



# 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.**

February 23, 2020 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH PRIESTS

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Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Bob Vavra

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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

## 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



Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

~ 1 Corinthians 3:16



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

Today is pledge Sunday for this year's Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. I hope you will join Fr. Mark and myself in making a gift to support the ministries offered to the people of our Diocese through the Diocesan agencies and offices. Last week in my article, I described some of the ways in which the Diocesan ministries serve our parish. You have been so generous in the past, please help us reach and surpass our goal of \$146,700.

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 26. This year our schedule for Ash Wednesday services will be a little different from previous years. We have added something new for families. We will have a distribution of ash service at 5:30pm followed 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount by speaking up boldly against retaliation of any kind. Jesus teaches love of enemies. Jesus understands that all men and women share a radical humanity that in the beginning was good. Enemies emerge in the course of time, but this is not part of God's plan. It comes instead from human distortion. The model offered by Jesus is to be "perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." This is not the perfection of the philosophers or the mathematicians. God's perfection is wholeness (*shalom*). In God's perfection, all the pieces fit just as they did in the beginning when God created all things. Jesus is not willing to give up that radical vision. Fulfilling the law and the prophets is extremely challenging. For Jesus there is no such thing as business as usual in the kingdom of heaven...."You have hear it said...But I say to you." Let us begin Lent with the resolution to try to become perfect by loving our enemies!

Have a Blessed Week!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Wayne & Marianne Giese, by Ida Phillips  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, February 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Jack Ringwood, by Beth Danowski-Cytryn

### Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Mass † Arthur & Edward Jennings, by Agnes Schlobohm  
 8:00 AM Mass † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 12:00 PM Scripture Service  
 4:00 PM Scripture Service  
 5:30 PM Scripture Service (Family)  
 7:30 PM Mass † Ron Peterson, by Patsy Peterson

### Thursday, February 27 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM † Bryant Lange, by Tim & Diane Reiter  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, February 28 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM † Daniel Sullivan, by Peggy Hartnett

### Saturday, February 29 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - First Sunday of Lent**  
 † Andrew Toschak, by Family  
 † Marie Steffy, by George & Willie Durante

### Sunday, March 1

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Theresa Onemiye, by Nosa Onemiye & Family  
 9:00 AM † Louise Walski  
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 10:45 AM † Jose Cabreza Torres, by Ordonez Family  
 12:30 PM Int Stephen Okolie, by Mom  
 5:30 PM † Estela Ramirez, by Carl & Mary Anne Marker

## 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. Diane Pazos            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos              | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Fr Don McLaughlin            | 12. The Unemployed         |
| 5. Fr Mark Bernhard             | 13. Special Intention-J.S. |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra             | 14. Nancy Vickers          |
| 7. The Deceased                 | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. Joseph & Florence<br>Kubicki | 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 es el domingo de promesa para la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos de este año. Espero que se unan al Padre Mark y yo haciendo una donación para apoyar a los ministerios ofrecidos a la gente de nuestra Diócesis a través de las agencias y oficinas Diocesanas. La semana pasada en mi artículo, describí algunas de las formas en que los ministerios diocesanos sirven a nuestra parroquia. Ustedes han sido tan generosos en el pasado, por favor ayúdenos a alcanzar y superar nuestra meta de \$146,700.

El Miércoles de Ceniza es este miércoles 26 de febrero. Este año, nuestro horario para los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza será un poco diferente al de años anteriores. Hemos agregado 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 Cuaresmales para las 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

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús continúa su Sermón de la Montaña al hablar audazmente contra represalias de cualquier tipo. Jesús enseña amor a los enemigos. Jesús entiende que todos los hombres y mujeres comparten una humanidad radical que al principio era buena. Los enemigos surgen en el transcurso del tiempo, pero esto no es parte del plan de Dios. Viene, en cambio, de la distorsión humana. El modelo ofrecido por Jesús es ser "perfecto como tu Padre celestial es perfecto". Esta no es la perfección de los filósofos o los matemáticos. La perfección de Dios es la integridad (*shalom*). En la perfección de Dios, todas las piezas encajan tal como lo hicieron en el principio cuando Dios creó todas las cosas. Jesús no está dispuesto a renunciar a esa visión radical. Cumplir la ley y los profetas es extremadamente desafiante. Para Jesús no existen los asuntos habituales en el reino de los cielos... "Lo has oído decir... Pero yo te digo". ¡Comencemos la Cuaresma con la resolución de tratar de ser perfectos amando a nuestros enemigos!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

*Padre Mark*

## NECEDAD

A veces la noción del arrepentimiento parece anticuada, ingenua y hasta necia. Pero si buscas locura, la encontrarás en las lecturas de hoy.

Comencemos con Levítico y la amonestación "no te vengues ni guardes rencor" (Levítico 19:18). Por supuesto que hemos escuchado este mensaje antes, y por eso puede que olvidemos lo alejado que está de las "realidades prácticas de la vida", contra las que nos advierte san Pablo. Será mejor que quien se considere sabio "se haga ignorante", porque "la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios" (1 Corintios 3:18, 19).

Esta "locura" continúa en el Evangelio: "No hagan resistencia al hombre malo" (Mateo 5:39). De hecho, presenta la otra mejilla, si has sido golpeado. Dale tu abrigo al que te pide la camisa. Sé como Dios que manda el sol y la lluvia sobre justos e injustos. "Sean perfectos", dice Jesús, "como su Padre celestial es perfecto" (5:48). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Stgo 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18): 8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Stgo 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54): 7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50): 3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves:	Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes:	Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50): 3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado:	Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85): 1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50): 3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

## FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23;  
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,  
12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19];  
Mt 4:1-11

### Lenten Regulations

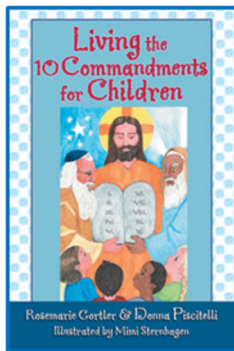
- ◆ Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◆ On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- ◆ To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- ◆ Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- ◆ Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



## 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)

**AN EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS DURING LENT** Spend some time in *Eucharistic Adoration*. The power of the Blessed Sacrament is very powerful. Adoration is an extension of the Blessed Sacrament that happens at every mass. *Eucharistic Adoration happens at OLM every Monday & Thursday from 8:30/6 PM.*

### EDGE

Our last EDGE NIGHT is in February is on **MONDAY, FEB 24<sup>th</sup> and it's MARDI GRAS!** PARENTS, please make sure your teen wears a coat to EDGE as we will be going outside for a bit to burn last year's palms. A party will follow with lots of fun things to do & a DJ, our own *JOHN WERELE!*

### EDGE-MARCH

<b>March 2</b>	6-7-8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Lent & Holy Week	Fr. Mark, Presenter
<b>March 9</b>	6-7-8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Reconciliation Service & Palm Weaving	
<b>March 16</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> -Commandments/Beatitudes	7/8 <sup>th</sup> -Corporal Works of Mercy-Fr. Don	

### EDGE PLUS

<b>March 15</b>	Bowling at Parkside	¼ PM (This is a change of date from March 29) (Permission Forms Needed)
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## 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 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.

**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

### Walking to Jerusalem – Spiritual and Physical Health Initiative during Lent

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join in the parish-wide health initiative for Lent 2020. The purpose of the challenge is to keep track of spiritual, service and physical activities and convert them into miles starting on Ash Wednesday February 26 and ending on Holy Saturday April 11. The theme this year is: **Walk with Me! Pray † Fast † Give.**

The goal is to combine all participant miles to reach 12, 430 miles - the amount of miles from Aurora to Jerusalem and back to Aurora. To register for the program, packets will be available at the Ministry Fair this weekend. If you are not able to pick up your packet this weekend, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or at 331-707-5380 to make arrangements to pick up your packet.

### Pastoral Care Needs

Pastoral care supports and assists 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. Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) for support in any of these needs.



  
 Diocese of Joliet

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.

### 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.

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

You are cordially  
*invited*

**FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2020  
AFTER ALL MASSES**



**Save the  
Dates!!!!**



**Friday, March 13 &  
Friday, March 27**

**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**More details coming soon!!!**

**Benefits the Summer Teen Mission Trip.**

**THIS WEEKEND!!**



**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!**



FEBRUARY 26

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**MASS TIMES 6:30AM | 8AM | 7:30PM**

*Scripture Services at 12PM, 4PM & 5:30PM*

*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

**Friday, March 6  
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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*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/09/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,018,885
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,024,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(5,115)</b>
02/09/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	32,090
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>90</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
December, 2019	\$ 897,631
January, 2020	\$ 887,129

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA**

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of \$146,700.

This year's CMAA theme is *Be Kind and Merciful*. In this spirit, the 30 ministries our CMAA supports help us do God's work here on earth. Providing these ministries is not only beyond the means of any one parish, the ministries benefit all of us, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews. Our parish is counting on you for your support. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year's CMAA.

**GEMS**

**FOCUS ON PREVENTION:** Preventative care visits, including health screening for cholesterol levels, colon cancer, heart problems and more, qualify for Medicare coverage. Seniors also need to get vaccinations that can help prevent influenza and pneumonia.

**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 March 5 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.





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

**Parish Activities for the Week**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 23</b>	
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 24</b>	
12:00-5:00p	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 25</b>	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
6:30-8:30p	Be Healed Study	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
7:30-9:00p	Knights of Columbus General Mtg	Rm 114
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 26</b>	
5:30-7:30p	RE Family Lenten Evening	MPR
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 27</b>	
10:00-4:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 28</b>	
10:00-11:00a	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
12:00-10:00p	CRHP Men's Weekend Setup	PLC
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Narthex
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 29</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30a-9:00p	CRHP Men's Weekend	PLC
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Rm 204
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 1</b>	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	
7:30-3:30p	CRHP Men's Weekend	PLC
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC

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**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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