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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

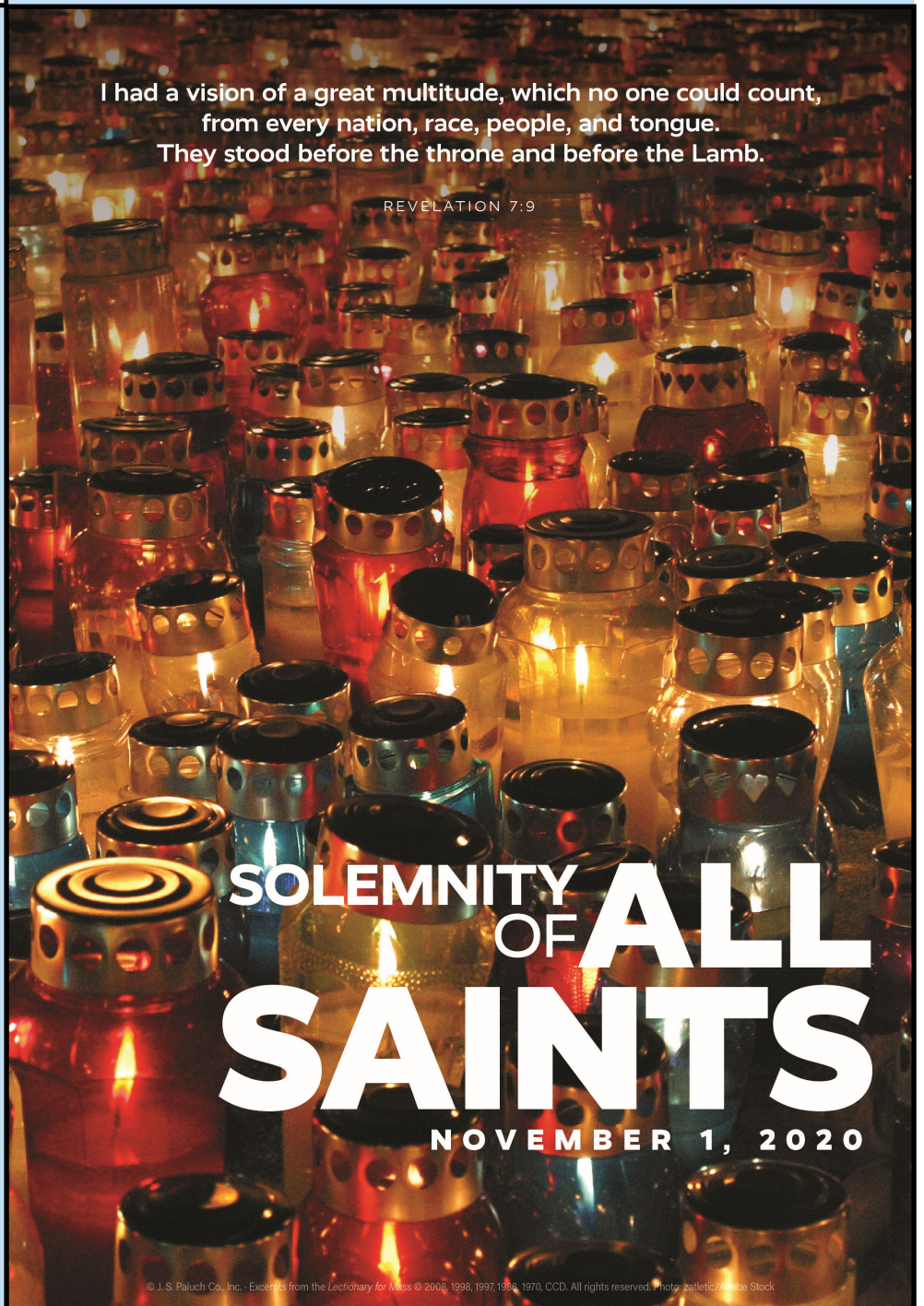
Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am
1:30-2:30pm
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2020



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

I know that many of you are fond devotees of watching the Academy Awards usually in March, when Hollywood celebrates the best of the best. I have to admit I do not share your enthusiasm. Once I reluctantly attend a party at the home of parishioners at a former parish to watch the Oscars. After a half hour I went back to the snack table, grabbed another piece of pizza, and snuck out. The next morning on my desk was a little plastic Oscar statue with the note: "best escape artist!" I will have to admit that the Oscars are indeed a celebration. The red carpet is rolled out. The stars arrive in limousines. They anxiously and eagerly await, along with millions of television viewers, the announcements of who will take home the coveted Oscar awards. All the recipients, whether they are directors or producers, actors or actresses, are greeted by thunderous applause when the winner is announced. So goes Hollywood's way of honoring its best.

As Catholics, we gather today to celebrate the lives of winners of another sort – all the saints in heaven. These holy people are the recipients of heaven's *reward*, not Hollywood's *award*. Two things about today's celebration. First, the Book of Revelation states that there will be only 144,000 admitted to heaven. While a fundamentalist may believe this, do not despair that there may not be room for you. Scripture scholars agree that the number 144,000 represents an unlimited number, a number higher than is fathomable. God longs to give the reward of himself to any and all who will accept the gift. The second misconception we have about the saints is that we could never be one. The "any and all" who stand before God include people whose lives were not that different from our lives. Many of the saints were at one time impatient or crabby, arrogant or lazy. They knew both sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit. It is said that "saints are sinners who kept on trying." They kept on trying by turning to Jesus for direction. Jesus gave the saints, and gives all of us, a red carpet path to follow – the Beatitudes. Over and over the Beatitudes tell us who is blessed and who is best: the poor, the sorrowing, the meek, the persecuted, the insulted. Was Jesus kidding? It sounds more like the "worst who are cursed" than the "best who are blessed." But remember, it is not a Hollywood *award* ceremony Jesus is guiding us toward, but heaven's everlasting *reward* ceremony. Jesus reminds us of this at the end of today's gospel when he says, "Rejoice and be glad, for your *reward* will be great in heaven."

Today, we join the saints in their beautifully simple acceptance speech: Thanks and praise be to God!

Remember to vote this Tuesday, November 3rd, and have a blessed week!

Fr. Len

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day**

8:00 AM	† Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 PM	Benediction
5:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory, by Agnes Schlobohm
7:30 PM	All Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 3 - St Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 AM	† Chester Wiencek, by Family
6:30 PM	In Fr Mark Bernhard, John & Cheryl Dewitt
7:00-8:00 PM	Reconciliation

Wednesday, November 4 - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

12:00 PM	† Dionicia Reyrao, by Family
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Thursday, November 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM	† Austin Chase, by Roy Saurer
8:00 AM	† Frank Nowak, by Family
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction

Friday, November 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	† Warren Opfer, by The Toth Family
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Saturday, November 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM	† Jeromy Maroney, by Carol & Tom Bassett
9:00-10:00 AM	Reconciliation
1:30-2:30 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Vigil - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Joyce Markus, by Family Int Velia Noyola

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	† Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family † Patrice Klasinski
10:00 AM	† Ingrida Straseviciene, by The Doligosa Family
12:00 PM	† Jan Michalak, by His Wife, Zofia
5:30 PM	† Amy 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. Happy Birthday - LV | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. The Unemployed |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Diane Pazos | 12. Esther Wright |
| 5. Joseph Salata | 13. Ken Betz |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Linda McCall |
| 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
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 12 PM, 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	William Nimmow	Joyce Craig	Alice Toschak
Wayne Draper	Jill Brisceno	John Swanston	John Salentine
Ailani Banulos	Lexi Brisceno	Robert Ciulla	Delfin Masangcay
Julia Schremp	Michael Butler	Bridget Garry	William Gardaphe
Kathy Walowski	Hailey Hartnett	David Bakke	Allene Doddali
Flo Paprzycki	Thomas F. Sterling	Bill Morse	Mary Dunbar
Helga Manglinong	La Moua	Nancy Higgins	
Michael Dandan	Valerie Plesha	Marilyn Reich	
Charlene Oates	Hedy Sterling	Jim Horton	
Maria Luna	Diane Pazos	Helen Joseph	
	Diane Singer	Antoinette Humanski	

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!

Sé que muchos de ustedes son aficionados a ver los Premios de la Academia generalmente en marzo, cuando Hollywood celebra lo mejor de lo mejor. Debo admitir que no comparto su entusiasmo. Una vez asistí a regañadientes a una fiesta en la casa de los feligreses de una antigua parroquia para ver los Oscar. Después de media hora volví a la mesa de bocadillos, agarré otro trozo de pizza y me escapé. A la mañana siguiente, en mi escritorio, había una pequeña estatua de plástico de un Oscar con la nota: "¡mejor artista del escape!" Tendré que admitir que los Oscar son de hecho una celebración. Se extiende la alfombra roja. Las estrellas llegan en limosinas. Esperan ansiosamente y con entusiasmo, junto con millones de televidentes, los anuncios de quién se llevará a casa los codiciados premios Oscar. Todos los beneficiarios, ya sean directores o productores, actores o actrices, son recibidos con estruendosos aplausos cuando se anuncia al ganador. Así es la forma en que Hollywood rinde homenaje a lo mejor.

Como Católicos, nos reunimos hoy para celebrar las vidas de ganadores de otro tipo: todos los santos en el cielo. Estas personas santas son quienes reciben la *recompensa* del cielo, no el *premio* de Hollywood. Dos cosas sobre la celebración de hoy. Primero, el Libro del Apocalipsis establece que solo se admitirán 144,000 en el cielo. Si bien un fundamentalista puede creer esto, no se desesperen porque puede que no haya lugar para ustedes. Los estudiosos de las Escrituras están de acuerdo en que el número 144,000 representa un número ilimitado, un número más alto de lo que es insondable. Dios anhela dar la recompensa de sí mismo a cada uno y todos los que acepten el regalo. El segundo concepto erróneo que tenemos sobre los santos es que nunca podríamos ser uno. El "cada uno y todos" que están delante de Dios incluyen a personas cuyas vidas no fueron tan diferentes de nuestras vidas. Muchos de los santos en algún momento fueron impacientes o malhumorados, arrogantes o perezosos. Conocían tanto los pecados de la carne como los pecados del espíritu. Se dice que "los santos son pecadores que siguieron intentándolo". Siguieron intentando volviéndose hacia Jesús en busca de dirección. Jesús les dio a los santos, y nos da a todos nosotros, un camino de alfombra roja a seguir: las Bienaventuranzas. Una y otra vez las Bienaventuranzas nos dicen quién es bendecido y quién es mejor: los pobres, los afligidos, los mansos, los perseguidos, los insultados. ¿Jesús estaba bromeando? Suena más en vivo "los peores los que son maldecidos" luego "los mejores los que son bendecidos". Pero recuerda, no es una ceremonia de *premios* de Hollywood hacia la que Jesús nos está guiando, sino la ceremonia de *recompensa* eterna del cielo. Jesús nos recuerda esto al final del evangelio de hoy cuando dice: "Alégrense y regocíjense, porque su *recompensa* será grande en el cielo".

Hoy, nos unimos a los santos en su hermoso y sencillo discurso de aceptación: ¡Gracias y alabado sea Dios!

¡Recuerden votar este martes 3 de noviembre y tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don

NUESTRA ESPERANZA Y LA PROMESA DE DIOS

La Iglesia usa estos días que se acortan y los cielos oscuros como el tiempo para recordarnos las postrimerías de la vida. La fiesta de hoy, la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, es el centro de tres días que nos presentan las doctrinas que proclamamos cada vez que rezamos el Credo de los Apóstoles: "Creemos en la Iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de los muertos y la vida perdurable". Y mientras que los días y nuestro corazón parezcan oscuros, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de la luz de la fe. La visión de Juan en el libro del Apocalipsis revela ángeles resplandecientes y santos con túnicas blancas reunidos triunfantemente alrededor del trono de Dios. En el salmo responsorial cantamos sobre nuestro anhelo de ver el rostro de Dios, y en la segunda lectura, Juan escribe que somos hijos de Dios y que veremos a Dios "tal como es". Esa es nuestra esperanza. Esa es la promesa de Dios. Hoy celebramos el triunfo de aquellos que ya contemplan el rostro de Dios. Mañana clamamos para que Dios tenga misericordia de los que están en el purgatorio, quienes, al igual que los que estamos todavía en la tierra, anhelan contemplar el rostro de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Rom 5:5-11 o 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, o lecturas de entre las Misas para los difuntos
Martes: Fil 2:5-11; Sal 22 (21):26b-32; Lc 14:15-24
Miércoles: Fil 2:12-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Lc 14:25-33
Jueves: Fil 3:3-8a; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 15:1-10
Viernes: Fil 3:17 — 4:1; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 16:1-8
Sábado: Fil 4:10-19; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lc 16:9-15
Domingo: Sab 6:12-16; Sal 63 (62):2-8; 1 Tes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12A

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

In journalism school, a professor admonished future reporters: “Show, don’t tell.” In other words, don’t start a story with a generality such as: “It was a nice day.” Instead, be specific: “The sun shone through the clouds and the air had a hint of the first snow.” This Sunday, we hear Jesus not only tell us, but show us through the poetic language of the beatitudes what holiness looks like. As if that weren’t enough, we celebrate All Saints’ Day, honoring those holy men and women (known and unknown) in heaven whose lives exemplified the beatitudes. Jesus and the saints remind us that we cannot do it alone; we need God’s help to live “blessed” lives. With God’s grace, we, too, can aspire to holiness and sainthood.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In his apostolic letter on the call to holiness, Pope Francis reminds us that the beatitudes are not simply platitudes. “Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live,” he writes. “Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word.” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 66) He points out that we cannot do it alone, but only with the help of the Holy Spirit, who can free us from those stumbling blocks that may hold us back. Strengthened through prayer and the Eucharist, the road to holiness begins by putting one step in front of another – whether that means reordering our priorities, being more patient with our children, friends, or spouse — or aspiring to be what Pope Francis calls the saints next door: “Those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence.” (*GE* 7)

REFLECT Read the section on the beatitudes in Chapter 3 of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis’ 2018 apostolic letter on the call to holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us become the saints “next door” to those we encounter in our daily lives.

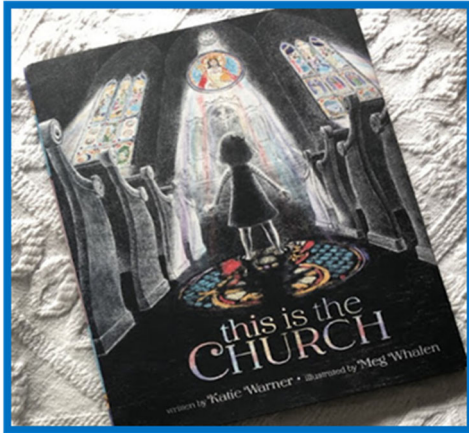


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New Catholic Book Suggestions for Families with Young Children



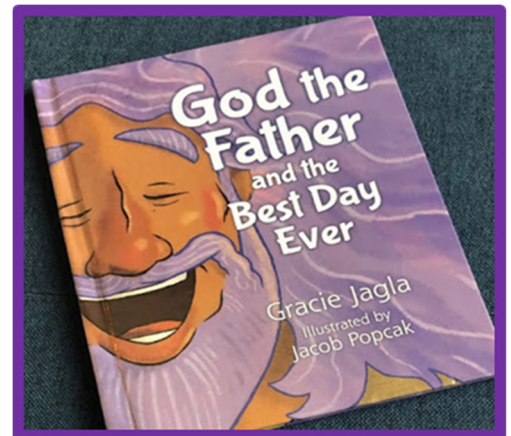
This is the Church, by Katie Warner

Katie Warner continues to be one of the best Catholic picture book authors out there, and this new book from her and illustrator Meg Whalen is definitely my favorite. Gorgeously and creatively illustrated, it tells the story of Salvation History for little Catholics in a cohesive and super age appropriate way! I completely love the message that the Church is OUR home and the visual storytelling shared through a mix of black and white backgrounds and vibrant stained glass windows. This picture book does a wonderful job of communicating that each child has a role in the Church and that every story leads to Jesus.

God the Father and the Best Day Ever,

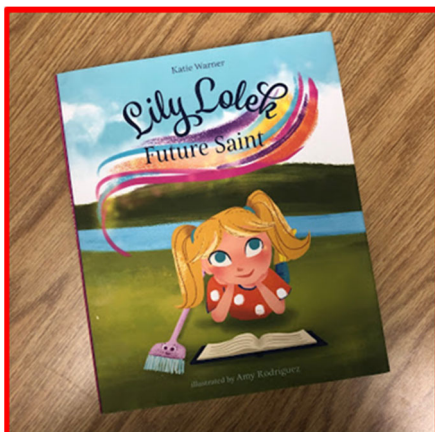
by Gracie Jagla

How often do you see a children's book (or any book for that matter!) focusing on just God the Father? This unique and well done book teaches about Our Father, Salvation History, the unity of the Trinity, and how the joy of the Resurrection impacts every aspect of our faith. It has such child-friendly creative illustrations and storytelling that bring the kerygma to the young learners. It's rare to find a book that really focuses on the love of God the Father, and I love all of the symbolism embedded on each page that points to the hope of heaven.



Lily Lolek Future Saint, by Katie Warner

Lily is just the cutest, spunkiest little girl, and she wants to be just like the Saints she reads about in books. The charming illustrations from Amy Rodriguez show Lily modeling the lives of the Saints in her words and actions, but after an encounter with her family and her priest, she realizes that she isn't just supposed to be like the Saints, she called to BE a saint! Too often this is a message missed in children's books, and I just love how the author and illustrator worked together to highlight the stellar holy men and women who have gone before us, but also make it very clear to each child who reads this that they are called to a life of holiness. The book also shares advice to Lily (and the reader) about practical ways a kid can grow in virtue and prayer as a future Saint. This would be a great read during the month of November as we celebrate All Saints Day and the universal call to holiness!





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

Focus on Gratitude in November

Happy November! The Lord is touching us through nature as we look upon the changing colors of the leaves, see pumpkins on porches and feel the crisp autumn air. We celebrate Thanksgiving this month which will look and feel different because of the pandemic.

It is important to pause and reflect on our blessings on Thanksgiving, but why not make it a spiritual practice for the month. Starting today, write on a calendar at least one thing that you are grateful for in your life. You can do this as an individual or as a family. Parents could help their children with their own calendar. Whatever time of the day works for you is the best time of the day to do it.

Gratitude improves physical health and psychological health, enhances empathy, reduces aggression, improves sleep, promotes self-esteem and increases mental strength. Take the time to thank God for the gifts and blessings in your life and reach out to help others. Make each day in November a time of thanks and giving!

All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance

The annual All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance is Monday November 2 at 7:30PM. Please register to attend the Mass in-person at www.olmercy.com. If you are not able to attend in-person, be with us by watching the livestream of the Mass at www.facebook.com/olmercy.

Save the Date for the Ladies Virtual Advent Tea

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the annual advent tea will be taking place this year! It will not be in-person, but through technology we can “be together”. The first Sunday of Advent is four weeks away. The 11th Ladies Advent Tea is on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

The theme this year is: **An Advent Season Rooted in Hope!** The speaker is Kate Wicker – wife, mom of five, popular speaker and author. How blessed we are to have Kate Wicker spend time with us to to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. Details for the tea will be in the next bulletin, on the website and through emails. No matter what the weather is, we can enjoy the tea in the comfort of our homes without worrying about driving in the snow or wearing a mask. Our journey during this Advent season will be rooted in hope and joy!

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have questions about the gratitude calendar, the All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance or the Advent Tea, would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or are in need of support or resources for grief, end-of-life issues, caregiving, funeral planning, emotional health concerns or mental health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@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 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



Women at the Well

*Sir, give me this
Water so that I
won't get thirsty.*



Join us
for an
evening of
fellowship with
women of the parish
centered on Scripture
and living our faith

Friday, Nov 6 & 20
6:30pm—8:30pm
Room 114

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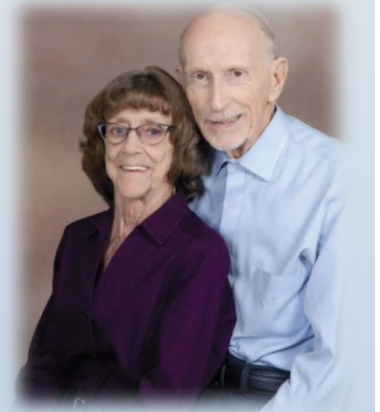
BROGAN FAMILY COAT DRIVE CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF MIKE & CAROLE BROGAN

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.





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
November 7 & 8
Father Don will preach at all Masses.**

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 10/18/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	440,680
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	435,200
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	5,480
10/18/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	23,475
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(3,725)

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

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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	\$	183,529
Amount Paid	\$	159,366
Remaining Balance	\$	24,163
Rebate Amount	\$	8,866
# of Families Pledged		694



Our preschoolers ROCK at All Saints! They are **SO happy to be back at school** with their teachers, Mrs. Kassl and Sister Maria, and their friends. Our 'youngest saints' in the 3's program are engaged, learning and growing, having fun, and simply being precious, inquisitive, and loving three year olds.

Our 3's have learned a lot of facts about bats. They know that baby bats are called 'pups'. They enjoyed pretending to be bats, flying around their classroom. They loved singing the song "**Bats are Sleeping**", and practiced sleeping upside down. They read a great many stories about bats including **Stellaluna** and **The Five Little Bats**. Most of all, they honed their skills on the letter of the week, which of course was **the letter 'B'**.

In math, the 3's had fun learning a new poem, "**Five Spooky Bats**". They practiced tracing the number 2, because bats have 2 wings, 2 legs, 2 eyes, and 2 ears!

In religion, students learned that taking care of the world is part of our job. **We all can show our thanks and appreciation to God in taking care of the creation** that He worked so hard to make for us. When we show others how to be kind, we can change the world for the better.

In art, the children created bats, which were hung in the 3 year old classroom **creating a bat cave**. Their 'bat art' was crafted in the **shape of the month**, which was **a square**.

Students enjoyed **celebrating Halloween together**, wearing costumes, enjoying a treat, and playing socially distanced games.

Our **Growing Saints Early Childhood Academy** preschool program offers robust academics in a well-balanced curriculum that includes math and language arts, foundational writing skills, and gym, art, music and Spanish enrichment specials, in a bright and happy nurturing environment. All Saints offers flexibility, choice, and full/half day programming to families, allowing parents to craft a schedule that meets their family's and child's needs.



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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 complete a parent workshop. 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 visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

HOSPITALITY: At this time Hospitality Sundays have been put on hold due to Covid-19. Please always wear a mask when in the church and Parish Life Center and remember to keep a social distance of at least six feet.

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