

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop

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In loving memory of Deacon Bob Varra

July 4, 1934 - March 6, 2020

Ordained a Permanent Deacon 1999

Served at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge 1999 - 2001

Served at Our Lady of Mercy from 2001 - 2020

Deacon Bob was involved in many ministries at Our Lady of Mercy. He baptized many children, taught religious education and RCIA classes, visited the sick, counseled couples, helped parishioners through the annulment process, performed many weddings and shared his words of wisdom with us all.

And lastly, he will be remembered for his kindness, jovial sense of humor, strong devotion to Mother Mary and had a special love and care for children and for people with disabilities. He was a true servant to the parish community and to God.

Deacon Bobs' Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Our Lady of Mercy.



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

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we meet the woman at the well. In doing so, perhaps we meet ourselves!! We all thirst for something in our life, something we need, something we desire. Perhaps we want someone to love, someone with

whom we can share our life and build a family. Perhaps we want to play professional sports. Maybe we want to be a doctor or an entrepreneur. Perhaps we want to be respected in the eyes of others. Each one of us longs for something: that our spouse would love us differently, that our friends would treat us with more respect, that we could make a lot of money. Our hearts are thirsty. It is the way that we are. It is a part of the human condition. At first glance, this thirst in our heart can seem like a kind of selfishness, simply catering to our own desires. But today's Gospel presents such thirst in a very different perspective. It tells us that God has placed the thirst in our hearts for a purpose. St. Augustine, one of the great theologians of the Church, said, "Oh God, you have created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you." A great spiritual writer of our time, whose books I read and highly recommend, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser has described this thirst as "a holy longing" because if we follow it, it will ultimately lead us to God.

The Samaritan woman in today's gospel comes to the well because she wants water. She wants water, which she can drink and with which she can clean and cook. But when she comes to the well for that water, she meets Jesus. There she listens to him as he talks about a living water that will lead to salvation. The woman does not come to the well to find Christ's water, she comes to find the water that is in the well. But her thirst for that water leads her to consider and ultimately to accept the water that Jesus offers. A natural water leads her to an eternal water. A physical thirst leads her to a drink beyond her imagining.

Everything that we thirst for is a limited good. As we confront the limited nature of the things we desire, they push us to seek the unlimited goodness who is God. Money will only keep us happy for so long. Then we will long for something else. Even the closest and most intimate human relationship has its down side. As we face the limits of relationships, we recognize that we want something more. It is gratifying to be successful in our work and in the eyes of other. But once we claim that success, our heart says, "Is that all there is?" The Samaritan woman looks out at us from today's Gospel and says, "When you find the water you seek, you will want more. God has made us that way. The water you obtain is meant to lead you to the water that only Jesus can give."

Have a Blessed Lent!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Bernie Baranski, by The Paluch Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Mike & Carole Brogan, Pat & Tom McHugh

Wednesday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Mass † Beverly Linden, by Carolyn Kerkla

Thursday, March 19 - St Joseph

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 St. Joseph, by Agnes Schlobohm
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Deacon Bob Vavra, by Mary Krcmarik

Saturday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 † Arthur Biegel, by Family
 † Francisco Uy, by Uy Family

Sunday, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 9:00 AM † Christine Holbrook, by Family
 10:45 AM † Jeffrey Thompson, by Patrick Young & Family
 12:30 PM † Jack Hughes, by the Parcels Family
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 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. The Sick | 10. Joseph Kubicki |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Lisa Hillman | 12. Joanna Tayabein Recovery |
| 5. Coronavirus Patients | 13. OLM Staff |
| 6. The Vavra Family | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. The Deceased | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. Charles & Sophie Martin | 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
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, US Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines
 SPC Mason Webber, US Army
 LC/Cpl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
 Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema
 Kathryn Martini
 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
 Hedy Sterling

Diane Pazos
 Diane Ramonas
 Diane Singer
 Joyce Craig
 John Swanston
 Robert Ciulla
 Bridget Garry
 David Bakke

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!

En este Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma, nos encontramos con la mujer en el pozo. ¡Al hacerlo, tal vez nos encontramos con nosotros mismos! Todos tenemos sed de algo en nuestra vida, algo que necesitamos, algo que deseamos. Quizás queremos a alguien a quien amar, alguien con quien podamos compartir nuestra vida y construir una familia. Quizás queramos practicar deportes profesionales. Quizás queramos ser un médico o un empresario. Quizás queramos ser respetados a los ojos de los demás. Cada uno de nosotros anhela algo: que nuestro cónyuge nos quiera de manera diferente, que nuestros amigos nos traten con más respeto, que podamos ganar mucho dinero. Nuestros corazones tienen sed. Es la forma en que somos. Es una parte de la condición humana. A primera vista, esta sed en nuestro corazón puede parecer una especie de egoísmo, simplemente atendiendo nuestros propios deseos. Pero el Evangelio de hoy presenta tal sed en una perspectiva muy diferente. Nos dice que Dios ha puesto la sed en nuestros corazones con un propósito. San Agustín, uno de los grandes teólogos de la Iglesia, dijo: "Oh Dios, nos has creado para ti y nuestros corazones están inquietos hasta que descansen en ti". Un gran escritor espiritual de nuestro tiempo, cuyos libros leí y recomiendo sumamente, el Padre Ronald Rolheiser ha descrito esta sed como "un anhelo sagrado" porque si lo seguimos, finalmente nos llevará a Dios.

La mujer samaritana en el evangelio de hoy viene al pozo porque quiere agua. Ella quiere agua, que pueda beber y con la que pueda limpiar y cocinar. Pero cuando ella viene al pozo por esa agua, se encuentra con Jesús. Allí ella lo escucha mientras él habla sobre un agua viva que conducirá a la salvación. La mujer no viene al pozo a buscar el agua de Cristo, ella viene a buscar el agua que está en el pozo. Pero su sed por esa agua la lleva a considerar y finalmente a aceptar el agua que Jesús le ofrece. Un agua natural la lleva a un agua eterna. Una sed física la lleva a una bebida más allá de lo que imagina.

Todo por lo que tenemos sed es un bien limitado. Al enfrentar la naturaleza limitada de las cosas que deseamos, nos empujan a buscar la bondad ilimitada que es Dios. El dinero solo nos mantendrá felices por tanto tiempo. Luego anhelaremos algo más. Incluso la relación humana más cercana e íntima tiene su lado negativo. Al enfrentar los límites de las relaciones, reconocemos que queremos algo más. Es gratificante tener éxito en nuestro trabajo y en los ojos de los demás. Pero una vez que aseguramos ese éxito, nuestro corazón dice: "¿Eso es todo lo que hay?" La mujer samaritana nos mira desde el Evangelio de hoy y dice: "Cuando encuentras el agua que buscas, querrás más. Dios nos ha hecho de esa manera. El agua que obtienes está destinada a llevarte al agua que solo Jesús puede dar".

¡Que tengan una Cuaresma Bendecida!

Padre Ron

SED

Cada vez que se lee el relato del Evangelio de hoy, no puedo dejar de pensar en los muchos comerciales televisivos que muestran atletas sudorosos llevando una bebida a los labios mientras que el sol calcinante los golpea. Nuestra cultura tiene ideas definidas sobre cómo apagar la sed. Hoy, esas ideas son puestas cabeza abajo. Al inicio, la samaritana opera al nivel del comercial de televisión. Le pide agua viva a Jesús para no tener que seguir viniendo al pozo. Es entonces que Jesús le habla sobre la verdadera sed y cómo él, solo él, puede calmar esa sed. La Cuaresma nos llama a encontrar esos lugares muy dentro de nosotros donde estamos sedientos. En nuestra sed, al igual que los israelitas, clamamos a Dios pidiéndole fuentes de agua viva. Allí en el fondo sabemos que solo el Señor puede satisfacer esa sed.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
- Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147 (146):12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Jueves: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
- Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
- Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
- Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

Imagine, Easter arrives and you're at a *new spiritual level*, a spiritual height that you've never been before. *A journey upwards though, is really a journey-inward—a* journey to the interior life. Don't settle for spiritual mediocrity; that's what the devil wants, don't give in to his lies. We can do this! So let's journey upwards together this Lent.

In addition to the themed homilies, during these six weeks of Lent, each Monday we will focus on one of the Seven Deadly Sins so as to climb to new spiritual heights. To see the previous weeks, go to our Lent Journey to the Heights page www.olmercy.com/lent

Week 3 — Anger is taken down by Forgiveness.

Anger is a natural part of human nature. "Be angry but do not sin" Ephesians 4:26. It is also a legitimate response to injustice; we are right to be angry at injustices as this type of anger is a passion to set things right. It becomes a sin when it becomes vengeful; St. Thomas Aquinas describes the sin of anger as "an unreasonable, irrational, and immoderate desire for vengeance." It is not helped when we give in to the tendency of clinging to our anger and our resentment.

Antidote: Forgiveness. Forgiveness is an active engagement of evil in order to undue it. It is interrupting the horrible rhythm of anger and violence by forgiving and not seeking revenge. When you meet fire with fire, you enflame and awaken the blaze. If you meet it with forgiveness, you diffuse the power anger can have. Here are ways to conquer anger.

_Take a *concrete* step today to heal a broken relationship, such as writing a note or making a phone call. Don't let forgiveness be just a vague abstraction; do something concrete.

_When you're offended, *forgive quickly*, and don't brood in your anger. If you hold on to your anger and withhold your forgiveness, the devil has more time to work on you, tempting you to sin.

_Get in the way of gossip or scapegoating. St. Augustine had a sign over his dinner table: "*No one speaks ill of his brother at this table.*" St. Augustine enforced this as he would ask brothers to leave if they spoke ill of one another.

_Keep your own sins in mind as this helps you realize that *you have been forgiven* far more than others have offended you. Really listen and reflect on your sins during the confiteor at Mass ("I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned...") *Go to confession. Forgiveness is made palpable through this great sacrament, and it makes you a better forgiver.*

For further reflection, watch this short video by Bishop Barron to learn when anger is justified and when it's sinful: <https://bit.ly/3aBCli0>



Pre-Planning is One of the Greatest Gifts of Love!

Do it for *her*, do it for *him*... do it for **YOU!**

Join us for a **Lunch & Learn** at
**Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral
 Homes & Crematory**

24021 W. Royal Worlington Dr.
 Naperville, IL 60564

Tuesday, March 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to 630-922-9630

THINGS WE WILL DISCUSS:

- Your options - Cremation to Traditional Burial Service
- What you may not know about Pre-Planning
- How Pre-Planning affects Medicaid
- Veterans Benefits
- Affordable Payment Plans

Complimentary Lunch
 will be provided!



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.

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

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

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.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE

March 16

6th-Commandments/Beatitudes

7/8th-Corporal Works of Mercy-Fr. Don

EDGE PLUS

March 15

Bowling at Parkside 1:00-3:00 PM
(Permission Forms Needed)

(This is a change of date from March 29)

**NEW FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
IN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET
AFFECTS OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH**

In 2017, Bishop Conlon established a Schools Task Force Committee to address declining enrollment and funding for the Catholic grammar schools in the Diocese of Joliet. I was one of two priests who Bishop appointed to serve on the Committee. The Diocese of Joliet is blessed with 47 excellent elementary schools, thanks to the dedication of many people. Parishes with schools provide \$14 million for those schools each year. The Schools Task Force Committee concluded that for the several struggling elementary schools outside financial support is essential. Some people ask if the Diocese can help these schools. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and the existing 5% parish assessment, plus some investment income, fund the diocesan central services and other obligations. There really is no significant money left over.

The Schools Task Force recommended, and the Bishop, after further consultation with Diocesan Boards, agreed to introduce a new parish assessment of 5% of the Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and Holy Day collections on parishes, like Our Lady of Mercy, who do not operate a Catholic elementary school. Why are parishes without schools expected to provide financial support for struggling schools? The essential answer is that solid Catholic education is a resource that should be available to every family wherever possible. If some parishes do not operate schools, they should still help support schools to assure that their own families continue to have access to Catholic schools. The new assessment will take effect July 1, 2020. The amount collected each fiscal year as a result of the new assessment will go into a separate diocesan fund. A five-member Grant Commission will receive grant applications from schools truly in need of additional funding. The commission is also charged with working with school officials and others to find way to strengthen these schools in order to reduce their need for grants.

Fifteen years ago, when All Saints Catholic Academy in Naperville was established as a regional Catholic School, Our Lady of Mercy parish was invited to be one of the “founding” parishes. Due to the plans and capital campaign to build the Parish Life Center, Our Lady of Mercy was unable to afford a \$3 million dollar commitment. Since then it has been the long standing policy, and still is, that parents who belong to Our Lady of Mercy, and want to send their children to a Catholic grammar school, the parish will pay the difference between “in parish” and “out of parish” tuition. Currently we have 12 families with children at All Saints. We do the same for the 7 families with children attending Catholic Schools in Aurora that are actually in the Rockford Diocese, and the 3 families with children attending other Catholic Schools.

So how will this affect the budget at Our Lady of Mercy? Based on last fiscal year, our collections income from Sunday, Christmas, Easter and Holy Days was \$1,825,966. The newly established school assessment at 5%, we pay \$91,277.95. Minus the subsidy (tuition assistance) of \$46,400.00 we have paid to other Catholic Schools our total annual school assessment for fiscal July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021 will be \$44,977.95 or \$3,739.83 a month.

Our Financial Council and staff will soon begin working on our parish budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020. This new assessment will certainly have an effect. Please pray for us as we attempt to integrate this new assessment with the many programs and services we wish to offer the parish as well as continue paying down our debt on the Parish Life Center.

Fr. Don



Lenten

FISH FRY

3/13 & 3/27
5:30pm - 8pm

FREE - CHILDREN UNDER 3YRS
\$5 - CHILDREN 12YRS & UNDER
\$10 - ADULTS (\$12 @ the door)
Choice of fried cod, salmon, shrimp or baked fish.

Purchase tickets after Mass in PLC Lobby area or @ Parish Office

This Fundraiser supports the Teen Mission Trip



OFFERING GOD GLORY AND THANKSGIVING

WED MARCH 25TH
7PM | CHURCH

Magnify
AN ADORATION
PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday 3/22
8am thru 12pm in MPR

All profits will support The American Wheelchair Mission

The American Wheelchair Mission delivers free wheelchairs to children, teens & adults without mobility or the means to acquire a wheelchair.

FREE - CHILDREN UNDER 3YRS
\$3 - CHILDREN 10YRS & UNDER
\$5 - ADULTS

ON THE MENU ARE pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea & juice. We hope to see you there!



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

Open HEARTS Ministry

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.



HOW CAN THERE BE TOO MANY children?
IT'S LIKE SAYING THERE ARE TOO MANY flowers.
- St. Teresa of Calcutta

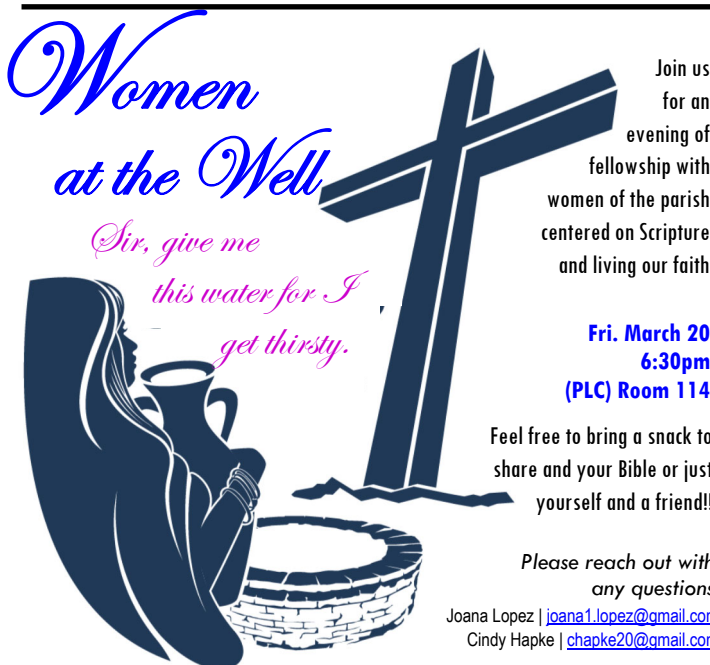
RESPECT LIFE
1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION
April 3

Join us! Make a difference.

Stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora.

Prayer warriors are needed for 1 hour shifts 8am - 2pm to change hearts and save lives

Contact Jane Fonner (630)851-8433 or janeconner@comcast.net



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. March 20
6:30pm
(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



Rosary for Traditional Marriage

Saturday March 21st
@ 10am in Church

Join people across America along with America Needs Fatima to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for Traditional Marriage.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/01/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,119,667
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,120,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	(333)
03/1/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	38,911
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	6,911

Thank you for your generosity!!

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
January, 2020	\$ 887,129
February, 2020	\$ 852,642



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.

Jesus, I Trust in You:
Discovering Divine Mercy

Prepare yourself for OLM’s Sunday, April 19th celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy by attending one of our “Discovering Divine Mercy” seminars, held on **Monday, April 6**, at 9 a.m. in PLC 114, and again on **Wednesday, April 8**, at 7 p.m. in PLC 208.

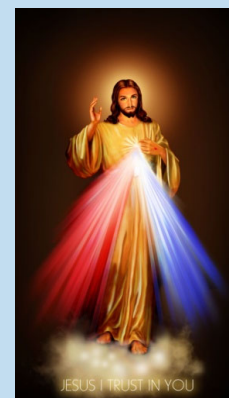
In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, the young Polish nun whose visions of Jesus revealed to the world the unfathomable love and mercy of Our Lord. At her canonization Mass, the Pope declared that Divine Mercy is “God’s gift to our time” and invited all souls to “trust in the mercy of Jesus” in these troubled times.

In keeping with Pope Francis’ desire that boundless graces of Divine Mercy be shared with everyone all, you’re invited to attend either seminar as we delve into the message and amazing promises that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, and how we can transform our spiritual relationship with Christ by trusting in His “Ocean of Mercy.”

- Our 5th annual seminars offer more than ever, including:
- *Excerpts from Saint Faustina’s Diary and highlights of her life
 - *The Apparitions and Words of Jesus as chronicled by Saint Faustina
 - *The true meanings of the beautiful Divine Mercy Image
 - *How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (pamphlets available to all)
 - *The depths of Jesus’ mercy given to trusting souls on the Feast Day of Divine Mercy
 - *Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for Intentions and to help save souls
 - *Saint Faustina’s chronicled spiritual visits to Heaven and Purgatory
 - *A preview of OLM’s celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on April 19th

Culminating each seminar will be a group recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in readiness for our April 19th Feast Day of Divine Mercy observance in the church. So be sure to bring your rosary to class!

For more, contact Bill Troller, (630) 585-1865 or at





Come out and watch the NCAA Elite Eight game while supporting Rosary High School Athletics! Our March Madness Fundraiser is Sunday, March 29, at Bal-

lydoyle in Aurora. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Admission is \$40 per person in advance and \$50 at the door. Included with your admission: Select Beer, Wine & Pop for 3 hours and Heavy Appetizers for 2 hours. Silent Auction and Raffles include tickets to sporting events, autographed memorabilia and much more! Get tickets and board squares online at www.rosaryhs.com/marchmadnessparty.

If you can't attend, you can get in on the fun by purchasing board squares good for every game in the tournament at www.rosaryhs.com/marchmadness.

Our Lady of Mercy March 21 & 22

Deacon's will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Plese

Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer

9:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Martini

10:45a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper

12:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia

5:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	March 15	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family	Rm 208
7:30-10:00a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Discernment Mtg	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	Rm 211
10:05-11:15a	RCIC	PLC
2:00-4:30p	Seder Meal	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Eve of Discipleship	Rm 114
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
7:00-9:30p	CRHP Day of Pentecost	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	March 16	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	EDGE	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Open HEARTS Ministry Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	March 17	
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	March 18	
9:00-11:00a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/208
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	St Vincent DePaul	Rm 114
THURSDAY	March 19	
10:00-11:00a	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	March 20	
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	Church
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Narthex
6:00-10:00p	Crafty Souls	Rm 124
6:30-9:00p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
SATURDAY	March 21	
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
10:00-1:00p	Pastoral Council/Leadership Team Mtg	Rm 114
10:00-11:00a	Rosary for Traditional Marriage	Church
12:00-6:00p	STVP Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scout Blue & Gold Event	MPR
SUNDAY	March 22	
7:00-12:00p	STVP Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Discernment Mtg	Rm 114
7:30-1:00p	K of C Pancake Breakfast	MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP HGFS Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

CHARGER CHALLENGE

🏆 7th Grade Students 🏆

MARCH 17, 2020
8:30AM-11:30AM



AGENDA

BREAKFAST
PRESENTATION
MASS
SCHEDULE WALK
CHALLENGE

\$50 CREDIT TOWARD FRESHMEN REGISTRATION FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE WINNING TEAM




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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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