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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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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.

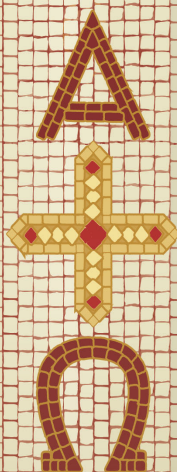
CONFESSIONS

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

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

Pentecost
SUNDAY



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

Hooray! It's Pentecost! The Holy Spirit has been unleashed upon us!! Thanks to the hard work of our re-opening leadership team, Fr. Mark, Jolene LeRoy, Bob Gancrz, Phil Zwick, Len Eickhoff, and Phyllis Anderson, I am pleased to inform you that our parish has received certification from the Diocese of Joliet to begin scheduling confession times, baptisms, weddings, funerals, private prayer times and Eucharistic adoration. We are the first parish in the Diocese to receive certification. **ALL** of these celebrations have the following requirements:

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- 10 people maximum (excluding celebrant and assisting minister(s))
- Face masks must be worn at all times
- 6 foot social distancing must be maintained at all times (except those living in same house)
- Hand sanitizing upon entering and exiting church

Confessions will begin on **May 26**. The last week in May and first two weeks in June we will be scheduling confession times only. The schedule for confessions and directions for anonymously reserving a time are on our website.

We will add scheduled times for private prayer and Eucharistic adoration beginning the week of **June 14**.

We have also been certified by the Diocese to begin weekday and Sunday Masses. However, we may not begin celebrating public Masses, weekday or Sunday, **until the Governor allows churches to open for public worship**. When this happens, it will likely be limited to a certain percentage of our seating capacity. We have planned for 20% occupancy, which means 200 people at a Mass. We have planned to celebrate four Masses on the weekend. We will continue to livestream Sunday Mass at 9:00AM and weekday Masses at 8:00AM. Like confessions, an online reservation system will be used for Sunday Masses.

For those who do not have access to the internet, you can make a reservation for confessions (and Mass when we are permitted to celebrate) by calling Zara Tan at 331.707.5381.

I know this has been a very challenging and difficult time. You have missed reception of the sacraments and the solace and spiritual comfort they provide. You have missed the quiet and peace of praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. You have missed community, and we have missed you!! It has been a messy time for all of us, but remember, God is in the mess too! God is with us! And so too is the power of the Holy Spirit!!

Have a Blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, June 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother the Church

8:00 AM † Dave Dougherty, by Letty Nolan

Tuesday, June 2 - Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

8:00 AM † Michael Prasse, by Mary Krcmarik

Wednesday, June 3 - St Charles Lwanga, Martyr

8:00 AM † Fr Leon Wagner, by Mary Krcmarik

Thursday, June 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Grancisco Guzman, by Luis Guzman

Friday, June 5 - St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM † Alejandro Giannattasio, by The Cordero Family

Saturday, June 6 - St Norbert, Bishop

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Vigil - The Most Holy Trinity**

† Thomas J. McLaughlin, by Father Don
The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Dcd Members of Waszak Family, by Carolyn Kerkla

9:00 AM † The Parratore Family

10:45 AM † Dolores Mendoza, by Family

12:30 PM † Thomas Albarran, by Family

5:30 PM † Ray & Dolores Simonek

MASS INTENTIONS

Since the reduction of Sunday Masses due to the closure of church during the COVID-19 pandemic, those intentions are offered by the other priest con-celebrating the 8:00am weekday Mass.

Due to the Governor's stay-at-home order, all Masses are closed to the public.

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. Benjamin R Gragasin |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ben & Imelda Orig | 12. Mike & Carole Brogan |
| 5. Vocations | 13. Parishioners of OLM |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Diane Pazos |
| 7. Priests & Deacons | 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, 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/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
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!

¡Hurra! ¡Es Pentecostés! ¡El Espíritu Santo ha sido soltado sobre nosotros! Gracias al arduo trabajo de nuestro equipo de liderazgo de reapertura, el padre Mark, Jolene LeRoy, Bob Gancrz, Phil Zwick, Len Eickhoff y Phyllis Anderson, me complace

informarles que nuestra parroquia ha recibido la certificación de la Diócesis de Joliet para comenzar a programar horas de confesión, bautizos, bodas, funerales, oraciones privadas y adoración Eucarística. Somos la primera parroquia de la Diócesis en recibir la certificación. **TODAS** estas celebraciones tienen los siguientes requisitos:

- Máximo 10 personas (excluyendo al celebrante y ministros asistentes)
- Las mascarillas deben usarse en todo momento
- El distanciamiento social de 6 pies debe mantenerse en todo momento (excepto aquellos que viven en la misma casa)
- La desinfección de manos al entrar y salir de la iglesia

Las confesiones comenzarán el **26 de mayo**. La última semana de mayo y las dos primeras semanas de junio, programaremos únicamente los horarios de confesión. El cronograma de confesiones y direcciones para reservar anónimamente un tiempo se encuentra en nuestro sitio web.

Agregaremos horarios programados para la oración privada y la adoración Eucarística a partir de la semana del **14 de junio**.

También hemos sido certificados por la Diócesis para comenzar las Misas diarias y del domingo. Sin embargo, no podemos comenzar a celebrar Misas públicas, diarias o de domingo, **hasta que el gobernador permita que las iglesias abran para el culto público**. Cuando esto suceda, es probable que se limite a un cierto porcentaje de nuestra capacidad de asientos. Hemos planeado una ocupación del 20%, lo que significa 200 personas en una Misa. Hemos planeado celebrar cuatro Misas en el fin de semana. Continuaremos transmitiendo en vivo la Misa dominical a las 9:00 a.m. y las Misas diarias a las 8:00 a.m. Al igual que las confesiones, se utilizará un sistema de reserva en línea para las Misas dominicales.

Para aquellos que no tienen acceso a la internet, pueden hacer una reserva para confesiones (y Misa cuando se nos permite celebrar) llamando a Zara Tan al 331.707.5381.

Sé que este ha sido un tiempo muy desafiante y difícil. Ustedes se han perdido la recepción de los sacramentos y el consuelo y confort espiritual que proporcionan. Se han perdido la tranquilidad y la paz de orar en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. ¡Ustedes se han perdido la comunidad y nosotros los hemos extrañado! Ha sido un tiempo complicado para todos nosotros, pero recuerden, ¡Dios también está en el desastre! ¡Dios está con nosotros! ¡Y también está el poder del Espíritu Santo!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Mark

LA RIQUEZA DEL ESPÍRITU

Los estudiantes y la mayoría de los adultos que recuerdan sus días de escuela, están familiarizados con la frase “compara y contrasta” que de tanto en tanto aparece en las pruebas. Hoy escuchamos dos relatos diferentes sobre la venida del Espíritu. Contrastemos y luego comparemos. El relato de Lucas en Hechos está lleno de detalles impresionantes: el viento poderoso, llamas de fuego como lenguas, el milagro de las diferentes lenguas. El relato de Juan parece tímido: discípulos temerosos, el Cristo llagado, el sopro de aliento viene de su cuerpo resucitado y no del cielo. Mientras nuestras mentes modernas y literales se preguntan de qué manera sucedió; nuestra ruidosa cultura probablemente nos hará preferir el primer relato. Pero si comparamos los dos, la deslumbrante riqueza del Espíritu llena ambos relatos, ya que es el mismo aliento del Cristo resucitado, ascendido a los cielos en Lucas, el que se aparece a sus discípulos en Juan y envía a sus seguidores a llevar a cabo su misión de perdonar los pecados y proclamar los portentos de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Gn 3:9-15, 20 o Hch 1:12-14; Sal 87 (86):1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Martes: 2 Pe 3:12-15a, 17-18; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mc 12:13-17
- Miércoles: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Sal 123 (122):1b-2; Mc 12:18-27
- Jueves: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mc 12:28-34
- Viernes: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Sal 119 (118):157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mc 12:35-37
- Sábado: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Sal 71 (70):8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mc 12:38-44
- Domingo: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14,
16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17,
22; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.

—William Blake





Announcing VBS Rocky Railway at Home *An Alternative Option for the Family*

COVID-19 has come through our lives like a freight train and derailed countless plans, routines, and expectations. This summer, more than ever, Our Lady of Mercy Parish would like to offer an at home event for children and their families to renew hope in Jesus and feel an abundance of God's love through our version of Our Sunday Visitor's VBS at Home program.

What is VBS at Home?

VBS at Home is a blended learning experience combining online content and hands-on resources with faith discussions best suited for children, preschool through grade 5. Through R.E. staff and volunteer team support, you will be equipped as parents to guide your child(ren) through the VBS at Home program. Everyone in the household is given the chance to process what difference Jesus makes in our lives, especially now, in the midst of the pandemic. All of the learning stations are adapted for at home and some will be available online as prerecorded videos such as, *Imagination Station, Saint of the Day and Catholic ID*.

What is the Commitment of Parents for VBS at Home?

This is an overwhelming time for parents and that is why VBS at Home promises to be user-friendly. **We offer you a once a week format that runs for five consecutive weeks. Each of the weekly experiences will last no longer than two hours.** The prerecorded portion for each week will become available online on Sundays (see dates below), giving you the freedom to choose what time during each week is best for you and your children to engage Rocky Railway VBS at Home.

How & Who Can Register for VBS at Home?

Registration for Rocky Railway VBS at Home will open online June 1st on our parish website and close by June 19th.

This will allow us time to order an accurate amount of "VBS-At-Home Student Packs" for all who wish to participate. All are welcome to register! Families need not be parishioners or Catholic to sign up for OLM's, Rocky Railway VBS at Home! Your kind cooperation with our **June 19 deadline** will give our volunteer team time to assemble the student packs and be responsible stewards of our parish finances.

What are the Dates and Cost of VBS at Home?

Week of July 5: Pick-up & Pay Days!

You'll be given designated dates and times the week of July 5 to come to OLM drive through line to pick up student packs and pay \$12. per child (cash or check). Checks may written out to Our Lady of Mercy. This cost covers the hands-on resources and 1 CD per family. *No one is turned away because of an inability to pay!*

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| Sunday, July 12 – Week 1 | JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS! |
| Sunday, July 20 – Week 2 | JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE! |
| Sunday, July 19 – Week 3 | JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE BOLD! |
| Sunday, July 26 – Week 4 | JESUS' POWER LETS US LIVE FOREVER! |
| Sunday, Aug. 2 – Week 5 | JESUS' POWER HELPS US BE GOOD FRIENDS! |



National Stroke Awareness Month

May is designated as *National Stroke Awareness Month* by the National Stroke Association. Most of us know someone who has experienced a stroke and living with the results of it with limited mobility or speech. Stroke is the fifth cause of death and leading cause of disability in the United States.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot (called an ischemic stroke) or a blood vessel bursts or ruptures (called a hemorrhagic stroke). When the brain does not get the blood and oxygen it needs, the brain cells die. A “mini stroke” or TIA (transient ischemic attack) is caused by a temporary clot.

It is important to know the signs of a stroke so that immediate medical evaluation takes place for a better prognosis. Remember F.A.S.T. to help to determine if someone is having a stroke. F is for face drooping – does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the smile uneven or lopsided? A is for arm weakness – is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? S is for speech difficulty – is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or is it hard to understand the person? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. T is time to call 9-1-1. If the person shows any of the signs of a stroke, even if the symptoms go away – call 9-1-1 so that the person is taken to the hospital immediately.

Other signs of a stroke to pay attention to are: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or a sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Strategies for stroke prevention are a heart-healthy diet, no smoking, a healthy weight, daily exercise, limiting alcohol, managing stress in a healthy way and working as a team with your health care providers. If you have questions about the impact of COVID-19 on stroke survivors or other questions about stroke, please go the American Stroke Association website at www.stroke.org. There is a Stroke Family Warmline at 1-888-478-7653 available Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm CT that connects stroke survivors and their families with an American Stroke Association team member who can provide support, helpful information or a listening ear. By being aware of the signs of stroke and knowing the action to take, you may be the one to save a person’s life and improve the prognosis.

Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

At the time this article was written (5/22/2020), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures may be difficult to maintain. The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19. It may help people who may have the virus and not know it from transmitting the virus to others.

An article on the John Hopkins Medicine website recommends that you clean the cloth covering or mask after every wearing. Bandannas, face coverings and masks made of fabric such as cotton, can be washed in the washing machine using hot water and tumble dry them in the dryer on a high heat setting OR the fabric mask or face covering can be hand washed in hot, soapy water by scrubbing the mask for at least 20 seconds and dry on high heat in the dryer. Store masks in a clean place such as in a clean plastic bag until the next use.

When removing a used cloth face covering or other type of mask, be careful not to touch the eyes, nose and mouth. Avoid touching the front of the mask or your face. Wash hands immediately after removing a face covering or mask.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have any questions or concerns about your physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [joleneel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). Your faith community is here for you to provide resources, support and the caring presence of Jesus. Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Pentecost Sunday!!!



Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 5/10/2020)

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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections: | \$ | 1,379,279 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget: | \$ | 1,440,000 |
| Amount Short of Budget: | \$ | (60,721) |

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| 5/10/2020 Sunday Collection: | \$ | 27,860 |
| Sunday Goal: | \$ | 32,000 |
| Amount in Short of Goal: | \$ | (4,140) |

We have received 80% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.

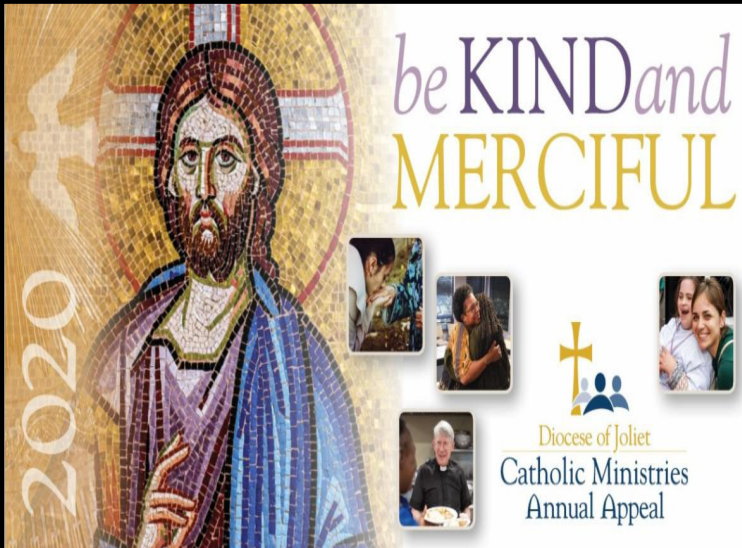
We have had over 190 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time, an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

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| April, 2009 | \$1,950,000 |
| March, 2020 | \$ 843,642 |
| April, 2020 | \$ 831,220 |



*be KIND and
MERCIFUL*

Please *Be Kind and Merciful* to those in need. A mailing has been sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow.

The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times. Our parish goal is \$146,700 and to date we have received \$95,150. Thank you for your support!



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

On the first day of the week, Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "As the Father has ...

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Answer: *As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*

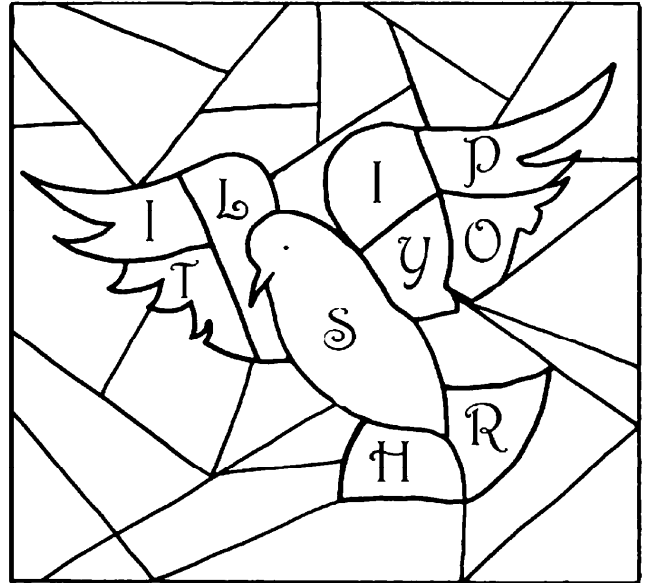
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Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Directions: Color only the spaces that have the letters from "HOLY SPIRIT" in them.



All of our body parts are important to us. We are all important parts of the Body of Christ (see Corinthians 12:12-13).

See how fast you can find and circle the names of these body parts. Look up, down, across, and diagonally.



- toe finger head
- leg eye ear
- hand foot arm
- neck mouth



a w a r s x n t l
 k r k g m h m k e
 l m m t o e o z g
 b c r r t a u b a
 n q h a n d t f j
 e y e e i o h r v
 c h q s o l w m o
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Pentecost

It's fun to receive a gift on a holiday or for your birthday. The Holy Spirit gives us different spiritual gifts. Score one point for every new word you make using the letters in the word **spiritual**. One is already done for you.

Spiritual

salt _____

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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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