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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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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:30pm
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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

JANUARY 26, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*They left their nets
and followed him.*

~ Matthew 4:20





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

As you know, in the year 2000 when Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina, he established the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. On September 30, 2019, on the memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be celebrated as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This year, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time falls on January 26th. In Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "*Aperuit Illis*" instituting The Sunday of the Word of God, he writes: "*He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures*" (Lk 24:45). *This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father's eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins (Lk 24:26.46-47). He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery (Lk 24:49).*

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ".

We as Catholics have a history of ignorance of the Sacred Scriptures. I suspect the "older" crowd reading this article, like me, were taught that reading and interpreting Sacred Scripture was the job of the bishops and priests. They would tell us what the Scriptures meant. So personal study of the Scriptures was not encouraged. Many of you, like me, probably had a decorative family bible with our family tree inscribed in it sitting on the coffee table in the living room as a decoration, but was never opened and read. All of us probably have protestant friends who can put us to shame by quoting chapter and verse passages from the Bible.

Since Vatican II, Catholics have been encouraged to study and discuss the Sacred Scriptures and incorporate them in our spirituality and daily life. Many programs and bible studies have followed. Many Catholics seem not yet to have made the connection between being disciples of Jesus and devouring the Word of God. It is Pope Francis hope that: "*The Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures.*"

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27 - St Angela Merici, Religious Founder

8:00 AM † Jose Cabreza Torres, by the Ordonez Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, January 28 - St Thomas Aquinas, Priest

8:00 AM Int Amanda Correa, by the Lozano Family

Wednesday, January 29 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Tim Conroy, by Tom & Margaret Mary Powers

Thursday, January 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Louise Walski, by Mary Krcmarik
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, January 31 - St John Bosco, Priest

8:00 AM † Margaret Cabral, by Mary Murphy

Saturday, February 1 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00-1:00p Baptism
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - The Presentation of the Lord**
 † Lynford Weege, by Ann & Richard Funk
 † Mike & Carole Brogan, Tim & Diane Reiter

Sunday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Paul Nunan, by Cheryl Hartnett
 9:00 AM † Sally Coit, by Michael Coit
 Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:45 AM † Nelson Chua, by Marquez Family
 Int The Noyola Family
 12:30 PM † Alfonso, Sr. & Estela Ramirez, by Children
 † Primo Pedrola, by Rina Pedrola & Family
 5:30 PM Int Phyllis Anderson, by St Vincent DePaul

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. Lisa Hillman |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. OLM Parishioners | 12. Autumn Malloy |
| 5. The Unborn | 13. Patricia Haas |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Vocations | 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/Cpl 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!

Como Uds. saben, en el año 2000, cuando el Papa Juan Pablo II canonizó a Santa Faustina, estableció el domingo después de Pascua como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. El 30 de septiembre del 2019, en el memorial de San Jerónimo, el Papa Francisco anunció que el Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se celebrará como **El Domingo de la Palabra de Dios**. Este año, el 3^{er} domingo del tiempo Ordinario cae el 26 de enero. En la Carta Apostólica del Papa Francisco "*Aperuit Illis*" instituyendo El Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, escribe: "*El abrió sus mentes para que entiendan las Escrituras*" (Lc 24:45). *Este fue uno de los actos finales del Señor resucitado antes de su Ascensión. Jesús se apareció a los discípulos reunidos, partió el pan con ellos y abrió sus mentes al entendimiento de las Sagradas Escrituras. A ellos, en medio de su temor y desconcierto, les reveló el significado del misterio pascual: que de acuerdo con el plan eterno del Padre, tenía que sufrir y resucitar de entre los muertos para traer el arrepentimiento y el perdón de los pecados* (Lc 24:26.46-47). *Luego prometió enviar al Espíritu Santo, quien les daría fuerza para ser testigos de este misterio salvador* (Lc 24:49).

La relación entre el Señor Resucitado, la comunidad de creyentes y la Sagrada Escritura es esencial para nuestra identidad como Cristianos. Sin el Señor que abre nuestras mentes, es imposible entender las Escrituras en profundidad. Sin embargo, lo contrario es igualmente cierto: sin las Escrituras, los eventos de la misión de Jesús y de su Iglesia en este mundo serían incomprensibles. Por lo tanto, San Jerónimo podría afirmar con razón: La ignorancia de las Escrituras es la ignorancia de Cristo."

Nosotros como Católicos tenemos una historia de ignorancia de las Sagradas Escrituras. Sospecho que a la gente "mayor" que lea este artículo, como a mí, se le enseñó que leer e interpretar la Sagrada Escritura era el trabajo de los obispos y sacerdotes. Ellos nos dirían lo que significaban las Escrituras. Por lo tanto, no se alentó el estudio personal de las Escrituras. Muchos de ustedes, como yo, probablemente tenían una biblia familiar decorativa con nuestro árbol genealógico inscrito en ella, asentada en la mesa de café en la sala de estar como decoración, pero nunca fue abierta y leída. Probablemente todos tengamos amigos protestantes que puedan avergonzarnos citando pasajes de capítulos y versículos de la Biblia.

Desde el Vaticano II, los Católicos han sido alentados a estudiar y discutir las Sagradas Escrituras e incorporarlas a nuestra espiritualidad y vida cotidiana. Muchos programas y estudios bíblicos han seguido. Parece que muchos Católicos aún no han hecho la conexión entre ser discípulos de Jesús y devorar la Palabra de Dios. El Papa Francisco espera que: "*El domingo de la Palabra de Dios ayude a su pueblo a crecer en una familiaridad religiosa e íntima con las Sagradas Escrituras.*"

Padre Don

BUSCAMOS LA LUZ

En las lecturas de hoy nos encontramos deseando una relación más profunda con Jesús. Lo vamos conociendo un poco más al ver cómo le afecta la noticia del arresto de su primo Juan. Su primera reacción es retirarse, dejar Nazaret e irse a Cafarnaúm. Es allí donde quizás encuentra tanto consuelo como reto en las palabras de Isaías que Mateo cita: "El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz. Sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras una luz resplandeció" (Mateo 4:16). Jesús contempla la muerte de su primo, y quizás su propia muerte, y busca la luz. Tal vez son estas palabras de Isaías las que sacan a Jesús de su retiro y lo lanzan a la acción, pues él comienza a predicar, enseñar, curar enfermedades y a proclamar el Evangelio del Reino.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Sal 89 88):
20-22, 25-26; Mc 3:22-30
Martes: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Sal
24 (23):7-10; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Sal 89 (88):4-
5, 27-30; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Sal
132 (131):1-5, 11-14;
Mc 4:21-25
Viernes: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Sal 51 (50):3-7, 10-11; Mc
4:26-34
Sábado: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Sal
51 (50):12-17; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-
10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LITURGY NOTES

Next Sunday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also known as Candlemas Day. On this day candles are blessed. You are welcome to bring candles with you to Mass to be blessed. The blessing will take place just before the entrance procession for Mass. We will also have blessed candles available after Mass for a free will offering.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Monday and Thursday, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If you would like to sign up to be a Eucharistic Adorer please contact Shirley Staples at: shirleystaples@yahoo.com



"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa

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

*DIOCESAN CATECHIST CONFERENCE
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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 7:00-8:45p
Followed by fun Raffle prize drawings of gift cards and baskets!
- COST:** FREE!
Paid for by West DuPage Deanery Dues
- RSVP:** maryjot@plmercy.com,
Deadline: Noon, Monday, January 27!

R.E. PARENTS & CATECHISTS
PLEASE NOTE:
**BECAUSE OF THIS SPECIAL EVENT, OUR
WED., FEB. 12TH R.E. SESSIONS
ARE CANCELLED!**

**EDGE
(Grades 6-8)**

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

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

L.I.G.H.T. Mini-Courses continue Jan. 26th 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.

Service and Discipleship Projects are available for sign-up on the L.I.G.H.T. webpage. Get details on upcoming projects that will help meet your L.I.G.H.T. requirement for Confirmation.

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.

Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Pastoral Care Needs

There are times in our lives when pastoral care can provide support and assistance with spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health needs. Some of these times of transitions in our life may be when experiencing the loss of a loved one, the loss of health or the loss of a job; times of stress; making end-of-life decisions, experiencing the end of life; caregiving for a loved one; or being homebound and unable to attend Mass.

If you would like a Minister of Care to bring Communion to you in the home, would like to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick sacrament before a surgery or during an illness, if you would like clergy or a pastoral care minister to visit you while you are in the hospital, if you would like bereavement support, end-of-life issues support, or assistance with resources and navigating the health care system for physical, emotional and mental health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com.

Health Awareness Tips

January is *Thyroid Awareness Month*. Do you know the role that the thyroid has in the body? It is a small gland located at the base of the neck (above the collarbone and below the voice box or larynx) responsible for producing hormones in many of the body's organs such as the heart, brain, liver and kidneys. When the thyroid produces either too little or too much of the thyroid hormone, the healthy function of these organs is disrupted. Early diagnosis and treatment are important for a normal, healthy life.

If you notice any bulges in the area of your thyroid on the neck, are feeling cold most of the time, have trouble sleeping or difficulty swallowing, it may be a sign that there is something going on with your thyroid. It is important to be examined by your health care provider if you notice changes that may be connected with the thyroid or any changes that you experience in your physical, emotional or mental health. Be aware and take care of your thyroid!

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

IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING? Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking altogether? Does talking about your problems only make them worse?

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Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples facing difficulties in their marriage restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. This marriage-saving program provides couples with actionable steps they can take to improve communication, build a stronger marriage and help them reconnect.

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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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

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Men's Contact | Bob Maxwell
CRHPOLM@gmail.com
630.962.8464

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

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 olmcraftysouls@gmail.com for a registration form.

You are cordially
invited

FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2020 AFTER ALL MASSES



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where IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

RESPECT LIFE...

Join us Friday, February 7, 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>

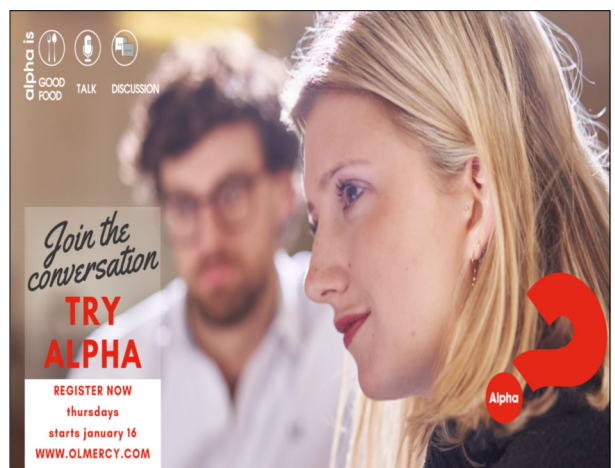
For more information, please call Jane Fonner (630) 851-8433 or email janeconner@comcast.net



MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

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father mark bernhard

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Childcare provided. Register online WWW.OLMERCY.COM.



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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 1/12/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	887,509
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	896,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	(8,491)
0/12/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,109
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	(2,891)

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



GEMS...get physical...start slow and go slow. Walk a block every day or park a little farther away from the store than you're used to. Set small goals and slowly increase them.

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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 pm



At All Saints, **All Are Welcome!**
Today, we open our doors, and warmly invite you to come out of the cold and visit All Saints, take a look around, and find out why you belong at All Saints Catholic Academy. Experience the warm sense of com-

munity and family that is All Saints. Here, your child and family will be **known and loved.**

What to expect on Open House Day?

Tours will be conducted by school parents and students. ASCA is blessed with large, bright classrooms, small class sizes, and a beautiful campus centrally located in downtown Naperville, not too far from where you live. See the school from a parent perspective. Bring your prospective student to meet other students, and, potentially, their new teacher.

Meet our teachers and administrators, and find out more about the excellent education grounded in faith that is offered at All Saints. Special events are planned throughout the building.

Complete our Scavenger Hunt Challenge, and you will be entered into a drawing to win a **free new family registration fee (a \$250 value)**

Find out more about our **three and four year old pre-school programs** where **YOU** have flexibility in choosing the amount of days that meet your child's needs—**full and half days with extended care available.** **True learning in a real school.** Preschool students enjoy gym, art, music and Spanish as part of their instruction.



Explore our outstanding curriculum that will prepare your **preschool through grade 8 student** for every step in their academic journey.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year opens on January 26, 2020

Students, Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners –
Come see your parish school!

All Saints is located at 1155 Aurora Avenue in central Naperville, not far from where you live. If you are unable to come to the open house, contact the school at (630) 961-6125 to schedule a tour. For more information, visit www.ascacademy.org.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses February 1 & 2

Deacon Senovio will preach at all Masses.

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



Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	January 26	
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
11:00-12:00	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
MONDAY	January 27	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	EDGE	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	January 28	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
10:00-4:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
7:30-9:00p	Knights of Columbus General Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	January 29	
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-8:00p	Legion of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
THURSDAY	January 30	
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 31	
6:30-8:30p	Marriage Tune-Up	MPR
SATURDAY	February 1	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
SUNDAY	February 2	
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
5:00-9:30p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

Widowed and feeling stuck?

Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed

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

March 14 & 15, 2020

at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont



To register call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: 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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