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



First SUNDAY of Advent

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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

Today we hit the reset button! Liturgically speaking. Today, the First Sunday of Advent begins a new year of scripture readings for Sunday and weekday Masses. We are now in year B of the Sunday readings and cycle I for weekday readings. But Advent is more than just a change in scripture readings. Advent is a call to hit the reset button in our lives! And I can't think of a better time than NOW to reset the direction of our lives. We are living in the midst of a pandemic. We are weary, and sometimes suspicious, of government mandates in response to the pandemic. We are weary of politics that has polarized us as a people, a nation, and a church. We are weary of zoom meetings and online learning. We are weary of minimal interaction with our family, friends, and neighbors. As I said in my homily a couple of weeks ago, I think we are all experiencing a low-grade depression. But you know what, things weren't all that different 2,000 years ago when Israel was weary of wars and being ruled by the Romans. They longed for a Savior. We celebrate the birth of that long awaited for Savior at Christmas. Advent is a reminder that we long for the RETURN of that Savior. Advent is a time to refocus on the promise of Jesus that he would return in glory. We Christians have waited for two millennia. The season of Advent is a season that invites us to deeper conversion. As disciples of Christ, we learn anew what it means to wait as Christians. Our weariness should be comforted in the fact that our Savior HAS come.....and will come again! Let's all hit the reset button, be a little more joyful, a little more patient with each other, a little kinder. Though the uncertainties of our time can frazzle our nerves, we know one thing for sure...Jesus redeemed us and will return in glory. Now that should bring a smile to your face!

Speaking of hitting the reset button, I share with you today that Deacon Michael Plese and his wife Laurie will be leaving the parish and moving out of state. Deacon Mike has worked as a delivery driver for FedEx for 33 years. He has accepted a new position to work out of their facility in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Deacon Mike and his family have been members of OLM for 29 years. Their adult daughters, Emily is married and lives in London, England, and Michelle will be married at the cathedral in Nashville in August 2021. Deacon Mike was ordained in 2016 and has served OLM as a catechist in the RE program, celebrated baptisms and weddings. He has participated in Communion Services and Benediction. He has taken the brunt of my teasing. I'm not sure how Red Robin on Ogden Avenue is going to stay in business after he moves! Deacon Mike starts his new job the first week of January 2021, and he and Laurie will be moving to the Nashville area with 2 dogs and 3 cats! I personally thank Deacon Mike and Laurie for his ministry at OLM. He has been one of the biggest recruiters for new permanent deacons from our parish. He will deacon the 10:00am Mass on December 20 and give a farewell message at all the Masses that weekend. We will miss you Deacon Mike!

Have a Blessed Advent!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30 - St Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM † David Dougherty
 † Barbara DeZellar
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Javier Galvez, by Friends

Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Lorraine Soris, by Laurie Meish & Family
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by John & Cheryl DeWitt
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Joseph Saraceni, by Luchie Saraceni

Thursday, December 3 - St Francis Xavier, Priest

6:30 AM Int Tom & Margaret Mary Powers by STVP
 8:00 AM Int Jeffrey Skrobitt
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, December 4 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Deacon Bob Vavra, by Geri Schremp

Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:30 AM Int Ann Humanski, by Melanie Ruta
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Second Sunday in Advent**
 † George Smar, by Family
 † Frank Ramsey

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Lucy Gasirowski, by Mark & Amy Miller
 10:00 AM † Marion & Wayne Leckey, by Children
 † Alfonso & Lucila Agustin, by Family
 12:00 PM † Laura Eddy, by Family
 5:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Diane Pazos | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Maureen Clark |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Elena Medina | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. Joe Gorski Jr. | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Essential Workers |
| 7. Special Intention-J.L. | 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
 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
 Helen Joseph
 Antoinette Humanski
 Alice Toschak

William Gardaphe
 Allene Doddali
 Mary Dunbar

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!

¡Hoy presionamos el botón de reinicio! Litúrgicamente hablando. Hoy, el Primer Domingo de Adviento comienza un nuevo año de lecturas de las Escrituras para las Misas dominicales y de la semana. Ahora estamos en el año B de las lecturas dominicales y el ciclo I para las lecturas de los días de semana. Pero el Adviento es más que un simple cambio en la lectura de las Escrituras. ¡Adviento es un llamado a presionar el botón de reajuste en nuestras vidas! Y no puedo pensar en un mejor momento que AHORA para restablecer el rumbo de nuestras vidas. Vivimos en medio de una pandemia. Estamos cansados, y a veces sospechamos, de los mandatos gubernamentales en respuesta a la pandemia. Estamos cansados de la política que nos ha polarizado como un pueblo, una nación y una iglesia. Estamos cansados de las reuniones en zoom y el aprendizaje en línea. Estamos cansados de la mínima interacción con nuestra familia, amigos y vecinos. Como dije en mi homilía hace un par de semanas, creo que todos estamos experimentando una depresión leve. Pero saben qué, las cosas no eran tan diferentes hace 2,000 años cuando Israel estaba cansado de las guerras y era gobernado por los Romanos. Anhelaban un Salvador. Celebramos el nacimiento de ese tan esperado Salvador en Navidad. El Adviento es un recordatorio de que anhelamos el REGRESO de ese Salvador. El Adviento es un momento para volver a centrarse en la promesa de Jesús de que regresaría en gloria. Los Cristianos hemos esperado dos milenios. El tiempo de Adviento es un tiempo que nos invita a una conversión más profunda. Como discípulos de Cristo, aprendemos de nuevo lo que significa esperar como Cristianos. Nuestro cansancio debe ser consolado por el hecho de que nuestro Salvador HA venido... ¡y vendrá otra vez! Presionemos el botón de sentirse molesto, seamos un poco más alegres, un poco más pacientes entre nosotros, un poco más amables. Aunque las incertidumbres de nuestro tiempo pueden agotar nuestros nervios, sabemos una cosa con certeza... Jesús nos redimió y volverá en gloria. ¡Eso debería hacerte sonreír ahora!

Hablando de presionar el botón de reinicio, hoy les comparto que el Diácono Michael Plese y su esposa Laurie dejarán la parroquia y se mudarán fuera del estado. El Diácono Mike ha trabajado como conductor de entrega para FedEx durante 33 años. El ha aceptado un nuevo puesto para trabajar desde sus instalaciones en Murphysboro, Tennessee. El Diácono Mike y su familia han sido miembros de OLM durante 29 años. Sus hijas adultas, Emily está casada y vive en Londres, Inglaterra, y Michelle se casará en la catedral de Nashville en agosto del 2021. El Diácono Mike fue ordenado en el 2016 y ha servido en OLM como catequista en el programa de Educación Religiosa, celebró bautismos y bodas. Tiene conducción de Servicios de Comunión y Bendición. Él se ha llevado la peor parte de mis burlas. ¡No estoy seguro de cómo Red Robin en Ogden Avenue se mantendrá en el negocio después de que él se mude! El Diácono Mike comienza su nuevo trabajo la primera semana de enero del 2021, ¡y él y Laurie se mudarán al área de Nashville con 2 perros y 3 gatos! Personalmente, agradezco al Diácono Mike y Laurie por su ministerio en OLM. El ha sido uno de los mayores reclutadores de nuevos diáconos permanentes de nuestra parroquia. El servirá como diácono en la Misa de las 10:00am del 20 de diciembre y dará un mensaje de despedida en todas las Misas de ese fin de semana. ¡Te extrañaremos Diácono Mike!

¡Que tengan un Bendecido Adviento!

Padre Don

CAMBIA NUESTRAS VIDAS

Las cartas de Pablo a los tesalonicenses están entre sus primeros escritos movidos por su creencia, y la creencia de la comunidad de la Iglesia joven, de que el retorno de Cristo era inminente, y que dedicar tiempo y atención a otras cosas era tontería.

Con el paso del tiempo este fervor disminuyó un poco. Hoy, cuando escuchamos sobre la llegada del fin de los tiempos, podemos preguntarnos si la tenemos que tomar en serio, si es que realmente creemos que Cristo todavía puede venir por nosotros como “un ladrón en la noche” (1 Tesalonicenses 5:2). ¿Significa esto que debemos ponerle un paro a establecer metas a largo plazo, despojarnos de nuestros calendarios y agendas anuales, dejar de ahorrar para una educación universitaria? Por supuesto que no. Lo que significa es que necesitamos cambiar nuestra vida, vivir como hijos de la luz e ir iluminando el mundo que nos rodea con la luz del Evangelio. Entonces, en aquél día, cuando los detalles de nuestra vida diaria se tornen poco importantes, estaremos listos para encontrar nuestra paz y seguridad en Cristo Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 18:35-43
 Martes: Ap 3:1-6, 14-22; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 19:1-10
 Miércoles: Ap 4:1-11; Sal 150:1b-6; Lc 19:11-28, O (para la memoria de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33
 Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 19:41-44
 Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lc 19:45-48
 Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 20:27-40
 Domingo: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

“LORD,
MAKE US
TURN TO
YOU”

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

Sometimes I grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of my childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do – shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today’s readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return, to “rend the heavens and come down” – to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: “Lord, make us turn to you.” We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I’m a cradle Catholic, but for me, Advent was always about waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ. I love pulling out the Nativity scene and lighting the candles each week leading to the celebration of Christ’s birth. Only in recent years have I grown in awareness of the dual meaning of Advent – that we Christians also are waiting for Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. I admit, it’s always seemed to me something far into the future and perhaps not applicable to my lifetime here on earth. However, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, “You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.” And while this is true, it not something to fear, but something to prepare for and look forward to! We wait in joyful hope, asking for the grace to remain faithful to our baptism and to live in a way that makes Christ’s presence known to others.

STUDY Remember the pre-pandemic holidays? Chances are, you’ve got some extra time on your hands this season. Why not use it to take a deeper dive into Advent this year, by participating in an online Bible study or reading and praying with the Scriptures each day of Advent.

Children's Christmas Gift Drive & OUTDOOR Drop-off Dates

Intentional acts of kind service have always been a special part of preparing as a Church for the coming of Christ. Families from R.E., EDGE, and L.I.G.H.T. are invited to brighten a young person's Christmas currently affiliated with Mutual Ground and Breaking Free, organizations caring for women and children of domestic violence.

Christmas Wish List Items for Newborns – Age 18 may include:

- A New Toy
- A New Game
- A New Tween or Teen Gift
- A New Pair of Winter Boots
- A New Article of Clothing

Families are welcome to bring their **unwrapped** donated gifts using our outdoor "drive-through and drop-off" OLM Parking Lot and Pop-up Tent center on:

Sunday, December 6 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Monday, December 7 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 8 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Thank you for considering this gift-giving invitation to model preferential option to the poor and vulnerable to our young, emerging disciples.

As a family please pray for the newborn, toddler, elementary-age student, tween or teen receiving your gift.

God of Love, may this gift be a sign of your goodness, hope, and peace to your loved one receiving it. We ask this in the name of the Christ-child and our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mercy. Amen.



ADDITIONAL ADVENT PREPARATION NEWS FOR RE FAMILIES!!!

We will use the same dates, times, and outdoor site outlined above for you to pick up your January – April faith story folders along with a printed Advent Calendar of Activities for the whole Family!



EDGE Virtual Sessions

with Catechist will be held on Monday, December 7th. Your catechist will be in contact with you concerning the virtual meeting link. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you have questions.

Parents are needed to assist with check-in at EDGE nights when we resume in January. Please consider helping with this vital ministry for our young people!

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>



Online Sign-Up for Faith Conversations and LIGHT Mini-Courses

is now open! Check it out on the LIGHT webpage.

Parent Volunteers needed to help with LIGHT mini-courses and check-in teens on Sunday mornings and evenings. If you can help, please sign-up on the mini-course sign-up page.

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our LIGHT webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

PASTORAL CARE

Taking Care of the Caregivers

Through our lives we have many roles and responsibilities. People are usually caregivers to more than one person in their life. It may change from taking care of children, to grandchildren, and at times to aging parents or grandparents. There are more than 90 million Americans caring for loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, disease or who are aging. November is designated as *National Family Caregiver's Month*. The Caregiver Action Network is a leading family caregiver organization improving the quality of life for caregivers

Tips from the Caregiver Action Network are as follows. Seek support for yourself or who you are caring for. Take care of yourself as you care for others so that you stay healthy. Accept help from others when they offer and be specific with your needs. Learn how to communicate effectively with healthcare providers. Take respite breaks often as caregiving is hard work. Watch for signs of depression in yourself or the person you are caring for and reach out for professional help. Be open to new technologies to help in caring for your loved one. Organize medical information. Have legal documents in order. Give yourself credit for doing the best that you can.

The Caregiver Action Network website has a variety of resources, sources of support, a Help Desk, and Care Community. Check out their website at caregiveraction.org or call the Caregiver Help Desk at 855-227-3640. Please reach out if you need support and assistance as you care for your loved ones.

First Sunday of Advent

Consider having an Advent wreath on the kitchen table or in the family room and use it daily during Advent to prepare the hearts and minds of those living in the house for Christmas. For the First Sunday of Advent, the purple candle is lit that represents hope. It is called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ. Our world today is filled with many challenges and negative messages. Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a positive outcome to happen.

Two scripture passages that encourage us to be hopeful are: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) and "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) Wishing you a Blessed First Sunday and Week of Advent – focus on Hope!

Pastoral Care

If you are a caregiver and are in need of support or resources, if you are grieving during this time and would like a listening ear or support to help you through the holiday season, if you are feeling isolated and alone during the pandemic, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. Your faith community is here to journey with you and support you.



Advent Tea

Held Virtually!

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

**Register at
www.olmercy.com
Click the box
"Ladies Virtual Advent Tea"**

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 and click on "Give" and log in to Online Giving and choose "Flowers:".



VISIT CATHOLICCHARITIESJOLIET.ORG FOR MORE INFO



**MOBILE
FOOD PANTRY**

Wed. December 2nd

5pm to 6:30pm

Meat, produce, nonperishable items will be given out

Drive thru distribution of food

Please clear space in your trunk or backseat

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.



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
December 5 & 6**

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/15/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	544,898
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	544,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	898

11/15/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	22,573
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	(4,627)

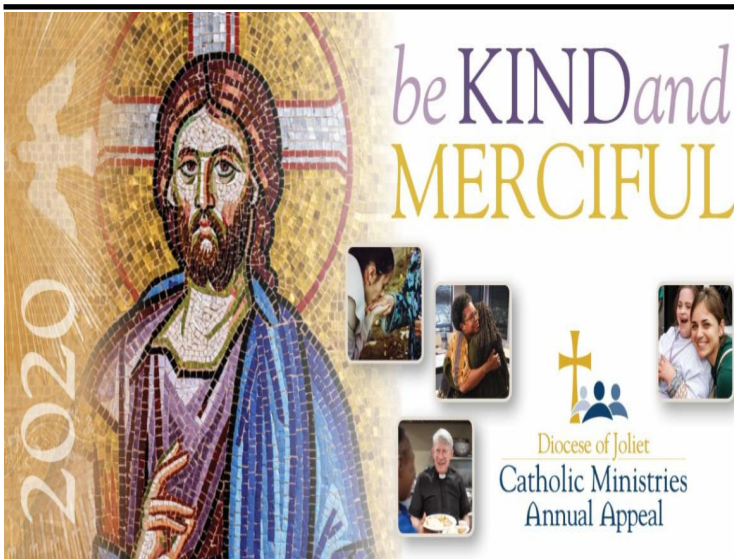
Thank you for your generosity!!

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
September, 2020	\$ 777,203
October, 2020	\$ 765,997



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	\$	184,082
Amount Paid	\$	166,152
Remaining Balance	\$	17,930
Rebate Amount	\$	13,617
# of Families Pledged		697

Our Lady of Mercy's Angel Giving Program 2020

Our Angel Tree Giving Program Is Going Virtual!

Due to the pandemic, and in order to minimize contact, this year we have decided that there will not be tree tags available in the Narthex, but rather, all donations for our Angel Giving Program can be made online or by mail!



Who Will Benefit From Your Donation?

Our Angel Giving Program will benefit Mutual Ground and Breaking Free clients and their families, Our Lady of Mercy parishioners who receive support from St. Vincent de Paul, and the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.

Ways To Donate!

Donations for the Angel Giving Program can be donated in one of the following ways:

1. We encourage you to donate via our Online Giving portal under the "Angel Giving Program" fund. If you already have an Online Giving account set-up, then you can log into your account to make your donation.
2. You may also write a check made out to Our Lady of Mercy Church with "Angel Giving" in the memo line and mail it to 701 S Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504 OR after masses you may place your check in a bin in the Narthex that is labeled "Angel Giving Program."

It is important to remember to write "Angel Giving" in the memo of your check so that it goes to the correct fund and can be documented correctly for tax statement purposes.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to give to those in need who will benefit from your donations!

All donations can be made thru December 31, 2020.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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