



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1



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

I recently read an article "Catholics: They are not coming back....unless...." Written by a priest in the Rockford Diocese, he gives many reasons that after the pandemic is over and the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is re-instated, many

Mass going Catholics will not return to Mass. While some still fearing for health reasons, his main premise is there are millions of Catholics, who have grown quite comfortable in a Eucharist free faith. In other words, watching Mass on television and not receiving communion is just fine. His caveat is that unless we once again explain to Catholics why a real, attended Mass is necessary for their spiritual health, many will not return. I agree with him to a certain degree.

But, my romantic idealistic side says not all is lost! Perhaps I am being a bit naïve, but I think many will come back because as it has been said, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." This proverb, in some form or another, can be traced back for millennia. It became popular in 1850 by the author Thomas Haynes Bayly in his work entitled *Isle of Beauty*. And, there is scientific evidence that it is true in relationship to lovers or friends. I think it should be true related to the Eucharist! The Eucharist is not something that we should relate to as a "thing" – the Eucharist is a person! The very soul and divinity of Jesus Christ himself. The longing we might feel when absent from a lover or friend is the same longing we should have for the Eucharist if we have not received Jesus in Holy Communion in quite some time. I'm hoping that when a vaccine is found and people feel safe, they will jump at the opportunity to come back to Mass and once again have that physical relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Our scripture readings today tell us that Jesus feeds every hunger. If we lose the hunger for the Eucharist, there is nothing to substitute for the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes in today's gospel ends with an important detail. There was enough food left over to fill 12 wicker baskets. God feeds in abundance. We need to receive that Eucharistic food so that we can go out and feed others in abundance.

Let not the necessary steps to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic deaden our desire and need for receiving the Eucharist. Actually, we need that food more than ever! When the time comes, let the pews of Our Lady of Mercy be filled with starving people hungry to receive Jesus our bread of life!

Have a blessed week!

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New Schedule***Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions*****Monday, August 3 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Scott Mansholt, by Brian & Michelle Kibler
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int Manzaneros Family

Tuesday, August 4 - St John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM † Roland Vercillo, by Mary Houdek
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by John & Cheryl DeWitt
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Jessica Jabonero, by Agnes Schlobohm

Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30 AM Int Alfonse Rajasekhar & Family
 8:00 AM Int Stephen & Abby LeRoy, Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, August 7 - St Sixtus II & St Cajetan

8:00 AM † Arcadia Torres, by The Ordonez Family

Saturday, August 8 - St Dominic, Priest

8:30 AM † Felicidad Hernandez, by Adolfo & Joana Lopez & Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Joyce Markus, by Family
 Int Alana Depaz, by Agnes Schlobohm

Sunday, August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett
 10:00 AM † Joan Vrchota, by Mary Houdek
 12:00 PM † Felicidad Hernandez Hernandez, by Bob & Ida Phillips
 5:30 PM † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

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. Covid Vaccine | 10. MRM Health & Comfort |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Robin Pazos | 12. Susana Salvador |
| 5. Diane Pazos | 13. Vocations |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Prayers for Peace |
| 7. Fr. Don & Fr. James | 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
 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

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
 Marilyn Reich

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!

Hace poco leí un artículo "Católicos: no volverán... a menos que...". Escrito por un sacerdote en la Diócesis de Rockford, él da muchas razones por las cuales después de que la pandemia haya terminado y la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical se restablezca, muchos Católicos que van a Misa no volverán a Misa. Si bien algunos todavía temen por razones de salud, su premisa principal es que hay millones de Católicos, que se han vuelto bastante cómodos en una fe libre de la Eucaristía. En otras palabras, ver Misa en televisión y no recibir la comunión está bien. Su advertencia es que a menos que una vez más les expliquemos a los Católicos por qué una Misa real y asistida es necesaria para su salud espiritual, muchos no regresarán. Estoy de acuerdo con él hasta cierto punto.

¡Pero mi lado idealista romántico dice que no todo está perdido! Tal vez estoy siendo un poco ingenuo, pero creo que muchos volverán porque, como se ha dicho, "la ausencia hace que el corazón ame más". Este proverbio, de una forma u otra, se remonta a milenios. Se hizo popular en 1850 por el autor Thomas Haynes Bayly en su obra titulada *La Isla de la Belleza*. Y, hay evidencia científica de que es cierto en relación con los amantes o amigos. ¡Creo que debería ser cierto en relación con la Eucaristía! La Eucaristía no es algo con lo que deberíamos relacionarnos como una "cosa" - ¡la Eucaristía es una persona! El alma y la divinidad del mismo Jesucristo. El anhelo que podríamos sentir cuando estamos ausentes de un amante o amigo es el mismo anhelo que deberíamos tener por la Eucaristía si no hemos recibido a Jesús en la Sagrada Comunión en bastante tiempo. Espero que cuando se encuentre una vacuna y las personas se sientan seguras, aprovechen la oportunidad de regresar a Misa y una vez más tengan esa relación física con Jesús en la Eucaristía.

Nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras de hoy nos dicen que Jesús alimenta cada hambre. Si perdemos el hambre de la Eucaristía, no hay nada que pueda sustituir el pan de vida. El milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces en el evangelio de hoy termina con un detalle importante. Quedaba comida suficiente para llenar 12 canastas de mimbre. Dios alimenta en abundancia. Necesitamos recibir esa comida Eucarística para poder salir y alimentar a otros en abundancia.

No permitamos que los pasos necesarios para enfrentar la pandemia de Coronavirus disminuyan nuestro deseo y necesidad de recibir la Eucaristía. En realidad, ¡necesitamos esa comida más que nunca! Cuando llegue el momento, ¡que las bancas de Our Lady of Mercy se llenen de personas hambrientas ansiosas de recibir a Jesús nuestro pan de vida!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Don

Fecha:
Miércoles
26 de agosto de
2020

Hora:
5pm-6:30pm

Ubicación:
Our Lady of Mercy

Dirección:
701 S Eola Rd
Aurora, IL 60504



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OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

LOAVES AND FISHES

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is one of the best known in the Gospels. When Jesus performs a miracle, he is not trying to show off his power. He always has a lesson that his action illustrates. This miracle can teach us many things. Let’s look at a few of them.

One is the compassion of Christ. He has pity on the crowd and first shows his love by curing their sick. Then he sees they are hungry and feeds them. This reminds us that Jesus knows what we need and cares about us.

The bread reminds us of Jesus temptation in the desert, where he said “man does not live on bread alone.” Just as the miracle satisfied the hunger of five thousand families, so his word will satisfy the spiritual hunger of millions. The miracle also reminds us that Jesus will give us himself as Bread and Wine to be our food and drink.

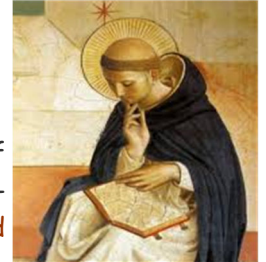
So the question is, do we learn from this miracle? Do we trust the Lord to care for all our needs? Do we try to live by God’s word? And finally, do we take advantage of the great gift of the Eucharist? The miracle may have happened two thousand years ago, but the lessons are meant for us today. Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





Saint Dominic ~ A Summer Saint to Celebrate!!!

Feast Day: August 8th



Who he was. Dominic was the son of the nobleman Felix de Guzman and his wife, Jane of Aza. Dominic's mother was a holy woman. She had the responsibility of caring for her children and running the household. But she always made time to help others. **Her faith in God affected every aspect of her life. Her example made a lasting impression on Dominic.**

Dominic's parents made sure that he was well educated in all subjects, especially his faith. He was taught by his uncle for seven years. He then attended university. Dominic enjoyed learning about all subjects, especially music. He was a good singer! However, **Dominic understood that his faith was not just another subject to study, but also a way of life. When a famine struck the country, he sold his valuable collection of books and gave the money to those who were suffering.**

Dominic lived an austere life. He slept very little, usually on the bare ground, and ate simple meals. He spent many hours praying and studying. He wanted to be prepared to tell others about the teachings of Jesus. **When someone asked Dominic why he lived this way, he explained that more people were won over by example than by words.**

Dominic observed the importance of women in this work of spreading the faith. His own mother had been very influential in his own life and in their town. During prayer, he was inspired to found a community of nuns. Their convent became a center for education and instruction for people in the area. It was the first of many communities that Dominic founded.

St. Dominic also started a religious order of priests called the Order of Preachers, now known as the Dominicans. When Dominic began preaching and instructing people about the teachings of Jesus, he was not yet a priest himself. Once he was ordained, he made preaching his most important work. Many young men were inspired by his example.

Many important people asked Dominic to help them -- kings, bishops, and popes. He was well known for his interesting style of preaching, his generosity, and his knowledge. Dominic did not want to be famous. When he was near the end of his life, he asked to be taken back to be among his community of brothers. Before he died, he encouraged his brothers and promised to pray for them.

What he means for us

Saint Dominic showed the world what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. He recognized that a disciple is called to spread the teachings of Jesus through his or her actions and words.

All of us are called to be disciples through our Baptism. **We need to learn all that we can about our faith so that we are able to explain it to others.** We should show the love and compassion of Jesus by the way we treat people we meet each day.

Face Coverings Protect Others & Decrease Transmission

As time goes on and the coronavirus continues to spread, it is important that everyone remains vigilant in the actions that can help to decrease transmission and protect others from the virus. Volunteers and staff at the parish are taking the time and effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for all that enter the church and Parish Life Center.

Wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth to help protect others in case you are infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms. Wear a face covering in public settings when around people who don't live in your household especially when it is difficult to stay 6 feet apart. Wear a face covering correctly for maximum protection. Do not put the face covering around your neck or up on the forehead. Do not touch the face covering – if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.

Follow the suggested everyday health habits. Wear your mask. Stay at least 6 feet away from others. Avoid contact with people who are sick. Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available with at least 60% alcohol. Please stay home if you are sick and contact your health care provider to discuss your symptoms or concerns.

When you take off your mask or face covering, keep the following suggestions in mind. Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops. Handle the covering by the ear loops and ties – avoid touching the inside or outside of the covering. Fold outside corners together. Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately when removing the covering.

There are two ways to wash re-useable face coverings. Place in the regular laundry using regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering. If you decide to wash the covering by hand, prepare a bleach solution by mixing 5 tablespoons (one third cup) of household bleach per gallon of room temperature water or 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water. Be sure to check the label to see if the bleach is intended for disinfection and be sure that it is not past its expiration date. Soak the covering in the bleach solution for five minutes. Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.

Make sure to completely dry the cloth face covering after washing. One way is to dry it on the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry or lay it flat and allow it to completely dry, if possible in direct sunlight. Following these guidelines helps us all to work together to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and keep each other healthy! (Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov)

Pastoral Care

Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com for pastoral care needs such as bereavement support, counseling resources, medication management, navigation through the healthcare system, planning funeral services at the time of death or pre-planning funeral services,

end-of-life issues, mental and emotional health resources and support, community resources, to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick, for Communion to be brought to the sick and home-bound, for prayer support or if you would like a Sunshine call to stay connected with your parish family. You are not alone. You are remembered in prayer. God bless you!



ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food in high-need areas.
Food is free to low-income neighbors in need.
Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food.

➔ Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.

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For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp

Date:
Wednesday,
August 26, 2020

Time:
5pm-6:30pm

Location:
Our Lady of Mercy

Address:
701 S Eola Rd.
Aurora, IL 60504

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today we hear Matthew's gospel story of Jesus feeding the crowd. Jesus caring for others through his disciples present Jesus as the Lord, who in earlier times provided food for those in need through Moses, Elijah and Elisha. We are called to continue this empathy for those in need.

This past month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we were able to assist families- providing them with assistance with utility bills, rent or mortgage. We are thankful for your generosity. Please continue to pray for and remember those in need of our assistance especially during these trying times. If you use weekly envelopes there is one per month designated for SVDP and if you use online giving you may choose a SVDP donation through "Giving" on the Parish App. Thank you.

WE THANK YOU

Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish for participating in this year's VIRTUAL Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of July 22, 2020, the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish have raised \$1,406.56! Your support ensures that we can provide the material and emotional support necessary for men and women to choose life for their babies. Sometimes, just the simple fact that our doors are open, and a woman visits us, rather than an abortion provider, is the difference between life and death. We greatly appreciate your support and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers.

For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at www.onechoiceonelifelife.org.



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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 7/12/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 1,603,495
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 1,686,400
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (82,905)

7/12/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$ 25,449
<i>Sunday Goal:</i>	\$ 27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$ (1,751)

For the Budget Year 2020/21 we have reduced the Parish Sunday goal by 15%, to \$27,200/week, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. This was due in part to the Budget shortfall that we had during the 2019/2020 year.

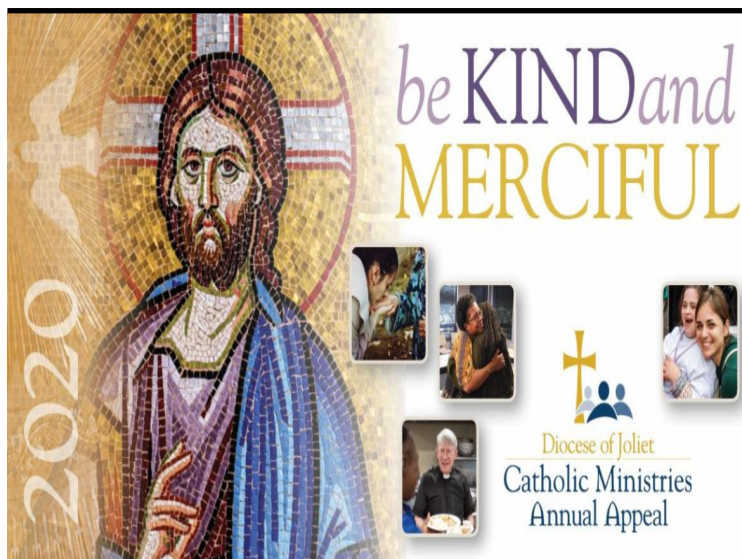
**We have received 82% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.
We have had over 200 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time,
an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.**

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
March, 2020	\$ 843,642
April, 2020	\$ 831,220



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	\$ 172,249
Amount Paid	\$ 127,412
Remaining Balance	\$ 44,837
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	669



August PADS Day August 4th

Please consider donating a food item(s) to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality. The OLM program for Hesed House provides the food and supplies to serve a meal and on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/money are solicited on a monthly basis.

For more information please follow this link: <https://pads.rehmer.com/> or call Jean Rehmer in the Religious Education office at 331-707-5375. Thank You!

Justice and Peace Ministry

The Justice & Peace Ministry has had to **temporarily** discontinue collecting items for Blessing Bags for the homeless due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic shutdown. *However, as soon as it is possible to do so we will continue this ongoing project.* Before the shutdown we donated over 100 bags to two different causes. And just last week we donated 65 bags that had been prepared before the shutdown to Wrapped In Love for homeless in the city and locally.

Please continue to gather the items and hold them for us. We accept hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap and toothbrushes (individually wrapped, travel size toothpaste, floss, wash cloths, combs, socks and granola bars or power bars. At the present time we especially need shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, washcloths, socks and granola bars. Thank you. *When it is okay to bring the items to church we will let you know.* Questions, call Chris 631-561-9722 or email her at chrisharvey@ gmail.com.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses August 8 & 9, 2020

Fr. Don will be preaching at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin
 Sunday: 8:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
 10:00a Fr James Guarascio
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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.

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