos tener gratitud en nuestros corazones a Dios. Nuestra madre y nuestro padre nos dieron la vida o ni siquiera estaríamos aquí hoy. Eso en sí mismo es un maravilloso milagro de amor y uno que requiere gratitud.

La vida familiar no es fácil, pero con un poco más de respeto, amabilidad, paciencia y amor, nuestras familias pueden volverse más santas. Celebra a tu familia hoy y hazlo con gratitud para cada miembro, ¡incluso los que son un desafío para tu paciencia!

¡Que tengan una bendecida temporada Navideña!

*Padre Don*

## SALVACIÓN EN LA VIDA DIARIA

Este domingo es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia que cae en el primer domingo después del Día de Navidad. La fiesta de hoy celebra cómo la humanidad de Jesús (incluso toda su familia) ha dado significado salvífico a los quehaceres diarios de nuestra propia vida familiar.

Las lecturas ofrecen instrucción y aliento sobre cómo compartir – dentro de nuestras familias, en la familia de la parroquia y en la más amplia familia humana– el amor que Dios comparte con nosotros en Jesús. Selecciones de Eclesiástico, del salmo 128 (127), y colosenses nos alientan a ser reflejo del amor divino y así encontrar la santidad en todas nuestras relaciones humanas. La lectura del Evangelio según Mateo ofrece un ejemplo vivo de amor en las medidas que José tomó para proteger a su joven familia del peligro y para que creciera dentro de la gran familia de fe de su época.

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40  
Martes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Miércoles: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21  
Jueves: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Viernes: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Sábado: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

## SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

### December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

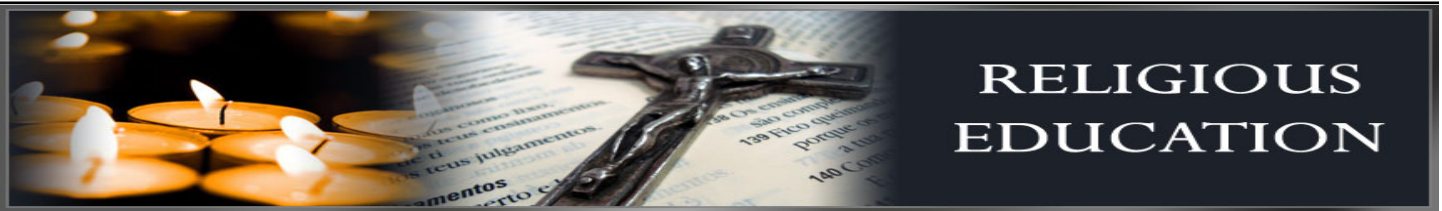
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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GOOD FOOD TALK DISCUSSION

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

**January 2020 R.E. Calendar**  
**Kindergarten – Grade 5**

- Sunday, Jan. 5** Sunday, K-1 Faith Sessions Resume, **8:20 & 10:05**  
  
Grades 3-8 *and* Parents, Reconciliation Retreat, **3:00-6:00pm. Meet in MPR** (gym) *Pizza dinner included.*
- Jan. 6 – Jan. 8** Weekday Faith Sessions Resume
- Saturday, Jan. 11** Grades 3-8 *and* Parents, First Reconciliation, **2:30-3:45pm. Meet in Narthex**
- Friday, Jan. 31** Family Feast & Movie Night, **5:30-8:30pm Meet in MPR**

**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.

**EDGE**  
(Grades 6-8)

**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** Reminder!!!!

On Saturday, 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



*Wishing you a Happy and  
Healthy New Year!*

**COME!  
ALIVE!**

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SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**A Well-being Encouragement Group –  
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Join us for **Come Alive!**, a Christ-led small group program that **makes the connection** between our **spiritual** and **physical well-being**. In our time together, you'll discover spiritual practices to strengthen your relationship with God and **gain new joy filled perspectives** as you weave healthy activities into the rhythm of your day. Our focus is on **HOW** to change behaviors in the rhythm of your life for the long-term, to encourage each other, and to give grace when we stumble.

The Program for men and women, 18 years and older, will start in mid-January—more details to follow. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy, RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

## 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.

The next opportunity to come together in a safe and sacred space that honors confidentiality to support one another is Monday, January 20 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center.

If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [jaeppli@gmail.com](mailto:jaeppli@gmail.com).



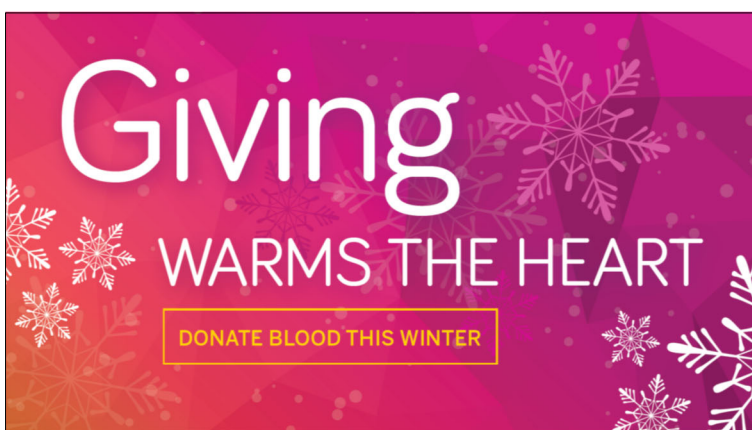
### Is there more to life?

Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once a week for 11 weeks, sometimes in a church, a home, or restaurant. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a short talk, and time to discuss the topic. During the discussion, everyone is welcome to contribute their opinions and no question is considered hostile or too simple. Questions might include—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

**Alpha is for everyone**—no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. **We don't assume any background knowledge or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome.**

Connect with Zara to learn more 331-707-5381  
[zara@olmercy.com](mailto:zara@olmercy.com). #TryAlpha

**SIGN UP NOW @ [www.olmercy.com/alpha](http://www.olmercy.com/alpha)**



**Saturday  
January**

**18**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.**

Contact 800-786-4483 or  
visit [versiti.org/IL](http://versiti.org/IL)

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**RESPECT LIFE...Join us Friday, January 3, 2020**

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 8am-2pm 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](mailto:janeconner@comcast.net)

**SAVE THE DATE****Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)  
Renewal Weekend**

Men's Renewal Weekend  
February 29 & March 1, 2020

Women's Renewal Weekend  
March 7 & 8, 2020

**LENT 2020**

Men's Contact | Bob Maxwell

[CRHPOLM@gmail.com](mailto:CRHPOLM@gmail.com)

630.962.8464

Women's Contact | Imelda Orig

[CRHPOLM@gmail.com](mailto:CRHPOLM@gmail.com)

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**Robert H. Weaver Knights of  
Columbus Free Throw Contest**

All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship.

This local event will be held on **Saturday**, January 18, 2020, 9:00 am in the **Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center**.



Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to district, region and state competitions. All contestants at this local event will be recognized for their participation. The District competition will take place immediately after our local competition has ended.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For additional information call (630) 978-1536.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday 1/5th  
8am thru 12:30pm in MPR**

**All profits will support  
The 2020 Diocesan  
March For Life Pilgrimage  
to Washington, DC**

**FREE - CHILDREN UNDER 3YRS  
\$3 - CHILDREN 10YRS & UNDER  
\$5 - ADULTS**



**ON THE MENU ARE pancakes, eggs,  
sausage, fruit, coffee, tea & juice.  
We hope to see you there!**





*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/15/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	756,888
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	768,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(11,112)</b>
12/15/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,577
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,577</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	\$	164,915
Amount Paid	\$	148,802
Remaining Balance	\$	16,113
Rebate Amount	\$	10,782
# of Families Pledged		616

**GEMS**

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

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND BINGO!!!!**

**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).**

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

**SIGN UP NOW: A special trip to Drury Lane Theater has been planned for Thursday, February 20 to view a performance of "An American in Paris". Those planning on participating should get their money in to Rose ASAP.**


**Please pray for our sick GEMS members.**





**MARMION**  
ACADEMY

**ENTRANCE EXAM**  
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora, Illinois 60502



Did you miss Marmion's December Exam? If so, don't worry! You can take it on Jan. 11!

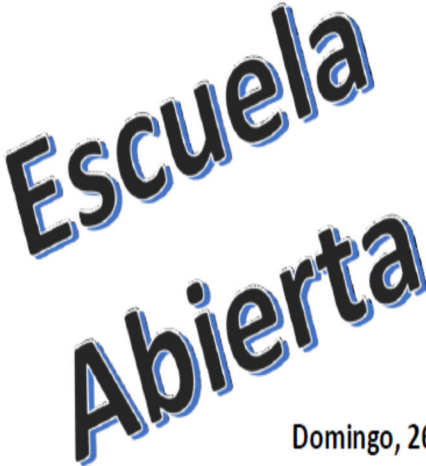
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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Weekend Masses**  
**January 4 & 5**  
**Fr Don will preach at all Masses.**

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

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**Escuela Abierta**



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PAPA SAN JUAN PABLO II

**Domingo, 26 de enero, 2020**

**Campus Norte: 10a.m.-11:30p.m.**  
**Campus Sur: 11a.m.-12:30p.m.**



Catholic Schools  
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¡Por favor únase con nosotros después de la misa para café y donas y para visitar nuestra escuela!

¡Ven a ver el arte y proyectos de los estudiantes y comienza el proceso de inscripción para el próximo año escolar!

Ayúdenos comenzar nuestra Semana de Escuelas Católicas mostrando nuestro apoyo para la Academia Católica Papa San Juan Pablo II.

Campus Norte  
706 High Street  
Aurora, IL 60505  
Misa: 9 a.m. en San José  
Escuela Abierta: 10.-11:30 am

Campus Sur  
601 Talma Street  
Aurora, IL 60505  
Misa: 10 a.m. en OLG  
Escuela Abierta: 11 am-12:30 pm

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**Parish Activities for the Week**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 29</b>		
12:00-2:00p	Faith Conversations		Rm 211
2:00-5:00p	Edge		Kitchen
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball		MPR
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 30</b>		
6:30-7:30p	Wedding Rehearsal		Church
6:30-8:00p	Faith Conversations		Rm 211
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 31</b>		
	No Activities		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 1</b>		
	No Activities		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 2</b>		
6:30-8:00p	Faith Conversations		Rm 211
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 3</b>		
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands		Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment		Church/Narthex
9:15-10:30p	Spanish Holy Hour		Church
10:00-11:00p	Mom's & Tot's		Rm 124
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 4</b>		
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds		Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad		Rm 208
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 5</b>		
7:00-12:00p	K of C Pancake Breakfast		MPR
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1		PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC		PLC
11:00-2:00p	Faith Conversations		Rm 211







## Attention All Scouts Female & Male

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting invites you to our Annual Day of Recollection retreat on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9am to 1pm. The theme is Leap of Faith. The event will be held at The National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese, 8501 Bailey Rd., Darien, Illinois.

The event is open to all registered American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. All ages invited! Activities will be age-appropriate.

More information is available at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting) Click on the 'Day Of Recollection' announcement banner on the front page. While there, check out the Early Bird Registration Discount!

### **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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