



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

Bishop Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator

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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



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

**THE SON OF MAN WILL COME
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL
ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.**

Matthew 16:27



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

Last week I ended my article indicating that Our Lady of Mercy Parish has a new relationship with All Saints Catholic Academy in Naperville. Let me give you a little history about ASCA and our parish involvement. Founded in 2005 as a regional inter parish Catholic grammar school, five area parishes were asked to make a financial commitment to purchase the building and property that was formerly Calvary School. Those five parishes are St. Margaret Mary in Naperville, St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville, St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville, Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville, and Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora. Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Mercy were not able to make a financial commitment at the time to become a supporting parish. Both parishes were either already in or planning to undertake a capital campaign for a building project. In our case, we would be conducting a capital campaign to build the Parish Life Center. The other three parishes committed \$3.3 million paid over 15 years. Each parish paid \$200,000 a year out of their Sunday income to fund this commitment. Families attending ASCA from those three parishes received a reduced tuition rate. A higher tuition rate for families not from the three supporting parishes is charged. However, Fr. Hugh (and myself) want to support Catholic Education. Our Lady of Mercy parish pays the difference between the two rates of tuition for families from OLM who send their children to ASCA. Our Lady of Mercy has also done that for our registered families who attend a Catholic grammar school in Aurora and elsewhere, even though those schools are not in the Diocese of Joliet.

The three parishes, St. Margaret Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle, and St. Elizabeth Seton have completed paying their \$3.3 million commitment. This past January, officials from the Diocese along with Bishop Pates met with the pastors of all five parishes. There is still \$4 million owed on the building and property. The five parishes were asked to commit \$60K annually for four years to reduce the debt that will be managed in the schools budget after four years. You may remember that the Diocese was instituting a "tax" beginning this fiscal year on parishes without schools to help struggling schools. Our tax would have been \$60K and is in our budget. Therefore, I agreed providing that our "tax" would now go to ASCA and not to a general fund for struggling schools. As a result, families from OLM will receive the "supporting parish" tuition rate instead of the higher rate of tuition.

Throughout the years, OLM has had many families attend ASCA. In my 8 years of being associated with ASCA, I can testify that it is a great school! I will be celebrating the 8:15AM Wednesday School Mass on a regular basis. Check out ASCA, and any parents interested in sending their children to ASCA, please feel free to contact me.

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Paul Fullmer, by Rev. Don McLaughlin
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Intention of the Presider

Tuesday, September 1 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, September 2 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Christopher Rich, by Letty Nolan

Thursday, September 3 - St Gregory the Great

6:30 AM † Sharon Borkovec, by Jim & Mary Krcmarik
 8:00 AM † Tim Fahey, by Susan Dudney
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, September 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Jimmy Uy, by Uy Family

Saturday, September 5 - St Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 AM † Andres Ignacio Rustia, by Rinon Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † James W Ray &
 James W Ray, Jr., by Helean M. Ray

Sunday, September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Betty Miller, by Carl & Paulette Berg
 10:00 AM † Antoinette Nowak, by Family
 12:00 PM † Sgt Frank Nowak by Family
 5:30 PM † Elizabeth Irefo, by Family

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Peace |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Alice Toschak | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. For Tina | 13. Elaine Nichols |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Lindsey Donlan |
| 7. Vocations | 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

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
 La Moua
 Valerie Plesha
 Hedy Sterling
 Diane Pazos
 Diane Singer

Joyce Craig
 John Swanston
 Robert Ciulla
 Bridget Garry
 David Bakke
 Bill Morse
 Nancy Higgins
 Marilyn Reich
 Jim Horton
 Helen Joseph
 Antoinette Humanski

Alice Toschak

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!

La semana pasada terminé mi artículo indicando que la parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) tiene una nueva relación con la Academia Católica All Saints (ASCA) en Naperville. Permítanme contarles un poco de la historia de ASCA y nuestra participación parroquial. Fundada en el 2005 como una escuela primaria Católica inter parroquial regional, se pidió a cinco parroquias del área que se comprometieran financieramente a comprar el edificio y la propiedad que antes era la escuela Calvary. Esas cinco parroquias son St. Margaret Mary en Naperville, St. Thomas the Apostle en Naperville, St. Elizabeth Seton en Naperville, Holy Spirit Catholic Community en Naperville y Our Lady of Mercy en Aurora. Holy Spirit y Our Lady of Mercy no pudieron hacer un compromiso financiero en ese momento para convertirse en una parroquia de apoyo. Ambas parroquias ya estaban o planeaban emprender una campaña de capital para un proyecto de construcción. En nuestro caso, estaríamos realizando una campaña de capital para construir el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Las otras tres parroquias se comprometieron con \$3.3 millones a ser pagados durante 15 años. Cada parroquia pagó \$200,000 al año de sus ingresos dominicales para financiar este compromiso. Las familias que asisten a ASCA de esas tres parroquias recibieron una matrícula reducida. Se cobra una tasa de matrícula más alta para las familias que no pertenecen a las tres parroquias de apoyo. Sin embargo, el Padre Hugh (y yo) queremos apoyar la Educación Católica. La parroquia Our Lady of Mercy paga la diferencia entre las dos tarifas de matrícula para las familias de OLM que envían a sus hijos a ASCA. Our Lady of Mercy también ha hecho eso para nuestras familias registradas que asisten a una escuela Católica primaria en Aurora y en otros lugares, aunque esas escuelas no están en la Diócesis de Joliet.

Las tres parroquias, St. Margaret Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle y St. Elizabeth Seton han completado el pago de su compromiso de \$3.3 millones. En enero pasado, los funcionarios de la Diócesis junto con el Obispo Pates se reunieron con los pastores de las cinco parroquias. Todavía hay \$4 millones adeudados por el edificio y la propiedad. Se pidió a las cinco parroquias que se comprometieran con \$60,000 anualmente durante cuatro años para reducir la deuda que se administrará en el presupuesto de las escuelas después de cuatro años. Tal vez recuerden que la Diócesis estaba instituyendo un "impuesto" a partir de este año fiscal en las parroquias sin escuelas para ayudar a las escuelas con dificultades. Nuestro impuesto habría sido de \$60,000 y está en nuestro presupuesto. Por lo tanto, acepté siempre que nuestro "impuesto" iría ahora a ASCA y no a un fondo general para las escuelas con dificultades. Como resultado, las familias de OLM recibirán la tasa de matrícula de la "parroquia de apoyo" en lugar de la tasa de matrícula más alta.

A lo largo de los años, OLM ha tenido muchas familias asistiendo a ASCA. En mis 8 años de estar asociado con ASCA, ¡puedo testificar que es una gran escuela! Estaré celebrando la Misa escolar de los miércoles a las 8:15am de forma regular. Revisen ASCA, y los padres interesados en enviar a sus hijos a ASCA, no duden en contactarme.

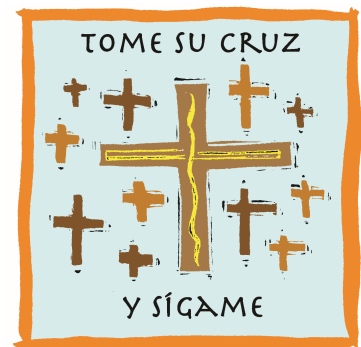
¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Hugh

LA CRUZ DE JESÚS

La percepción de una cruz cambió dramáticamente después de la crucifixión de Jesús. Antes de ese suceso, la muerte en una cruz no era tan solo horrible, sino que era degradante. Era un castigo reservado únicamente para los más horrendos criminales. La palabra "gloria" no habría hallado su lugar en una oración que contuviera la palabra "cruz". Mas todo esto cambió con Jesús. Con el pasar del tiempo, los creyentes comenzaron a venerar y a honrar la Cruz. La pintaron, esculpieron, y tallaron imágenes de la misma. Muchos perdieron su vida por asociarse con ella. Hoy nuestra reverencia y relación con la cruz poco recuerda el desprecio al que originalmente estuvo asociada. Con el curso de los años, es nuestra percepción de la Cruz la que determina cómo seguimos a Jesús.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Sal 119
(118):97-102; Lc 4:16-30
Martes: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Sal 145
(144):8-14; Lc 4:31-37
Miércoles: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Sal 33 (32):12-15, 20-21; Lc 4:38-44
Jueves: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Sal 24
(23):1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lc 5:1-11
Viernes: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lc 5:33-39
Sábado: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Sal 145
(144):17-21; Lc 6:1-5
Domingo: Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

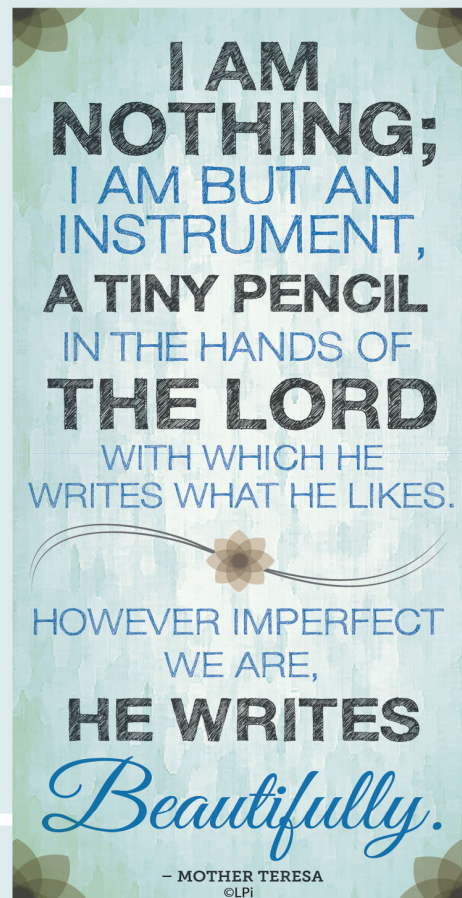
GOSPEL:

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. What words of comfort would you offer Jeremiah?

SECOND READING

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GOSPEL READING

Peter and Jesus have an intense exchange of words over Jesus' revelation that as the Messiah, he will suffer and die. How often do you think there was tension between Jesus and his 12 apostles?



Facilitate Faith Conversations with K-5 Families

Are you someone who would love to offer support to our families growing their faith as a Domestic Church?

We need adult catechists who can...

- *Create an inclusive environment, making everyone feel welcome*
- *Communicate clear guidelines*
- *Engage others in faith conversation, prayer, and play*
- *Listen attentively and compassionately*
- *Build friendships steeped in our Catholic faith*
- *Reflect on and share encounters with Jesus*
- *Host a monthly 20-30 minute faith conversation via zoom (training provided)*



If these qualities speak to your heart, please contact Mary Jo at your earliest convenience as we are planning a zoom catechist information/training meeting on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 24. maryjot@olmercy.com, 331-707-5378



BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS

Managing Back to School Stress

As you are reading this article, some schools have started in a variety of forms. This year, there are additional sources of stress because of COVID-19 along with the “normal” stress that children and parents experience when going back to school.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlight the following areas when children are returning to school in per-

son in the article *Back to School Planning: Checklists to Guide Parents, Guardians and Caregivers* at www.cdc.gov. The information is meant to educate and decrease stress thinking about the ways to decrease the risk of transmission of the virus and keep our children, teachers and families safe. When getting ready in the morning, check each child for signs of illness: sore throat, cough, diarrhea, severe headache, body aches, vomiting and a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Keep a child home from school if they have any signs of illness for further evaluation by checking with your health care professional.

It is a good idea to review and practice proper handwashing techniques and remind children to wash their hands before and after eating and after sneezing, coughing and adjusting a mask or cloth face covering if they touch the front of it. Explain why this is important. Since the guideline to wash hands is for at least twenty seconds, make it fun – encourage using the idea of singing out loud or in their mind - the Happy Birthday Song two times or the ABC song once; say the Hail Mary (slow) or say the Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers to be sure it is twenty seconds. Ask your child what song or saying may be what they would like to say, time it with them and encourage them to use that whenever washing hands. Some children may like to have a few choices to use.

Take the time to talk about the precautions that need to be followed when at school such as: wash and sanitize hands more often; keep the six foot physical distance from others; wear a mask; avoid sharing objects with other students; and avoid touching their mask or face. Practice putting on and taking off masks at home without touching the mask.

Have multiple cloth masks to wash daily and have back-ups ready. Masks should: fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; completely cover the nose and mouth; are secured with ties or ear loops; include multiple layers of fabric; allow for breathing without restriction and can be washed and machine dried without damage or change to the shape of the mask. It may be a good idea for children to shower and change clothes each day as soon as they come home from school and wash school clothes daily.

It is important for parents to role model for their children ways of practicing self-care: take breaks, get plenty of sleep, exercise, eat well and stay socially connected in safe ways. Get together and discuss ways that the family can work together to support one another through this time. It is important for everyone to acknowledge the level of stress that they are feeling, manage their reaction to stress, control what they can, have open conversations with others and build a support network.

Turn to faith to keep you and your family grounded in God’s love and light. The world may be filled with chaos, challenges and distractions, but God’s love is constant and unconditional. Take the time to pray with your children before going to school and at the dinner table or before bed to remind everyone of how much God loves us and wants us to be filled with His peace. *“Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:7)

Pastoral Care Needs

If you or someone you know is looking for grief support, cancer care support, emotional or mental health support or resources, has questions about end of life issues or funeral planning or has physical or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380.



DESPENSAS MOVILES

**30 DE SEPTIEMBRE
Y 21 DE OCTUBRE
5:00PM – 6:30PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY
701 S. EOLA, AURORA**

La Despensa Móvil de Caridades Católicas distribuye alimentos saludables (carne, verduras, y artículos no perecederos) a personas con necesidad. ¡Si necesitas alimentos, ven! No tienes que proveer ninguna identificación, ni se te pedirá información personal aparte de tu código postal. ¡Este evento está disponible a toda persona que necesite comida!

La Despensa Móvil estará distribuyendo alimentos en estilo "drive-thru" para evitar el contacto físico por causa de la pandemia de COVID-19. Haga espacio en su cajuela u en el asiento trasero del carro para que los voluntarios puedan subir cajas de comida directamente a su vehículo.

Caridades Católicas ayuda a personas de toda fe y creencias.
¡La Despensa Móvil se presentara llueve o truene!



CARIDADES CATÓLICAS, DIÓCESIS DE JOLIET ES UNA ORGANIZACIÓN BASADA EN FE OFRECIENDO SERVICIOS A PERSONAS QUE LOS NECESITAN Y LLAMANDO A OTROS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD A HACER LO MISMO.





MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

**SEPTEMBER 30TH & OCTOBER 21ST
5:00PM – 6:30PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY
701 S. EOLA, AURORA**

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a "drive thru" method to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain or shine!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.





HONEST CONVERSATIONS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

TRY ALPHA

OLMERCY.COM/ALPHA

VIRTUALLY WEDNESDAYS / 7PM
IN PERSON THURSDAYS / 7PM SEPT 2020

Top 10 Reasons To Experience Alpha

1. More than ever, there is a need to connect.
2. More than ever, we have the opportunity to re-evaluate our lives.
3. Search for life's deepest meaning and examine your happiness.
4. Explore Christianity and Jesus.
5. Meet like-minded seekers who try to figure out what this life is all about.
6. No question is too dumb and you can share your point of view on anything without feeling isolated.
7. **Are you a believer in Jesus, try Alpha just the same; a renewal in the faith is so strengthening especially in these times.**
8. It's fun— truly!
9. It can be the zoom experience you'll look forward to. (Yes we are all zoomed out, but we have to pivot and make the most of the situation we are in).
10. There is also in-person Alpha following socially distant precautionary measures.

We hope to see you, register at OLMERCY.COM/ALPHA

Connect with zara@olmercy.com with any questions; she'd love to chat with you. Share this invite with your friends and family.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 8/16/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	194,645
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	190,400
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	4,245

8/16/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$	25,288
Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(1,912)

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.



Online Giving

Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy - you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com and click the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page. *Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.*

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
June, 2020	\$ 810,420
July, 2020	\$ 799,068

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Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

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	\$	176,409
Amount Paid	\$	138,062
Remaining Balance	\$	38,347
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		676

Becoming Catholic
RCIA
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't yet received all your sacraments? Start your RCIA journey this September! We will begin with the widely acclaimed ALPHA and guide you into the fullness of the Catholic faith that you are called to experience and enjoy! Virtual accommodations are available.

For more information, please contact Jean Rehmer at 331-707-5375 or jeanr@olmercy.com

**Our Lady of Mercy
 Weekend Masses
 September 5 & 6**

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo
 Sunday: 8:00a Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Mike Plese
 10:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
 12:00p Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo
 5:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Leazzo

Presence

Wherever you see another,

there I am.

—Rabbinical saying

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Catholic Bible Study
THIS FALL
Saturdays 9am - 11am *for Adults*

COME & SEE IF THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU

Two preview events
 9am thru 10:30am
 on
 Saturday 8/22nd
 Saturday 9/12th

Check out www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj or
 call 815-221-6147

- for a recorded preview
- for questions, curriculum & registration

Students who complete each phase of BIDJ receive certificates in basic/advanced biblical studies from the Diocese of Joliet.

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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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