



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
"THE FEAST IS READY,
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED
WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

MATTHEW 22:8-9

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020



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

Have you sent in your RSVP yet? From my experience, priests are notoriously bad about not responding to invitations. I don't know what it is, but most priests just are bad in responding to invitations whether it be to a dinner, a meeting, a wedding reception or some other event where the host needs to know whether you are coming or not. Shame on us! In today's readings, Isaiah and Matthew remind us that above and beyond the invitations we extend to one another are the invitations of God. In the first reading, the prophet describes a sumptuous banquet hosted by God. Isaiah wants our mouths to water! Picture chocolate cake, lemon meringue pie, creamy pastries, fresh fish, roasted lamb and beef on the spit, berries and cherries, milk and honey. The wine selection is like no other – aged to perfection. But not only will there be food and drink in abundance, but also healing, forgiveness, salvation and great rejoicing. "Will you come?" asks God. "Well, of course," we answer. "You don't have to ask me twice!" But our enthusiasm is put to the test by the words of today's Gospel. In his parable, Jesus acknowledges that some of those invite to the great banquet of God's reign have found excuses not to come. Family obligations, business affairs or lack of interest have taken priority, and as a result, they put God's invitation on hold or set it aside altogether. Although written thousands of years ago, Isaiah and Matthew are clearly speaking to us today. They are asking whether we are alert to the invitations that God sends into our lives each day. So how do we respond to God's many invitations in our lives? Some of those are standing invitations. Like coming to Mass each Sunday when the COVID pandemic is over. Prior to the pandemic though, the weekly invitation might have become so routine that we might not be fully present at the banquet of word and bread and fellowship. At the end of Mass, one pastor in a small rural parish in the South proclaimed to his congregation, "Go forth in peace; this has been the highlight of our day; it is all downhill from here." This colloquial way of affirming the Eucharistic banquet as the source and summit of our lives remained with his parishioners, who struggled to value all else in their lives as secondary to and dependent upon coming to Mass.

God's invitations reveals themselves in other ways as well. Through the persons who reach out to us in their need, God invites us to share. **Through those who suffer injustice, God invites our advocacy and responsible participation at the ballot box.** Through those who have no one to speak for them, no one to uphold their rights to live and work without fear, God invites our persistent involvement on their behalf. There are so many invitations from God during our day. Depending on how we respond (or not) will depend if we are found worthy to the feast. Don't miss an opportunity to RSVP to God!!

Have a blessed week!

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day**

8:00 AM † Alfonso Sr & Estela Ramirez, by Children
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass In Thanksgiving, by Alicia Ramirez

Tuesday, October 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, by The Toth Family
 6:30 PM † Jose Mathew, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, October 14 - St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM Int Kevin George, by Lancy Sebastian

Thursday, October 15 - St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

6:30 AM † Roldolfo Gamaro, by Shirley Staples
 8:00 AM Int Melvin Schlobohm, by Agnes Schlobohm
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, October 16 - St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 AM † Mary & Joseph Plichta, by Mary Houdek

Saturday, October 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM Int Oscar & Laurdes Indad, by Phyllis Anderson
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Gloria Sly, by the Uy Family
 † Mike & Carole Brogan, by Pat & Tom McHugh

Sunday, October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

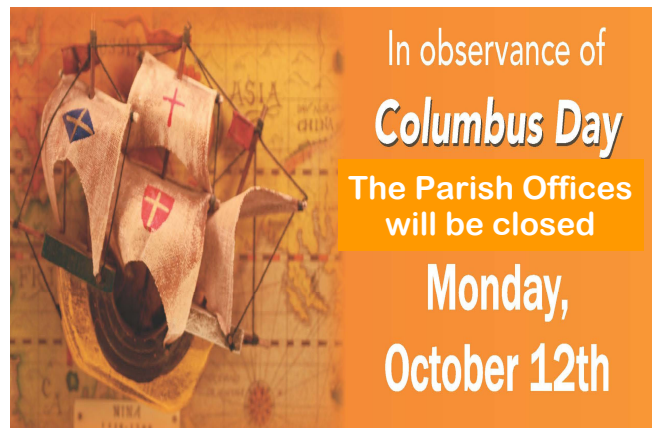
8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Myrtle Pulliam, by Patricia Leatherwood
 10:00 AM † Walter & Bernadette D'Rosa
 12:00 PM † Orlando Moran, by Ernestina Caceres
 5:30 PM † Bryant Lange, by Tim & Diane Reiter

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. Apolinar Pacheco |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Karin & Bryan Lange | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. William Gardaphe | 13. Covid-19 Vaccine |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Delfin Masangcay |
| 7. Scott & Austin Chase | 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

**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
 Delfin Masangcay
 William Gardaphe
 Allene Doddali

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!

¿Ya enviaste la confirmación de tu asistencia? Según mi experiencia, los sacerdotes son notoriamente malos por no responder a las invitaciones. No sé qué es, pero la mayoría de los sacerdotes simplemente responden mal a las invitaciones, ya sea para una cena, una reunión, una recepción de boda o algún otro evento en el que el anfitrión necesita saber si vas a asistir o no. ¡La culpa es nuestra! En las lecturas de hoy, Isaías y Mateo nos recuerdan que más allá de las invitaciones que nos hacemos unos a otros, están las invitaciones de Dios. En la primera lectura, el profeta describe un suntuoso banquete organizado por Dios. ¡Isaías quiere que se nos haga agua la boca! Imagínate pastel de chocolate, tarta de merengue de limón, pasteles cremosos, pescado fresco, cordero y ternera asados en el asador, fresas y cerezas, leche y miel. La selección de vinos es como ninguna otra, envejecida a la perfección. Pero no solo habrá comida y bebida en abundancia, sino también sanación, perdón, salvación y gran regocijo. "¿Vendrás?" pregunta Dios. "Bueno, por supuesto", respondemos. "¡No tienes que preguntarme dos veces!" Pero nuestro entusiasmo se pone a prueba con las palabras del Evangelio de hoy. En su parábola, Jesús reconoce que algunos de los invitados al gran banquete del reino de Dios han encontrado excusas para no asistir. Las obligaciones familiares, los asuntos comerciales o la falta de interés han tenido prioridad y, como resultado, dejan la invitación de Dios en espera o la dejan de lado por completo. Aunque escrito hace miles de años, Isaías y Mateo nos están hablando claramente hoy. Se preguntan si estamos atentos a las invitaciones que Dios envía a nuestras vidas cada día. Entonces, ¿cómo respondemos a las muchas invitaciones de Dios en nuestras vidas? Algunas de ellas son invitaciones permanentes. Como ir a Misa todos los domingos cuando la pandemia del COVID ha terminado. Sin embargo, antes de la pandemia, la invitación semanal podría haberse vuelto tan rutinaria que quizás no estemos completamente presentes en el banquete de palabra, pan y comunión. Al final de la Misa, un pastor de una pequeña parroquia rural del Sur proclamó a su congregación: "Vayan en paz; este ha sido el punto culminante de nuestro día; todo es cuesta abajo desde aquí". Esta forma coloquial de afirmar el banquete Eucarístico como la fuente y la cumbre de nuestras vidas permaneció con sus feligreses, quienes lucharon por valorar todo lo demás en sus vidas como secundario y ser dependientes de asistir a Misa.

Las invitaciones de Dios también se revelan de otras maneras. A través de las personas que se acercan a nosotros en su necesidad, Dios nos invita a compartir. **A través de aquellos que sufren injusticia, Dios invita a nuestra defensa y participación responsable en las urnas.** A través de aquellos que no tienen a nadie que hable por ellos, nadie que defienda sus derechos de vivir y trabajar sin miedo, Dios invita a nuestra participación persistente en su nombre. Hay tantas invitaciones de Dios durante nuestro día. Dependiendo de cómo respondamos (o no) dependerá si se nos considera dignos de la fiesta. ¡No pierdan la oportunidad de confirmar su asistencia a Dios!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don

DIOS SE REVELA A LAS NACIONES

¡Qué maravillosas imágenes tenemos hoy del Reino de Dios! Isaías nos habla de un gran banquete –un banquete celestial– una fiesta con abundancia de platillos succulentos y vinos exquisitos. Es una celebración del mismo Señor, explica Isaías, cuando Dios unirá a todas las naciones, secará toda lágrima, y destruirá la muerte para siempre. Entonces, también, la tierra entera se regocijará en el Señor y se deleitará en la gracia salvadora de Dios.

Jesús, asimismo, habla del Cielo en términos de una fiesta. Aquí, el Reino de los cielos es como el banquete de bodas que el rey ofrece para su hijo. Es también un festín de abundancia, donde ofrece terneros gordos. Pero muchos de los invitados no quieren asistir, así que el rey invita a cualquiera que quiera honrar a su hijo con su presencia. Y Pablo nos dice que sea que vivamos en la abundancia o en circunstancias humildes, todo lo podemos en el Señor que nos fortalece. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Gál 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 5:1; Sal 113 (112):1b-5a, 6-7; Lc 11:29-32
Martes:	Gál 5:1-6; Sal 119 (118): 41, 43-45, 47-48; Lc 11:37-41
Miércoles:	Gál 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:42-46
Jueves:	Ef 1:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1- 6; Lc 11:47-54
Viernes:	Ef 1:11-14; Sal 33 (32):1 2, 4-5, 12-13; Lc 12:1-7
Sábado:	Ef 1:15-23; Sal 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lc 12:8-12
Domingo:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

October 11, 2020

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10A | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

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

I would guess we've all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell - hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts - including the gift of people who love us. I've been fortunate to have met people who, facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith - and I've had the rare opportunity to hear their stories as an editor for a Catholic magazine. They inspire me to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes - and it will - I, too, can turn to my faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.

ACTION St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.



Me? Offer Life-Changing Encounters... of Jesus?!

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

For the last several months, I've been praying with our parish vision statement, pausing after the first phrase: *To offer a life-changing encounter with Jesus*. Reflecting on my own encounters of His presence, very few begin to hint of a life-changing "Saul to Paul" experience - turning my entire world upside down. It is incredible to notice how this soon to be apostle of the Risen Christ did everything in his human power to denounce Christ and harm anyone affiliated with Him. This Biblical encounter, somewhat similar to the life-changing drama of Moses and the Burning Bush, reminds us that it is God's Spirit who can use anything, anyone, and at any time to reveal His presence. God is God and we are not.

People of the Incarnation

Although God doesn't need us, God chooses us in love to become His intimate friends and participate in His divine life. Through our life in Christ, we are nourished spiritually at the table of His Word and the table of His Holy Eucharist. Imagine. We receive the life of the One who is one with the Father and the Spirit. As His disciples, we open ourselves to the joy and legacy of the Saints. We welcome His transforming love experienced through His living Word and Sacraments. Because of who He is and what He freely gives us, we become the Body of Christ, empowered to offer a life-changing encounter of Jesus. What a paradox! Through our dependence on Him, we become His children, revealing His divine presence through our human words and actions.

Fostering Encounters with Jesus with Kids

From time-to-time it's fun to recognize how children's uninhibited innocence and their dependence on their parents for everything, show us as adults how to trust and depend on the Lord. Alongside this truth another important task remains of how to encourage children to look for ways that Jesus is always in their lives. How can we show them that Jesus is eagerly wanting them to encounter His love and friendship? **I think a fundamental way is to keep pointing to different examples where love, mercy and kindness spring up throughout their day and yours.** Try a simple prayer routine at night of sharing with *one another*, one thing for which you are each thankful and one thing for which you are each sorry. Also, using the prayer starter, *Help me know you are with me when _____*, will guide children to anticipate His faithful presence in every aspect of their lives.



TRUNK-OR-TREATING WITH THE SAINTS @ OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARKING LOT!!!

Please save the date for October 30 from 6-8PM for our first ever "Trunk-or-Treating with the Saints" event! Come trunk-or-treat as you learn about different saints, get a treat & have some fun! Wear your Halloween costumes and a face mask covering! Registration is required! Please see our website for registration and contact our DRE at maryjot@olmercy.com if you are interested in decorating your trunk to represent a saint!



**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/>

The EDGE Parent/Student Lesson for October should have been sent to all EDGE families. Please let us know if did not receive this material so we can get it to you. Please check the EDGE webpage for more details.

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 Continues this Sunday with gathered and virtual sessions. Please check the LIGHT webpage for more details.

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

PASTORAL CARE

Raise Awareness – Wear Pink

October is *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. It is important to be proactive about your health. Knowing the risk factors for breast cancer and ways for early detection are important. Risk factors that cannot be changed are age, race, family history, personal health history, early menstruation and late menopause.

Avoidable risk factors that you have control over are: a lack of physical activity; a poor diet lacking fruits and vegetables; being overweight or obese; drinking alcohol; having radiation therapy to the chest before the age of thirty and taking combined Hormone Replacement Therapy.

Early detection of breast cancer includes all three: doing monthly breast self-exams, scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. The American Cancer Society information shows that when breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the five-year relative survival rate is 99%.

Look around you and you will see the pink ribbons and other items in pink to show support for those living with breast cancer and for those fighting for a cure. Wear it pink! Proudly wear pink in October or any time during the year to raise awareness of breast cancer. For information, resources or support, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or at www.cancer.org.

Thank You for Wearing A Mask

Wearing a mask properly helps protect others in case you are infected with COVID-19 but do not have symptoms. It is important to properly put the mask on, wear it, take it off and dispose of it or clean it. Wash your hands before putting on the mask. Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under the chin. Fit it snugly against the sides of the face. Do not put the mask around your neck. If you touch the mask while wearing it wash or sanitize your hands.

When removing masks, handle by the ear loops or ties; fold outside corners together and place in a plastic bag to take home to clean if it is reusable or throw away a disposable one. Wash reusable masks after each use. If you have questions on cloth face coverings/masks or about disposable masks, two resources to check out are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and John Hopkins Medicine.

Open Hearts Ministry

There will be a gathering to support emotional and mental health and wellness on Monday October 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com for information.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you or someone you know is in need of support, resources or care for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene1@olmercy.com. God bless you with His peace and love!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

November 7 & 8

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of November 7 & 8 for our Clothing Drive!!

Items can be dropped off:

Saturday Nov. 7 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 - 15 minutes before the 12 noon mass (The truck will be picked up shortly after noon so it likely will not be there after the noon mass)

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED! SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

Thanks for your generous donations!
Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Dear OLM Senior Gems Members,

As it has become increasingly difficult to predict the future of our group, a decision had to be made as to the security of the group's treasury funds. The original Constitution states that in the event the group is dissolved, any moneys in the treasury would be turned over to the parish. In accordance with this guideline, the money has been transferred from a checking account with USBank (which carried a monthly service charge) to be placed in a savings account with Old Second Bank. The account will be held in the name of Our Lady of Mercy Church / OLM Senior Gems. At this point in time the balance is \$821.89.

It saddens us all to have to take this step. Our hope is that in the future, when circumstances permit and any individual or group steps forward to continue the group activities, the funds will be available.

I thank Father Don, Bob Gancarz, Pat Feinberg, Willie Durante and to all the members whose opinions were so valuable in making this decision.

Respectfully yours,
Rosalie (Rose) Zois
OLM Senior Gems Treasurer

Catholic Life Every Day
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Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
October 17 & 18**

Fr. Don will preach at all Masses this weekend.

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Leazzo
	5:30p	Fr Max Behna

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 9/27/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	356,595
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	353,600
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	2,995
9/27/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$	23,215
Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(3,985)

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!!

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
July, 2020	\$ 831,220
August, 2020	\$ 788,202

**be KIND and
MERCIFUL**

2020

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	\$	181,559
Amount Paid	\$	151,249
Remaining Balance	\$	30,310
Rebate Amount	\$	3,184
# of Families Pledged		683

World Mission Sunday October 18, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18th this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me' (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: 'Whom shall I send?' This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

World Mission Sunday 2020

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith



During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father's own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to "step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor." What will your answer be? "Here I Am, Send Me" is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Through the Pope's own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth – sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Even though we have not been able to actually go on mission because of the pandemic, our diocese of Joliet continues to support our missions to the Philippines, Bolivia, the Navajo Nation and Uganda. There our missionaries proclaim the Gospel, build the Church through our relationships with the poor. You, too, are a part of this with the gifts that you share. Your answer also is, "Here I Am, Send Me."

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this diocese to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates

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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.

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