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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

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2020



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

How long can a human live without food? Given various circumstances, it varies greatly. At age 74, Mahatma Gandhi, the famous advocate for India's independence, survived 21 days of total starvation. A Northern Ireland prisoner endured a 66-day hunger strike before he died. The illusionist David Blaine had no food for 44 days in a stunt where he was sealed in a plexiglass box which was suspended over the Thames River in London. A Japanese hiker who was lost went without food for 24 days and survived. In the desert, Jesus went without food for 40 days. There is an adage called the rule of threes: You can't live without air for three minutes, without water for three days and without food for three weeks.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. How long can you survive without consuming the Body and Blood of Christ? During this COVID-19 pandemic and with our churches closed, I know many of you have been starving! Livestreaming Mass and receiving "spiritual" communion has not quite been the same as receiving the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist. With some restrictions lifted, we are now able to celebrate the Eucharist with the maximum of 100 people present in the church. With the parking lot Mass, more people are able to receive the Eucharist, as the number of people are not restricted, but the number of vehicles.

But what about those who do not come to Mass regularly or not at all? Surely they must be incredibly malnourished! I began by asking how long we can go without eating before becoming starved to death. Of course, that is for our physical existence. But there is more to us than our bodies. We are not just flesh and blood. We have a soul. And that needs to be fed as well. Maybe people just aren't aware of that. But maybe some are afraid of the implications of Jesus' statement in the Gospel today that he is true food. The people who heard Jesus speaking the words in today's Gospel knew well that eating and praying together implied communion. The shocking thing Jesus did by calling himself the living bread had nothing to do with cannibalism. The scandal was the declaration that in his very humanity he embodied divine life being offered to them. Jesus claimed that communion with him was the way to communion with God that he already enjoyed. What tripped them up, and perhaps us too, is that he brought God too close. A God who is majestic and unreachable is far easier to deal with than one who invites us to communion in the here and now. It doesn't cost much to worship a god to whom we can offer placating sacrifices and then go on with our lives as normal. But God who initiates communion with us is going to claim everything we are as we come to abide in Christ and allow him to abide in us.

Have a Blessed Week in Communion with God!

Fr. Don

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, June 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Barbara DeZellar
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, June 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Juan Espinal, by Emilia Espinal
 7:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, June 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Jessie Zec, by Family
 6:30 PM Intention of Presider

Thursday, June 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Father Mark Bernhard, by Shirley Staples
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 19 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 AM Intention of Presider
 8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

Saturday, June 20 - The Immaculate Heart of Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Intention of Presider
 1:00 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Charles Meeker, by The Crafty Souls
 † James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr
 By Helean M Ray

Sunday, June 21 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM All Father's Living and Deceased
 † Tim Savoie, by Lenore Savoie
 † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 11:00 AM † Alfonso Sr & Estela Ramirez, by Children
 † Thomas Vacek, by Pat Feinberg
 5:30 PM † Elizabeth Irefo, by Family

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Sunday 9:00 AM
Weekday 8:00 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM

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. Nancy Higgins |
| 3. World Peace | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Fr Don McLaughlin | 12. Fr Mark Bernhard |
| 5. Dcn (Fr) James Guarascio | 13. Vocations |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. All Clergy |
| 7. Senovio Sarabia | 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.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA MASSES

This year since church has been closed, we have not be able to provide you with envelopes for an offering to be made for a novena of Masses for your living or deceased fathers. Therefore, we will not be doing the novena of Masses this year. Instead, our 9:00am live streamed Mass on the Sundays in June will be offered for our fathers living and deceased.

Thanks for your understanding!

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	William Nimmow	Diane Singer
Wayne Draper	Jill Brisceno	Joyce Craig
Ailani Banulos	Lexi Brisceno	John Swanston
Julia Schremp	Michael Butler	Robert Ciulla
Billy Walowski	Hailey Hartnett	Bridget Garry
Kathy Walowski	Thomas F. Sterling	David Bakke
Flo Paprzycki	Henrietta Pineda	Bill Morse
Helga Manglinong	La Moua	Rudolfo Gamaro
Michael Dandan	Valerie Plesha	Nancy Higgins
Charlene Oates	Hedy Sterling	
Maria Luna	Diane Pazos	
	Diane Ramonas	

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!

¿Cuánto tiempo puede vivir un ser humano sin comida? Dadas varias circunstancias, varía mucho. A los 74 años, Mahatma Gandhi, el famoso defensor de la independencia de la India, sobrevivió 21 días de hambruna total. Un prisionero de Irlanda del Norte sufrió una huelga de hambre de 66 días antes de morir.

El ilusionista David Blaine no tuvo comida durante 44 días en una escena donde fue sellado en una caja de plexiglás que estaba suspendida sobre el río Támesis en Londres. Un excursionista japonés que se perdió estuvo sin comida durante 24 días y sobrevivió. En el desierto, Jesús estuvo sin comida durante 40 días. Hay un adagio llamado la regla de los tres: no se puede vivir sin aire durante tres minutos, sin agua durante tres días y sin comida durante tres semanas.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice: "Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida". Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo - Corpus Christi. ¿Cuánto tiempo puedes sobrevivir sin consumir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo? Durante esta pandemia del COVID-19 y con nuestras iglesias cerradas, ¿sé que muchos de ustedes se han estado muriendo de hambre! Transmitir en vivo la Misa y recibir la comunión "espiritual" no ha sido lo mismo que recibir el cuerpo, la sangre, el alma y la divinidad de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Con algunas restricciones levantadas, ahora podemos celebrar la Eucaristía con el máximo de 100 personas presentes en la iglesia. Con la Misa en el estacionamiento, más personas pueden recibir la Eucaristía, ya que la cantidad de personas no está restringida, sino la cantidad de vehículos.

Pero, ¿qué pasa con aquellos que no vienen a Misa regularmente o que no lo hacen? ¡Seguramente deben estar increíblemente desnutridos! Comencé preguntando cuánto tiempo podemos pasar sin comer antes de morir de hambre. Por supuesto, eso es para nuestra existencia física. Pero hay más para nosotros que nuestros cuerpos. No somos solo carne y hueso. Tenemos un alma. Y esta también necesita ser alimentada. Tal vez las personas simplemente no son conscientes de eso. Pero tal vez algunos temen las implicaciones de la declaración de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy de que él es el verdadero alimento. Las personas que escucharon a Jesús decir las palabras en el Evangelio de hoy sabían bien que comer y orar juntos implicaba la comunión. Lo sorprendente que hizo Jesús al llamarse a sí mismo el pan vivo no tuvo nada que ver con el canibalismo. El escándalo fue la declaración de que en su propia humanidad encarnaba la vida divina que se les ofrecía. Jesús afirmó que la comunión con él era el camino a la comunión con Dios que él ya disfrutaba. Lo que los hizo tropezar, y quizás a nosotros también, es que trajo a Dios demasiado cerca. Un Dios majestuoso e inalcanzable es mucho más fácil de tratar que uno que nos invita a la comunión aquí y ahora. No cuesta mucho adorar a un dios a quien podemos ofrecer sacrificios aplacadores y luego continuar con nuestras vidas como siempre. Pero Dios, que inicia la comunión con nosotros, va a afirmar todo lo que somos a medida que venimos a permanecer en Cristo y permitirle que permanezca en nosotros.

¡Que tengan una Semana Bendecida en Comunión con Dios!

Padre Ken

ALIMENTO CELESTIAL

Dios sustentó al pueblo de Israel por cuarenta años en el desierto con maná venido del cielo, y Moisés no quiere que lo olviden. Dios hizo brotar agua de la roca para que bebieran, y Moisés tampoco quiere que olviden esto. Y Moisés se lo dice –dos veces— que el alimento que Dios envió era comida que ni ellos ni sus antepasados jamás habían probado antes.

Jesús, también habla del pan venido del cielo, comida que el pueblo judío jamás había probado antes. Recordando el maná del desierto, Jesús tampoco quiere que ellos lo olviden, explicándoles que él es pan y bebida para la vida eterna. Y Pablo les reitera a los corintios y a todos nosotros que en el pan y en la copa participamos en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 21:1-16; Sal 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Martes: 1 Re 21:17-29; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Miércoles: 2 Re 2:1, 6-14; Sal 31 (30):20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Eclo 48:1-14; Sal 97 (96):1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Viernes: Dt 7:6-11; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Sábado: 2 Cr 24:17-25; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 29-34; Lc 2:41-51
Domingo: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16;
Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33





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?

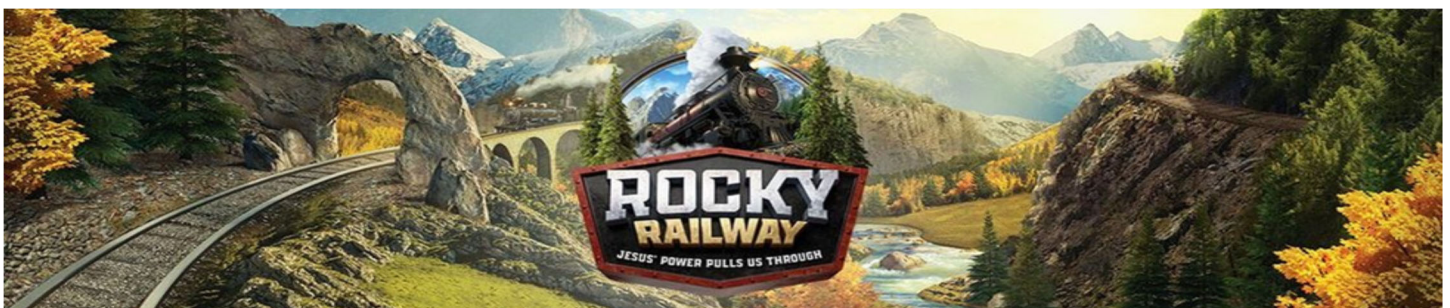
Registration for Rocky Railway VBS at Home will open online June 1st on our parish website and close by June 19th. This will allow us time to order an accurate amount of "VBS-At-Home Student Packs" for all who wish to participate. All are welcome to register! Families need not be parishioners or Catholic 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! |





STATEMENT FROM OUR PASTOR REGARDING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD AND RESULTING PROTESTS AND VIOLENCE

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

The recent murder of George Floyd, a black man by a white police officer in Minneapolis has once again reared the ugly head of racism in our country. We do not know for sure if that officer is a racist, but his actions certainly make one wonder, and many have made the presumption that he is. The officer's actions very well could have been racially motivated. Let me be clear, racism **IS** a sin. I preached on the sin of racism last year the weekend of August 17/18. Here is the link to that homily <https://olmercy.com/battlingracism/>

Regardless though, that police officer used unjust excessive force that ended up killing a man. We should all be concerned, regardless of the race of the person detained. I wonder why the three other officers present just stood there and watched. They did nothing when Mr. Floyd kept saying: "I can't breathe!"

Racism has long been a scourge on our country and society. Racism needs to be addressed and hearts converted to the fact that **ALL** people, regardless of race or ethnicity, **ARE** children of our one GOD and **EQUAL** in God's eyes – **AND SHOULD BE IN OURS!!** I lived in the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's. I was very hopeful that the progress we made then against racism would flourish and last. It is obvious that it has not, and that breaks my heart. I understand the frustration of all in our country who experience racism because of their ethnicity. Liberty and justice for **ALL** remains elusive.

Systemic injustice needs to be recognized and steps taken to eradicate it. I thoroughly support peaceful demonstrations, and would join one myself. However, violence and the wanton destruction of property can never be justified as a means to an end. I ask each of us to examine your heart and pray for God's grace to root out any racism that may be there. I ask each of us to pray for a change of heart for those who would use this opportunity of unrest to commit acts of violence and vandalism. I ask each of us to pray for our political leaders. I ask each of us to pray for the men and women in law enforcement and our first responders. I ask each of us to pray that God's healing grace may come upon our country.

Bishop Pates, the Apostolic Administrator of our Joliet Diocese has also made a statement regarding racism. You can view it on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

May God have mercy on all of us in these troubled times.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Don E. McLaughlin
Pastor



DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRO PASTOR CON RESPECTO A LA MUERTE DE GEORGE FLOYD Y A LAS PROTESTAS Y LA VIOLENCIA RESULTANTES

Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El reciente asesinato de George Floyd, un hombre negro, cometido por un oficial de policía blanco en Minneapolis ha vuelto a levantar la fea cabeza del racismo en nuestro país. No sabemos con certeza si ese oficial es racista, pero sus acciones ciertamente hacen que uno se pregunte, y muchos han asumido que lo es. Las acciones del oficial muy bien podrían haber sido motivadas racialmente. Déjame ser claro, el racismo **ES** un pecado. Prediqué sobre el pecado del racismo el año pasado el fin de semana del 17/18 de agosto. Aquí está el enlace a esa homilía <https://olmercy.com/battlingracism/>

Sin embargo, ese oficial de policía utilizó una fuerza excesiva injusta que terminó matando a un hombre. Todos deberíamos estar preocupados, independientemente de la raza de la persona detenida. Me pregunto por qué los otros tres oficiales presentes se quedaron parados allí y observaron. No hicieron nada cuando el Sr. Floyd siguió diciendo: "¡No puedo respirar!"

El racismo ha sido durante mucho tiempo un flagelo para nuestro país y nuestra sociedad. El racismo debe ser abordado y los corazones convertidos al hecho de que **TODAS** las personas, independientemente de la raza o el origen étnico, **SON** hijos de nuestro único **DIOS** e **IGUALES** ante los ojos de Dios, **¡Y DEBEN SER EN LOS NUESTROS!** Yo viví en el movimiento de los derechos civiles en las décadas de 1950 y 1960. Tenía muchas esperanzas de que el progreso que hicimos entonces contra el racismo prosperaría y duraría. Es obvio que no, y eso me rompe el corazón. Entiendo la frustración de todos en nuestro país que experimentan racismo debido a su origen étnico. La libertad y la justicia para **TODOS** siguen siendo difíciles de alcanzar.

La injusticia sistémica necesita ser reconocida y se deben tomar medidas para erradicarla. Apoyo completamente las manifestaciones pacíficas y me uniría a una. Sin embargo, la violencia y la destrucción desenfrenada de la propiedad nunca pueden justificarse como un medio para un fin. Le pido a cada uno de nosotros examinar su corazón y orar por la gracia de Dios para erradicar cualquier racismo que pueda haber. Le pido a cada uno de nosotros orar por un cambio de corazón para aquellos que utilizarían esta oportunidad de disturbios para cometer actos de violencia y vandalismo. Le pido a cada uno de nosotros que ore por nuestros líderes políticos. Le pido a cada uno de nosotros que ore por los hombres y mujeres que hacen cumplir la ley y nuestros socorristas. Le pido a cada uno de nosotros orar para que la gracia sanadora de Dios venga a nuestro país.

El Obispo Pates, el Administrador Apostólico de nuestra Diócesis de Joliet, también hizo una declaración sobre el racismo. Pueden verlo en el sitio web diocesano www.diocesofjoliet.org.

Que Dios tenga misericordia de todos nosotros en estos tiempos difíciles.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Rev. Don E. McLaughlin
Pastor



The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2020

LIVING, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

The unifying motif of this year’s readings for today is God’s gift of living, life-giving Bread. Prefigured in the manna, which not only nourished individuals but defined Israel as a community under God’s special care, Jesus, the living bread, bestows on us—individually and as a community—eternal life that, in John’s perspective, begins here and is fulfilled hereafter. This “already/not yet” theme is alluded to by the Communion invitation’s reference to Revelation’s vision of the kingdom-feast: “Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:9) once slain who lives forever. For Saint Paul, the eucharistic bread and cup are both sign of what the community is called to be and source of the community’s strength to live that ideal.

FLESH AND BLOOD

Today’s Gospel verses, John 6:51–58 are a “eucharistic version” of the previous verses, 6:35–50, in which Jesus asserts, “Whoever believes has eternal life” (6:47). Now Jesus replaces “believes” with “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (6:54). This parallelism is mirrored in the complementarity of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the intimate relationship between ambo (lectern) and altar, “the table of God’s Word and the table of Christ’s Body.”

But today’s Gospel presents a further parallel, the complementarity of flesh and blood. By using “flesh,” a word he sometimes uses to denote the whole of human nature rather than “body,” John seems to suggest that, in receiving Christ’s Body in the Eucharist, we disciples are to assimilate the whole of Jesus’ humanity, his own radically self-sacrificing-unto-death lifestyle as our distinctive manner of being human. Moreover, the very reason the law forbade partaking of sacrificial blood is precisely why Jesus says we must drink his blood, “for the blood is life” (Deuteronomy 12:23). By partaking of Christ’s Blood in the Eucharist, we “have eternal life” here and now; that is to say, we live by Christ’s victory over death in this life, a victory that will be made permanent when Jesus raises us up on the last day (6:54).

WE ARE ONE

As we partake of this gift, we become one with Christ in reality. But there is more. We also become one with each other. As we all partake of the mystery, we are united in flesh and spirit—in the Holy Spirit—with each other as well. As Paul says, “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Today we celebrate this wonderful gift. Even though we do not fully understand it, we believe and accept it with joy. We are one with Christ and one with each other. We too become the Body of Christ in the world.

TODAY’S READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a
Psalm 147:12–15, 19–20
1 Corinthians 10:16–17
John 6:51–58

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 5/31/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 1,435,930
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 1,504,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (68,070)

5/31/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$ 27,559
Sunday Goal:	\$ 32,000
Amount in Short of Goal:	\$ (4,441)

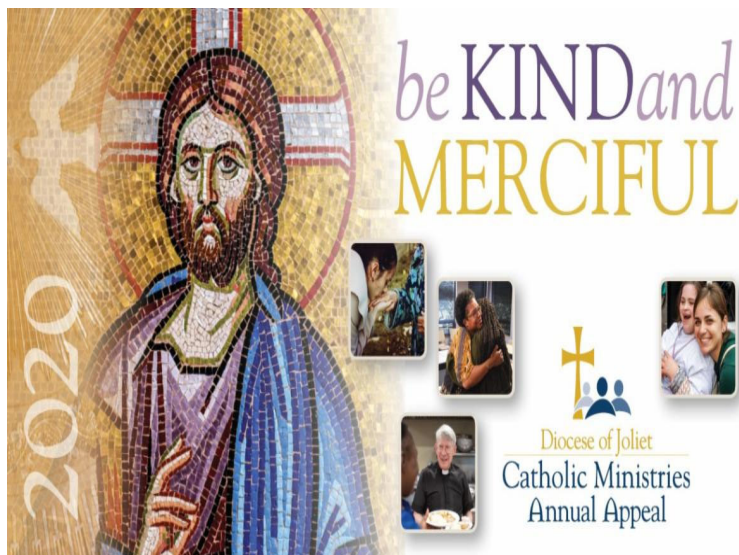
**We have received 81% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.
We have had over 190 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time,
an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.**

Thank you for your generosity!!

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

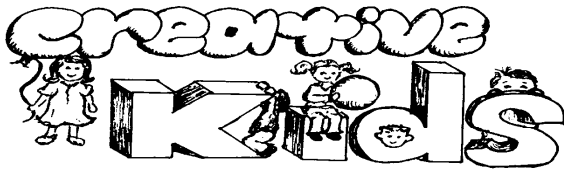
Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
April, 2020	\$ 831,220
May, 2020	\$ 821,219



It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$ 146,700
Amount Pledged	\$ 163,729
Amount Paid	\$ 104,443
Remaining Balance	\$ 59,286
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	652



Following Directions

Jesus asks us to follow Him.
Can you follow these seven directions?

1. When you get home, find a person that you love.
2. Wait until he or she is sitting down.
3. Go over to that person.
4. Put your mouth close to his or her ear.
5. Whisper, "I love you!"
6. Tell him or her a reason why.
7. Then give that person a hug.

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year A

The ones to enter heaven are the ones who do the will of God, the Father.

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

Directions: Color the child who is entering the church.



God took good care of Moses and the Israelites while they were in the desert and provided a special food for them. To find out what it was called, write the first letter of every picture shown.

God provides for us, too! Draw your favorite food onto this plate.

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus told the people that he was the living bread that came from heaven (John 6:51).

To see what he said next, use the thermometer to fill in the blanks.

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{20°}or{10°}v_{10°}r.

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80°	a	
		←70°
60°	b	
		←50°
40°	t	
		←30°
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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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