



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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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:00pm
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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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

FIRST



“Thus, the last will be
first, and the first
will be last.”

MATTHEW 20:16



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

Today, September 20, back in 1997 was a monumental day for Our Lady of Mercy Parish. It was on this day that the Church building in which we presently worship was dedicated. It was an eventful day for the pastor Fr. Tivy and those parishioners who first founded OLM in June of 1988 and those who joined during the nine years it took to fundraise and build the church. Let us be grateful today for all those who made the financial and gifts in kind sacrifices to build the beautiful church in which we worship today. The feast day of our parish patron, Our Lady of Mercy is on Thursday, September 24. We have received permission from the Bishop to transfer the celebration to the weekend of September 26/27. Let us celebrate our dedication anniversary and feast day with joy!

In parishes throughout the country this weekend, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme being ***"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."*** COVID-19 sure affected the manner in which we are doing religious education for our youth this year. Religious education for K – 5 is a family based program being done at home with parents as leaders, supported by our RE staff and catechists. Prior to COVID-19 we had already planned to offer the at home family catechesis program as an option for families instead of classroom instruction in the building. After COVID-19 hit, we decided that it was not feasible to offer classroom instruction due to the many protocols that were required to be in place. Additionally we did not feel it safe to bring together children from different school communities, and put them through more protocols. In addition, there likely would have been a shortage of catechists as several of our catechists fit the "at risk" category and would not be able to teach. However, there is a "silver lining" to the situation. The at home parent led catechesis program allows families to explore stories of our faith **together** at a schedule that is convenient for each family. And, no one has to wear masks or socially distance! More importantly, this program gives back to the parents what is their original responsibility that parents agreed to when they had their child baptized, namely of raising their child in the faith. Throughout the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is stated: parents are the **primary educators** of their children in the faith, and that parents **are** gifted to do that. Unfortunately over the years, the Church has been enablers of taking that responsibility away from parents. Dropping off children for a Religious Education class with no further involvement of parents in the faith formation of their children has been a disaster in forming children as Disciples of Jesus. The Church and religious education programs are intended to **support**, not **substitute** for the parent's role in raising their children in the practice of the faith! I strongly encourage our families who have not registered yet to give this program a try. We are here to guide and provide all you parents need to implement family catechesis in your home.

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21 - St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 AM † Mary & Joseph Plichta, by Mary Houdek
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int John Michael, by Alicia Ramirez

Tuesday, September 22 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Emil & Verena Rensing, by Family
 6:30 PM Int Helen Joseph, by Audrey Harris
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, September 23 - St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Ross Sebastian, by Imelda Brink

Thursday, September 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Int Alfonse Rajasekhar & Family
 8:00 AM † Gina Kept, by Debbie & Ron
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, September 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Stanley & Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla

Saturday, September 26 - Sts Cosmas and Samian, Martyr

8:30 AM Int Ann Borberg, by Diane Reiter
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Christine Holbrook, by Family
 † Joyce Markus, by Family

Sunday, September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Apolinar Rivera, Jr. by Family
 10:00 AM † Richard Chapas, by Candy Rice
 12:00 PM † Tim Savoie, by Christina & Matthew Sincora
 5:30 PM † Deceased Vincentians, by OLM STVP

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. Mally Lally |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Diane Pazos | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. Tristian Pazos | 13. Help with Anxiety |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Peace |
| 7. Medical Personnel | 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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00AM, Wednesday 12PM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM
 Monday Spanish Mass 6:30PM

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
 John Salentine

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.....
¡Más conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Como hoy, el 20 de septiembre de 1997, fue un día monumental para la Parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy. Fue en este día que se dedicó el edificio de la Iglesia en el que actualmente adoramos. Fue un día lleno de acontecimientos para el pastor Padre Tivy y los feligreses que fundaron OLM por primera vez en junio de 1988 y los que se unieron durante los nueve años que llevó recaudar fondos y construir la iglesia. Estemos agradecidos hoy por todos aquellos que hicieron buenos sacrificios económicos y donaciones para construir la hermosa iglesia en la que adoramos hoy. La fiesta de nuestra patrona de la parroquia, Nuestra Señora de la Merced es el jueves 24 de septiembre. Hemos recibido el permiso del Obispo para transferir la celebración al fin de semana del 26/27 de septiembre. ¡Celebremos nuestro aniversario de dedicación y nuestra fiesta con alegría!

En las parroquias de todo el país este fin de semana celebramos el Domingo de Catequesis. El tema es **"Recibí del Señor lo que también les entregué"**. El COVID-19 sin duda afectó la manera en que estamos impartiendo la educación religiosa a nuestros jóvenes este año. La educación religiosa (RE) para K-5 es un programa basado en la familia que se realiza en casa con los padres como líderes, apoyado por nuestro personal de RE y catequistas. Antes del COVID-19, ya habíamos planeado ofrecer el programa de catequesis familiar en el hogar como una opción para las familias en lugar de la instrucción en el aula del edificio. Después del impacto del COVID-19, decidimos que no era factible ofrecer instrucción en el aula debido a la gran cantidad de protocolos que debían implementarse. Además, no nos pareció seguro reunir a niños de diferentes comunidades escolares y someterlos a más protocolos. Además, es probable que haya escasez de catequistas ya que varios de nuestros catequistas encajan en la categoría de "en riesgo" y no podrían enseñar. Sin embargo, hay un "rayo de luz" en la situación. El programa de catequesis dirigido por padres en la casa permite a las familias explorar **juntos** historias de nuestra fe en un horario conveniente para cada familia. ¡Y nadie tiene que usar máscaras o distanciarse socialmente! Más importante aún, este programa les devuelve a los padres lo que es su responsabilidad original que los padres acordaron cuando bautizaron a su hijo, es decir, criar a su hijo en la fe. A lo largo del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, se afirma: los padres son los **principales educadores** de sus hijos en la fe, y que los padres **están** dotados para hacer eso. Desafortunadamente, a lo largo de los años, la Iglesia ha permitido quitarles esa responsabilidad a los padres. Dejar a los niños en una clase de Educación Religiosa sin una mayor participación de los padres en la formación de la fe de sus hijos ha sido un desastre en la formación de los niños como Discípulos de Jesús. ¡La Iglesia y los programas de educación religiosa están destinados a **apoyar**, no a **sustituir**, el papel de los padres en la crianza de sus hijos en la práctica de la fe! Animo encarecidamente a nuestras familias que aún no se han registrado a que prueben este programa. Estamos aquí para guiar y brindarles todo lo que los padres necesitan para implementar la catequesis familiar en su hogar.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Tivy

DIRECCIÓN

Isaías nos dice algo que ya sabemos, pero que parecemos olvidar de tanto en tanto. Nos dice, en esencia, que Dios es Dios y nosotros no lo somos. Cuando estamos confundidos, llenos de problemas y no podemos solucionarlo todo, tal vez sea sabio recordar a Isaías (alguien que está más en la sintonía divina que nosotros) hablando en nombre del Señor y explicando que Dios se mueve de maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar.

En comparación, san Pablo lo ha resuelto todo. Casi todo. Cuando menos entiende su llamado en esta vida: dar gloria a Cristo en todo lo que hace. Esto debería marcar el rumbo para nosotros. Jesús también nos marca el camino, explicándonos una vez más en la parábola de los viñadores que los últimos serán los primeros, y que los primeros serán los últimos.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Martes: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21
- Miércoles: Prov 30:5-9; Sal 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lc 9:1-6
- Jueves: Ecl 1:2-11; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9
- Viernes: Ecl 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22
- Sábado: Ecl 11:9 — 12:8; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17; Lc 9:43b-45
- Domingo: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Fil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20C-24; 27A | Mt 20:1-16A

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today's parable about the workers in the vineyard reminds me of a popular paraphrase of a famous Theodore Roosevelt quote, "Envy is the thief of joy." No matter how much or how little we have, we can find someone who appears better off or happier, or appears to have received more than they deserve. Take, for example, the vineyard workers in today's Gospel. Those who arrived first for work were upset and envious, because the last to arrive were the first to be paid – and they were paid the same wages as those who had been *first* to arrive. Envy robbed the all-day workers of joy: joy in a job well-done and being paid the just wage due to them; joy in celebrating the generosity of the landowner, and of living in the kingdom of heaven begun here on earth, content with and grateful for everything God has provided for each one of us. Although envy may indeed be the thief of joy, joy can be ours when we appreciate what we have and quit comparing ourselves to others. It also frees us to share our gifts and truly walk with others through the ups and downs of our lives as we work together in God's vineyard.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's parable has me thinking: When I feel envious of another's good fortune (sparkling clean house, teenaged boys who smile for photos), perhaps one way to counter that would be to talk through those feelings with God: "Help me be content with what I have. Thank you for the ways you have blessed my friends and me, and for the people in my life who hold me up in good times and bad." Just as the landowner was generous with the laborers, and God is immensely generous with us, let us make an effort this week to be generous in sharing the gifts in our lives with others. When we radiate gratitude and joy in our daily lives as Jesus' disciples, and let the Holy Spirit work through us in leading others to him, our witness to others will bear much fruit.

ACTION Make a list of the gifts in our lives: Health, family, sparkly new earrings, a shiny lawn mower, you name it. Next, choose a "gift" you can share with others, and be specific: "I will make a card for Grandma today." "I will donate (fill in the blank) to the food and clothing pantry on Monday." "I will volunteer to be a greeter at Mass every other Sunday."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten—5th Grade

5 Things To Know!!!

- 1.) Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories series is based on essential stories from the Bible. This is a chance for the entire family to come to *know* God in a personal way and His saving love throughout the ages.
- 2.) The series is designed for parents to take leadership of each gathering at home. Hard copies of the leaflets will be provided, and brief notes are included in each student leaflet, guiding parents through each family faith gathering. This means a break from screens and devices!!
- 3.) The faith gatherings are developed for students ages 10 and younger to do together as a family. No separate textbooks for each grade! Each child has their own leaflet for each gathering.
- 4.) You decide the time and day of the week to share the faith story. Each family gathering is about 45 minutes. If necessary, the time could be shortened for younger children and extended for older students.
- 5.) A catechist will facilitate a 30 minute zoom gathering with you and your child(ren) together with a couple other families on or around the last week of the month. *Our intention is to build small faith communities, share a faith activity, and end with a short prayer.* This is *not* intended to be a traditional class! Rather, they are *intended to build relationships and create special faith memories among families.*



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: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

EDGE Nights will be held with students once a month VIRTUALLY on Zoom Meeting beginning in October through December. The first EDGE Night is Monday, October 5th—Details will be sent to families who have enrolled in EDGE.

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 information. Contact DaveM@olmercy.com or 331-707-5371.



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 27th. 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 info DaveM@olmercy.com or 331-707-5371.

REGISTER NOW!

Decrease Your Risk for Heart Disease and Stroke

September is designated as *National Cholesterol Education Month*. Do you know what cholesterol is and why it is important to the body? Do you know the healthy level of total cholesterol and what your total cholesterol level is? Do you know how food and lifestyle choices impacts the cholesterol level in your body?

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that is in the body naturally and found in many foods. The body needs cholesterol to function normally. Cholesterol helps the body build the structure of cell membranes, make hormones, helps the body's metabolism to work efficiently and is essential for the body to produce vitamin D. Problems arise when there is too much cholesterol built up in the arteries putting a person at risk for heart disease and stroke.

Since a person with high cholesterol does not have symptoms – people do not know if they have high cholesterol. It is important to know your cholesterol levels as high cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. The National Education Program recommends that adults aged 20 years or older have their cholesterol checked every five years, unless it is indicated more often. The desirable total cholesterol level for adults is less than 170 mg/dL. In the United States, more than 102 million adults (20 years or older) have total cholesterol levels at or above 200 mg/dL.

Cholesterol travels through the blood on proteins called “lipoproteins”. High-density lipoprotein or HDL referred to as the “good” cholesterol absorbs cholesterol and carries it back to the liver. The liver removes the cholesterol from the body. For men age 20 or older, the healthy HDL level is more than 40mg/dL and for women age 20 or older the healthy HDL level is more than 50mg/dL. Low-density lipoprotein or LDL referred to as the “bad” cholesterol makes up most of the body's cholesterol and increases the risk for heart disease and stroke. The optimal LDL level is less than 100mg/dL.

It is important to be under the care of a physician for cholesterol management and treatment. Making healthy lifestyle choices assists in lowering cholesterol levels such as eating more fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and whole grains as well as low fat and high fiber foods; making physical activity a priority; maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking. For additional information on cholesterol, check out the resources

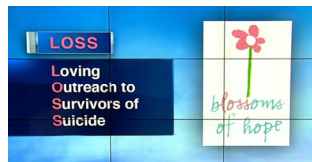
www.cdc.gov and www.heart.org.



Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

During the month of September, efforts are being made to raise awareness for suicide prevention. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the support available to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) is a program with Catholic Charities that has been providing support for forty years. There are in-person and online support groups throughout the Chicagoland area usually consisting of eight sessions. The LOSS office number is (312) 655-7283. Check out the website for articles, support groups and additional information at catholiccharities.net/LOSS.



Open Hearts Ministry

There will be a gathering of the Open Hearts Ministry on Monday September 21 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Parish Life Center in Room 114. 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 as the room is set up to provide six foot 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 jolenel@olmercy.com. May God bless you with His peace and love!

PADS Public Action to Deliver Shelter *needs your help*

CONSIDER HELPING HESED HOUSE A

homeless shelter

sign up to donate *food on-line or send funds*

PADS.REHMER.COM or connect with Jean & Deacon Phil Rehmer (331)707-5375



Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".
(Matthew 25:40)

Most people take things like underwear for granted. **Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet** has found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear that they desperately need.

In previous years, we at **Our Lady of Mercy Church** have helped Catholic Charities with an annual collection drive of underwear, socks, diapers, etc. where we have witnessed overwhelming support from our parish community.

This year, due to the COVID pandemic, Catholic Charities is requesting **cash donations** and/or **purchases** from their **Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List** which can be made through their website at <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/undy-sunday/>

Cash donations will be used to purchase the Undy Sunday items that their clients most-need. Items purchased from the Amazon Wish List will be sent directly to Catholic Charities.

Your generosity and help during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Know that your contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community.

For questions on Undy Sunday please email Maybird D'Silva at maydsilva@aol.com.

MASS FOR LIFE

SAT, OCT 3 | 11AM MASS | 12PM ROSARY PROCESSION TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD






Free shuttle bus available between the Church and Planned Parenthood

<p>MASS CELEBRANT</p> <p>Fr. James Guarascio Parochial Vicar Our Lady of Mercy</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Sponsored by 40 DAYS FOR LIFE</p>	<p>SPEAKERS FOLLOWING PROCESSION</p> <p>Jennifer Shea, Silent No More Awareness "My abortion and God's saving grace."</p> <p>Katherine Woltering, 40 Days for Life Aurora "The Blessed Mother told me things and now she wants me to share them."</p>
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Sign up for Mass www.rb.gy/pwdwc5
(maximum capacity 225)
Mask and social distance by order of the Bishop

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<p>QUESTIONS?</p> <p>Sue Silvestri 40 Days for Life Aurora Events Coordinator 630-742-7555 suesilvestri@comcast.net</p>	<p>40 Days for Life Kick-off Mass & Candlelight Rosary Procession</p> <p>Tues. Sept. 22, 2020 6PM Holy Cross Catholic Church 2300 Main St, Batavia, IL</p>	<p>40 Days for Life Perpetual Prayer Vigil *</p> <p>Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2020 24/7 Waterleaf - opposite Planned Parenthood 3055 E. New York St., Aurora, IL</p>
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*Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/aurora (pray your hour(s) from home if another lockdown)

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 9/6/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	279,217
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	272,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	7,217

9/6/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$	32,205
<i>Sunday Goal:</i>	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	5,005

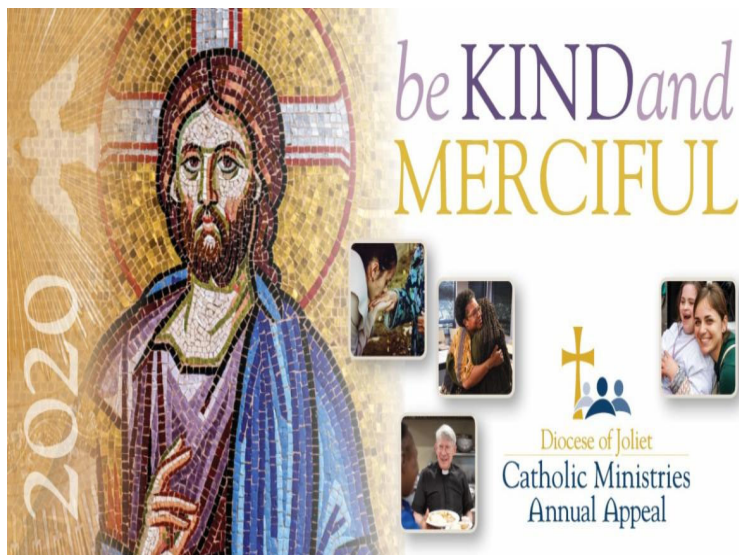
For the Budget Year 2020/21 we have reduced the Parish Sunday goal by 15%, to \$27,200/week, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. This was due in part to the Budget shortfall that we had during the 2019/2020 year.

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
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	\$	178,299
Amount Paid	\$	144,098
Remaining Balance	\$	34,201
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		680



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

"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)

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
September 26 & 27**

Father James will be preaching at all Masses.

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

Join us Friday, October 2, 2020

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 3 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst1> or please call Jane Fonner at (630) 851-8433 or email janefonner@comcast.net

VISIT CATHOLICCHARITIESJOLIET.ORG FOR MORE INFO

Held in the Our Lady of Mercy Parking Lot - Arrive Early!

Meat, produce, nonperishable items will be given out



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Wed 9/30

5pm to 6:30pm

Drive thru distribution of food

Please clear space in your trunk or backseat

JOB POSTING

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection. This position is responsible for implementing and maintaining the diocesan response to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the *Essential Norms*, and for creating a culture of safety for the Children of the Diocese. The Director is responsible for supervising and coordinating the assistance needed by any victim of sexual abuse that occurred in the past or the present. The Director supervises the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator and ensures all incoming allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Church employees or volunteers are properly received and handled according to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and state laws. Serves as staff to the Diocesan Review Committee.

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic and will possess a Master's Degree in Counseling, Social Work or Criminal Justice, and have at least five years of experience. Must have knowledge of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, and an understanding of the stages of victimization and the healing process. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent listening skills, good computer skills, along with strong interpersonal skills. Must possess the ability to use discretion and maintain confidentiality and must be able to express compassion and understanding to all types of people. Must also possess the ability to train individuals and lead training events. Fluency in Spanish preferred.

This is a full time exempt position with benefits. Normal work week, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Requires flexibility of schedule, evening and weekend work as needed.

Qualified candidates meeting the necessary qualification please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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