



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS  
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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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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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Deacon Art Tionsgon  
Deacon Bob Vavra

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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

FEBRUARY  
16 2020



SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;  
God has set before you fire and water;  
to whichever you choose,  
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16



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

Today throughout the Diocese of Joliet, we begin our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2020. The theme, "Be Kind and Merciful" speaks so well to the work of the Church throughout the Diocese of Joliet. So many lives are touched through the 28 ministries and programs offered by the Diocesan Church. We are all aware of the work of Catholic Charities and their providing for the needs of the poor with food, shelter and counseling. Your gift to the CMAA also touches our parish. Did you know that your gift to the CMAA has funded the education of our transitional deacon Senovio and the rest of the 37 seminarians studying to become priests? We will rejoice with Deacon Senovio when he is ordained a priest this coming May! Your gift also provides for the formation of the three men from our parish, Tony Leazzo, Doug McIlvaine, and Bussy Sindac, who are preparing to be ordained permanent deacons. Tony will be ordained in August of this year. Doug and Bussy have a couple more years to go! And, there are two additional men from our parish in the application process. The Appeal also helps fund Young Adult and Youth Ministry programs that serve approximately 25,500 of our youth and young adults throughout the Diocese. The Diocesan Religious Education Office provides oversight, guidance, support, training and services for Mary Jo Tripani, our Director of Religious Education, Candy Rice, our Middle School Youth Minister, and Dave Miserendino, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Ultimately, the families, children, youth, and teens of our parish are the recipients of what the Diocese provides for our staff. The diocese makes available employee insurance, property insurance, electricity and natural gas at a lower cost than an individual parish could afford.

In the time I have been pastor of OLM we have exceeded our parish goal. Like last year, we will receive a 70% rebate of the funds collected over our goal. This year our goal is **\$146,700**. Next weekend is pledge Sunday. I once again ask you to join me in making a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and help us surpass our goal again! If you received your pledge commitment card in the mail, please complete it and bring it to Mass next Sunday. We will also have pledge cards in the pews. No gift is too small!! Together we are all part of the Church of Joliet – every gift counts! And, I assure you, NONE of the money collected by the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is used in the settling of law suits for the past sins of our priests and bishops. Your gift is used entirely to provide kindness and mercy to the 585,080 Catholics in the Diocese of Joliet.

Have a blessed week!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 17 - Seven Holy Founders Servite Order

8:00 AM † Jim & Sally Rumsey, by Rich & Theresa Kobal  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, February 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Staci Radford-Vincent, by Norm & Diane Radford

### Wednesday, February 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

### Thursday, February 20 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Houdek Children, by Mom  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, February 21 - St Peter Damian

8:00 AM † Michael W. Hesselbach, Jr. by Grandparents  
 † Nick Camp, by Holzworth Family

### Saturday, February 22 - The Cahir of St Peter the Apostle

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Bill & Christine Holbrook  
 † Louis Sonetz, by Mary Anne Sonetz

### Sunday, February 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Patrice Klasinski  
 9:00 AM † Betty Miller, by Mike & Lori Coit  
 10:45 AM † Kerry Harrington, by Patricia Feinberg  
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 12:30 PM † George Terraza, by Family  
 5:30 PM † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon         | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick               | 10. Bishop Conlin          |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos        | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Diane Pazos            | 12. First Responders       |
| 5. Special Intention-A.M. | 13. The Unemployed         |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra       | 14. Camille Damore         |
| 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/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  
 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  
 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!

Hoy, en toda la Diócesis de Joliet, comenzamos nuestra Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos (CMAA) para el 2020. El tema, "*Sé Amable y Misericordioso*" habla muy bien del trabajo de la Iglesia en toda la Diócesis de Joliet. Tantas vidas se tocan a través de los 28 ministerios y programas ofrecidos por la Iglesia Diocesana. Todos conocemos el trabajo de Caridades Católicas y su provisión para las necesidades de los pobres con alimentos, refugio y asesoramiento. Tu donación a la CMAA también toca nuestra parroquia. ¿Sabías que tu donación a la CMAA ha financiado la educación de nuestro diácono de transición Senovio y el resto de los 37 seminaristas que estudian para ser sacerdotes? ¡Nos regocijaremos con el Diácono Senovio cuando sea ordenado sacerdote este mes de mayo! Tu donación también provee para la formación de los tres hombres de nuestra parroquia, Tony Leazzo, Doug McIlvaine y Bugsy Sindac, que se están preparando para ser ordenados diáconos permanentes. Tony será ordenado en agosto de este año. ¡Doug y Bugsy tienen un par de años más! Y, hay dos hombres adicionales de nuestra parroquia en el proceso de aplicación. La Campaña también ayuda a financiar los programas del Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos y Jóvenes que atienden a aproximadamente 25,500 de nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos en toda la Diócesis. La Oficina Diocesana de Educación Religiosa proporciona supervisión, orientación, apoyo, capacitación y servicios para Mary Jo Tripani, nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, Candy Rice, nuestra Ministra de Jóvenes de la Escuela Intermedia, y Dave Miserendino, nuestro Director del Ministerio de Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos. En última instancia, las familias, niños, jóvenes y adolescentes de nuestra parroquia son los destinatarios de lo que la Diócesis brinda a nuestro personal. La diócesis pone a disposición seguros para empleados, seguros de propiedad, electricidad y gas natural a un costo menor que el que una parroquia individual puede pagar.

En el tiempo que he sido pastor de OLM hemos excedido nuestra meta parroquial. Al igual que el año pasado, recibiremos un reembolso del 70% de los fondos recaudados por encima de nuestra meta. Este año nuestra meta es **\$146,700**. El próximo fin de semana es el domingo de la promesa. ¡Una vez más, les pido que se unan a mí para hacer una donación a la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos 2020 y que nos ayude a superar nuestra meta nuevamente! Si recibiste tu tarjeta de promesa de compromiso por correo, por favor complétala y tráela a Misa el próximo domingo. También tendremos tarjetas de promesa en las bancas. ¡Ninguna donación es demasiado pequeña! Juntos somos parte de la Iglesia de Joliet - ¡cada donación cuenta! Y, les aseguro, NINGUN dinero recaudado por la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos se utiliza en la solución de demandas judiciales por los pecados pasados de nuestros sacerdotes y obispos. Tu donación se utiliza por completo para proporcionar amabilidad y misericordia a los 585,080 Católicos en la Diócesis de Joliet.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

*Padre [Signature]*

## TÚ DECIDES

“Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos”, nos dice Eclesiástico (Sirácide). Dios “ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras” (Eclo 15:15, 16). Este es un gran misterio: Dios no nos controla tan completamente que no podemos elegir nuestro propio camino. Es cierto que tenemos límites, pero nadie sino nosotros mismos podemos elegir el camino dentro de esos límites.

En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio según san Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que somos libres y responsables de nuestra vida. Nos llama a ir más allá de las palabras de los mandamientos para considerar su significado. Si vas más allá del adulterio verás el egoísmo que envenena nuestro amor. Si vas más allá del asesinato verás la ira que corroe nuestra compasión. Si vas más allá del falso testimonio (perjurio) verás las mentiras y engaños que producen este comportamiento.

Nuestra vocación es elegir la vida para nosotros mismos, y tomar un camino a través de nuestro mundo que haga la vida posible y más abundante para otros también. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13  
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21  
Miércoles: Stgo 1:19-27; Sal 15 (14):2-4ab, 5; Mc 8:22-26  
Jueves: Stgo 2:1-9; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Mc 8:27-33  
Viernes: Stgo 2:14-24, 26; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Mc 8:34 — 9:1  
Sábado: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Domingo: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**CHOICE**

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

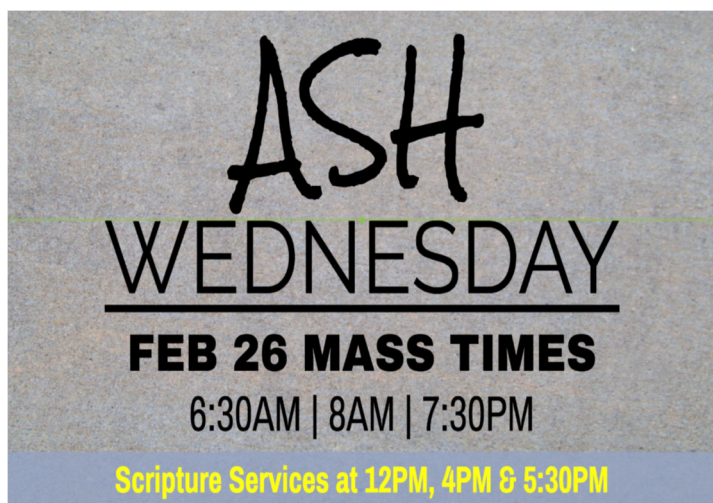
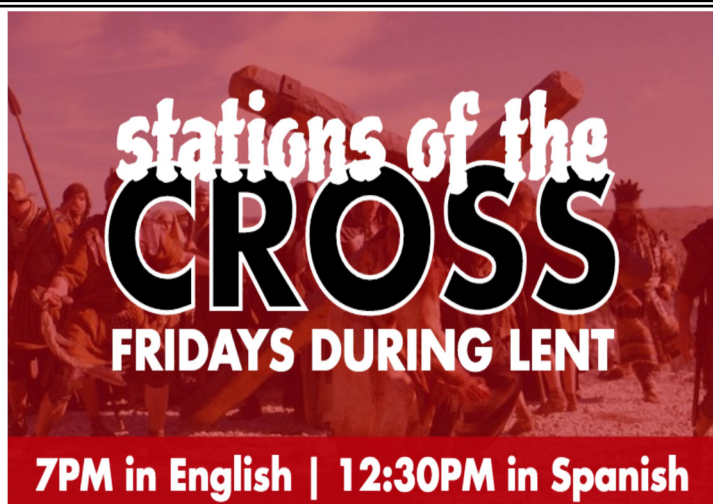
**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1  
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

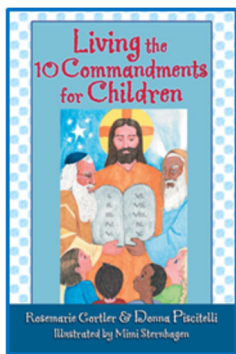




## R.E. Family Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus reiterates many of God's laws of love from the Hebrew Scriptures.

Our volunteer catechists, use a fantastic resource from *Our Sunday Visitor* called, *Living the Ten Commandments for Children* to formally introduce our students to how we are to live in a loving friendship with God and others.



With your powerful influence as parents, it is very important to keep reviewing these ten priorities of our faith to our children in a manner appropriate to their age. Drop by the R.E. office to check out a copy of this booklet or purchase a copy online. It's true! Our partnership can ensure that our "disciple-making" can and does grow lasting peace and joy in the hearts of our children.

## EDGE (Grades 6-8)

### EDGE NIGHTS

FEB. 24

MARDI GRAS PARTY

### EDGE PLUS

FEB. 15/16

CANCELLED

### UPCOMING EVENTS

PALM WEAIVING-On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> after our EDGE Lenten Reconciliation Service, our teens will learn to weave palms.

In March, day & time TBA, we will have a gathering for BOWLING..

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

The **Confirmation Letter of Intent** for teens interested in enrolling in the sacramental program for Confirmation is Due Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to the R.E. Office. The packet and information can be found on the LIGHT webpage.

**Teen Cupcake Wars** is happening Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm in the youth center. All high school teens are welcome to attend. Information on the LIGHT webpage.

**Teen Bible Study** will be starting on Thursdays, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and held for 8 weeks from 6-7 pm in the Youth Center. More details and teen signup is on the LIGHT webpage.

**Catholic Teen Night Olympics** will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Raphael Church in Naperville. All high school teens welcome. Information on the LIGHT 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.



### Open HEARTS Ministry

The Open HEARTS Ministry is one of the pastoral care ministries of our faith community focusing on mental and emotional health and wellness. With caring hearts, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. The ministry prays that individuals feel comfortable reaching out for support and prayer; that people realize that treatment is available and that the stigma associated with mental illness is broken.

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

### Know Your Blood Pressure

When was the last time that you had your blood pressure taken? Do you know if your blood pressure is in the healthy or unhealthy range? Do you know what your blood pressure numbers mean? The first number of the blood pressure is the systolic blood pressure that indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against the artery walls when the heart beats. The second number is the diastolic blood pressure that indicates how much pressure the blood is exerting against the artery walls while the heart is resting between beats.

There are five blood pressure ranges recognized by the American Heart Association. The normal range are numbers less than 120/80 mm Hg. Elevated blood pressure are readings that consistently range from 120-129 systolic and less than 80 mm Hg diastolic. Hypertension Stage 1 is when blood pressure consistently ranges from 130-139 systolic or 80-89 mm Hg diastolic. Hypertension Stage 2 is when blood pressure consistently ranges at 140/90 mmHg or higher. A hypertensive crisis occurs when a blood pressure reading suddenly exceeds 180/120. This stage of high blood pressure requires immediate medical attention. A high blood pressure may or may not be accompanied by symptoms but if there are signs of chest pain, shortness of breath, back pain, numbness/weakness, change in vision or difficulty speaking – call 911.


Take advantage of having your blood pressure taken by volunteer health care professionals after Masses at the end of the month. The next screening will be February 22 and 23 in the Ministry Room after Masses that have volunteers available.

### Pastoral Care Needs

If you are a licensed health care professional trained in taking blood pressures, please consider helping out with the blood pressure ministry. There is support and assistance available for spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health needs. For more information, please contact Jolene

LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolene1@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene1@olmercy.com).





**PLEASE JOIN US!**

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**A DAY OF RENEWAL  
FOR  
THE DIVORCED**

**Come to the Water:  
Experiencing Freedom and Healing  
in  
Jesus Christ**


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**MARCH 28, 2020**

**8:30-5:00PM**

CHECK-IN: 8:30AM & VIGIL MASS: 4:00PM

Diocese of Joliet- Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, IL. 60403



Our Speaker for the day is Deacon Keith Strohm, the former Director of the *Office for the New Evangelization* and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

A sought-after international speaker and conference keynote, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ.

**Register by March 20, 2020 by contacting: Office of Family Ministry at: (815) 838-5334 or register online at: <https://conta.cc/2Omt445>. A \$35 donation includes morning refreshments, lunch and materials.**

### JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRY

The Justice and Peace Ministry will host a free Movie event on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The movie *Chosen* - A Documentary by Shared Hope International - is a true story of sex trafficked teens.

Reclaim 13 - a local organization working to free children from sexual exploitation will provide additional information and facilitate a Q/A session. Room 217. For more info contact Chris Harvey at [chrisharveyny@gmail.com](mailto:chrisharveyny@gmail.com) or 631-561-9722

## 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.

**Bob Maxwell 630.962.8464**  
**Imelda Orig 312.403.1644**  
**CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM**

## You are cordially invited

FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2020  
AFTER ALL MASSES



where IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?


**It's Girl Scout cookie time** Girl Scouts from All Saints Catholic Academy will be selling girl scout cookies at the Hospitality/Ministry Fair on February 22 & 23.

All Saints Catholic Academy will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets as part of the school fundraiser during Hospitality Weekend. Please support catholic education!



# 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  
Joana Lopez | [joana1.lopez@gmail.com](mailto:joana1.lopez@gmail.com)  
Cindy Hapke | [chapke20@gmail.com](mailto:chapke20@gmail.com)





### *Parish Sacrificial Giving*

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/02/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	986,795
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	922,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(5,205)</b>
02/02/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	35,004
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,004</b>

*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

**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 March 11. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special luncheon at Pomegranate Restaurant (55 S. Commons in Aurora). Our menu will feature (no surprise here) corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings. If you have special dietary requirements please contact Len Eickhoff via email at [leonard\\_eickhoff@msn.com](mailto:leonard_eickhoff@msn.com) or text him at 630-904-0906 with details of your requirements. We need an accurate count of diners for the restaurant in advance so if you plan on being with us on March 11 please contact Rose Zois via phone at 630-247-1513. Cost for this luncheon will be \$14 per person.

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 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.



# Holy Angels School

## Open House

Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Thursday February 20th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Holy Angels School is a STEM specialty school rooted in faith and recognized for academic excellence.

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### Holy Angels Catholic School

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### 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

REGISTER NOW!  
[www.CatholicSportsCamps.org](http://www.CatholicSportsCamps.org)

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses February 22 & 23

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

### Parish Activities for the Week

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
2:00-3:00p	Baptism	Church/Narhex
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	February 17	
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Justice & Peace Movie Night	Rm 217
7:00-8:30p	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
TUESDAY	February 18	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:30p	Be Healed Study	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
WEDNESDAY	February 19	
9:00-11:00a	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
7:00-8:00p	Baptism Class	Church
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 211
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	St Vincent DePaul Mtg	Rm 114
THURSDAY	February 20	
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	February 21	
10:30-3:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
6:00-8:30p	RE 5th Grade Retreat	MPR
6:30-9:00p	Woman at the Well	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
SATURDAY	February 22	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-3:00p	Alpha Holy Spirit Day	MPR
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Rm 204
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
4:00-6:00p	Hospitality/Qrtly Ministry Fair	MPR
SUNDAY	February 23	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality/Qrtly Ministry Fair	MPR
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
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
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC

## RESPECT LIFE...Join us Friday, March 6, 2020

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 8am-2pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst>

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



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### 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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