



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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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

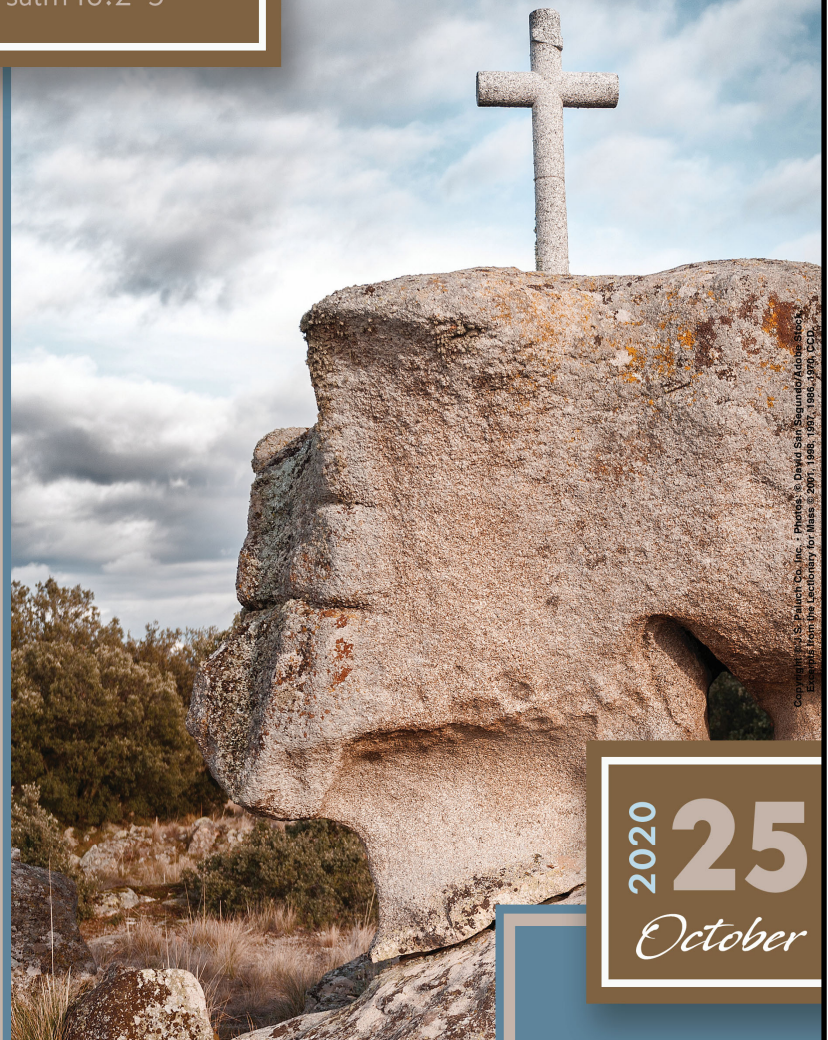
PRAYER CHAPEL

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

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
O Lord, my rock,
my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2-3

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



2020 **25**
October

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

Every year at this time, I get asked if it is OK for Catholic children to celebrate Halloween. I quote the following article "An Exorcists Perspective" from the website Catholic News Agency. Father Vincent Lampert is a Vatican-trained exorcist and a parish priest of the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis who travels the country, speaking about his work as an exorcist and what people can do to protect themselves against the demonic. He said when deciding what to do about Halloween, it's important for parents to remember the Christian origins of the holiday and to celebrate accordingly, rather than in a way that glorifies evil. "Ultimately I don't think there's anything wrong with the kids putting on a costume, dressing up as a cowboy or Cinderella, and going through the neighborhood and asking for candy; that's all good clean fun," Fr. Lampert said. Even a sheet with some holes cut in it as a ghost is fine, Fr. Lampert said. The danger lies in costumes that deliberately glorify evil and instill fear in people, or when people pretend to have special powers or dabble in magic and witchcraft, even if they think it's just for entertainment. "In the book of Deuteronomy, in chapter 18, it talks about not trying to consult the spirits of the dead, not consulting those who dabble in magic and witchcraft and the like," he said, "because it's a violation of a Church commandment that people are putting other things ahead of their relationship with God." "And that would be the danger of Halloween that somehow God is lost in all of this, the religious connotation is lost and then people end up glorifying evil." It's also important to remember that the devil and evil spirits do not actually have any additional authority on Halloween, Fr. Lampert said, and that it only seems that way. "It's because of what people are doing, not because of what the devil is doing. Perhaps by the way they're celebrating that day, they're actually inviting more evil into our lives," he said. One of the best things parents can do is to use Halloween as a teachable moment, Fr. Lampert said. "A lot of children are out celebrating Halloween, perhaps evil is being glorified, but we're not really sitting around and talking about why certain practices are not conducive with our Catholic faith and our Catholic identity. I think using it as a teachable moment would be a great thing to do."

So, I invite our parish children to "trunk or treat with the saints" at Our Lady of Mercy parking lot on Friday, October 30th from 6pm to 8pm. Registration is required on our website. Come, learn about the hero's of the Church – none of them are scary or evil!!

I will be away on vacation October 27 through November 5 to Sonoma County, CA to celebrate the 75th birthday of my friend who lives in Santa Rosa.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Lampert

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, October 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Intention of the Presider

Tuesday, October 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Bob & Midge Holzworth, by Chris & Joe Riley
 6:30 PM † Lily Perez, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, October 28 - Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Doris Hoerdeman, by Judy Zeno

Thursday, October 29 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM † Gary Benton, by Mary Krmarik
 8:00 AM Int Jeffrey Skrobitt
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, October 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Int Jim Horton, by Dorothy Horton

Saturday, October 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Int Helen Joseph, by Audrey Harris
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - All Saints Day**
 Int Alyssa & Daryl Jabonero, by Agnes Schlobohm
 † Bernard Rubey, by Family

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Normalee Viola, by St Vincent DePaul
 10:00 AM † Dennis Coit, by Michael & Lori Coit
 12:00 PM † Rose Ann Briceno-Hawkins, by Bethany
 5:30 PM † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Joseph Salata | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. The Unemployed |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. The Chase Family | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. Kenneth Labuda | 13. Angela/Anthony Vincent-HHL |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. JMP - HHL |
| 7. Thomas Sterling | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, US Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines
 SPC Mason Webber, US Army
 LC/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
 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.....
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Todos los años, en esta época, me preguntan si está bien que los niños Católicos celebren Halloween. Cito el siguiente artículo “Una Perspectiva de Exorcistas” del sitio web Agencia Católica de Noticias. El Padre Vincent Lampert es un exorcista formado en el Vaticano y un sacerdote parroquial de la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis que viaja por el país y habla sobre su trabajo como un exorcista y lo que la gente puede hacer para protegerse contra lo demoníaco. El dijo que al decidir qué hacer con Halloween, es importante que los padres recuerden los orígenes Cristianos de la festividad y la celebren como corresponde, en lugar de una manera que glorifique el mal. “En última instancia, no creo que haya nada de malo en que los niños se pongan un disfraz, disfrazándose de vaquero o de Cenicienta y vayan por el vecindario y pidan dulces; eso es una diversión buena y limpia”, dijo el Padre Lampert. Incluso una hoja con algunos agujeros cortados como un fantasma está bien, dijo el Padre Lampert. El peligro radica en los disfraces que deliberadamente glorifican el mal e infunden miedo en las personas, o cuando las personas fingen tener poderes especiales o incursionan en la magia y la brujería, incluso si piensan que es solo por entretenimiento. “En el libro del Deuteronomio, en el capítulo 18, habla de no tratar de consultar a los espíritus de los muertos, de no consultar a los que incursionan en la magia y la brujería y cosas por el estilo”, dijo, “porque es una violación de un mandamiento de la Iglesia que la gente está anteponiendo otras cosas a su relación con Dios”. “Y ese sería el peligro de Halloween que de alguna manera Dios se pierda en todo esto, la connotación religiosa se pierde y luego la gente termina glorificando el mal”. También es importante recordar que el diablo y los espíritus malignos en realidad no tienen ninguna autoridad adicional en Halloween, el Padre Lampert dijo, y que solo parece así. “Es por lo que la gente está haciendo, no por lo que está haciendo el diablo. Quizás, por la forma en que están celebrando ese día, en realidad están invitando a más maldad a nuestras vidas”, dijo. Una de las mejores cosas que pueden hacer los padres es usar Halloween como un momento de enseñanza, dijo el Padre Lampert. “Muchos niños están afuera celebrando Halloween, tal vez se esté glorificando el mal, pero en realidad no estamos sentados y hablando sobre por qué ciertas prácticas no son propicias para nuestra fe Católica y nuestra identidad Católica. Creo que usarlo como un momento educativo sería algo grandioso para hacer”.

Por lo tanto, invito a los niños de nuestra parroquia a "cajuela o dulces con los santos" (“trunk or treat with the saints”) en el estacionamiento de Our Lady of Mercy el viernes 30 de octubre de 6:00pm a 8:00pm. Es necesario registrarse en nuestro sitio web. Vengan, aprendan sobre los héroes de la Iglesia, ¡ninguno de ellos da miedo o es malvado!

Estaré de vacaciones del 27 de octubre al 5 de noviembre en el Condado de Sonoma, California, para celebrar el 750 cumpleaños de mi amigo que vive en Santa Rosa.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don

VIVIR EN JUSTICIA

“¡Devuélvelo ahora mismo!”

¿Cuántas veces hemos escuchado esa frase, probablemente más de una vez, cuando éramos niños? Llegamos a casa con el trofeo que consideramos un dulce hallazgo, para que nuestros padres deshicieran nuestras ganancias haciéndonos devolver el botín. Ellos tenían un concepto muy diferente de lo que constituye un acuerdo “de intercambio justo”. La justicia en nuestros tratos con otros constituye una importante medida de nuestro carácter, como un buen padre de familia, a Dios le importa mucho cómo nos tratamos los unos a los otros y cómo los otros nos tratan a nosotros. Dios oye el clamor de los pobres y responde al llamado de los oprimidos. Los hijos bien amados de Dios no se han de comportar como abusadores.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Ef 4:32 — 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17
 Martes: Ef 5:21-33; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Lc 13:18-21
 Miércoles: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16
 Jueves: Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 13:31-35
 Viernes: Fil 1:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 14:1-6
 Sábado: Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef; Lc 14:1, 7-11
 Domingo: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

October 25, 2020

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5C-10 | Mt 22:34-40

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus has just silenced one group of religious leaders, the Sadducees (which seems to be quite a feat, if we look at their behavior in the Scripture!) and is now speaking to another group of religious leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus says that the greatest commandment in all the law is actually two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. These two groups of religious leaders like to test him a lot, and while I might want to tell people like them to take a hike, Jesus never does. He always speaks the truth to them, in love, even if he is frustrated with their behavior.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes it's hard to see how three particular readings fit together on a Sunday, but I was struck by how well these do. The first reading, listing ways that we should *not* behave, can easily be summed up as: love your neighbor as yourself. We all are, or have been, some form of what the Lord mentions: an outsider (alien), vulnerable (widow/orphan), in financial need (loan recipient), or requiring some other assistance (needing a cloak). How do we want others to treat us in those times? Then we should behave the same. It seems like the Thessalonians understood this, for Paul praises them for being a model for other believers. They have a reputation for being truly loving; of turning to God from idols, and serving him. We can be discouraged by our human failings, as all of us living in lockdown/quarantine these recent months know. It may not take much to set us off. But this is where God's grace can help us to speak truth in love, and be a model for those around us.

ACTIONS Reflect on any obstacles to truly loving God with full heart, mind, and soul. Then think creatively about how to love God, and in turn, others.

- *How I can love God with my whole heart?* After spending time in prayer, write down how you see God in your family and friends. And then go tell them!
- *How I can love God with my whole mind?* Use "online time" to engage with a faith-related website such as Bishop Barron's wordonfire.org, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter.
- *How I can love God with my soul?* Pray the litany of humility.

Love

THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WITH YOUR
WHOLE HEART
AND

Love

YOUR
NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF

Family Catechists and Parents Fuel Family Formation

For the past few weeks, married couples, grandparents, godparents, and parents who have raised their children in the faith have put their heart and soul into becoming family catechists for our parish families with children in our K-5 faith program. There is much joy and excitement as we embrace the opportunity to support one another and enter into a communal relationship with parents and their children to share experiences of faith and pray together.

Intentional discipleship, generosity, and collegiality are essential hallmarks of who we are as family catechists. Freely sharing creative ideas, prayers, and "start-up" presentations have been a fruitful exchange as we reach out and equip parents as leaders of their domestic church. As family catechists, we understand our role to stand with and for our parish families with compassion as a variety of stressful situations due to the pandemic make failed attempts to render parents defeated.

Family catechists are signs of hope who consistently call us to cling to God, His way of love, experienced in His Word (our curriculum) that is broken open and shared from the Bible at Mass **and in the home** shining a light on His faithful presence.

Most importantly, parents are recognizing the great need to act with courage, taking thoughtful steps as the primary influence of their children's faith. They are welcoming faith materials written for them and their children for use in their homes. They are creating a faith gathering space in their homes with a children's or family Bible along with placing signs of our faith in their faith gathering space- signs such as, a candle, cross or crucifix, pictures of Jesus and Mary or a statue of a favorite saint. Parents are embracing a new faith journey. With support and guidance from the Holy Spirit and their family catechists, parents are primed to offer their children encounters of His presence and be for them a doorway to a life of discipleship! Praise God!!!



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/>

EDGE Nights will be held with students once a month VIRTUALLY on Zoom Meeting beginning in October through December. The next EDGE Night is Monday, November 2nd. 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 Continues this Sunday with gathered and virtual sessions. Please check the LIGHT webpage for more details.

Youth Alpha Day Away is Saturday, November 7th. More details are on the LIGHT webpage and should have been sent home to all teens in Alpha.

Faith Conversation and LIGHT “Basics of Our Faith” Mini-Course SIGN-UP will begin in November. Check our LIGHT webpage for 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. Contact DaveM@olmercy.com or 331-707-5371.

PASTORAL CARE

What to Do About the Flu

This fall and winter season we need to be prepared for protection against COVID-19 and the flu. Both are contagious respiratory illnesses caused by different viruses. The flu is caused by influenza viruses and COVID-19 is caused by a new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2. The difference in protection is that there is a flu vaccination and as we know, there is not one available for COVID-19.

Common symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 are: fever or feverish chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches, headaches, fatigue or tiredness, and more common in children – vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with COVID-19 may have no symptoms but may spread it. A difference from the flu, is that some people with COVID-19 may have changes or loss of taste or smell.

With the flu, a person typically develops symptoms one to four days after exposure. Most people are contagious about one day before they show symptoms. Older children and adults with the flu appear to be most contagious during the first three to four days of their illness but may remain contagious for about seven days.

The precautions that are known to decrease the transmission of COVID-19 may also help to decrease the transmission of the flu: Wear a mask. Watch your distance – maintain at least six feet distance between others (not living in the same household). Wash your hands with plain soap and water for at least twenty seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol - either ethanol (ethyl alcohol) or isopropyl alcohol frequently throughout the day. Another layer of protection against the flu is vaccination. Please take the time to research the information available about the flu vaccination and consult with your healthcare provider to make an informed decision about being vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones. (Source for article: CDC)

All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance

The annual All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance is on Monday November 2 at 7:30PM. This is a beautiful tradition at our parish to come together in community to receive comfort from our Lord in the Eucharist and from each other. Please register to attend the Mass in-person at www.olmercy.com or attend through the livestream available at www.facebook.com/olmercy.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you need resources for a flu vaccination, have questions about the All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance, would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or are in need of support or resources, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

BROGAN FAMILY COAT DRIVE CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF MIKE & CAROLE BROGAN



Mike and Carole Brogan were icons at Our Lady of Mercy. Both passed away in 2019. One of the ways they supported our parish was a yearly coat drive. They would literally pack up their car with donations to the point that they could barely see out of their car windows.

Their family and our church would like to continue this mission by asking for donations of new and gently used coats, hats, boots, and gloves. The donations for women and children will benefit Mutual Ground and the donations for men's items will benefit Breaking Free.

On Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm a trailer will be in the OLM parking lot accepting the donations.

Please support this mission to carry on this tradition that is near and dear to our hearts.

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 15 minutes prior to the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass or the Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses.

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.

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

JOIN DEACON MIKE PLESE ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & GREECE AS WE WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS AND ST. PAUL

Contact (855) 842-8001 Or you can register online at www.proximotravel.com

Information meetings will take place October 24 at 10:00am and October 25 at 6:45pm in Room 124.





Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com and click “Give” located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for 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.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses October 31 & November 1		
Deacons will be preaching at all Masses except 4:00p and 10:00a.		
Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Bill Etheridge
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Mike Plese
	10:00a	Fr Bill Etheridge/Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo
	5:30p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 10/11/20)

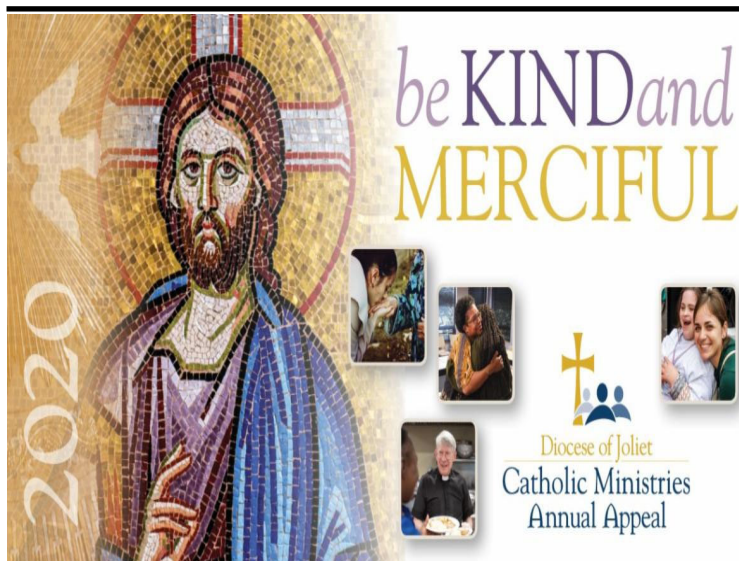
Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	417,205
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	408,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	9,205
10/11/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	25,270
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	(1,930)

Thank you for your generosity!!

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.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center	
April, 2009	\$1,950,000
August, 2020	\$ 788,202
September, 2020	\$ 777,203



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	\$	183,959
Amount Paid	\$	157,291
Remaining Balance	\$	26,668
Rebate Amount	\$	7,413
# of Families Pledged		691



CENTRAL AURORA CATHOLIC

AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC INVITES FAMILIES TO A

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Various Dates | 7PM - 8PM
ZOOM Webinars

- Introduction of Host & Student Ambassadors
- Facts & Highlights
- Block Scheduling
- Clubs/Activities
- Student Ambassador Panel
- What's next?
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