



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.

JANUARY 19, 2020

John the Baptist
saw Jesus coming
toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sins of the world.”

John 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH PRIESTS

Fr. Don E. McLaughlin, Pastor
Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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Deacon Bob Vavra

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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



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....
AKA Chardonnay W(h)ines!**

Last Sunday ended the Christmas season and I have not yet taken the opportunity to express some words of appreciation. Fr. Mark and I want to extend our appreciation and acknowledge all the time, energy, dedication and efforts that went in by so many of

you to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations visually and musically joyful and prayerful.

The Art & Environment Committee consisting of **Jeanne Daill**, **Linda Eichhoff**, **Marty Kadzelia**, and **Karen Schwartz** spent many months and hours reading liturgy documents, developing ideas, planning and procuring materials. They implemented their plans with the help of many volunteers. Those who helped set-up decorations indoors or outdoors for Advent and Christmas at the church and rectory include: Therese Tyk, who designed and made all the festive outdoor pots displayed at the entryways to church and the rectory. Others who helped in various ways with making bows, floral arrangements, moving trees and nativity figures, setting up and taking down, and various other tasks include: Len Eickhoff, Claudia Molina, Soledad Diaz, Jim Fisher, Phil Zwick, Anne Clark, Phyllis Anderson, Jessica Guajardo, Luz Rivero, Georgina Rodriguez, Cristina Ramirez, Rosy Pina, Maria Galvez, Veronica Manzanares, Daniela Molina, Jessica Molina, Jordan Young, Kurt Daill, Aaron & Ryan Woods, Cristina Ramirez, Ruben Manzanares, Miroslava Manzanares, Lucera Manzanares, Ruben Manzanares Jr., Imelda Orig, Shirley Staples, Elise Flagg, Chris Harvey, John Shea, Doug Tyk, Mary Orvino.

Unfortunately, the squirrel families that live in the trees behind the rectory played Christmas grinchies! Mr. Feldman provided lights on the trees and bushes surrounding the outdoor Mary shrine, but the squirrels chewed the wires and the lights went out! They did it also to the colored LED lights on four large bushes outside the rectory. Shame on them!! They better watch out if I turn Chardonnay loose on them!!

The music, under the direction of our Director of Music Ministries **Frank Sauter**, was especially outstanding! The choral and orchestral music prior to midnight Mass was truly inspiring. Thanks to all who played instruments in the orchestra and to the guest conductor, **Shaun Schaefer**s and to **Ben Gruman** who played cello in the trio version of "O Holy Night". Thanks to our Adult Choir for their voices leading us in prayerful song and to soloist **Emily Brink**. Thanks to our Children's Choir, Mercy Singers, and all the musicians and cantors who provided music for our Masses during the Advent and Christmas season. Thanks as well to all the liturgical ministers who served for Advent and Christmas Masses.

The parish staff thank all who dropped off goodies in the office for us to share. Fr. Mark, Deacon Senovio and I wish to extend our deep gratitude for all the personal gifts and cards we received. We are humbled by your generosity and kindness! We truly feel the love and support of the wonderful parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy.

Our 2019 Christmas collection through envelopes, cash, and on-line giving totaled \$64,400. This is approximately \$12,000 less than the Christmas collection last year. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:00 AM Int. Alphonse Rajasekhjar & Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM † Carol Bubolz, by Jeannine Malone

Wednesday, January 22 - St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

8:00 AM Int. Raul O. Preciado, by Raul Preciado

Thursday, January 23

8:00 AM † Fr. Yovany Dorado & Legion of Mary, by Rosa Cordero
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop

8:00 AM † Mike & Carole Brogan, by George & Willie Durante

Saturday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Paz Dagang, by Children & Grandchildren
 † Mike & Carole Brogan, Jody Brisson

Sunday, January 26 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Rosemary Hiple, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer
 9:00 AM † Mike & Carole Brogan, by The Griffins Family
 10:45 AM † Margaret Cabral, by Mary Murphy
 12:30 PM † Expedido Cerbers, Sr., by Josephine Caluza
 5:30 PM † Eduardo Garcia, by Heidi Noyola & Family
 Int. Kathy Menardi, by Lozano 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. OLM Parishioners |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Dolores Simonek |
| 5. Vocations | 13. Brendan English |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. All Cancer Patients |
| 7. Florence H. Kubicki | 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
 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
 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
 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
 Robert Ciulla

Bridget Garry

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!

El domingo pasado terminó la temporada navideña y aún no he aprovechado la oportunidad para expresar algunas palabras de gratitud. El Padre Mark y yo queremos extender nuestro agradecimiento y reconocer todo el tiempo, la energía, la dedicación y los esfuerzos que brindaron muchos de ustedes para hacer que nuestras celebraciones de

Adviento y Navidad sean visualmente y musicalmente alegres y orantes.

El Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente, formado por **Jeanne Daill**, **Linda Eichhoff**, **Marty Kadzelia** y **Karen Schwartz**, pasó muchos meses y horas leyendo documentos litúrgicos, desarrollando ideas, planificando y adquiriendo materiales. Implementaron sus planes con la ayuda de muchos voluntarios. Los que ayudaron a preparar decoraciones en interiores o exteriores para el Adviento y la Navidad en la iglesia y la rectoría incluyen: Therese Tyk, quien diseñó e hizo todas las macetas festivas al aire libre mostradas en las entradas a la iglesia y la rectoría. Otros que ayudaron de varias maneras a hacer moños, arreglos florales, mover árboles y figuras del pesebre, instalar y desmontar, y varias otras tareas incluyen: Len Eickhoff, Claudia Molina, Soledad Díaz, Jim Fisher, Phil Zwick, Anne Clark, Phyllis Anderson, Jessica Guajardo, Luz Rivero, Georgina Rodríguez, Cristina Ramírez, Rosy Piña, Maria Galvez, Verónica Manzanares, Daniela Molina, Jessica Molina, Jordan Young, Kurt Daill, Aaron y Ryan Woods, Rubén Manzanares, Mirosława Manzanares, Lucero Manzanares, Rubén Manzanares Jr., Imelda Orig, Shirley Staples, Elise Flagg, Chris Harvey, John Shea, Doug Tyk y Mary Orvino.

¡Desafortunadamente, las familias de ardillas que viven en los árboles detrás de la rectoría actuaron de gruñones de Navidad! El Sr. Feldman puso luces en los árboles y arbustos que rodean la ermita de María al aire libre, ¡pero las ardillas masticaron los cables y las luces se apagaron! También lo hicieron con las luces LED de colores en cuatro arbustos grandes afuera de la rectoría. ¡Qué vergüenza! ¡Será mejor que tengan cuidado si dejó a Chardonnay suelta!

¡La música, bajo la dirección de nuestro Director de Ministerios de Música **Frank Sauter**, fue especialmente sobresaliente! La música coral y orquestal antes de la Misa de medianoche fue realmente inspiradora. Gracias a todos los que tocaron instrumentos en la orquesta y al director invitado, **Shaun Schaeffers** y a **Ben Gruman** que tocó el violonchelo en la versión trío de "O Holy Night"! Gracias a nuestro Coro de Adultos por sus voces que nos guían en canciones de oración y a la solista **Emily Brink**. Gracias a nuestro Coro de Niños, Mercy Singers, y a todos los músicos y cantantes que brindaron música para nuestras Misas durante la temporada de Adviento y Navidad. Gracias también a todos los ministros litúrgicos que sirvieron en las Misas de Adviento y Navidad.

El personal de la parroquia agradece a todos los que dejaron golosinas en la oficina para que compartamos. El Padre Mark, el Diácono Senovio y yo deseamos extender nuestra profunda gratitud por todos los regalos y tarjetas personales que recibimos. ¡Agradecemos humildemente su generosidad y amabilidad! Realmente sentimos el amor y el apoyo de los maravillosos feligreses de Our Lady of Mercy.

Nuestra colecta de Navidad del 2019 a través de sobres, efectivo y donaciones en línea totalizó \$64,400. Esto es aproximadamente \$12,000 menos que la colecta de Navidad del año pasado. Gracias por su generosidad.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

LLAMADOS A SER SANTOS

Este domingo comienza el Tiempo Ordinario. Las lecturas nos hablan sobre la relación de Dios con Israel y la relación de Juan Bautista con Jesús. La relación entre Dios e Israel es tan estrecha, tan íntima, que es por mediación de Israel que "la salvación [de Dios] llega hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra" (Isaías 49:6). Pero sabemos por Juan Bautista que para que Israel cumpla la voluntad de Dios, debe reconocer que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Durante estas semanas también llegamos a conocer a Jesús. Comenzamos a entender más profundamente nuestra relación con Jesús y lo que la misma significa para nosotros, que somos "su pueblo santo" (1 Corintios 1:2).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49): 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22
- Martes: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28
- Miércoles: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6, o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración
- Jueves: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12
- Viernes: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Mc 3:13-19
- Sábado: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
- Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26): 1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]


TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).



MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"IDENTIFY THE THREAT, AND ACT"
father mark bernhard

JAN 24 & JAN 31 @ PLC from 6:30pm thru 8:30pm. \$30 total for both date nights!
Childcare provided. Register online WWW.OLMERCY.COM.



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AND THANKSGIVING**

**WEDNESDAY JAN 22ND
7PM | CHURCH**

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AN
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How can we have faith?

God wants us to be sure of our relationship with Him. How can we know that? How can we know that we are a Christian? How can we know that we have eternal life? Can we trust in the promises of the Father?

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

*DIOCESAN CATECHIST CONFERENCE
WITH JOHN GROSSMAN
JESUS IN THE CLASSROOM*

All current catechists and *all adults discerning a call to become a catechist* are greatly encouraged to attend this special gathering of faith formation!!! Together, let's deepen and energize our vocation, **"To offer life-changing encounters with Jesus, grow disciples, and send them on mission."** (Our Lady of Mercy Parish Vision Statement, 2019)

- WHERE:** *St. Petronille Parish, Glen Ellyn, IL*
DATE: *Wednesday, February 12, 2020*
TIME: *Dinner 6:00p , Presentation 7:00-8:00p*
COST: *FREE!*
Paid for by West DuPage Deanery Dues
RSVP: *maryjot@olmercy.com,
Deadline: Noon, Jan. 30!*

**R. E. PARENTS & CATECHISTS
PLEASE NOTE**

*Because of this special event, our Wed., Feb. 12
R.E. Sessions are cancelled!*

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE NIGHTS

January 27 6th-The Creed Part I 7/8th-Self Identity & Self Esteem

EDGE PLUS

Thursday, January 23 Fleeces for A.D.O.P.T.

Anyone who may have extra fleece to donate to the project, please drop off at the RE Office. It will be appreciated!

BIG THANK YOU!

I wanted to thank all of the teens & their parents who helped to cook breakfast & lunch for Hesus House for New Year's Day. The food was greatly appreciated & enjoyed. Also a big thank you to the Beardsley family who were gracious to serve the clients that morning at Hesus.

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

L.I.G.H.T. Mini-Courses for Term #1 continue Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2nd.

Teen & Parent Night will be Sunday, January 26th from 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville. This event features a nationally known Catholic Youth Ministry speaker, Joel Stepanek. All our teens in L.I.G.H.T. and their parents are asked to attend. Get more details on the L.I.G.H.T. webpage.

Mission Trip Weekend is Feb. 1-2 at all masses. A 2nd collection to support our trip will take place on Feb. 8-9 at all masses.

Teen Retreat Team is now forming! Any high school teen, college student or parent/adult is invited to consider the retreat team! We will be planning the summer Discovery Retreat for our teens who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next fall. Please contact Dave if you are interested in help OR to learn 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.



**AN 8-SESSION JOURNEY TO A MORE ABUNDANT
PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL LIFE**
**A Well-being Encouragement Group –
wouldn't that be great?**

It is not too late to join the **Come Alive!** program, 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. The 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 eight sessions are 90 minutes each time the small group meets. There will be a group meeting on Monday evenings starting Feb. 10 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and a group meeting on Saturday mornings starting Feb. 15 from 8:00am to 9:30am. Choose the day of the week and time that best meets your schedule. There will be two small groups. As the program will occur during Lent, it will be an intentional way to journey with the Lord. The program welcomes men and women, ages 18 years and older. The guidebook for the program is a special price of \$10. If you are interested in coming alive in your spiritual and physical health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at 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.

Don't throw away your marriage. There is hope. We can help. Retrouvaille saves marriages and strengthens families.

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TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEKEND!

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our **March 13-15, 2020** weekend in Darien, call 815-246-2080, email retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook (@retrouvaillejoliet) or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

Women in Faith Begins
January 22nd
9:00 to 11:00am
Room 114



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GOOD FOOD TALK DISCUSSION

Join the conversation

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thursday
evenings 7pm to 9pm
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JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

The Justice & Peace Ministry continues to pack blessing bags for the homeless. Recently we donated 75 bags to Wrapped In Love. The blessing bags were distributed to homeless on the streets of Chicago. Please continue your generous donations of items for this on going project. Presently we are in need of the following items: **toothpaste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, socks and granola bars.** We always accept all toiletries such as shampoo, soap, mouthwash, floss, body lotion, combs, razors. Items are packed in **gallon zip lock bags** and distributed. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Join the Crafty Souls for a 12 Hour Craft Event!



Bring your favorite project and spend the day crafting in the MPR of the Parish Life Center.

Saturday, February 15
9:00 am to 9:00 pm

\$30 registration fee (covers lunch and dinner) due Saturday, February 1.

Contact olmcraftsouls@gmail.com for a registration form.

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
 630.962.8464

Women's Contact | Imelda Orig
CRHPOLM@gmail.com
 312.403.1644





Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/05/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	858,400
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	864,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	(5,600)
01/05/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,597
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	2,597

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



WANTED: People over 50 years old who would like to join in social interaction with fellow OLM parishioners. This is a great way to make new friends, share experiences and enjoy some delicious luncheon food. Consider coming to join our group, GEMS, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month and see what we're all about.

EXERCISE YOUR MIND: Slow down the progress of memory problems with simple and fun games such as crossword puzzles or Sudoku.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at noon on February 12 at the Parish Life Center (PLC). We will be serving PIZZA and salad. Please consider bringing a dessert to share with everybody.

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 February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

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

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.

2019 Tax Statements...

will be available after all masses the weekend of January 25 & 26. Please stop by the PLC Lobby desk to pick up your statement. This is being done to save on the cost of postage.



Open House at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School January 26th

Come to our Open House and learn about our school! We have an Open House scheduled from 10:30am to 12:30am on Sunday, January 26th. There will be a short kindergarten information program beginning at 10:45am. Attendees will hear about our offerings, explore the school, and have the opportunity to meet teachers, administrators and current families. All parents and their children who will be entering kindergarten in the next year or two are invited.

For more information contact Meg Olsen at molsen@sspeterandpaulschool.com



Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Open House

Please join us after mass for coffee and donuts and an Open House! Come and see student artwork and projects and get started on registration for the upcoming school year!

Let's kick off our Catholic Schools Week by showing our support for Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy.

North Campus South Campus

706 High Street 601 Talma Street
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Mass: 9a.m. at St Joseph Mass: 10a.m. at OLG

Open House: 10a.m.-11:30.

Open House: 11a.m.-12:30

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Preschool • Elementary School • Middle School

Sunday, January 26th

North Campus: 10a.m.-11:30p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses January 25 & 26 Fr. Mark will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia
Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
9:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
10:45a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tionsong
12:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Martini
5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Tony Leazzo (A)

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	January 19	
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
6:00-9:30p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	January 20	
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry	Rm 114
TUESDAY	January 21	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
10:00-4:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
WEDNESDAY	January 22	
9:00-11:00p	Women in Faith	Rm 114
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	Magnify—Praise & Worship	Church
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 114
THURSDAY	January 23	
6:30-8:00p	Edge Plus	Rm 211
6:30-8:00p	Walking w/Purpose Bible Study	Rm 218
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	January 24	
9:00-2:00p	Appreciation Luncheon	Rm 114
6:30-8:00p	RE Catechist/Parent Formation	Rm 217
6:30-8:30p	Marriage Tune-Up	MPR
SATURDAY	January 25	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-10:30a	RE Catechist/Parent Formation	Rm 217
4:00-6:00p	Hospitality	MPR
SUNDAY	January 26	
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114

St. George's
Sausage
 (Garlic)
Sale

Sunday, February 9th, 2020 • 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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