



# 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-Friday .....8:00am  
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)....6:30pm  
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm  
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am  
Saturday.....8:30am  
  
Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)..... 4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 5:30pm

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## PRAYER CHAPEL

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

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2

# THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



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

In the world of the Protestant Church, today is known as Stewardship Sunday. Usually every year in September we conduct a Stewardship renewal campaign at Our Lady of Mercy. This year we did not because we know that many of our members and families are struggling due to the Coronavirus pandemic. And yet, so many of you have continued your generous support of Our Lady of Mercy parish – mailing in your weekly contributions or making them online. I cannot thank you enough! Every week when our Business Manager Bob gives the Sunday collection report he says that we are truly blessed by our parishioners. Again, I thank those who have been able to continue financially supporting OLM. And if you are not able to contribute at this time, please know we are here to help. Please let us know how we can help.

I also thank those who are able to continue the stewardship of their time and talents in ministry and volunteering. We appreciate what you do. Our limited activities due to COVID and for those who do not feel safe or have underlying conditions, your absence that this time is well understood. We look forward and long for the day when everyone is able to return.

Thank all of you for being good stewards! But I guess it wouldn't hurt giving a little thought to our stewardship. Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, at times we apply this attitude to our faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Even in a pandemic! Remember, none of us is guaranteed a tomorrow. As Matthew reminds us in his gospel chapter 25, verse 13....."Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Have a blessed week!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM † Taylor Ceepo, by The Zehnal Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int Salamanca Family

### Tuesday, November 10 - St Leo the Great, Pope

8:00 AM † Ingrida Straseviciene, by Doligosa Family  
 6:30 PM Int The Pagay Family  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

### Wednesday, November 11 - St Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:00 PM † Jim Plichta, by Mary Houdek

### Thursday, November 12 - St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 AM † Hector Santamarina  
 8:00 AM Int Nancy Vickers  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Friday, November 13 - St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 AM † Edward J. Lynch, by Family

### Saturday, November 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Austin Chase, by Jose & Nancy Luna  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil** -  
 † Rosita Faustino, by Family  
 † James W. Ray & James W. Ray, Jr

### Sunday, November 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett  
 † Arthur Biegel, by Family  
 10:00 AM † Alfonso & Lucila Agustine, by Family  
 12:00 PM † Bernard Cassiere, by Jones-Simon Family  
 5:30 PM † Elizabeth Irefo, by Family

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Joan Sefrid           | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Francisca Pacana       |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Thomas Sterling       | 12. Helen Joseph           |
| 5. Ann Humanski          | 13. Thomas Sterling        |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Vocations              |
| 7. Clergy                | 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  
 Delfin Masangcay  
 William Gardaphe  
 Allene Doddali  
 Mary Dunbar  
 Colleen Berry

*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!

En el mundo de la Iglesia Protestante, hoy se conoce como el Domingo de la Administración. Por lo general, todos los años en septiembre llevamos a cabo una campaña de renovación de la corresponsabilidad en Our Lady of Mercy. Este año no lo hicimos porque sabemos que muchos de nuestros miembros y familias están en aprietos debido a la pandemia del Coronavirus. Y, sin embargo, muchos de ustedes han continuado con su generoso apoyo a la parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy, enviando por correo sus contribuciones semanales o haciéndolas en línea. ¡No puedo agradecerles lo suficiente! Cada semana, cuando nuestro Gerente de Finanzas Bob da el informe de la colecta dominical, dice que somos verdaderamente bendecidos por nuestros feligreses. Una vez más, agradezco a quienes han podido continuar apoyando financieramente a OLM. Y si no pueden contribuir en este tiempo, sepan que estamos aquí para ayudarlos. Por favor, hágannos saber cómo podemos ayudarles.

También les agradezco a aquellos que pueden continuar dando su tiempo y talentos en el ministerio y el voluntariado. Les agradecemos lo que hacen. Nuestras actividades limitadas debido al COVID y para aquellos que no se sienten seguros o tienen condiciones subyacentes, su ausencia en esta vez es bien entendida. Esperamos y anhelamos el día en que todos puedan regresar.

¡Gracias a todos Uds. por tener buena corresponsabilidad! Pero supongo que no estaría de más pensar un poco en nuestra corresponsabilidad. Muchos de nosotros hemos pospuesto hacer algo porque pensamos que estamos demasiado ocupados. Todos hemos dicho: "Lo haré después cuando tenga tiempo". Desafortunadamente, a veces aplicamos esta actitud a nuestra fe. La llamada de Jesús es urgente, aquí y ahora, en nuestras circunstancias actuales. ¿Cómo te está llamando Dios a usar tus dones hoy? ¡Incluso en una pandemia! Recuerden, ninguno de nosotros tiene garantizado un mañana. Como nos recuerda Mateo en su evangelio capítulo 25, versículo 13... "Por lo tanto, permanezcan despiertos, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora".

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*

## ESPERAR LO INESPERADO

Si alguna vez se te pasó por la mente que a Jesús le faltaba un poco del sentido del humor, el Evangelio de hoy destierra esa noción. La parábola de Jesús sobre las cinco jóvenes precavidas y las cinco jóvenes descuidadas es sumamente chistosa. Las circunstancias de la parábola sin duda resultaban familiares a los que escuchaban a Jesús, como lo son para nosotros. Las bodas nunca, nunca comienzan a la hora. Siempre hay un retraso. Botones que se caen al último minuto. Flores que se marchitan. Vehículos llenos de invitados atascados en el tráfico. Solistas que contraen laringitis. ¡Novias, novios o sacerdotes que llegan tarde! Así que la única manera razonable de encarar una boda es con buen sentido del humor, conscientes de que algo va a salir mal, y, cuando eso suceda, sonreír.

Jesús cuenta esta historia chistosa para alentarnos a que seamos vigilantes, sí; a estar preparados, sí. Pero no nos la cuenta para que nos amarguemos y nos ensombrecamos. Los apesadumbrados tiemblan, titubean, pierden de vista su lugar y propósito, y se quedan dormidos. Los festivos saben que sucederá lo inesperado —más que seguro— así que están despiertos en su puesto y listos para cumplir su propósito en el acto. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Martes: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lc 17:7-10  
Miércoles: Ti 3:1-7; Sal 23 (22):1b-6; Lc 17:11-19  
Jueves: Flm 7-20; Sal 146 (145):7-10; Lc 17:20-25  
Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lc 17:26-37  
Sábado: 3 Jn 5-8; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Lc 18:1-8  
Domingo: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Sal 128 (127):1-5; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



November 8, 2020

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Mt 25:1-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Google is a mixed blessing for me. One time, it helped me figure out I had a medical emergency and needed to get to the ER pronto! But a glance at my search history reveals that 99 out of 100 times that I'm searching for wisdom of some sort, I'm searching for things like "meatless Monday recipes," "best long-run shoes," or "living room paint colors" (plus 12 variations on each theme). This recognition came to mind when I listened to the words of our first reading. "She [Wisdom] is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Hearing this reminds me to spend less time Googling and more time searching for what really matters - God's love, goodness, and wisdom. The Gospel story of the virgins keeping vigil for the bridegroom expands on this, for it is the wise who are most prepared to sustain their watch.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many people, I have a bookshelf full of self-help books - guides to parenting, figuring out the color of my parachute, various diets, the magic of "tidying up." Today's readings have me wondering whether these well-meaning efforts to become "the best version of myself," or plumb the meaning of life, miss the point. After all, as today's readings remind us, the source of all wisdom is right before us, in the person of Jesus. We don't have to have all the answers, we just need to know where to look, and to have the patience and wherewithal to be prepared to receive it. By studying the Scripture and opening our eyes to the presence of God in others and even in the challenges we face, we can grow closer to Jesus and be ready to meet the bridegroom when he comes.

**REFLECT** Read and pray today's responsorial psalm.  
(Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

## What is God Like for You?

In prayer, what would you tell God in response to this question? At 5:15 a.m. as I walk my dog, Sunny, my heart turns to God with, "You are warm rays of sunshine on a cold, windy morning."

Answering this question does lovely things for our souls. It evokes our imaginations and puts us in touch with our personal longing for God- a God who always faithfully desires to disclose His personal love to us first. Saint Pope John Paul II expressed this spiritual truth when he called out to the world, "Open your minds and hearts to the beauty of all that God has made and to His special, personal love for each one of you."

Recently, parents and their children began their first family faith gathering, pondering what God is like for each of them. Through open-ended questions, they had the opportunity to discover playfully that while God loves us equally, He does so uniquely, in a particular way suited to each and every person!!! If you are curious about the kinds of responses our children shared with their parents as they named their understanding and experiences of God's love, read on.

"If God were a toy, He would be a stuffed animal because God is comforting."



"If God was a musician, God would play the drums because drums are big and powerful and so loud anyone can hear them."

"God is seen in all the beautiful things in the world, especially rainbows, flowers and sunshine!!" I love that this child included herself in the drawing as a reflection of God's beauty as well!



The closing family activity to this faith gathering, invited parents and their child (ren) to trace one of their hands on the same drawing paper, showing the family's unity and how God who is One, loves each family member in a unique and personal way. To help their child see this beautiful truth, one parent decided to use paints (see below). Afterwards, the child commented, "Look, it's our family saying hi to God." Praise God!



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5371.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Take Charge of Your Health

November is *American Diabetes Month*. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about the types of diabetes and making lifestyle choices that promote the healthy management of diabetes. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas produces little or no insulin. The hormone insulin is needed to allow sugar or glucose to enter cells to produce energy. The focus is managing blood sugar levels with insulin, diet and lifestyle. It is important to maintain normal blood sugar levels to avoid complications of the heart, blood vessels, nerves, eyes and kidneys.

Prediabetes occurs when the blood sugar level is higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. It is important to make lifestyle changes such as eating healthy foods, be physically active every day and maintain a healthy weight.

Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body resists the effects of insulin or does not produce enough insulin to maintain normal glucose levels. Lifestyle changes as for prediabetes need to be made, but in some cases, diabetes medications or insulin therapy are needed.

It is important to consult with your healthcare provider about checking blood sugar levels. The following values of fasting plasma glucose or fasting blood sugar through bloodwork are used: normal is less than 100mg/dl; prediabetes is 100mg/dl to 125 mg/dl; diabetes is 126 mg/dl or higher.

Key factors in managing diabetes are also ways that promote overall health. Exercise moderately (brisk walking) for thirty minutes a day, five days a week. Eat healthy which means to eat lots of non-starchy vegetables, minimize added sugars and refined grains, and choose whole, minimally processed foods. For more information about nutrition, talk with a registered dietitian nutritionist and go to [diabetes.org/nutrition](http://diabetes.org/nutrition).

### An Advent Season Rooted in Hope!

All women of the parish are invited to attend the annual Ladies Advent Tea which will be virtual this year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Details on how to register will be on the OLM website and in the next bulletin. The presenter is Kate Wicker, mom of five, popular Catholic speaker and author. The tea will be a special way to begin the Advent season and prepare our hearts and souls for Jesus!

### Pastoral Care Needs

For any questions about the Advent tea or if you are in need of support/resources for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health needs, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).



# Advent Tea

Held Virtually!

First Sunday of Advent  
 Sunday, November 29th  
 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Online sign-up coming soon!!

## 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.

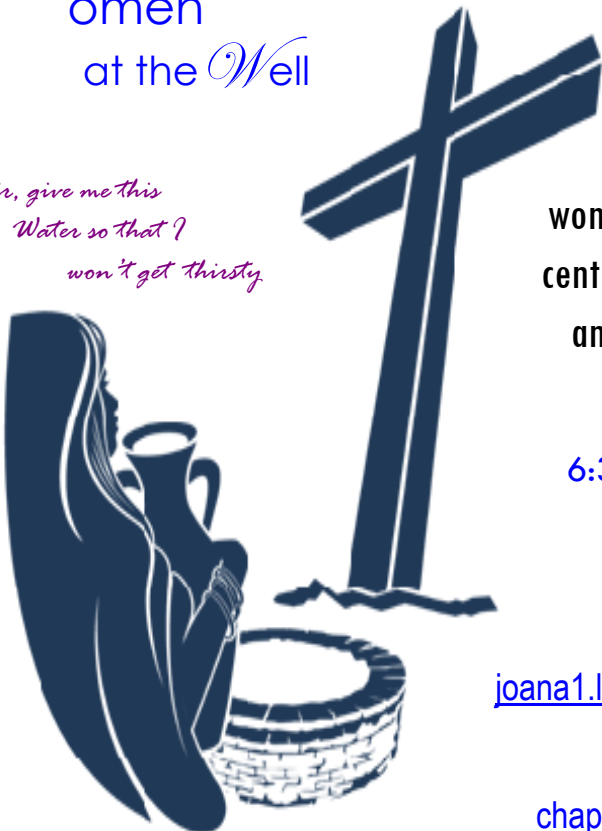
On Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm a trailer will be in the OLM parking lot accepting the donations.

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



## 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 20  
 6:30pm—8:30pm  
 Room 114

Questions?  
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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](http://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 14 & 15**

**Father James will preach 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

*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 10/25/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	462,669
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	462,400
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>269</b>
10/25/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	21,989
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(5,211)</b>

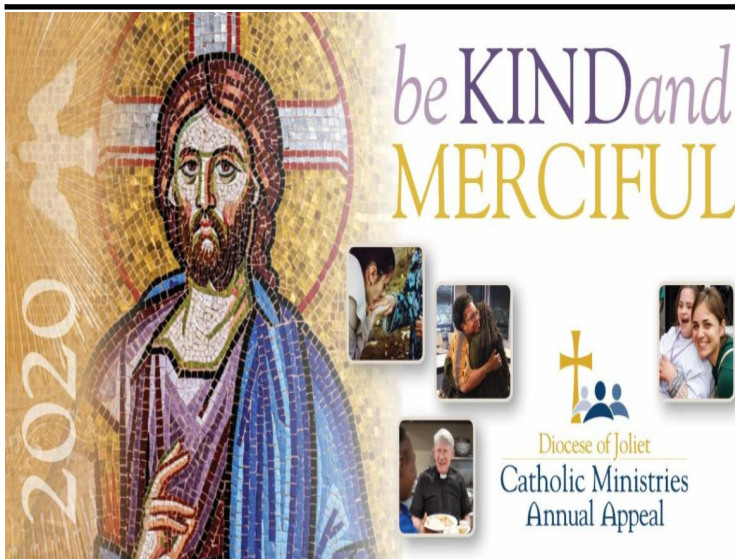
*Thank you for your generosity!!*

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



# Christmas Flower Offerings

This Christmas we will decorate the church with poinsettias around the altar. If you wish to make a gift towards the flowers please go to our website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click on "Give" and log into Online Giving and choose "Flowers:". If you wish to memorialize your loved ones you can add their names in the Comments section. The recommended donation is \$10.00. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our church beautiful during the holiday season.



A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

## OPEN HOUSE

For 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families

November 30 (6:30 pm)  
December 3 (6:30 pm)

## TUESDAY TOPICS

Learn about Rosary via Virtual Meetings

## PRACTICE ENTRANCE EXAM

For Girls & Boys | November 14

## ENTRANCE EXAM

Scholarship-Qualifying Exam: December 5 at 9 am

[www.rosaryhs.com/admissions](http://www.rosaryhs.com/admissions)

Danielle Miele, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment

901 N. Edgelawn Drive | Aurora, IL | 60506 | 630-896-0831 | [www.rosaryhs.com](http://www.rosaryhs.com)

# BE A BRONCO

at Montini Catholic

Join us at Open House on  
**Sunday, November 15 • 1-6PM**  
Or schedule a personal tour

Contact us directly for a time  
that is convenient for you!

Call Jenny Long Kavanagh '97 @ 630-627-6930 X182  
or email: [jkavanagh@montini.org](mailto:jkavanagh@montini.org)

### Placement Test:

Saturday, December 5, 2020 @ 8AM

Montini Catholic High School  
19W070 16th Street  
Lombard, IL 60146

### Registration required:

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