



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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Mon/Tue/Thur/Friday8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass).....6:30pm
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm
Wednesday.....12:00pm
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

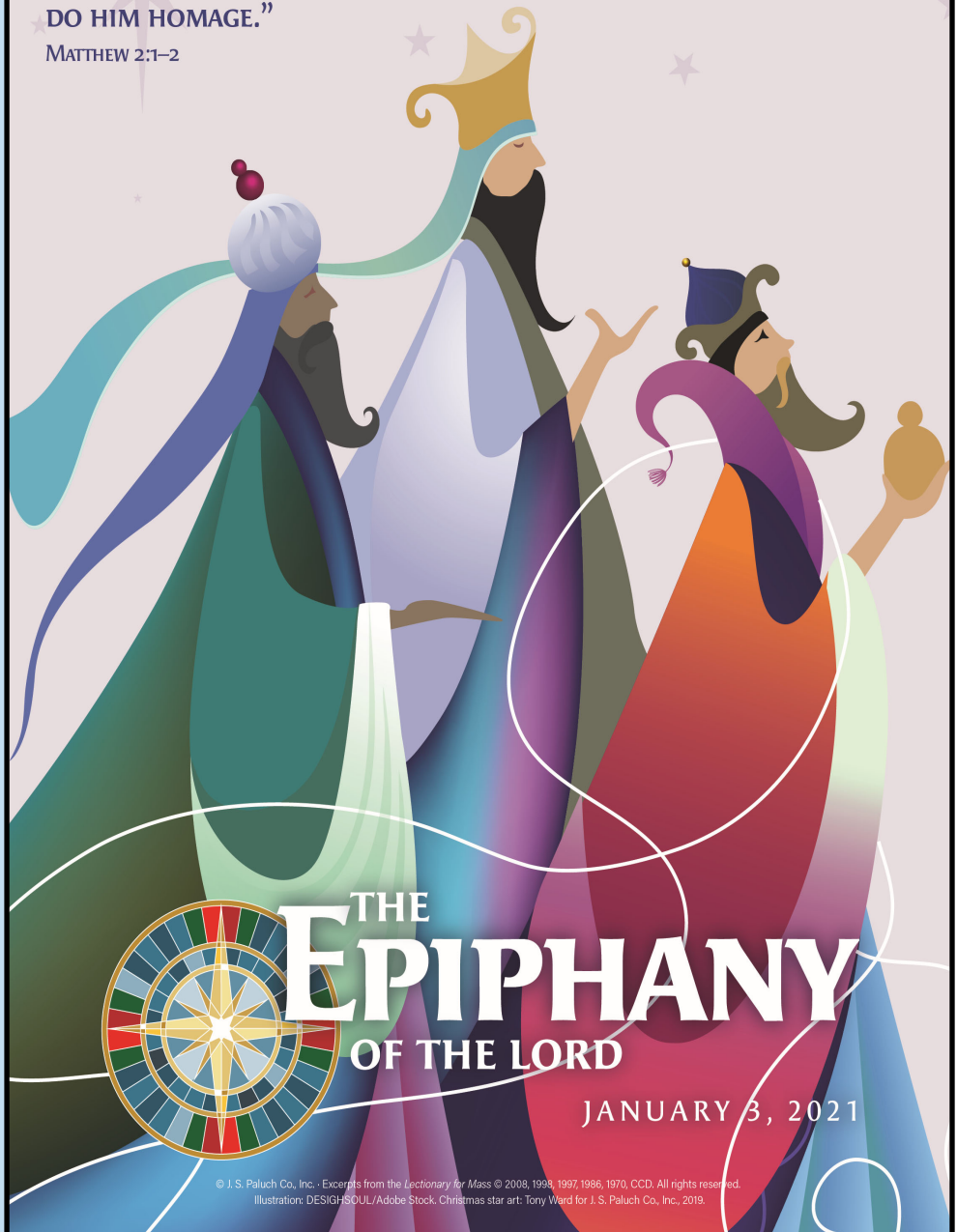
Open weekdays.....7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday
6:00pm

SEMINARIANS

Andrew Bogusz
Tom Logue

MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO
DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



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

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! The tradition in some cultures is to exchange gifts with family and friends today. There perhaps is not a story from Sacred Scripture that does not evoke the Christian imagination more lively than this one. No Christmas crèche is complete without the figures of the three kings bringing three gifts to present to the baby Jesus. As important as these gifts may seem, what is more important is the gift that God gives to us through the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means "manifestation." Today let us consider the gift of the Epiphany. The Jewish people had longed for a savior, one who would set them free from political oppression and reestablish the kingdom of Israel. But in the Epiphany, God reveals that through his son Jesus, God and his gift of salvation is not only for the chosen people of the original covenant with God, but that the God of Israel is God for ALL people and ALL nations. The gift of salvation is not limited – it is for everyone! With this revelation, perhaps it is a good idea to practice seeing beyond our stables to focus on the faces of those we would exclude from the gift of salvation. To love and accept those we think do not deserve God's love, let alone ours. To rid ourselves of our racist attitudes lest we cooperate in Herod's schemes just so that we might keep our comfortable-but confining stable walls around us. Let this gift change our hearts so that ALL people may see the salvation of our God!

In some cultures today is celebrated as "Little Christmas" with one last big family meal, one last present to the children, one last day to sing the carols and light the tree. So on this day of gifts, I join Fr. James in thanking all of you for your prayers, cards and joyful Christmas greetings. We also thank all who gifted us, and the staff with homemade or store bought goodies. We also are deeply grateful to all who gifted each of us personally. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is much appreciated!

In this one last week of celebrating the Christmas season – the Christmas season ends next Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord – may we all pray for God's blessings on the new year 2021 and to bring the COVID pandemic to an end so that we can all be TOGETHER again when celebrating Christmas 2021!

Enjoy this final week of the Christmas Season!

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, January 4 - St Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00 AM † Gary Benton, by Adian & Lois Stephens
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 5 - St John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 AM † Lucia Emradura by Oscar & Lourdes Indad
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernard
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 6 - St Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Paul Fullmer, by Susan Wagner

Thursday, January 7 - St Raymond of Penafort

6:30 AM † Nancy Zeno, by Judy Zeno
 8:00 AM † Harold Swanson, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM † Mariam Flagg, by Shirley Staples

Saturday, January 9 - Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Baptism of the Lord**
 † James W Ray &
 † James W Ray, Jr, by Helean M Ray
 † Joyce Markus, by Family

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:00 AM Int. In Thanksgiving
 12:00 PM † Ben Leemin, by Clare Foy-Embery
 5:30 PM † Richard Korzyniewski, by Family

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Anthony Vincent-Happy Healthy 2021 | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. NHL-Happy Healthy 2021 | 10. The Deceased |
| 3. ZTEL-Happy Healthy 2021 | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. JJP-Happy Healthy 2021 | 12. Rose Christine Sincora |
| 5. MRM-Happy Healthy 2021 | 13. The Sick |
| 6. LR-MF-Happy Healthy 2021 | 14. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra |
| 7. TAMS-Happy Healthy 2021 | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. LML-Happy Healthy 2021 | 16. Special Intention-JS |

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
 Kyle Wilk, 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 celebramos la Epifanía del Señor! La tradición en algunas culturas es intercambiar regalos con familiares y amigos hoy día. Quizás no haya una historia de la Sagrada Escritura que no evoque la imaginación Cristiana más vivamente que ésta. Ningún pesebre de Navidad está completo sin las figuras de los tres reyes magos que traen tres regalos para obsequiar al niño Jesús. Por importantes que parezcan estos regalos, lo más importante es el regalo que Dios nos da a través de la Epifanía. La palabra Epifanía significa "manifestación". Consideremos hoy el regalo de la Epifanía. El pueblo judío había anhelado un salvador, uno que los liberara de la opresión política y restableciera el reino de Israel. Pero en la Epifanía, Dios revela que a través de su hijo Jesús, Dios y su regalo de salvación no es solo para el pueblo elegido del pacto original con Dios, sino que el Dios de Israel es Dios para TODAS las personas y TODAS las naciones. El regalo de la salvación no es limitado, ¡es para todos! Con esta revelación, quizás sea una buena idea practicar el ver más allá de nuestros establos para enfocarnos en los rostros de aquellos que excluiríamos del regalo de la salvación. Amar y aceptar a quienes creemos que no merecen el amor de Dios, y mucho menos el nuestro. Para deshacernos de nuestras actitudes racistas, no sea que cooperemos en los planes de Herodes solo para mantener nuestras paredes estables, cómodas pero confinadas, a nuestro alrededor. ¡Dejemos que este regalo cambie nuestros corazones para que TODAS las personas puedan ver la salvación de nuestro Dios!

En algunas culturas hoy día se celebra como la "Pequeña Navidad" con una última gran comida familiar, un último regalo para los niños, un último día para cantar villancicos y encender las luces del árbol. Así que en este día de regalos, me uno al Padre James agradeciendo a todos ustedes por sus oraciones, tarjetas y alegres saludos Navideños. También agradecemos a todos los que nos obsequiaron y al personal con golosinas caseras o compradas en la tienda. También estamos profundamente agradecidos a todos los que nos regalaron a cada uno de nosotros personalmente. ¡Su consideración y generosidad son muy apreciadas!

En esta última semana de celebración de la temporada Navideña, la temporada de Navidad termina el próximo domingo con el Bautismo del Señor, que todos oremos por las bendiciones de Dios en el nuevo año 2021 y para poner fin a la pandemia del COVID tal que todos podamos estar nuevamente JUNTOS cuando celebremos la Navidad del 2021!

¡Disfruta esta última semana de la temporada Navideña!

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 las 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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

IN A NUTSHELL

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the “nutshell version” first. After that she’ll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the LORD shines, / and over you appears his glory.” Don’t give up, friends. You must shine!

SEARCHING

In Matthew’s Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today’s time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke’s account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . .”

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God’s call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the “Herods” and inherent evils in our life.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12

Epiphany Door Blessing Tradition 20+C+M+B+21

This is an ancient blessing in the Catholic tradition that transcends cultures and continents. Legend says that the “chalked” letters correspond to the initials of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar [German spelling].

More importantly, they abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* -- “Christ bless this house.” The year 2021 is divided by the letters to show that we must keep Jesus at the center of our lives daily, wherever we go when we cross the marked door’s threshold.

The four crosses signify the four corners of the world to which we, the baptized, are to proclaim the Gospel. Write the letters on the main doorway in your home with chalk or make a sign. Share this idea with your relatives and family—could be a start of a new tradition.



House Blessing Prayer

Oh God, You once used a star to lead wise ones to Your Son.
May the light of Christ guide us to recognize Him
in each other each and every day.
As we cross this threshold for work, study or play,
remind us of our true purpose in life—
to love Your people, to do Your will and to lead others to You.
May all who enter through this door
find Your love and hospitality in us and may we continue to search
for You in the face of every guest. Amen.



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, LIGHT Mini-Courses and Discipleship Projects is now open! Check it out on the LIGHT webpage.

Confirmation Letter of Intent (for those teens who have or will have completed the requirements by June 2021) are asked to fill out and return a Letter of Intent. These will be available on the LIGHT webpage starting January 1, 2021.

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.

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PASTORAL CARE



Come Alive!®

Begin 2021 with a renewed spirit of love, hope and well-being!

Come Alive!® is an 8-session online program that helps us connect our spirits, bodies, minds and emotional well-being. Adults ages 18 and older are invited on a journey to a more abundant, joy-filled spiritual and physical life!

Experience how a Come Alive! session is led over Zoom at one of the two Zoom Introductory Experience meetings:

Saturday morning, January 9 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. CST OR

Tuesday evening, January 14 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST

(Each meeting will have the same content)

The ZOOM meeting link will be provided on the OLM website.

The planned dates for the ZOOM Come Alive! sessions are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings: January 19 and 26; February 2, 9, 16 and 23 and March 2 and 9.

Contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com with questions.

View more information at www.LivingAbundantlyMinistries.org

Be at Peace

We are living in a time when we may ask what does it mean to be at peace? We may be afraid of what is going on around us and not have a sense of peace. How can a person experience peace during a pandemic, dealing with stress, or worrying about food and shelter? Peace may be defined as having no conflict. Peace of mind or inner peace is a state of being mentally, emotionally and spiritually at peace. It is keeping the mind at peace regardless of external circumstances.

Some ways of achieving peace in one's daily life is by practicing gratitude, meditation, patience, listening, exercising, forgiveness, relaxation, caring for others, clearing the mind, thinking before speaking and loving everyone.

A Christian describes true peace as coming from being in the presence of God. It is knowing that our lives are in God's hands. If we trust God - he will take care of us even through the pandemic, illness, suffering, pain or loss. In scripture, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). May you be blessed with the peace of the Lord! Wishing you a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Pastoral Care Needs

For support or resources for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Pointsetta Remembrances for Christmas

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SAMANTHA CAMPION
DANIEL CORDERO
ALEJANDRO GIANNATTASIO
PATRICIA SERMERSHEIM
JAMES SERMERSHEIM
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CHARLES & ANGELINA KOURI
MAXINE & CLARENCE MURPHY
JAMES MURPHY
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GRANDMA DEE
JANINA SAMEK
JOSEF WESOLOWSKI
LEONARD DECKER



**OFFERING GOD GLORY
AND THANKSGIVING**
WED JANUARY 27TH @ 7PM
*Sign-In when you get in or
Register ahead of time*
A Christmas themed Magnify

Magnify
AN
ADORATION
PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT

LIVESTREAM @ olmercy.com or facebook.com/olmercy



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**

January 9 & 10

Preaching Schedule:
4pm / 8am / 10am – Fr. Bill Etheridge
12:00 / 5:30 – Fr. Don

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/20/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	685,081
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	680,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	5,081
12/20/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	26,905
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(295)

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.



You have donated \$15,484 to the Angel Giving Program through December 20th. Thank you!!!!

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
October, 2020	\$ 765,997
November, 2020	\$ 755,777

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2020

Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	146,700
Amount Pledged	\$	186,147
Amount Paid	\$	174,805
Remaining Balance	\$	11,342
Rebate Amount	\$	19,673
# of Families Pledged		704

Combined Collection for Latin America and Africa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



Collection for the Church in Latin America For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Partnership in Mission, Diocese of Joliet In response to the Gospel's call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.



During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at your parishes on January 23 and 24, or by giving online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR LIFE

Together Strong: Christ Unites

Saturday, January 16, 2021

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Benet Academy & St. Peter and Paul



Artwork by Katherine Pytal '21

1:00 PM

Welcome, Speakers & Prayer
at Benet Academy

2:00 PM

Eucharistic Procession
through Lisle & Naperville with Rosary

3:30 PM

Closing Benediction
at St. Peter and Paul Church

Guests include:

Bishop Ronald Hicks
Diocese of Joliet

Dr. Linda Couri
Director Institute for Pastoral Leadership, Archdiocese of Chicago
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Mundelein Seminary

Melissa Villalobos
Married full-time mother of seven children who was miraculously
cured in the pregnancy of her fifth child through the intercession
of St. John Henry Newman

Transportation

Parking is available at both St. Peter and Paul Parish or at Benet Academy. Shuttle buses
available for those in need of transportation returning to Benet following the program.
Reserve shuttle spots at: <https://forms.gle/ad9kwosbaiUgZsspi7>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays 7-8pm. Saturday 9-10am & 1:30-2:30pm.
Reconciliation services held seasonally.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any
way possible.

HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitaliza-
tion or are admitted to an area hospital and would like
a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please no-
tify the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners wishing their
child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Bap-
tisms are not celebrated during Lent.

WEDDINGS: The bride, groom or either set of par-
ents must be registered members of the parish for at
least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Wed-
dings may be scheduled no less than six months out in
order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation re-
quirements. 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext.
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