



# 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-Friday .....8:00am  
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

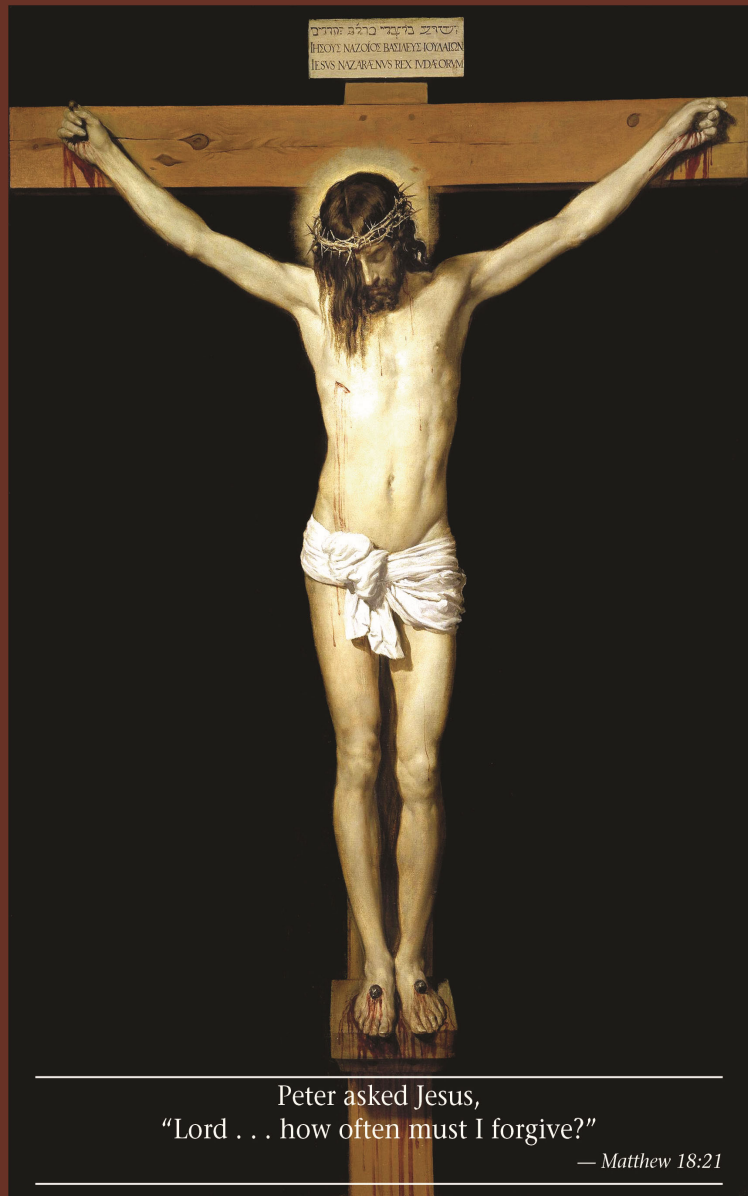
Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm  
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am  
1:30-2:30pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday  
6:00pm

## *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 13, 2020



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

If there were ever words from sacred scripture that get right to the point and strike the heart, today's first reading and Gospel are those words! If there was ever a clearer and direct message in the scripture readings, today is the day! It there was ever more difficult direction to live, today's readings give it. What am I talking about? **FORGIVENESS!** For the 39 years that I have sat in the confessional, forgiving someone who angered or hurt you is probably the sin I hear most frequently. Why do we find it so darn hard to forgive someone – especially when we hear the warnings in today's scriptures? These words from our first reading provide me with a lot of motivation to forgive: *“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for He remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.”* For many years, I withheld forgiveness from the hurt I experienced in a family relationship. Even though I would say I do not care if I ever see that person again, that was simply a defense. Deep down in my heart I wanted to restore that relationship, but wanted the other person to make the first move. After many years, I realized that I was giving power to that person and hurtful memory to control my happiness now. How stupid was I! Unfortunately, because of my stubbornness, the reconciliation did not happen before that relative died. Then I realized that I do not want to die with any unreconciled relationships in my life. They say you can't take it with you, and that is true of material things, but I think you do take with you the unreconciled sins, hurts, hardness of heart and anger that you've held onto in life. That is why we Catholics believe in purgatory. Purgatory is purification from all that kept us in this life from loving and forgiving as God is. And, in the afterlife, you won't get to heaven until you are willing to be seated at the heavenly banquet next to the person you hated most in this life! So, I would rather shorten my purgatory by having less unreconciled relationships when I die.

Today's Gospel parable should also provide the motivation to reconcile quickly. The one servant who was treated with mercy and had his debt forgiven, which happens when we go to confession, went out and treated another servant without the mercy he received. Because of this, he was severely punished. Jesus concludes: *“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”* Remember, when you pray the “Our Father” you tell God to forgive your sins just like you forgive those who sin against you! Do you really mean that?

Have a blessed week!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM	† Jun & Villy Llanes, by The Tiongson Family
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction
6:30 PM <small>Spanish Mass</small>	Raul Martinez, by Family

### Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM	† Thomas Miller, by Mark & Amy Miller
6:30 PM	† Rodolfo Gamaro, by Phyllis Anderson
7:00-8:00 PM	Reconciliation

### Wednesday, September 16 - Ss Cornelious & Cyprian

8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 PM	† Dec'd Members of the Sr Gems

### Thursday, September 17 - St Robert Bellarmine

6:30 AM	† Gregory Kuzniewski, Jr. by Kain Family
8:00 AM	† Joseph Kannankeril, by Chris Nye Family
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction

### Friday, September 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	Int Jolene LeRoy
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### Saturday, September 19 - St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM	† Fred & Camilla Mohrmann, Mike & Mary Floral
9:00-10:00 AM	Reconciliation
1:30-2:30 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	<b>Vigil - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	† Linda Hamilton, by Trish Mazur
	† Paul Fullmer, George & Willie Durante

### Sunday, September 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	† Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
	† Patrice Klasinski
10:00 AM	† Alfonso Sr. & Estela, by Ramirez Children
	† Alicia Velarde, by Family
12:00 PM	† Mary Ellen Feldman, 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. Mally Lally           | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Vocations              |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mike & Carole Brogan  | 12. Helen Joseph           |
| 5. Alice Toschak         | 13. Diane Pazos            |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Tristan Pazos          |
| 7. Anthony Vincent-LHH   | 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.*

## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding as we have made various changes to our weekday and weekend Mass schedule since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic in March. We are making a slight change in the **WEEKDAY** Mass schedule. Beginning **September through May**, **Mass on Wednesday will be at 12:00 Noon**. This will be in place of Wednesday's at 8:00 A.M. Since Fr. James is not here on Wednesdays, this change will allow Fr. Don to regularly celebrate the 8:15 A.M. Mass at All Saints Catholic Academy. Thank you again for your gracious patience and 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  
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!

Si alguna vez hubo palabras de las Sagradas Escrituras que van al grano y golpean el corazón, ¡la primera lectura y el Evangelio de hoy son esas palabras! Si alguna vez hubo un mensaje más claro y directo en las lecturas de las Escrituras, ¡hoy es el día! Si hubiera una dirección cada vez más difícil para vivir, las lecturas de hoy lo indican. ¿De qué estoy hablando? ¡PERDÓN! Durante los 39 años que he estado sentado en el confesionario,

perdonar a alguien que te enojó o te lastimó es probablemente el pecado que escucho con más frecuencia. ¿Por qué nos resulta tan difícil perdonar a alguien, especialmente cuando escuchamos las advertencias en las Escrituras de hoy? Estas palabras de nuestra primera lectura me dan mucha motivación para perdonar: *“La cólera y el rencor son cosas abominables, pero el pecador convive con ellas. El vengativo sufrirá la venganza del Señor, porque Él recuerda sus pecados en detalle. Perdona los errores de tu prójimo; y así, cuando lo pidas, tus propios pecados te serán perdonados”*. Durante muchos años, retuve el perdón del dolor que experimenté en una relación familiar. Aunque diría que no me importa si alguna vez vuelvo a ver a esa persona, eso fue simplemente una defensa. En el fondo de mi corazón quería restaurar esa relación, pero quería que la otra persona diera el primer paso. Después de muchos años, me di cuenta de que le estaba dando poder a esa persona y un recuerdo doloroso para controlar mi felicidad ahora. ¡Qué estúpido fui! Desafortunadamente, debido a mi terquedad, la reconciliación no sucedió antes de que ese pariente muriera. Entonces me di cuenta de que no quiero morir con ninguna relación no reconciliada en mi vida. Dicen que no puedes llevártelo contigo, y eso es cierto en el caso de las cosas materiales, pero creo que te llevas los pecados no reconciliados, las heridas, la dureza de corazón y el rencor a los que te has aferrado en la vida. Por eso los Católicos creemos en el purgatorio. El purgatorio es la purificación de todo lo que nos impidió en esta vida amar y perdonar como Dios es. ¡Y, en la otra vida, no llegarás al cielo hasta que estés dispuesto a sentarte en el banquete celestial junto a la persona que más odiaste en esta vida! Por lo tanto, prefiero acortar mi purgatorio teniendo menos relaciones no reconciliadas cuando muera.

La parábola del Evangelio de hoy también debería proporcionar la motivación para reconciliarse rápidamente. El único sirviente que fue tratado con misericordia y se le perdonó la deuda, lo que sucede cuando nos confesamos, salió y trató a otro sirviente sin la misericordia que recibió. Debido a esto, fue severamente castigado. Jesús concluye: *“Así hará mi Padre celestial con ustedes, si no perdonan de corazón a sus hermanos”*. Recuerda, cuando rezas el “Padre Nuestro”, ¡le dices a Dios que perdone tus pecados, así como perdonas a los que pecan contra ti! ¿De verdad quieres decir eso?

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*



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**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 presentará 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.





September 13, 2020

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's part of human nature to focus on the negative "headlines" on any given day. For example, after encountering a traffic delay due to a harmless fender bender on an otherwise uneventful commute, we are more likely to be upset and angry at the delay – and the people who caused it – rather than forgiving of the situation, and aware of the concurrent fact that we made it home safely! The author of the Book of Sirach seems to have this insight into humanity, for he describes wrath and anger as "hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." I, too, have "hugged tight" to my anger at times over offenses real or perceived, and so I love the way Matthew's Gospel challenges us to not only let go of past hurts, but to forgive: forgive, forgive, forgive. It doesn't mean glossing over the human fender benders that can wreck relationships, but Jesus cautions us to prevent them from becoming the headlines of our lives. Instead, by opening our ears and our hearts to the Good News of God's forgiveness, we can, in turn, extend it to those who have hurt us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the *Our Father* in an earlier verse in Matthew's Gospel, he used these words: "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Not, "maybe I'll think about forgiving tomorrow," or "I might forgive *this* but I can't forgive *that*." Because when we open our hearts to the Good News of God's forgiveness, we must forgive "from the heart," as Jesus says at the end of today's passage. Is there someone in our lives whom we need to forgive? What's holding us back? Are we "holding tight" to our anger, or hurt, or resentment? Think about a relationship in your life that could use some healing. Perhaps a first step involves a phone call, a letter, an email, or an embrace. In prayer, ask for God's help; seek forgiveness and ask for the grace to forgive others.

**ACTION** Think of someone or something that has caused you to hang on to anger or resentment. Write a letter [you're not going to send it!] to that person, or to the "event," as if it were personified. Spell out factually what caused your anger. Then write that you forgive them. Put the pen down, pray that God would help you with the grace to truly forgive, then shred the letter. And let the anger go.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Kindergarten—5th Grade

#### R.E. Formation that Connects Families to Our Faith Story for the First Time

A pandemic has created an opening and cleared a path for you and your children to know our sacred story like never before. How so? Parents, you read and reread countless stories to your children. Why not register for R.E. and do what already comes natural to you, sharing the life-changing stories of our faith. Take your family on a faith journey! Share family-friendly Bible stories that guide everyone to discover and reflect on God's saving love throughout the ages. **NO MASKS, NO DEVICES, OR ZOOM REQUIRED.** What's more, our pastor, business manager and finance council were happy to agree to a nominal charge, and if necessary, at no cost to you!

Beginning the first week of October, we encourage you to embark upon this Biblical journey that has the power to move you as storytellers and your listeners to see His powerful presence then and now. That's correct! God's dynamic Word always seeks to draw us into His close, intimate friendship and bring Good News to the joys and struggles of our lives today.

Register online [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com)) en Espanol or in English. With an open heart, your family will rediscover or uncover for the first time that through our sacred stories, His Word, we:

- Encounter the Lord and become His intimate friends,
- Experience that our life has special meaning and direction,
- Long to celebrate His presence at Mass and receive Him in the Eucharist,
- Find joy recognizing how the Lord uses us to grow young disciples.

Questions? Call 331-707-5378 or email at [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com).



#### Registration for EDGE (Grades 6-8) is now open!

Check out the EDGE program for middle school youth and register online. Get all the details at our webpage located at <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

**EDGE Nights** will be held with students once a month beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> through December. Our plans right now are to meet in-person twice a month beginning in January. More details will be posted on our webpage and sent to families via the monthly EDGE e-newsletter.

**Parents and Interested Adults:** Can you help by serving as an EDGE Catechist? You will help with our monthly sessions by leading activities, discussion and sharing our Catholic faith with our teens! Please contact Dave if you are interested or need additional info at 331-707-5371. or [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com)



**Registration for LIGHT is open!** Check out the LIGHT program for high school teens and register online. Get all the details at our webpage: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

#### Youth Alpha for Teens!

High School teens are invited to sign-up for Alpha, which will be held on Sundays starting September 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a morning session (8:30-9:30 AM), an evening session (7:00-8:00 PM) and an Online Virtual session. Please sign-up online so we know who is attending. Space is limited. Information and sign-up can be found on the LIGHT webpage: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

**CAN YOU HELP?** Parents and Interested Adults in the parish community are invited to consider helping with the Senior High Youth Ministry! We are in need of Mini-Course Facilitators and Youth Alpha sessions. Please contact Dave if you are interested or need additional information. Call 331-707-5371 or email [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com)

### Tips for Healthy Aging

September is designated as *Healthy Aging Month*. Healthy People 2030 is including in its national goals improving quality of life for older adults. Every decade the Healthy People initiative develops a new set of science-based, ten- year national objectives with the goal of improving the health of all Americans and includes 355 objectives.

By 2060, almost a quarter of the U.S. population will be sixty-five or older. As adults age, they are at a higher risk for chronic health problems like diabetes, osteoporosis and Alzheimer's disease. Older adults are at higher risk for falls which are the leading causes of injury.

It is never too late to make healthy changes in life. As a person gets older and wants to stay healthy and independent, it is important to: keep the body and mind active: choose healthy foods; get enough sleep; have routine check- ups with and talk to a doctor about any health concerns; take steps to prevent falls.

One of the best things to do to be healthy as you get older is to stay active. Regular physical activity can help to: reduce the risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some cancers; reduce the risk for Alzheimer's disease; improve balance and prevent falls; live on your own longer; improve your mood and sleep; reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression and improve the ability to think, learn and make decisions. Physical activity should include aerobic activity as well as strength, balance and stretching activities.

No matter what age a person is, eating healthy is always important. It is never too late to make healthy food choices keeping in mind the following tips: choose a variety of vegetables and fruits; choose whole grains like brown rice and whole-wheat bread; choose fat-free milk or low-fat dairy products; choose healthy sources of protein like seafood, lean meats and poultry, eggs, beans and nuts; avoid trans fats, saturated fats and added sugars; limit the amount of salt (sodium) by paying attention to the amount added to food and the hidden salt in prepared foods.

Play an active role in your health care by knowing preventive services, manage medicines safely, pay attention to your emotional and mental health especially for signs or symptoms of depression, if you smoke – quit and if you have Medicare – schedule your Medicare wellness visit every year.

Home safety involves taking steps to prevent falls and make sure you have smoke alarms in your home. Do exercises to improve your balance, use medicines safely, get vision and hearing checked routinely and assess the home for unsafe conditions. Practicing self-care will benefit your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health no matter what age you are.



### Open Hearts Ministry

The emotional and mental health and wellness ministry of the parish is the Open Hearts Ministry which will have a gathering on Monday September 21 at 7:00PM in the Parish Life Center in Room 114. It is a time to share resources, support one another, pray together and discuss topics that promote mental and emotional health and wellness. If you would like to attend, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com) so that appropriate space is available as the room is set up to provide six foot social distancing. Thank you for wearing a mask when you attend.

### Pastoral Care Needs

If you or someone you know needs support, resources or spiritual care for physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [joleneel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). You are not alone and there are resources available to help everyone live a life with hope, healing and purpose. *“May grace, mercy and peace be with us from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.”* (2 Timothy 1:2)



**HONEST CONVERSATIONS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES**

CONNECT WITH [ZARA@OLMERCY.COM](mailto:ZARA@OLMERCY.COM) WITH ANY QUESTIONS

**TRY ALPHA**



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

*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](mailto:jeanr@olmercy.com)

**BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

*Catholic Bible Study for Adults*

**THIS FALL**  
**Saturdays 9am - 11am**

Check out [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj](http://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.

**COME & SEE IF THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU**

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

**PADS Public Action to Deliver Shelter** *needs your help*

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*"The rite of Christian initiation . . . is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts."*

(From Introduction - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

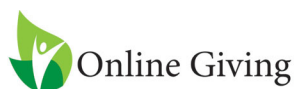


### Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 08/30/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	247,012
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	244,800
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,212</b>
08/30/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	25,025
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,000
<b>Amount in Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,175)</b>

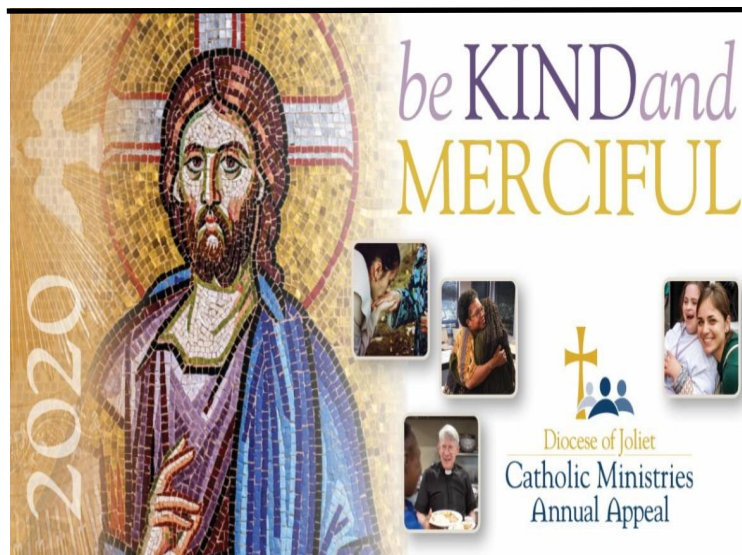
*Thank you for your generosity!!*



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](http://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



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	\$	176,724
Amount Paid	\$	140,704
Remaining Balance	\$	36,019
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**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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