



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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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

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

~ Matthew 5:14



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

Guess what? The beginning of Lent is only two and a half weeks away! Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 26. This year our schedule for Ash Wednesday services will be a little different from previous years. And, we are adding something new for families. We will have a distribution of ash service at 5:30pm following by a cheese pizza dinner and Lenten activities for families. This is open to ALL parish families, not just families in RE. Reservations will be required so we know how much pizza to order and supplies to provide. Make reservations by calling or e-mailing the Religious Education office. The Ash Wednesday schedule of services is as follows:

Ash Wednesday – February 26, 2020

6:30am	Mass
8:00am	Mass
12:00noon	Scripture Service
4:00pm	Scripture Service
5:30pm	Scripture Service (family)
7:30pm	Mass

We also want to give you advance notice of a change in Mass time for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. These Masses are longer than usual due to added rituals. To give proper time to celebrate these Masses and reduce congestion in the parking lot, please make note of the following Mass times for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday – April 4 & 5, 2020 – Mass Times

Saturday	4:00pm				
Sunday	7:00am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	5:30pm

Easter – April 11 & 12, 2020 – Mass Times

Saturday	8:00pm
Sunday	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm
	No 5:30pm
	(There will be Mass in Church & Gym at 9:00am and 11:00am)

We have also added additional confession times during Lent. That schedule will be posted shortly.

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10 - St Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 AM † Estela Ramirez, by the Toschak Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 AM † Thomas Kuehn, by Ida Phillips
 † Mary Lerner, by Angelique Johnson

Wednesday, February 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Tom Zwick, by Bob & Judy Frunk

Thursday, February 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Tony Magda, by Jeannine Malone
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, February 14 - St Cyril, Monk and Methodius

8:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

Saturday, February 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Joyce Markus, by Family
 † Mike & Carole Brogan, by Robert & Valerie Webber

Sunday, February 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Melva Purnell, by John Salentine
 9:00 AM INT Fr Don McLaughlin, by OLM Staff
 10:45 AM † Jeffrey Thompson, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer
 12:30 PM † Maurice Camm, by Clare Embrey-Foy
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 2:00 PM Baptism
 5:30 PM † Patrick Fernandez, by Chris Fernandez 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. Hazel Fanfan |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Diane Pazos | 12. Bob Holzworth |
| 5. Ben & Imelda Orig | 13. Health for Paul H |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Dennis Wollenberg |
| 7. RAP | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

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 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!

¿Adivinen qué? ¡El comienzo de la Cuaresma está a solo dos semanas y media! El Miércoles de Ceniza es el miércoles 26 de febrero. Este año nuestro horario para los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza será un poco diferente al

de años anteriores. Y, estamos agregando algo nuevo para las familias. Tendremos un servicio de distribución de cenizas a las 5:30pm, seguido de una cena de pizza de queso y actividades de Cuaresma para familias. Esto está abierto a TODAS las familias de la parroquia, no solo a las familias en Educación Religiosa (RE). Se requerirán reservaciones para que sepamos cuánta pizza ordenar y suministros para proporcionar. Hagan reservas llamando o enviando un correo electrónico a la oficina de Educación Religiosa. El horario de servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza es el siguiente:

Miércoles de Ceniza - 26 de febrero, 2020

6:30am	Misa
8:00am	Misa
12: 00 mediodía	Servicio de las Escrituras
4:00pm	Servicio de las Escrituras
5:30pm	Servicio de las Escrituras (familia)
7:30pm	Misa

También queremos avisarles con anticipación sobre un cambio en el programa de Misa para el Domingo de Ramos y el Domingo de Pascua. Estas Misas son más largas de lo habitual debido a los rituales adicionales. Para dar el tiempo adecuado para celebrar estas Misas y reducir la congestión en el estacionamiento, tomen nota de los siguientes horarios de Misa para el Domingo de Ramos y el Domingo de Pascua.

Domingo de Ramos - 4 y 5 de abril, 2020 – Horarios de Misa

Sábado	4:00pm
Domingo	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:30pm

Pascua - 11 y 12 de abril, 2020 - Horarios de Misa

Sábado	8:00pm
Domingo	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm No 5:30 pm (Habrà Misa en la Iglesia y en el Gimnasio a las 9:00am y 11:00am)

También hemos agregado tiempos de confesión adicionales durante la Cuaresma. Ese horario se publicará en breve.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Don

EL LLAMADO DE DIOS

La persona que ha sido “salvada” y que ha “oído la buena noticia de salvación” sigue viviendo en un mundo que no ha sido salvado, un mundo tristemente inconsciente de la presencia de Dios. Las lecturas de hoy bosquejan cómo el discípulo se hace presente al mundo.

Ese perfil se inicia con Isaías: “Comparte tu pan con el hambriento. . . abre tu casa al pobre sin techo. . . viste al desnudo” (Isaías 58:7). Los que escuchan la palabra de salvación no son insensibles a las urgentes necesidades de los demás. Pablo le recuerda a su rebaño que él le trajo a Cristo no con elocuencia o sabiduría, sino que permaneció con ellos “débil y temblando de miedo” en medio de su trabajo diario (1 Corintios 2:3). Finalmente, Jesús dice a sus discípulos que vayan a la desesperanza y oscuridad de las calles del mundo y dejen que la luz de Dios brille a través de sus obras buenas.

Los discípulos no salvan el mundo. Sin embargo, si nosotros hemos escuchado la Palabra de Dios y hemos empezado a discernir su presencia, podemos proclamar esa Palabra y traer esa presencia a los demás.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 8-10; Mc 6:53-56
Martes:	1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Sal 84 (83):3-5, 10-11; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles:	1 Re 10:1-10; Sal 37 (36):5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves:	1 Re 11:4-13; Sal 106 (105):3-4, 35-37, 40; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes:	1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Sal 81 (80):10-11ab, 12-15; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado:	1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 19-22; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo:	Eclo 15:15-20; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

GOD'S CALL

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule February 26

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the following Masses and Scripture Services.

6:30 am	Mass	4:00 pm	Scripture Service
8:00 am	Mass	5:30 pm	Scripture Service
12:00 pm	Scripture Service	7:30 pm	Mass





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

R.E. Family Corner

Gospel Connection to Doctrine

Jesus tells us to shine our light by doing good deeds. When people see our loving words and actions, they know we are followers of Jesus.

Baptism makes us members of the Church. Another name for the Church is the Body of Christ. When we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we become the Body of Christ for the world. Our loving words and actions shine the light of Jesus for others to see. The Easter Candle is the sign that reminds us that Jesus is the Light we received at our Baptism.

Question of the Week

When have another person's actions inspired you to do something good?

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving each of us special gifts. Help us to find new ways to share our talents with one another. Amen.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

L.I.G.H.T. Mini-Courses for Term #1 will begin Jan. 12th! Teens NEW to L.I.G.H.T. will need to get their folder, bible and journal notebook before your session begins on Jan. 12th. Please see the table at the top of the stairs on the second floor. Registration for Term #2 and 3 remains open so please contact the office to sign-up for a course!

Mission Trip Orientation meetings will be on Jan. 12th from 12:00-12:45 pm OR Jan. 14th from 7:00-7:45 pm. in the PLC. All teens attending the mission trip (and at least one parent) are asked to attend ONE of these meetings.

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.

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.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE NIGHTS

January 11	7/8 th Grade RETREAT	9/Noon
January 13	PARENT/TEEN NIGHT	PARENT /TEEN NIGHT
January 27	6 th -The Creed Part I	7/8 th -Self Identity & Self Esteem

PARENT/TEEN NIGHT AT EDGE

On **Monday, January 13th at 6:30/8 PM**, we are asking all parents of EDGE Teens to come with their teen that evening. Fr. Mark & a member of our Aurora Police Dept. will be presenting the topic of, "*Social Media: Looking through the Eyes of our Faith.*"

EDGE PLUS

Thursday, January 23 Fleece 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!

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 [joleneel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

February Heart Health Tip

Nutrition plays an important role in your heart health! The American Heart Association (AHA) suggests that we eat a variety of nutritious foods from all food groups. If you have a medical condition that impacts the food groups that you can eat, it is important to follow the advice of your health care provider and a registered dietician.

The AHA recommends an overall healthy dieting pattern that emphasizes a variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, skinless poultry and fish, nuts and legumes and non-tropical vegetable oils. Limit saturated fat, trans fat, sodium, red meat, sweets and sugar-sweetened beverages.

For more information on heart healthy eating patterns, go to www.heart.org. Make a positive impact on your heart health by eating more nutrient-rich foods that makes your heart smile!!



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, February 17 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.

Chicago Department of Public Health on the Novel Coronavirus(2019-nCoV infection)

An update from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) dated January 31, 2020 stated the following ways for organizations in the community, including faith-based organizations to prevent infections with the Coronavirus(2019-nCoV) and other respiratory diseases. The listed suggestions are everyday common sense actions that will help to protect against any respiratory virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

General infection control guidance is available at www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol. If someone is sick with the Coronavirus(2019-nCoV), they develop mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Illness can begin 2 to 14 days after an exposure. Respiratory illness may be due to a variety of causes, but if there is a concern of a possible exposure to the Coronavirus(2019-nCoV) or about a person's health status, seek medical attention from your medical professional. Novel coronavirus can only be diagnosed through a laboratory test.

Knights News:



Knights of Columbus Council 12005 – Our Lady of Mercy

Heartland Blood Drive: Thanks to all who braved the weather and supported our Jan. 8th Blood Drive. We were able to collect 10 units of Blood – potentially saving 30 lives! Our next drive will be Saturday May 16th – come out and support us. Each unit can save up to three people’s lives, thanks to all who gave – you really make a difference!

March for Life Pilgrimage: Thanks to all who supported the Jan. 5th Pancake Breakfast, enabling us to sponsor a bus from the Joliet Diocese to Washington DC for this important pro-life march. Our next breakfast will be Sunday March 22nd, please plan to attend – profit will be donated to the Global Wheelchair Mission. This charity delivers free high quality, new wheelchairs to children, teens, adults and veterans without the means to acquire a wheelchair.

Free Throw Contest: We had 13 talented competitors come out for our contest this year held on January 8th. Congratulations to the following winners in each of the age groups:

Erin Kathmann	Jayden Mathew	Grace Grunloh
Jack Polkow	Kelly Kathmann	Ben Grunloh
Jaymes Taylor	Ryan Polkow	

These sharp shooters won their age group in the District Competition held the same day and will move on to the Regional Competition at Benedictine University in Lisle on March 18th. Good luck to all!!

Erin Kathmann	Jayden Mathew	Grace Grunloh
Jack Polkow	Kelly Kathmann	Ben Grunloh
Jaymes Taylor		

Our thanks to Fr. Don, Fr. Mark and the Parish Staff for making this a fun and successful event once again.

Faith, Family, Community and Life – Principles of our Faith in Action
Do you want to make a real difference in our Parish and Community? Why not join us – membership is open to all practicing catholic men age 18 and over. For information contact Jeff LeRoy – jleroy53@hotmail.com.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

Men’s Weekend
Feb 29 & March 1

Women’s Weekend
March 7 & 8

REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 22

Christ Renews His Parish, or CRHP, is a program designed to help us renew our Christian faith by bringing members of the Our Lady of Mercy community together in Christ.

It is a break from your busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that you can refresh yourself spiritually and renew your heart. You will be meeting with and listening to the experiences of other men or women from our Parish in an informal and relaxed environment of reflection, fellowship and fun.

The emphasis during the weekend is on small group interaction. Everyone is free to share as much or as little as they feel comfortable. Discussion and sharing is enjoyed by all participants.

After the weekend, the opportunity to continue faith formation exists with an option to continue to meet and grow as a spiritual community and eventually share what you’ve experienced with others.

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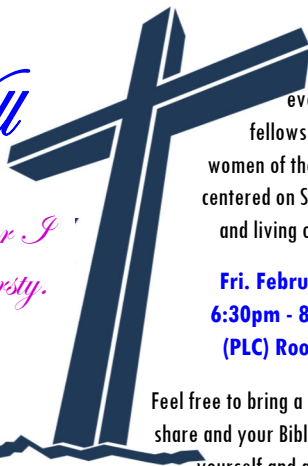
You are cordially invited

FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2020
AFTER ALL MASSES



Women at the Well

Sir, give me this water for I get thirsty.



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

Fri. February 21
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(PLC) Room 114

Feel free to bring a snack to share and your Bible or just yourself and a friend!!

Please reach out with any questions

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 Cindy Hapke | chapke20@gmail.com



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/26/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	951,791
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	864,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(8,209)
01/26/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	30,600
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(1,400)

Thank you for your generosity!!

Parish Life Center Diocesan Loan Balance as of
January 31, 2020:
\$887,129

***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 Valentines Day!

GEMS...remember these nutritional "superfoods" when planning your menu: Berries, red/yellow and orange produce, citrus, grapes and tree fruits.

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...our next meeting will be on March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

PALM BRANCHES FROM LAST YEAR

Baskets will be in the narthex the weekends of February 15 & 16 and 22 & 23 for you to place your dried palm branches from last year. They will be burnt on the Monday before Ash Wednesday to create ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday.



Missed our Open House?

Registration is **now active for the 2020-2021 school year**; but, **it is not too late** to take a look at All Saints for your pre-school through grade 8 student.

Next Steps? Call to make an appointment for a personal tour – 9 am on Tuesday mornings, and 2 pm on Thursday afternoons. At All Saints, **All Are Welcome!**

Your student will be challenged academically. Your student will grow in wisdom and faith. Your student and family will be **known and loved**. **You ARE family.**

For more information, visit www.ascacademy.org, or call (630) 961-6125

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses February 15 & 16

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

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	February 9	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	February 10	
12:00-4:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	EDGE	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	February 11	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
WEDNESDAY	February 12	
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	Magnify - Praise & Worship	Church
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
THURSDAY	February 13	
10:00-11:00a	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
6:30-8:00p	Walking w/Purpose Bible Study	Rm 218
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	K of C Business Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	February 14	
	No Activities	
SATURDAY	February 15	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Rm 204
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
9:00-9:00p	Crafty Souls All Day Event	MPR
SUNDAY	February 16	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



2020 Camp Line-Up

SOCCER	JUNE 15-17
BASKETBALL	JUNE 22-24
FOOTBALL	JUNE 29-JULY 1
VOLLEYBALL	JULY 8-10
HOCKEY	JULY 20-22
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	JULY 27-29

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Faith-based program to facilitate healing & growth and develop hope

REGISTER NOW
 10-week peer support group session
 begins Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:30-8:00PM
 St. Michael Church in Wheaton
 (bridal room near east entrance)

Contact Deacon Dan Aderholdt at
 dladerholdt@gmail.com or 630.234.8704

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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2021 Oct

16 Day Pilgrimage with Deacon Mike Plese. Informational meeting Sat 3/7 @ 10am, Room 217. For more details, connect with Proximo Travel 855-842-8001

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