



# 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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### 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

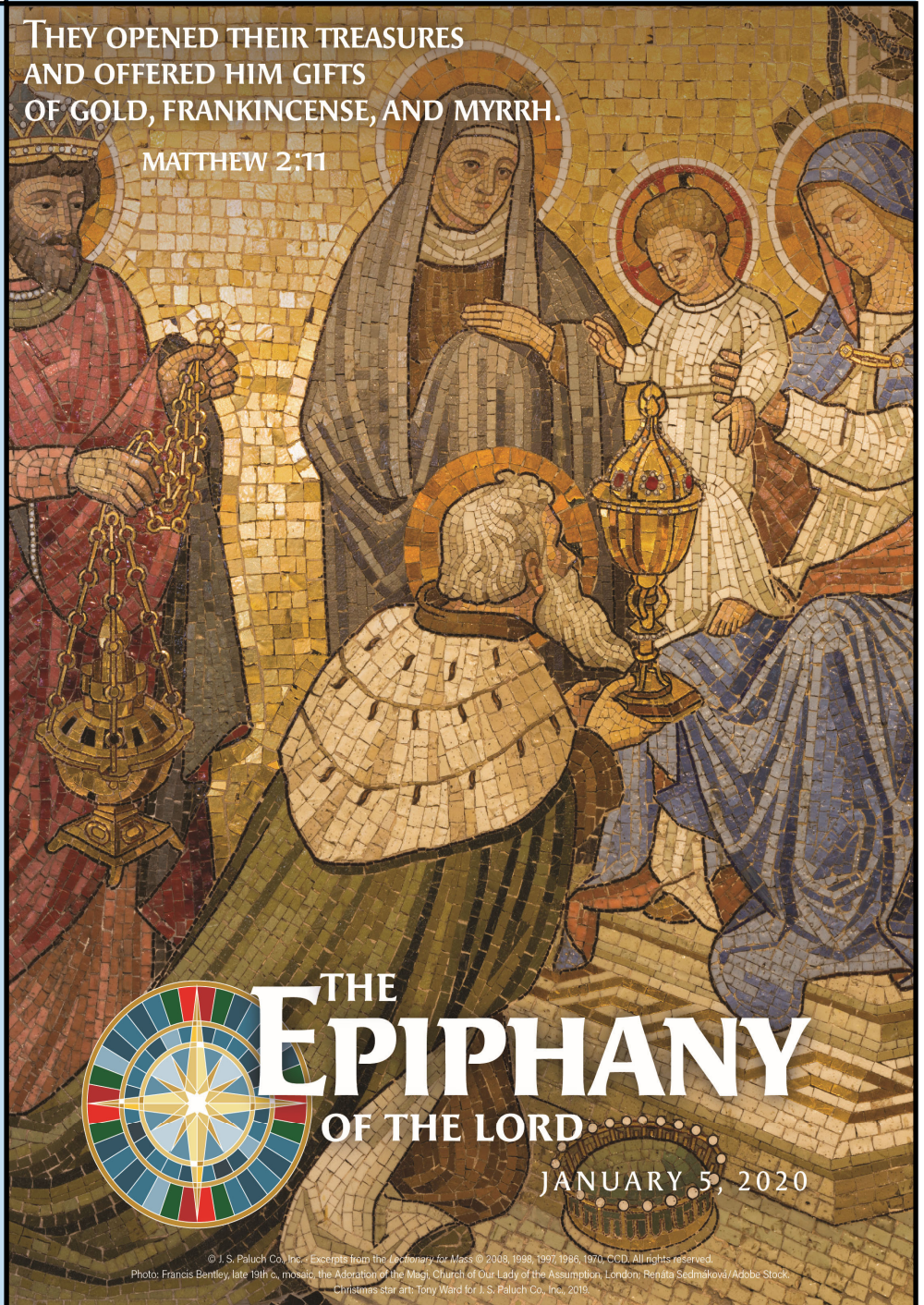
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:00am  
Or by Appointment

### PRAYER CHAPEL

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

THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES  
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

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

I hope you still have your Christmas decorations up! After all, today we celebrate the Epiphany, known in many cultures as "little Christmas." Christmas celebrates the birth of the long awaited for messiah of the Jewish people. This good news is revealed by angels to a group of shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night. Epiphany celebrates the birth of the savior of all nations. This good news is revealed by a star followed by gentile magi to the place where the child lay. When the wise men came to Herod in Jerusalem inquiring about the child whose star they had followed, the scribes Herod called together were able to explain where the messiah should be born, but they remained quite unperturbed about the news. Although they were familiar with visions like the one in today's first reading, they seemed impervious to the possibility that Isaiah's promised caravans and gift-bearing royalty had, at long last, arrived on their doorstep. For whatever reason, they did not accompany the travelers from the East on their journey to Bethlehem. Similarly, many my know the whole of Christianity but make no movement. The power that forever altered heaven and earth leaves many people completely unmoved. But what a difference! With only a rumor to go by, the visitors from the East traveled a far distance in search of One whom they thought would make a difference in the world. Obviously, that "rumor" that good news, has spread throughout the world, and today's feast attests to the universal scope of Jesus' mission and God's all-inclusive plan of Salvation. The various ways in which this feast is celebrated by believers everywhere also witnesses to the international character of the church.

One of those traditions, not too familiar in the United States is marking of the church doors with chalk, which we are doing today. Epiphany, also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2020 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 20**. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Have a blessed Christmas Season!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 6 - St Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00 AM † Fr. Leon Wagner, by Mary Kremarik  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, January 7 - St Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:00 AM Int Patrocinia C. Javier, by Mr & Mrs Javier

### Wednesday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM † Joseph Bekelja III, by Beth Danowski

### Thursday, January 9 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM † Rizalina Alvarez, by Janice Hurtado  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, January 10 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM Int Trinidad Family

### Saturday, January 11 - Christmas Weekday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Baptism of the Lord**  
 † Joyce Markus, by Family  
 † Mike & Carole Brogan, by The Shea Family

### Sunday, January 12 - Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Melva Purnell, by John Salentine  
 9:00 AM Int Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer, by Dcn Bob & Betty Vavara  
 10:45 AM † Arcadia Torres, by Ordonez Family  
 12:30 PM † Mary Walsh, by Janice Hurtado  
 5:30 PM † Annemaria Schmidt, by Family  
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy

### 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. Joel Moen              |
| 5. Mason's Well Being | 13. Special Intention-T.R. |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra   | 14. RAP                    |
| 7. Louise Touvell     | 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  
 Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines  
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC  
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army  
 Roberto Ramos, Army  
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy  
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF  
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF  
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF  
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines  
 Mason Webber, Army  
 LC/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 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  
 Gracie Hernandez

*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!

¡Espero que todavía tengas puestas tus decoraciones de Navidad! Después de todo, hoy celebramos la Epifanía, conocida en muchas culturas como "pequeña Navidad". La Navidad celebra el nacimiento del tan esperado mesías del pueblo judío. Los ángeles revelan esta buena noticia a un grupo de pastores que permanecen en los campos vigilando sus rebaños por la noche. La Epifanía celebra el nacimiento del salvador de todas las naciones. Esta buena noticia es revelada por una estrella seguida por los magos gentiles hasta el lugar donde yacía el niño. Cuando los hombres sabios llegaron a Herodes en Jerusalén preguntando por el niño cuya estrella habían seguido, los escribas que Herodes reunió pudieron explicar dónde debía nacer el mesías, pero no se perturbaron por las noticias. Aunque estaban familiarizados con visiones como la de la primera lectura de hoy, parecían insensibles a la posibilidad de que las prometidas caravanas y la realeza con regalos de Isaías, por fin, hubieran llegado a su puerta. Por alguna razón, no acompañaron a los viajeros del Este en su viaje a Belén. Del mismo modo, muchos conocen todo el cristianismo pero no hacen ningún movimiento. El poder que alteró para siempre el cielo y la tierra deja a muchas personas completamente impasibles. ¡Pero qué diferencia! Con solo un rumor, los visitantes del Este viajaron una gran distancia en busca de Aquel que ellos pensaron que haría una diferencia en el mundo. Obviamente, ese "rumor" de las buenas noticias se ha extendido por todo el mundo, y la fiesta de hoy atestigua el alcance universal de la misión de Jesús y el plan de Salvación integral de Dios. Las diversas formas en que los creyentes celebran esta fiesta en todas partes también dan testimonio del carácter internacional de la iglesia.

Una de esas tradiciones, no muy familiar en los Estados Unidos, es marcar las puertas de la iglesia con tiza, lo que estamos haciendo hoy. La Epifanía, también conocida como la Duodécima Noche, *Teofanía*, o Día de los Tres Reyes Magos marca la ocasión de una tradición cristiana ancestral de "marcar con tiza las puertas". La fórmula del ritual, adaptada para el 2020, es simple: toma una tiza de cualquier color y escribe lo siguiente arriba de la entrada de tu hogar: **20 + C + M + B + 20**.

Las letras tienen dos significados. Primero, representan las iniciales de los Magos - Caspar, Malchior y Balthazar - quienes vinieron a visitar a Jesús en Su primer hogar. También abrevian la frase latina, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "Que Cristo bendiga la casa." Los signos "+" representan la cruz, y el "20" al principio y el "20" al final marcan el año. En conjunto, esta inscripción se realiza como una petición para que Cristo bendiga esos hogares tan marcados y que El se quede con los que viven allí durante todo el año.

¡Que tengan una bendecida Temporada Navideña!

*Padre Don*

## LUZ DEL MUNDO

Se puede entender la Epifanía como una extensión de la Natividad del Señor que celebramos el 25 de diciembre. En la Navidad celebramos la venida de Jesús como el rey y Mesías tan esperado por el pueblo judío, y en la Epifanía celebramos la revelación de Jesús como el Salvador y la Luz de las naciones; es decir, de judíos, gentiles y de todos los pueblos.

La estrella brilla con tanto fulgor que atrae a los magos que vienen de países distantes para adorar a Jesús. No son judíos, y sin embargo se ven atraídos al que es la Luz del Mundo. La carta a los efesios revela que la Luz del Mundo era tanto para gentiles como para judíos, pues Cristo reúne a todos los pueblos en la luz de su amor. La lectura de Isaías también describe a diversos pueblos que vienen, pero esta vez les atrae la luz que emana del pueblo de Dios. copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44  
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52  
Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a  
Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16  
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;  
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821) January 4

Though her liturgical designation is “Religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!” —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

**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.

**Christmas Acrostic**  
By: Johnnie DesRochers

**C** is for the Child born that night to be our light.  
**H** is for holy is His name.  
**R** is for rejoice with gladness & joy.  
**I** is for Immanuel, God with us.  
**S** is for the star that led the Wise men to Him.  
**T** is for the truth & grace that was sent our way.  
**M** is for Mother Mary laying Him in swaddling clothes  
in the manger.  
**A** is for angels singing songs of joy.  
**S** is for salvation.

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**EDGE  
(Grades 6-8)**

**CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATE!!** This invitation is for all parishioners. 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
  - 11:40 am Depart from **St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn** (Lunch on the bus.)
  - 12:45 pm Arrive in Chicago, Daley Plaza
  - 1/3 pm Rally & March
  - 3 pm Board bus at Congress Hotel to return
  - 4:30 pm Back at St. Petronille Church



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TO A MORE ABUNDANT  
PHYSICAL &  
SPIRITUAL LIFE

### A Well-being Encouragement Group – wouldn't that be great?

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.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, January 12 after the 9:00a, 10:45a, and the 12:30p Masses in the Ministry Room. The program, for men and women, 18 years and older, will start in mid-January. 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).

# Giving WARMS THE HEART

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**Saturday  
January  
18**  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Council #12005  
Blood Drive

Located at Our Lady of Mercy  
701 S. Eola Rd. Aurora

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OR Contact Dennis Kalata at [denkalata@me.com](mailto:denkalata@me.com)

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**NEXT HESED HOUSE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality. The O.L.M. program for Hesed House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis.

For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Jean Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232. Thank you!

**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**

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

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**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!**

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**TRY ALPHA**

**REGISTER NOW**  
 thursdays  
 starts January 16  
[WWW.OLMERCY.COM](http://WWW.OLMERCY.COM)

# 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

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*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/22/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	791,789
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	800,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(8,211)</b>
12/22/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,901
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,901</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



*Be Kind and Merciful*

through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$146,700, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

**GEMS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 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.**

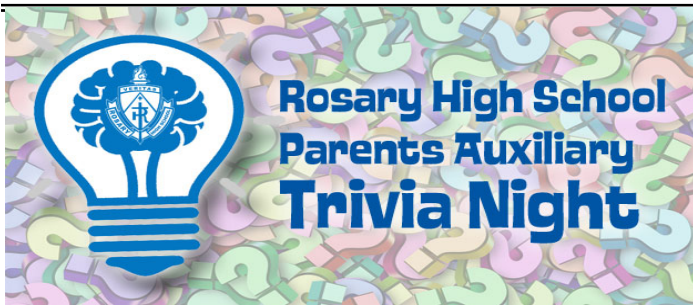
**Our GEMS advisory group meets on the first Thursday of each month to formulate plans and ideas for future GEMS activities...come join us...out next meeting will be on January 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.**

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

**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.**





## Saturday, January 18

Doors open at 6 pm/Game begins at 7 pm

901 N. Edgelawn Drive in Aurora

Tickets are \$30 per person (Ages 21+ only)

Sign up individually, as a couple, or as a team of up to six. Name your team and decorate your table. Prizes for trivia winners and the best-themed table. Basket raffles and a wine pull.

Pizza and salad will be provided, but guests are welcome to bring their own food and snacks. (Gluten-free options will be available.) Soda, beer and wine will be available for a donation.

Proceeds benefit the Rosary library makeover project, [#livenRlibrary](#).

Gather your friends and family members for a fun night out! All are welcome!

Sign up online at [www.rosaryhs.com/trivia](http://www.rosaryhs.com/trivia). For more information, call the school at (630) 896-0831.

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses January 11 & 12 Fr. Mark preaching at all Masses.

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

## Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	January 5	
8:00-12:00p	K of C Pancake Breakfast	MPR
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
11:00-2:00p	Faith Conversations	Rm 211
3:00-5:15p	RCIC 1st Reconciliation Retreat	MPR/PLC
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	January 6	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC
7:00-10:00p	Epiphany-Three Kings	Rm 114
TUESDAY	January 7	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:30-5:30p	PADS Drop Off	Narthex
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
WEDNESDAY	January 8	
9:00-11:00a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/208
12:00-3:00p	Senior Gems Mtg	MPR
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
7:00-8:30p	ANEW	Rm 114
THURSDAY	January 9	
9:00-1:00p	RE Deanery Cluster Mtg	MPR
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	K of C Business Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Faith Conversations	Rm 211
FRIDAY	January 10	
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
6:30-10:00p	Babette's Party	Rm 211
SATURDAY	January 11	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-12:00p	K of C Blood Drive	Rm 114
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
8:45-11:45a	Edge 7 & 8 Grade Retreat	MPR
12:45-3:45p	Edge 7 & 8 Grade Retreat	MPR
3:00-3:45p	RCIC—1st Reconciliation	Narthex
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby	MPR
SUNDAY	January 12	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Come Alive! Information Mtg	Ministry Rm
9:00-3:00p	Faith Conversations	Rm 211/213
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
10:30-11:30a	Mission Trip Orientation Mtg	Rm 211
1:30-4:00p	Lector Training	Church
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



**MARMION  
ACADEMY**

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



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[marmion.org/admissions](http://marmion.org/admissions)

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*Ministry program presents a  
Retreat/workshop for men & women*

March 14 & 15, 2020

at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont



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website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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