



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)....6:30pm
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday.....8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)..... 4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 5:30pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

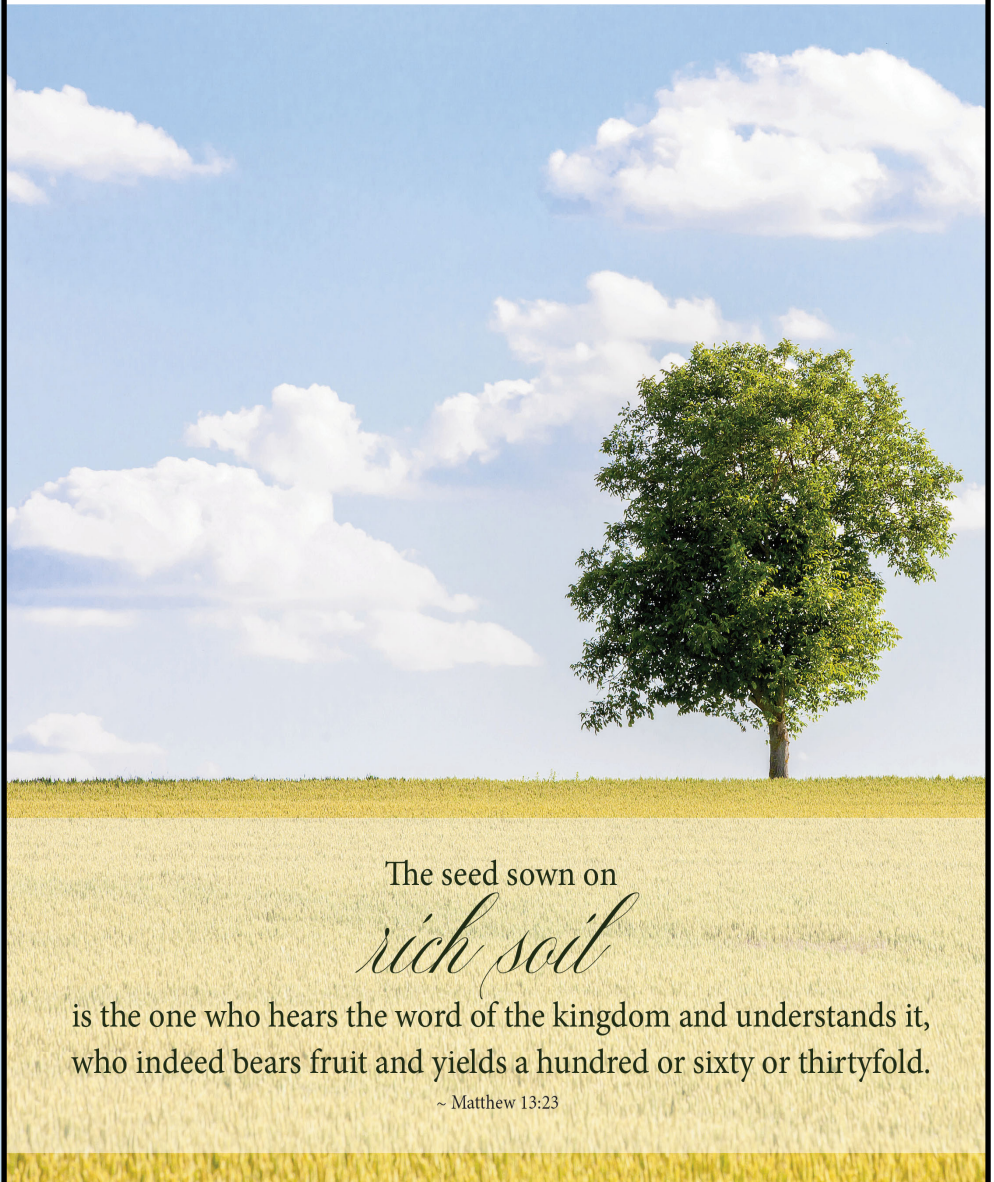
CONFESSIONS

Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am
1:30-2:30pm
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday
6:00pm

JULY 12, 2020 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The seed sown on
rich soil

is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

~ Matthew 13:23



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

Do you have hope? In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the civil unrest in our country, the uncertainty of the future, add other personal difficulties and challenges, do you find it difficult to have hope? How does one develop hope? To develop hope is to cultivate

mystery. All too often, we are seduced into thinking that only the present counts. We are encouraged to believe that nothing can really be changed. We are constantly exhorted to hold that there is only one way to go – namely, the party line. We thereby become victims of despair. In such a debacle, only hope can save us. But to develop hope is to cultivate mystery.

In the first reading today the exiles in Babylon had written off the Lord. They accepted what they believed to be their fate. For them the Lord could not do anything and, if he could, he was not interested. This was the party line of ancient Near Eastern theology. The prophet Isaiah counters with a message of hope: “Cry out, do not fear! Say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!” (Is: 40:9). But it was a hope interwoven with mystery. Their ways were not God ways. God would again speak his creative Word. To respond to that Word, however, was to give God the liberty to act as he chooses. To develop hope is to cultivate mystery.

In the gospel the disciples had begun to write Jesus off. Some were no longer walking with him. Jesus, however, responded to this situation by noting the natural agricultural process of failure and success. The mode of failure is readily explicable – the mode of success is rarely intelligible. Yet despite the obvious failures, God is at work. To hope is to let God work in his own mysterious fashion and not impose human restraints. To develop hope is to cultivate mystery.

There are countless ways in which we may develop hope and thereby cultivate mystery. Parents who refuse to calculate their children's success merely in terms of academic achievement and personality point to another standard. Career people who refuse to accept the manipulative practices of big business as the only way to go testify to another dynamism. The sick and dying who refuse to see their present pain as useless and worthless indicate another value system. All such people restore God's liberty to give as he chooses to give. All such people attest that to develop hope is to cultivate mystery.

The Eucharist communicates this as well, reflecting Jesus' anxiety before his death and communicating Jesus' acceptance of the Father's mysterious plan for him. All who share in the Eucharist confess that the paths, rocks, and thorns of Jesus' passion and death are transformed into the abundant harvest of the resurrection. The Eucharist articulates a hope, but a hope based on God's freedom to act. The Eucharist asserts that to develop hope is to cultivate mystery! Let hope and mystery be a part of your life!!

Have a Blessed Week!

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New Schedule***Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions*****Monday, July 13 - St. Henry**

8:00 AM † Angelita Curtioni, by Imelda Brink
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM † Dolores Vello & Amalia Carrillo, by Family

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Kateri, Virgin

8:00 AM † Paul Abuah, by Family
 6:30 PM Angelo Lao, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 AM † Tim Fahey, by Susan Dudney

Thursday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30 AM † Anna Chacko, by The Thyvelikakath Family
 8:00 AM † Dave Dougherty, by The Fernandez Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, July 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Tiffany Broadus

Saturday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 AM † Mary Burgstrom, by Chris & Dan Harvey
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Mario Uy, The Uy Family
 † James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr by Helean M Ray

Sunday, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 10:00 AM † Donald Bruski, by Kathi & Tom Donofrio
 12:00 PM † Angelo Ingala, by Cheryl Hartnett
 5:30 PM Int Melvin & Agnes Schlobohm

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. Fr. Mark Bernhard |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Felicidad Hernandez | 12. Imelda & Ben Orig |
| 5. Midge & Bob Holzworth | 13. Special Intention—B&P |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Special Intention—C,J&K |
| 7. Sr Concetta Petrauskas SSC | 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.

IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

We're relying on our app to communicate with you



Please download our app and allow notifications.

To Download

Text "App" to 88202 or search "myParish" in your app store.

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES**

Weekday 8:00AM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM

We are now taking intentions for the Tues. 6:30PM, Thur. 6:30AM and Sat. 8:30AM Masses.

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
 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 Singer
 Joyce Craig

John Swanston
 Robert Ciulla
 Bridget Garry
 David Bakke
 Bill Morse
 Rudolfo Gamaro
 Nancy Higgins

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!

Tienes esperanza? A la luz de la pandemia del COVID-19, los disturbios civiles en nuestro país, la incertidumbre del futuro, agrega otras dificultades y desafíos personales, ¿te resulta difícil tener esperanza? ¿Cómo uno desarrolla la esperanza? Desarrollar

la esperanza es cultivar el misterio. Con demasiada frecuencia, se nos seduce para pensar que solo cuenta el presente. Se nos alienta a creer que nada se puede cambiar realmente. Se nos exhorta constantemente a sostener que solo hay un camino a seguir: concretamente, la línea del partido. De este modo nos convertimos en víctimas de la desesperación. En semejante debacle, solo la esperanza puede salvarnos. Pero desarrollar la esperanza es cultivar el misterio.

En la primera lectura de hoy, los exiliados en Babilonia habían descartado al Señor. Aceptaron lo que creían que era su destino. Para ellos, el Señor no podía hacer nada y, si podía, el no estaba interesado. Esta era la línea del partido de la antigua teología del Cercano Oriente. El profeta Isaías responde con un mensaje de esperanza: “¡Clama, no temas! Di a las ciudades de Judá: ¡Aquí está tu Dios! (Is: 40: 9). Pero era una esperanza entrelazada con el misterio. Sus caminos no eran los caminos de Dios. Dios volvería a hablar su Palabra creadora. Sin embargo, responder a esa Palabra era darle a Dios la libertad de actuar como él quisiera. Desarrollar la esperanza es cultivar el misterio.

En el evangelio, los discípulos habían comenzado a descartar a Jesús. Algunos ya no caminaban con él. Sin embargo, Jesús respondió a esta situación señalando el proceso agrícola natural de fracaso y éxito. El modo de fracaso es fácilmente explicable, el modo de éxito rara vez es inteligible. Sin embargo, a pesar de los fracasos obvios, Dios está trabajando. Esperar es dejar que Dios trabaje a su manera misteriosa y no imponer restricciones humanas. Desarrollar la esperanza es cultivar el misterio.

Hay innumerables formas en que podemos desarrollar la esperanza y, por lo tanto, cultivar el misterio. Los padres que se niegan a calcular el éxito de sus hijos solamente en términos de rendimiento académico y personalidad indican otro estándar. Las personas profesionales que se niegan a aceptar las prácticas manipuladoras de las grandes empresas como la única forma de testificar sobre otro dinamismo. Los enfermos y moribundos que se niegan a ver su dolor actual como inútil y sin ningún valor indican otro sistema de valores. Todas esas personas restauran la libertad de Dios para dar como él elige dar. Todas esas personas atestiguan que desarrollar la esperanza es cultivar el misterio.

La Eucaristía también lo comunica, reflejando la ansiedad de Jesús antes de su muerte y comunicando la aceptación de Jesús del misterioso plan del Padre para él. Todos los que participan en la Eucaristía confiesan que los caminos, piedras y espinas de la pasión y muerte de Jesús se transforman en la abundante cosecha de la resurrección. La Eucaristía articula una esperanza, pero una esperanza basada en la libertad de Dios para actuar. ¡La Eucaristía afirma que desarrollar la esperanza es cultivar el misterio! ¡Deja que la esperanza y el misterio sean parte de tu vida!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Dan

LAS PALABRAS DE DIOS

Cada día somos bombardeados por miles de palabras. Desde el momento en que suena el despertador en la mañana, hasta el último momento del día cuando apagamos el televisor o alguien nos dice “buenas noches”, tenemos la vida llena de palabras. Algunas palabras nos traen noticias que nos deprimen. Algunas palabras nos levantan el espíritu. Muchas de las palabras que escuchamos tratan de hacernos comprar algo. Algunas palabras son hirientes. Hoy la Iglesia nos hace prestar atención a la Palabras de Dios. ¿Son las Palabras de Dios igual que las demás – parte de una corriente sin fin de palabras que fluyen por nuestro oídos todos los días? El reto hoy es permitir que las Palabras de Dios nos inspiren renovando nuestra perspectiva y actitudes para que estén en mayor consonancia con el corazón y la mente de Cristo Jesús.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 1:10-17; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Martes: Is 7:1-9; Sal 48 (47):2-8; Mt 11:20-24
- Miércoles: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Sal 94 (93):5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
- Jueves: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Sal 102 (101):13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
- Viernes: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
- Sábado: Miq 2:1-5; Sal 10 (9):1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
- Domingo: Sab 12:13, 16-19; Sal 86 (85):5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer’s markets. All our readings today embrace one of God’s smallest but most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that “shout for joy.” Romans has “creation groaning in labor pains” as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

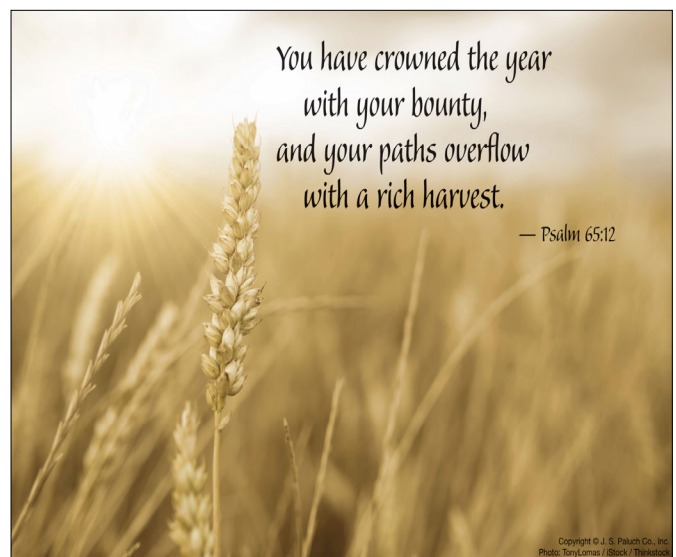
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).





A Summer Saint to Share & Celebrate ~ Saint Kateri Tekawitha

Feast Day: July 14

Born: 1656
Died: April 17, 1680



Her Story ~ Kateri was born in what is now present day Auriesville, New York. Growing up, Tekawitha was the girl who didn't quite fit in. The same smallpox that invaded her village and took the lives of her parents and brother when she was four years old had left her face scarred. It also damaged her eyes. The name Tekawitha means "she who bumps into things." So although she was good at weaving and playing with her cornhusk dolls, her poor eyesight made it difficult for her to plant and impossible to play running games with other children.

As she grew older, she became more interested in her mother's Christian religion. French Jesuit missionaries traveled among the villages, teaching the people about Christ. Eventually, Tekawitha asked one of these priests to teach her and baptize her into the faith. She took the name Catherine, said in Mohawk, "Kateri." Tekawitha's interest in Christianity annoyed her uncle but it was her refusal of a marriage proposal of a young warrior in front of his family that was the last straw. Her relatives mocked her and gave her all the hardest work. Not long after this, she left the village in a daring escape with the help of two Huron warriors and traveled nearly two hundred miles to a Catholic Mohawk mission near Montreal, Canada. There, at last, Kateri fit in.

Kateria taught the children prayers and told them stories about the life of Jesus. She nursed the sick, gathered offerings for those in need, and helped the elderly with their daily chores. When her life became hard, she turned to God in prayer. Four years later, dying of an illness, she spoke her last words, "Jesus, Mary, I love you." Fifteen minutes after her death, her face was transformed, no longer scarred, but radiant, an outward sign to all who knew and loved her that she finally found her true home in heaven.

Minimizing the Spread of the Coronavirus in the Faith Community

The Diocese of Joliet continues to provide guidelines to our parish during the re-opening of the churches keeping in mind the guidelines of the Phase 4 of “Restore Illinois” as of June 26. As a healthcare professional and pastoral care minister, I wanted to express gratitude to our faith community members for following the guidelines that will make a difference in decreasing the spread of the coronavirus and being charitable to others around you.



If you are in church, in the Parish Life Center or on the parish grounds, thank you for wearing masks, maintaining the recommended social (physical) distancing measures and using hand sanitizer/washing hands at the appropriate times.

We appreciate that if you are ill, have a temperature or if you have been exposed to someone who is sick, that you stay home to monitor your health and contact your healthcare provider as indicated.

Thank you for cooperating with attendance registration or sign-in sheets with contact information for liturgical and non-liturgical gatherings. The reason in maintaining records for all events according to the information from the Diocese of Joliet “is vital to the work of contact tracing, which is a significant part of reducing the spread of COVID-19”. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care and member of the parish co-leadership team responsible for the re-opening of our church at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Social Wellness

July is designated as *Social Wellness Month*. It is a time to nurture relationships and build stronger ties with friends, family and other loved ones. The health benefits of having strong social networks are that people tend to live longer, respond better to stress and adversity, have healthier endocrine and cardiovascular systems and have enhanced immune systems.

Even though the coronavirus pandemic has interrupted the “normal” ways that we stay connected with one another, the following ideas are suggested to promote social connections. Plan virtual gatherings such as a remote dinner party, cook a new recipe together with family or friends and then eat the meal together or play games. If you have a favorite hobby such as woodworking, painting, scrapbooking, reading and cooking, join a virtual classroom or remote gathering that focuses on that. Think about physical activity and while wearing a mask and staying six feet away from others, start a walking routine or participate in another activity.



Another way to promote social wellness is to get involved in activities that benefit the community. Check out any virtual or remote volunteer opportunities in the community or in the church. Take this time to write letters to elected officials on issues important to you such as racial inequality, healthcare access or affordable housing. Check to see if there are outside neighborhood events that you could assist with such as cleaning a park as you follow the safety practices of wearing a mask and staying six feet apart from others. For additional ideas and information on social wellness, visit the National Institutes of Health at www.nih.gov.

Open Hearts Ministry

There will be a gathering of the Open Hearts Ministry on Monday July 20 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Parish Life Center in Room 114. The gathering is an opportunity to share ideas and resources, pray together and support one another. The ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. If you are planning to attend, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com so that appropriate space is available. Thank you for wearing a mask when you attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

July 18 & July 19

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of July 18 and July 19 for our Clothing Drive!!

Items can be dropped off:

- Saturday July 18 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass
- Sunday July 19 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 19 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 19- 15 minutes before the 12 noon mass (The truck will be picked up shortly after noon so it likely will not be there after the noon mass)



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

Come join us in the OLM Mixed Bowling League

If you have contemplated whether to join, please consider the following:

- Do you feel like you've been in the house long enough and wish to be around people again?
- Would you like to see your fellow parishioners again?
- Give yourself a night out only once/month while not being out late.
- We are not professional bowlers, many do not play outside of this league.
- All ranges of bowling scores are appropriate.
- Using a house ball and renting shoes is common practice.

If you have thought about joining a league, now is the time to give it a try. You will meet some new people in the parish and have a good time while at it. There are 4 players to a team, but we will build a team for a mix of <4 players who wish to join. Our OLM Mixed Bowling League bowls on the fourth Friday of every month beginning in August 2020 through May 2021 (no bowling in December) at 7PM. If you are unable to make a session, you can prebowl. Fees will be \$34 per couple per month. Two months fees will be collected in August; no fees are collected on the final night in May 2021.



If you have questions and/or would like to join the league, please give Dan Panozzo a call at 815-302-4111 or email at tanddpanozzo@comcast.net.

The ParkSide Lanes website will provide all safety precautions and information later in June. The teams will be finalized in early August.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 6/28/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections: \$ 1,545,685
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 1,632,000
Amount Short of Budget: \$ (86,315)

6/28/2020 Sunday Collection: \$ 26,100
 Sunday Goal: \$ 32,000
Amount Short of Goal: \$ (5,900)

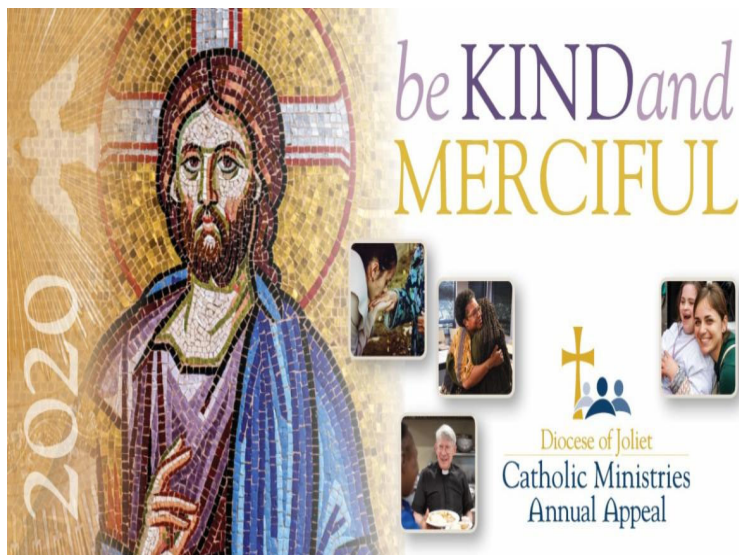
**We have received 82% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.
 We have had over 200 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time,
 an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.**

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
 May, 2020 \$ 821,219
 June, 2020 \$ 810,420



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	\$ 171,339
Amount Paid	\$ 119,200
Remaining Balance	\$ 52,139
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	667



Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy is currently registering for the 2020-2021 school year!



We will be doing in-person learning starting on August 20, 2020

Small Class Sizes ~ Clean ~ Safe Learning Environments

- Preschool 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds (full day and half day)
- Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- North and South Campus
- Before School and After School Care
- Hot Breakfast and Lunch Program

Register at www.jp2aurora.org

Apply for financial aid through FACTS on our website.

Follow our Facebook page @PSJIIAuroraLL for highlights and information.

North Campus: 706 High Street, Aurora, (630)844-3781

South Campus: 601 Talma Street, Aurora, (630)851-4400

A Day of "Flowering" a la Mary's Garden & the Divine Gardener



IMPORTANT



THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED ONLINE



A retreat day of spiritual care for widows and widowers reflecting on the joys, sorrows, glorious, and luminous mysteries experienced in this garden of life. Several models to promote self-care, healing, creativity, spiritual well-being and holistic health will be discussed. The day of "flowering" will include the creation of a spiritual bouquet of spiritual practices to promote an abundant, blooming life.

EVENT: A DAY OF "FLOWERING" FOR THE WIDOWED

DATE: August 1, 2020

TIME: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Pre-registration is required by July 22.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1>

(Virtual Invite/Link to follow upon Registration)

The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334



Why Marmion?

Prospective families are invited to a live Zoom series beginning in July to learn about the *Marmion Advantage* from students, faculty and administration.

Please visit marmion.org/whymarmion for details.



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In addition to helping to reuse and recycle, your donations are also tax deductible. Remember your throw-a-ways can be someone else's treasures.

Call Barbara at Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity to schedule a porch or garage pickup every Tuesday and Thursday. You can also drop off your donations every Wednesday and Saturday 9am to 5pm at 2302 W Indian Trail Rd in Aurora.

Call 630-206-5038, or email b.zegiel@foxvalleyhabitat.org to schedule a pick up.

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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