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OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.

PARISH PRIESTS

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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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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.

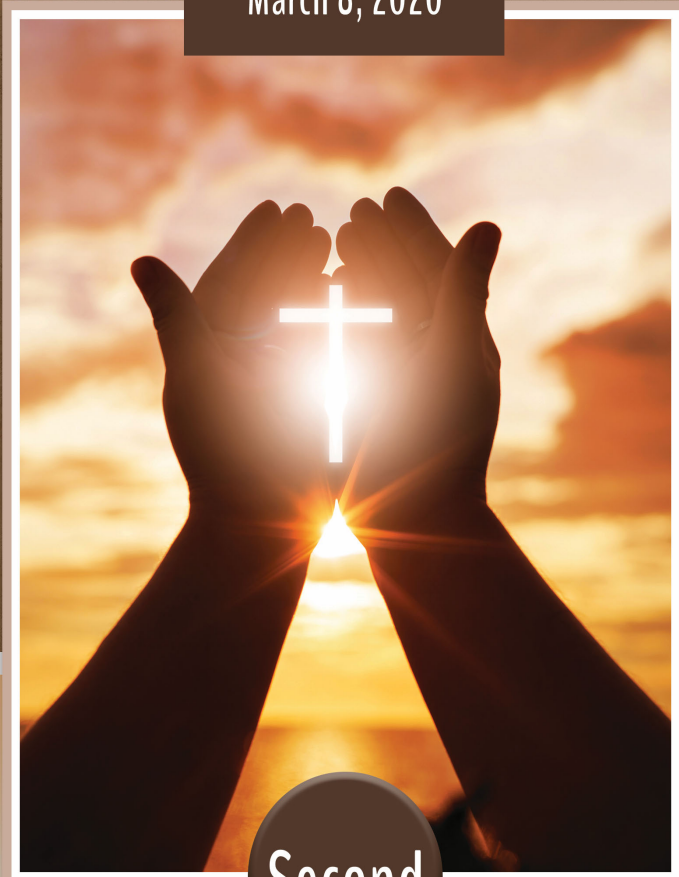
CONFESSIONS

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

March 8, 2020



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Second

Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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

Today I want to start by offering congratulations to Fr. Mark on the birth of his newest nephew, Luke James, born on February 26, 2020. Luke is the first child of Fr. Mark's twin sister Lisa and her husband Sean. Fr. Mark's brother and his wife have two boys and a girl. Let us pray that Fr. Mark will influence one of his nephews to become a priest! I have three nephews, but none followed me.

I also want to introduce the members of our new Parish Pastoral Council. They will be meeting for the first time on Saturday, March 21. The former Council went on a "hiatus" while I worked with my Pastoral Leadership Team (Fr. Mark, Phil Britton, Mary Jo Trapani, and Zara Tan) to create a parish vision and re-structure the styles and forms of parish leadership. The new Pastoral Council consists of 4 members from the former council: *Maybird D'Silva, Marty Kadziela, Jim Marks, and John Shea*; 3 members who responded to my bulletin invite last year: *Dave Baier, Margaret Dodd, and Doug McIlvaine*; and 5 members invited through discernment of my Pastoral Leadership Team: *Joana Lopez, Lea Rodriguez, Lea Rodriguez, Mary Rsavey, and Angie Tse*. Required reading for the new members have been the two books that have guided my Pastoral Leadership Team in transitioning our parish from maintenance mode to mission mode. If you are interested in reading the books to get a greater insight as to what is going on at OLM, the titles are: Divine Renovation by Fr. James Mallon and Ablaze by Deacon Keith Strohm. The Pastoral Council will meet with the Leadership Team quarterly. After our first meeting in March, look for the "Pastoral Council" tab on the website for pictures of the members, and a summary of our first meeting.

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and the gospel of the Transfiguration. Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. This Lent we are journeying to the heights. Those heights being the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Let us strengthen our spiritual muscles to reach the top of the mountain through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation during this Lent. The next three Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the liturgical rites of the Scrutinies with the elect who will be baptized this year at the Easter Vigil. The First Scrutiny will be at the 4:00pm Mass on March 14, the Second Scrutiny will be at the 9:00am Mass on March 22, and the Third Scrutiny will be at the 10:45am Mass on March 29. Please pray for our elect for baptism, and our candidates for Reception into the Church.

Have a blessed Lent!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Carole Brogan, by St Vincent DePaul
Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Nora Caceres, by Family

Wednesday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Mass † Cathy Dodd, by Family

Thursday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, by Alphonse Rajasekhar Family
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, - March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † John Cvopa, by Patrick & Marie Sulita

Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

2:00-3:00 PM Wedding - Schultz & Gough
2:30-3:45 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent**
† Joyce Markus, by Family
† Mike & Carole Brogan, by Senior Gems

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent


7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Patrice Klasinski
9:00 AM † Betty Miller, by Dan & Maryanne Kolb
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
10:45 AM † Daniel Guzman, by Family
12:30 PM † Joseph Kannankeril, by The Nye Family
5:30 PM † Elizabeth Irefo, by 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. Continued Hope | 10. In Memory of Paul H. |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. The Unemployed | 12. CRHP Retreat Wknd |
| 5. RCIA Participants | 13. Nancy Vickers |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Joanna Taybans Health |
| 7. First Responders | 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.



**The next
Charismatic Prayer Mtg
will be
Saturday, March 14
at 6:30 pm.**

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
Hailey Hartnett
Thomas F. Sterling
Henrietta Pineda
La Moua
Valerie Plesha
Deacon Bob Vavra

Hedy Sterling
Diane Pazos
Diane Ramonas
Diane Singer
Joyce Craig
John Swanston
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 quiero comenzar dando felicitaciones al Padre Mark por el nacimiento de su nuevo sobrino, Luke James, nacido el 26 de febrero del 2020. Luke es el primer hijo de la hermana gemela del Padre Mark, Lisa, y su esposo Sean. El hermano del Padre Mark y su esposa tienen dos niños y una niña. ¡Oremos para que el Padre Mark influya a uno de sus sobrinos y que llegue a ser un sacerdote! Tengo tres sobrinos, pero ninguno me siguió.

También quiero presentarles a los miembros de nuestro nuevo Consejo Pastoral Parroquial. Ellos se reunirán por primera vez el sábado 21 de marzo. El antiguo Consejo hizo una "pausa" mientras yo trabajaba con mi Equipo de Liderazgo Pastoral (Padre Mark, Phil Britton, Mary Jo Trapani y Zara Tan) para crear una visión parroquial y reestructurar los estilos y formas de liderazgo parroquial. El nuevo Consejo Pastoral consta de 4 miembros del antiguo consejo: Maybird D'Silva, Marty Kadziela, Jim Marks y John Shea; 3 miembros que respondieron a mi invitación en el boletín del año pasado: Dave Baier, Margaret Dodd y Doug McIlvaine; y 5 miembros invitados a través del discernimiento de mi Equipo de Liderazgo Pastoral: Joana López, Lea Rodríguez, Mary Rsavey y Angie Tse. La lectura requerida para los nuevos miembros ha sido los dos libros que han guiado a mi Equipo de Liderazgo Pastoral en la transición de nuestra parroquia del modo de mantenimiento al modo de misión. Si Uds. están interesados en leer los libros para obtener una mayor comprensión de lo que está sucediendo en OLM, los títulos son: Divine Renovation por el Padre James Mallon y Ablaze por el diácono Keith Strohm. El Consejo Pastoral se reunirá trimestralmente con el Equipo de Liderazgo. Después de nuestra primera reunión en marzo, busca la pestaña "Pastoral Council" ("Consejo Pastoral") en el sitio web para ver fotos de los miembros y un resumen de nuestra primera reunión.

Hoy es el segundo domingo de Cuaresma y el evangelio de la Transfiguración. Jesús condujo a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a una montaña alta. Esta Cuaresma estamos viajando a las alturas. Esas alturas son la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales en el domingo de Pascua. Fortalezcamos nuestros músculos espirituales para alcanzar la cima de la montaña a través de la oración, el ayuno, la limosna y recibir del sacramento de la reconciliación durante esta Cuaresma. Los próximos tres domingos de Cuaresma, celebraremos los ritos litúrgicos de los Escrutinios con los elegidos que serán bautizados este año en la Vigilia Pascual. El Primer Escrutinio será en la Misa de las 4:00pm el 14 de marzo, el Segundo Escrutinio será en la Misa de las 9:00am el 22 de marzo, y el Tercer Escrutinio será en la Misa de las 10:45am el 29 de marzo. Por favor oren por nuestros elegidos para el bautismo y nuestros candidatos para el Recibimiento en la Iglesia.

¡Que tengan una Cuaresma bendecida!

Padre Mark

CAMBIO

Cuaresma es cambio y cambiar no es fácil. Para poder cambiar debemos dejar algo atrás. Hoy escuchamos acerca de un hombre muy viejo que decide responder al llamado de Dios. Abram atraviesa por una tremenda cantidad de cambios cuando todo lo deja y lo arriesga por la promesa de Dios. Jesús cambia, se transfigura, justo delante de los ojos de sus discípulos. Las escrituras en Cuaresma nos llaman a cambiar, a ser transfigurados, para que también nosotros pronto participemos en la gloria de Dios. ¿Qué nos pide Dios dejar atrás?

¿Estamos dispuestos a arriesgarlo todo por la promesa que Dios hace? Estas son las preguntas centrales en el camino de conversión de la Cuaresma. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
- Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
- Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
- Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

confession
RECONCILIATION
 WEDNESDAY 3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1
 6PM-7PM
 FIRST FRIDAYS 3/6, 4/3
 8:30AM-9:30AM
 SATURDAYS 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28
 9AM-10AM
 2:30PM-3:45PM
 SATURDAY 4/4
 9AM-11AM
 1PM-3:45PM
 5:45PM-7PM
 SUNDAY 4/5
 3:30PM-5:30PM & 6:45PM-8PM
 TUESDAY 4/7
 6PM UNTIL ALL ARE HEARD

Do not be afraid of Confession - Pope Francis

stations of the
CROSS
 FRIDAYS DURING LENT
 7PM in English | 12:30PM in Spanish

OFFERING GOD GLORY
 AND THANKSGIVING
 WED MARCH 25TH
 7PM | CHURCH
 Magnify
 AN ADORATION
 PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Totus Tuus

is coming to
Our Lady of Mercy!
July 11th - 17th

Grades 1-6 Mon-Fri 9AM - 2:30PM \$45
Grades 7-12: Sun-Thurs 7-9PM \$15
(\$100 family cap)



Learn about the Catholic Faith.
Fall in Love with Jesus.
And have tons of fun!



Register today! Spots are limited!
GiveCentral.org/TTJoliet

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Confirmation Seder Meal Kick-Off is Sunday, March 15th from 2:00-4:30 pm in the PLC. All candidates, parents and sponsors are asked to attend.

Lenten Fish Dinners is Friday, March 13th and 27th. All proceeds support the Teen Mission Trip.

Teen Bible Study meets on Thursdays from 6-7 pm in the Youth Center. More details and teen signup is 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.

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

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| March 9 | 6-7-8 th grades | Reconciliation Service & Palm Weaving |
| March 16 | 6 th Commandments/Beatitudes | 7/8 th Corporal Works of Mercy - Fr. Don |

EDGE PLUS

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| March 15 | Bowling at Parkside 1:00-3:00 PM | (This is a change of date from March 29)
(Permission Forms Needed) |
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Caring for the Mind, Body and Spirit

National Nutrition Month

March is *National Nutrition Month* and an opportunity to think about certain foods that may help to strengthen the immune system. Consider the following foods and plan your meals to include these powerful immune system boosters. Citrus fruits are high in vitamin C known to increase the production of white blood cells. The body does not produce or store vitamin C so a daily intake of vitamin C is important. Red bell peppers contain twice as much vitamin C as citrus fruits. Broccoli is packed with vitamins A, C and E and other antioxidants and fiber. Spinach is rich in vitamin C, has numerous antioxidants and beta carotene. Yogurt contains “live and active” cultures that may stimulate the immune system to help fight diseases and is a great source of vitamin D that helps regulate the immune system. Almonds are rich in vitamin E, a key to a healthy immune system. Other foods rich in vitamin E are sunflower seeds, avocados and dark leafy greens. Green tea is packed with flavonoids, a type of antioxidant. Papaya and kiwi are sources of vitamin C. Chicken soup helps improve symptoms of a cold and may help protect you from getting sick.

Open HEARTS Ministry

The ministry offers a safe and sacred space to come together with others to share stories, pray together and support one another by sharing resources and ideas. The next gathering is Monday, March 16 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. There will be a discussion on coping strategies. If you have any questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at jaeppli@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have any pastoral care needs or concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE MARCH 21ST & MARCH 22ND

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **March 21st and March 22nd** for our **Clothing Drive!!** Donations will be accepted before and after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and all Sunday Masses until 12 noon. The truck will be leaving shortly after noon on Sunday.

We will accept.....

Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincent-donate@gmail.com.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. “Proceeds” from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.



Thanks for your generous donations!
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Join Deacon Mike Plese on a Pilgrimage to Italy and the Holy Land

WHERE: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Getsemani, Last Supper, Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rome, Assisi, Florence, Tuscany, Venice

WHEN: October, 2021

How: Contact (855)842-8001
Or you can register online at
www.proximotravel.com



Come learn and help make palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

Palm Weaving

WORKSHOP

Monday, March 30, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 to 1:00 am
Thursday, April 2, 7:00-9:00 pm
In Room 114

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 20
6:30pm
(PLC) Room 208**

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

Save the Dates!!



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

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Choice of fried cod, salmon,
shrimp or baked fish**

**\$10/Adult in Advance
\$12/Adult at the Door**

Benefits the Summer Teen Mission Trip.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/23/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,080,766
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,088,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(7,234)
02/23/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	31,749
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(251)

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



We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will allow us to *Be Kind and Merciful* as, together, we do God's work here on earth.

Every gift brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$146,700. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.

GEMS



HELLO TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND O.L.M. PARISHONERS OVER 50:

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 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...out 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



A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

EXPLORE DAYS

For Seventh Grade Girls

March 11 or April 2

8:15 to 10:30 am

www.rosaryhs.com/explore

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Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy

Spring

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 24th, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
and
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

North Campus
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CHARGER CHALLENGE

🏆 7th Grade Students 🏆

MARCH 17, 2020

8:30AM-11:30AM



AGENDA

BREAKFAST
PRESENTATION
MASS
SCHEDULE WALK
CHALLENGE

500 CREDIT TOWARD FRESHMEN
REGISTRATION FOR EACH MEMBER
OF THE WINNING TEAM



RSVP

By March 12 to
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Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses March 14 & 15

Fr. Mark will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin

Sunday: 7:30a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese

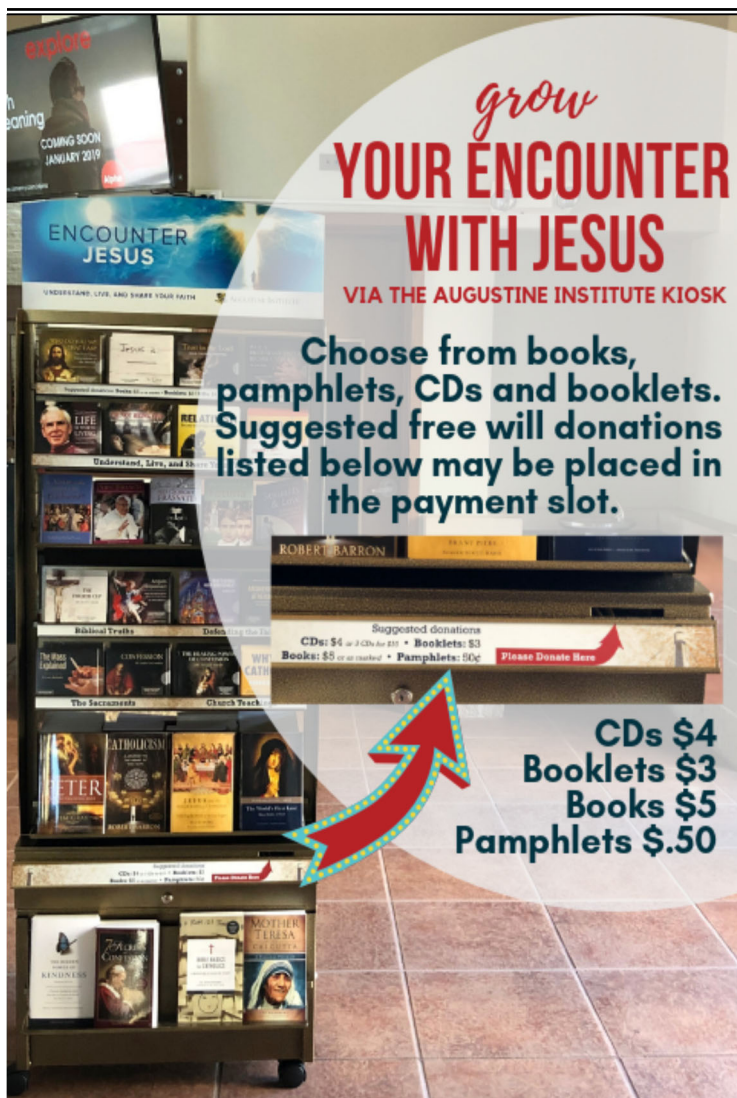
9:00a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tiongson

10:45a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia

12:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini

5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper

Parish Activities for the Week		
SUNDAY	March 8	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family	Rm 208
7:00-10:00a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
7:30-4:00p	CRHP Women's Wknd	PLC
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	Rm 211
10:05-11:15a	RCIC	PLC
6:30-9:00p	CRHP Men's Eve of Discipleship	Rm 114
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
MONDAY	March 9	
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	March 10	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:30p	Be Healed Study	Children's Chapel
7:00-8:15p	Divine Mercy Committee Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg	Ministry Rm
WEDNESDAY	March 11	
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	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
THURSDAY	March 12	
7:00-9:00p	K of C Business Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	March 13	
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Narthex
5:30-6:30p	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
5:30-8:00p	Lenten Fish Fry	MPR
6:30-8:00p	RE Catechist/Parent Formation	Rm 217
6:30-8:30p	Simbang Gabi Mtg	Rm 208
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
SATURDAY	March 14	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:15-11:00p	RE Catechist/parent Mtg	Rm 217
10:00-12:00p	Fr. Don Tour Mtg	Rm 114
6:30-10:00p	Charismatic Prayer Mtg	Church/MPR
SUNDAY	March 15	
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Discernment Mtg	Rm 114
7:30-10:00a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
2:00-4:30p	Seder Meal	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Discipleship	Rm 114
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	Rm 214
7:00-9:30p	CRHP Day of Pentecost	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR



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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