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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



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Mark 1:4



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Today is the Second of Advent and the feast day of St. Nicholas who unfortunately will not be making a visit today due to the Coronavirus. So, I thought I would share some information about St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra and is the basis of the legend of Santa Claus. He is a patron saint of Russia, Greece, and Sicily, and of many other cities and dioceses, as well as patron saint of children and pawnbrokers. Born at Patara in Lycia (southwestern Turkey), a province in Asia Minor, he became bishop of Myra, the province's capital, where he enjoyed a reputation for piety and pastoral zeal. He was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution (303 – 305) and was later present at the Council of Nicaea (325), where he joined in the condemnation of Arianism, the heresy that denied the full divinity of Christ.

He died at Myra, and there was a basilica built in his honor in Constantinople by the emperor Justinian. In 1087 his relics were taken to Bari and a new shrine built in his honor there in 1095. Pope Urban II was present for the solemn opening of the shrine. From that time forward, Nicholas's cult became almost universal in the West. He also has had an important place in the Byzantine liturgical traditions. He is thought to have been the most frequently represented saintly bishop for several centuries.

The tradition of giving gifts to children on his feast began in the Low Countries and became popular in North America through the Dutch settler of New Amsterdam. The Dutch also combined with the gift giving the Nordic legend of a magician who punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents. His patronage of pawnbrokers is linked with yet another legend about Nicholas's throwing three bags of gold through a window to be used as dowries for three young women who would otherwise have been given over to a life of prostitution.

The feast of St. Nicholas is also observed by the Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches, the Church of England, the Episcopal Church in the USA, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Let us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. Perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

Have a Blessed Advent!

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop & Dr of Church**

8:00 AM Joyce Markus, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int Neene Marquez, by Tionsgson Family

Tuesday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM † Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett
 12:00 PM † Michael Prasse, by Family
 6:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 9 - St Juan diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Bonifacio Talaue, by Zara & John Tan

Thursday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

6:30 AM † Yvonne Sabiam, by Joyce Reis
 8:00 AM † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Geraldine Schremp
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

8:00 AM † John & Jim Horton, by Dorothy Horton

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM † Erika Diaz, by Vicki Pachol
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 12:00 PM Guadalupe The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent**
 † Alfonso Sr & Estela Ramirez, by Children

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † John Salentine & Melva Purnell
 10:00 AM † Lorraine Zamora, by Audrey Biegon
 12:00 PM † Francisca Sebastian, by Imelda Brink
 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:

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| 1. Ailani Banuelos | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Peaceful Advent |
| 3. Diane Pazos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Tristian Pazos | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. Robin Pazos | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Jim DeZellar |
| 7. Thanks Phyllis Anderson | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

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

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, US Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 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 día es el Segundo Domingo de Adviento y la fiesta de San Nicolás, quien lamentablemente no hará una visita hoy debido al Coronavirus. Entonces, pensé en compartir algo de información sobre San Nicolás.

San Nicolás fue el obispo de Myra y es la base de la leyenda de Santa Claus. Es patrón de Rusia, Grecia y Sicilia, y de muchas otras ciudades y diócesis, así como patrón de los niños y prestamistas. Nacido en Patara, Lycia (suroeste de Turquía), una provincia de Asia Menor, se convirtió en obispo de Myra, la capital de la provincia, donde gozó de una reputación de piedad y celo pastoral. Fue encarcelado durante la persecución de Diocleciano (303-305) y más tarde estuvo presente en el Concilio de Nicea (325), donde se unió a la condena del Arrianismo, la herejía que negaba la plena divinidad de Cristo.

Murió en Myra, y hubo una basílica construida en su honor en Constantinopla por el emperador Justiniano. En 1087, sus reliquias fueron llevadas a Bari y en 1095 se construyó un nuevo santuario en su honor. El Papa Urbano II estuvo presente en la inauguración solemne del santuario. A partir de ese momento, el culto de Nicolás se volvió casi universal en Occidente. También ha tenido un lugar importante en las tradiciones litúrgicas Bizantinas. Se cree que fue el obispo santo representado con más frecuencia durante varios siglos.

La tradición de dar regalos a los niños en su fiesta comenzó en los Países Bajos y se hizo popular en América del Norte a través de la colonia holandesa de Nueva Amsterdam. Los holandeses también combinaron con el obsequio dando la leyenda Nórdica de un mago que castigaba a los niños traviesos y premiaba a los buenos con regalos. Su patrocinio de los prestamistas está relacionado con otra leyenda más sobre cómo Nicholas arrojó tres bolsas de oro a través de una ventana para usarlas como dotes para tres mujeres jóvenes que de otro modo se habrían entregado a una vida de prostitución.

La fiesta de San Nicolás también es observada por las Iglesias Ortodoxas Griega y Rusa, la Iglesia de Inglaterra, la Iglesia Episcopal en los Estados Unidos y la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en Estados Unidos.

Echemos un vistazo más profundo a las leyendas que rodean a San Nicolás. Quizás podamos utilizar la lección que nos enseñó su legendaria caridad, miremos más profundamente a nuestro enfoque de los bienes materiales en la temporada de Navidad y busquemos maneras de extender nuestro compartir a los que realmente lo necesitan.

¡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

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

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

For kids, the weeks before Christmas seem to drag on forever; for many adults, they zip by way too fast (“Second week of Advent, already? Oh my!”). Fortunately for us, God is outside of time – he does not experience the temporal moments as we do. “With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day,” Peter writes. “The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but he is patient with you.” Just as we have the Advent season to prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, God gives us ample time to repent of our sins and grow in “holiness and devotion” as we prepare for his Second Coming. During this rich liturgical season of Advent, let us help prepare the way of the Lord through our words and actions.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Preparation. Preparedness. We use these words in Advent to mark our patient waiting for Jesus to come into our world. But while we are waiting, it is fitting to remember Peter’s question in the second reading: “What sort of persons ought you to be?” That is not simply an Advent question. And the answer is relevant to all days and times of life: Conduct yourselves with “holiness and devotion.” Right living and loving God and neighbor never go out of style. They are the answer to everything. Make wise choices. And, like John the Baptist, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” And perhaps one day, we can be transformed into the people God created us to be.

WITNESS Today’s psalmist prays: “Lord, let us see your kindness.” This Advent, be conscientious about your everyday interactions with the people around you, making God’s kindness visible and known to them.

CONDUCT
YOURSELVES
WITH

holiness
and
devotion

Families Tell How They Celebrate St. Nicholas

A simple observance

Living in Holland, Michigan, a city founded by Dutch settlers, it was easy to have Dutch touches in our St. Nicholas observance. When our children were young, and not so young, they placed their wooden shoes, with pieces of carrots, by the fireplace on the evening of December 5th. In the morning, the boys would find two Matchbox cars and a gold mesh bag of Dutch chocolate coins. Our daughter might find a piece of jewelry or special barrettes. Over the years, Dutch chocolate initial letters found their way into the shoes and the cars and toys gave way to a tape, a book, or earrings. In such simple ways, St. Nicholas Day helped us connect faith and giving and have a bit of fun early in the waiting weeks of Advent.

—Carol M., Holland, Michigan

Cookie Plates

On St Nicholas eve we assemble cookie plates for people we know in need of extra prayers. On St Nicholas day, St Nicholas leaves a spekulatius cookie in his shape on each plate. We then drive around to deliver the cookie plates. At each house we pause to say a prayer for that person, leave the cookies at their door, ring the doorbell and RUN! The cookies are given anonymously in honor of St Nicholas...a tag on the cookie plate explains this! we love to watch from a far the expression of people as they wonder who loved them enough to do this!

—Vicki G., Baltimore, Maryland

Do a St. Nicholas Deed

Is there someone in your neighborhood who will need their snow removed from their sidewalk? Is there someone who you know needs food to eat? How about leaving a bag of food on their doorknob or porch? Is there someone who needs a hot meal and a listening ear because they have no one? Keep in mind, you need to perform your Nicholas deed in private or it's not in the spirit of St. Nicholas. —

John B., Mason City, Iowa

Share a Prayer in Honor of St. Nick

God of joy and cheer, we thank you for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus.

—David B., Plano, Texas





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.

Faith Conversation Round #1 happens this weekend-Sunday, Dec. 6th. For those who have signed up, please check your reminder email or the online sign-up page for details.

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

An Advent Season Rooted in Hope

The 11th Annual Ladies Advent Tea was held virtually this year. Thank you to all those ladies who shared their afternoon to listen to our speaker, Kate Wicker and connect with one another in the small group break out session. Kate Wicker is a wife, mom of five, popular Catholic speaker and author. She can be heard on Relevant Radio during the Morning Air Show on the second Wednesday of the month at 6am.

Some of Kate's key points are shared for reflection. Advent is an opportunity to unwrap the gift of hope. During this time of the pandemic we are missing hugs and crave connection. Kate believes in hope no matter what cross we are shouldering whether it is during our "normal" life situations and certainly during the pandemic. We suffer to be redeemed. Hope is a theological virtue born from Christ's birth, death and resurrection!

Slow down during Advent to draw closer to Christ and grow in the virtue of hope. Be aware of Jesus in everyday moments of life – while doing dishes, changing diapers, cleaning, working, and when we pass a stranger in need. We are called to praying more during Advent – not doing more. Reflect on Psalm 46: 11, "Be still and know that I am God". Carve out time during this busy season to be still, spend more time with God and be aware of Christ's presence. Make God the center of your life! Thank you, Kate for your message of hope!

Second Sunday of Advent

As you light the second candle on your Advent wreath, the purple candle is lit that represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. Reflect on the faith that Joseph and Mary had in believing that all would be well in their journey and with the birth of their child. Faith grows through prayer and reflection. May your faith be enriched and strengthened during this Advent season.

Pandemic Fatigue

Thank you to everyone who is helping us reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at our parish by following the three W's: Wearing a Mask. Watching the Social Distance. Washing Hands. We are still months away from vaccines and herd immunity. It is important for all of us to do our part in stopping the virus from spreading. Another measure to reduce transmission is to stay home when you are sick. Please let your ministry leader know if you are a volunteer or participant of an in-person meeting or gathering at church and either do not feel well or know that you were with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and need to self-quarantine. This way arrangements can be made for someone else to volunteer while you take care of yourself. No one measure is 100%. Each measure taken together will help to reduce the risk of transmission.

Pastoral Care

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

A Successful Coat Drive!!!

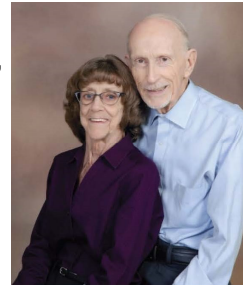
The Brogan family would like to thank the people of OLM for their generosity and assistance with the coat drive in our parents honor. We would also like to thank Marybeth and Jack Boyle along with Tom and Laurie Donlan for initiating the coat drive this year and the use of their trailer.

Because of your generosity, we were able to help four organizations, Mutual Ground and Breaking Free in Aurora and St. Sylvester and La Casa Norte in Chicago.

Just like Mike and Carol, the Brogan Family drove with bags stuffed into their vehicles, barely able to see out the windows!

Your participation given the circumstances we are in is greatly appreciated. Thank you all once again. God bless the entire OLM family.

The Brogan Family



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.

All donations can be made thru December 31, 2020.

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

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.'"





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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/22/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	572,733
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	571,200
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	1,533

11/22/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	27,835
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	635

Thank you for your generosity!!

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
December 12 & 13**

Father James will preach at all Masses.

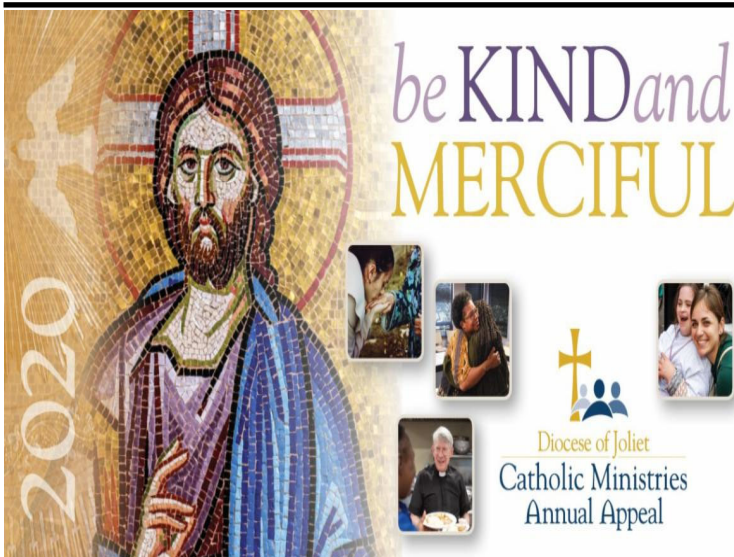
Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00a	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Mike Plese
	12:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin
	5:30p	Fr James Guarascio

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	\$	184,752
Amount Paid	\$	168,833
Remaining Balance	\$	15,920
Rebate Amount	\$	15,493
# of Families Pledged		700

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please send an email to parishoffice@olmercy.com in the Subject line put Address Change so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



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