



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.**

PARISH PRIESTS

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Fr. James Guarascio, Parochial Vicar

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Gualdelupe Villarreal
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Deacon Tony Leazzo
Deacon Tony Martini
Deacon Phil Rehmer
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Monday-Thursday.....8:30am-4:00pm
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

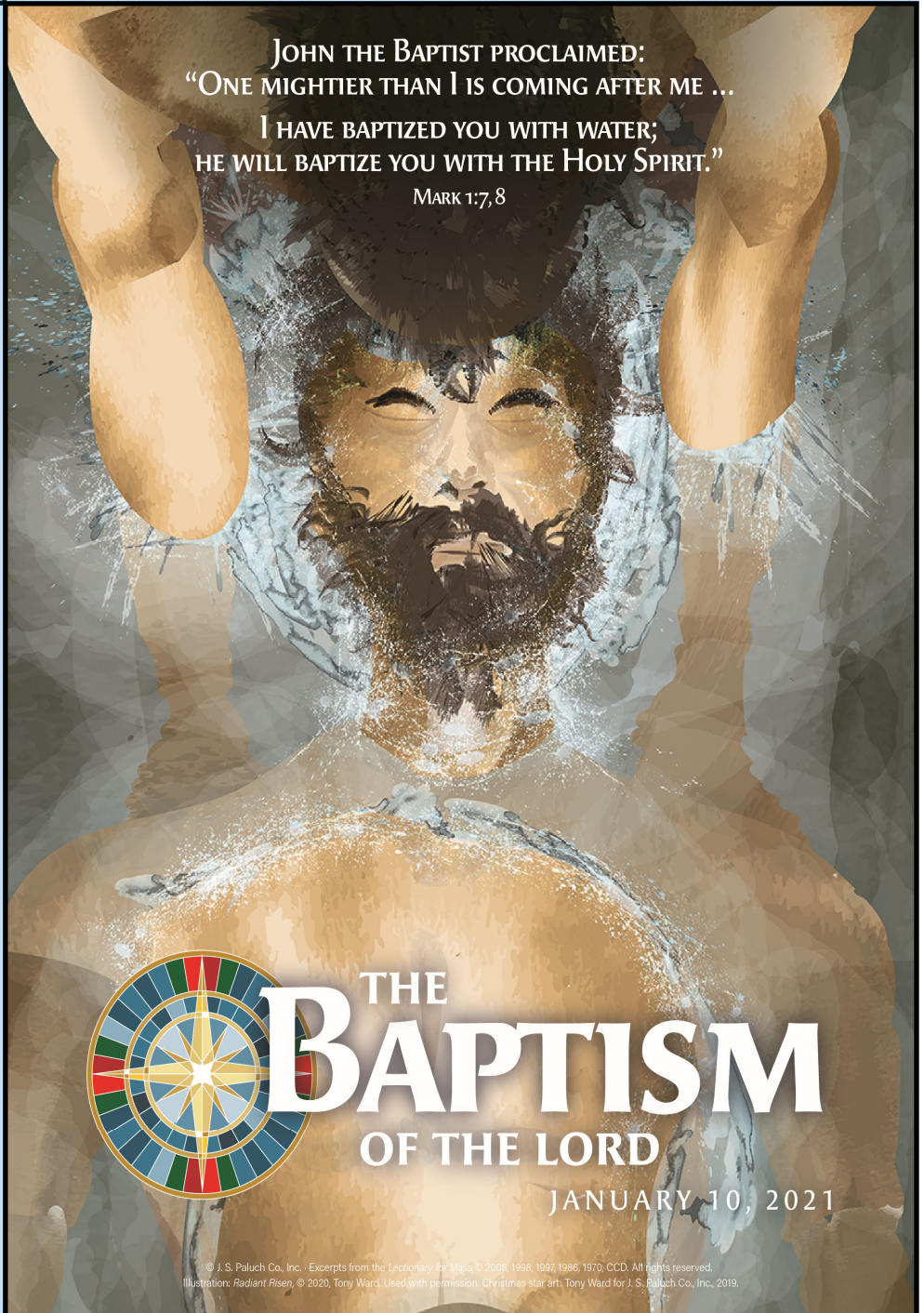
Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am
1:30-2:30pm
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am
Or by Appointment

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



JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMED:
"ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME ...
I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

MARK 1:7,8



THE
BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

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

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In doing so, we end the Christmas Season and move from the manger to the river Jordan. The baptism Jesus received was not the Christian baptism that we received, most of us as infants. Unlike us, Jesus did not need to be freed from the stain of original sin. He was like us in all things, but sin. The baptism of Jesus inaugurated his public ministry. In Jesus' baptism, he was revealed and affirmed as the beloved Son of God. In our baptism, we were affirmed as adopted sons and daughters of God. In Jesus' baptism, God spoke the words "Listen to him." And in our baptism, we are called to grow as disciples of Jesus and listen to him. Our baptism was not only for the removal of the stain or original sin, but also a commissioning to become a disciple of Jesus, and to make disciples of Jesus. Our parish mission is to give each and every person a life changing encounter with Jesus, to make disciples, and send them on mission. And that mission is not in foreign lands. We are called to bring to good news of Jesus to our family, our homes, our schools, our places of work, our neighbors, our local community. So, as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, let us remember our own and what it calls us to do!

Today I would like to recognize one group who have responded to their baptismal call of discipleship. That group is our permanent deacons who have served us at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. I thank our deacons and their wives for their selfless service to our parish community and beyond. Deacon Tim Kueper (Gail); Deacon Tony Leazzo (Jennifer); Deacon Tony Martini (Allyson); Deacon Mike Plese (Laurie); Deacon Phil Rehmer (Jean); Deacon Art Tionson (Babes). We appreciate you and your ministry!

As you know, Deacon Mike and his wife have recently moved to Tennessee. But God has provided! In early December, I met with Deacon Guadalupe (Lupe) Villarreal who recently moved with his wife Carmen to Aurora. Deacon "Lupe" as he is known, asked to transfer his assignment from St. Dennis in Lockport to OLM. I have agreed, and he starts next weekend. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 2007. Prior to serving at St. Dominic in Lockport, has served the parishes of St. Isidore in Bloomingdale, Divine Savior in Downers Grove, St. Dominic in Bolingbrook (where Fr. James was a deacon). He has been Catholic Chaplain at the DuPage County Jail for 10 years and conducts a weekly communion service there. He is Hispanic and bi-lingual and will be a great help as we minister to our bi-lingual parishioners. He and his wife have five adult sons. We welcome Deacon Lupe and his wife Carmen to Our Lady of Mercy!

Also on the Permanent Deacon front...We congratulate parishioners Michael Raiz (Mass Coordinator at Sunday 8:00am Mass) and Carlos Briceno (Fit Shepherds and editor of the Diocesan Magazine) who have been accepted into the Aspirancy program to be ordained permanent deacons. They join parishioners Doug McIlvaine and Buggsy Sindac who are in their second year of studies for the permanent diaconate.

Have a blessed week!

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, January 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Anna Jegglie, by at Friend
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Tuesday, January 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Diane Kiefer, by Family
 6:30 PM † Delfina Berucca, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 13 - St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Maria Salome Embradura, by Family

Thursday, January 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Int Lauren Gottlieb
 8:00 AM † Maria Salome Embradura, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, January 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † German Embradura, Sr. by Family

Saturday, January 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Benedicata Pinto, by Shirley Staples
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Mary Ellen Reiter, by Ron & Cheryl Lohse
 † Marian Leckey, by The Children

Sunday, January 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Scott Kacz, by Carol and Ann
 10:00 AM † The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 12:00 PM † Ben Leeming, by Clare Foy-Embery
 5:30 PM † Austin Chase by Dor Davidson

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Bernice Tokarski | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. First Responders |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. The Deceased | 12. Rose Sincora |
| 5. Peace | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Happy, Healthy 2021 |
| 7. Mary Reiter | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Homeless | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

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 el Bautismo del Señor. Al hacerlo, terminamos la Temporada de Navidad y nos movemos desde el pesebre hasta el río Jordán. El bautismo que Jesús recibió no fue el bautismo Cristiano que recibimos, la mayoría de nosotros cuando éramos bebés. A diferencia de nosotros, Jesús no necesitaba ser liberado de la mancha del pecado original. Él era como nosotros en todas las cosas, pero no en el pecado. El bautismo de Jesús inauguró su ministerio público. En el bautismo de Jesús, Él fue revelado y afirmado como el Hijo amado de Dios. En nuestro bautismo, fuimos afirmados como hijos e hijas adoptivos de Dios. En el bautismo de Jesús, Dios pronunció la palabra "Escúchenlo". Y en nuestro bautismo, estamos llamados a crecer como discípulos de Jesús y a escucharlo. Nuestro bautismo no fue solo para quitar la mancha o el pecado original, sino también un encargo para convertirnos en discípulos de Jesús y para hacer discípulos de Jesús. La misión de nuestra parroquia es dar a cada persona un encuentro con Jesús que cambia la vida, hacer discípulos y enviarlos en misión. Y esa misión no está en tierras extranjeras. Estamos llamados a llevar las buenas nuevas de Jesús a nuestra familia, nuestros hogares, nuestras escuelas, nuestros lugares de trabajo, nuestros vecinos, nuestra comunidad local. Entonces, mientras celebramos el bautismo de Jesús, ¡recordemos el nuestro y lo que nos llama a hacer!

Hoy me gustaría reconocer a un grupo que ha respondido a su llamado bautismal de discipulado. Ese grupo son nuestros diáconos permanentes que nos han servido en la Parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy. Agradezco a nuestros diáconos y sus esposas por su servicio desinteresado a nuestra comunidad parroquial y más allá. El Diácono Tim Kueper (Gail); el Diácono Tony Leazzo (Jennifer); el Diácono Tony Martini (Allyson); El Diácono Mike Plese (Laurie); el Diácono Phil Rehmer (Jean); el Diácono Art Tionson (Babes). ¡Les agradecemos a ustedes y su ministerio!

Como saben, el Diácono Mike y su esposa se mudaron recientemente a Tennessee. ¡Pero Dios ha provisto! A principios de diciembre, me reuní con el Diácono Guadalupe (Lupe) Villarreal, quien recientemente se mudó con su esposa Carmen a Aurora. El Diácono "Lupe", como se le conoce, pidió transferir su asignación de St. Dennis en Lockport a OLM. He aceptado y él empieza el próximo fin de semana. Fue ordenado diácono permanente en el 2007. Antes de servir en St. Dominic en Lockport, sirvió en las parroquias de St. Isidore en Bloomingdale, Divine Savior en Downers Grove, St. Dominic en Bolingbrook (donde el Padre James fue diácono). Ha sido Capellán Católico en la Cárcel del Condado de DuPage durante 10 años y lleva a cabo un servicio de comunión semanal allí. Él es hispano y bilingüe y será de gran ayuda mientras ministramos a nuestros feligreses bilingües. Él y su esposa tienen cinco hijos adultos. ¡Damos la bienvenida al Diácono Lupe y su esposa Carmen a Our Lady of Mercy!

También en el frente del Diácono Permanente... Felicitamos a los feligreses Michael Raiz (Coordinador de Misa, en la Misa de 8:00am del domingo) y Carlos Briceno (Fit Shepherds y editor de la Revista Diocesana) quienes han sido aceptados en el programa de Aspirantado para ser ordenados diáconos permanentes. Ellos se unen a los feligreses Doug McIlvaine y Buggsy Sindac quienes están en su segundo año de estudios para el diaconado permanente.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Tom

LAS AGUAS BAUTISMALES

Cuando se planta un césped nuevo, debe regarse constantemente. Los jardineros dicen que esto "teje" el césped al suelo. Lo mismo sucede cuando se injerta una rama a un árbol: el cataplasma que los une debe estar húmedo en todo momento. El agua es lo que mantiene unidas a las células de nuestro cuerpo. Con razón las religiones de todas las épocas y culturas han usado tanto este símbolo. Cuando Jesús se sumerge en el Jordán para ser bautizado, se "teje" a todo aquello que lo precedía. Al sumergirse en el Jordán, se hizo uno con el pueblo de Israel que había cruzado el río para llegar a su Tierra Prometida. Junto a Juan Bautista, Cristo se tejió a la tradición profética que presagiaba la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús se había convertido plenamente en humano en las aguas del vientre de María y al participar del rito del Bautismo del arrepentimiento, se sintió identificado con nuestra frágil y pecaminosa humanidad. Por las aguas del Bautismo Cristo continúa injertando nuevos miembros a su Cuerpo, la Iglesia; gracias a nuestro destino de vida eterna, por estas aguas somos limpiados del pecado y recibimos la promesa de la gracia. Para nosotros, como para Jesús, las aguas bautismales también inauguran nuestra misión de proclamar la Buena Nueva.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 1:1-6; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8 :2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 |
Mk 1:7-11

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

Those of us who are parents or godparents remember fondly the day of our child or godchild's baptism. I remember feeling the warmth from the congregation and from extended family and friends as they joined us in welcoming our beloved infant into Christ's Church. The smell of the chrism from the anointing of his head with oil, and the sound of the flowing waters served as visceral reminders of our precious child's birth into new, divine life with Jesus. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we give thanks to Jesus, who at his baptism immersed himself into the enormous weight of humanity's sinfulness [while of course remaining sinless himself]. Marking the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus' baptism is the foundation for our own, inviting us to become God's own sons and daughters "in whom he is well pleased." Just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus and anointed him, the Spirit descends on us at our baptism, empowering us to follow Jesus' example and build up the kingdom of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Water and oil are two of the symbols of baptism, a third is the white garment [sometimes a bib placed over a small child] worn by the one being baptized. I know of a pastoral associate who embroiders the name and date of baptism on the white garments of every child or infant baptized at her large parish. As we read in the *catechism*, "The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has 'put on Christ,' has risen with Christ." (1243) Gratitude is the proper disposition to thinking about our baptism, and the ones who brought us to it. How might our lives be different, and richer, if each morning, as we dress for the day, we pray in gratitude for the ability, and what it means, to, "put on Christ" in our daily lives?

ACT Express gratitude. Are your parents and godparents still alive? If so, call them or send a card thanking them for their presence at your baptism, and assure them of your prayers. If they are not alive, perhaps think of one or two people who have been there for you in your life as instruments of God's grace. And then extend your gratitude to them.



We Are God's Beloved

Why was Jesus baptized? Surely, not for the forgiveness of sins. Rather, by his baptism, Jesus identifies with us; he takes on our shortcomings. Through his baptism we identify with Jesus: the words spoken by God about Jesus-- "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"-- are spoken about us as well.

To know that, like Jesus, we are beloved of God is both awesome and frightening. What do we fear? Perhaps our fear is our inability to accept that the light of God shines within each of us.

God's affirmation of Jesus signals what the mission of Jesus is about. It is a mission that welcomes everyone without preconditions. Somewhere along the way, our experience might have taught us that we had to prove ourselves to parents, family, friends, or colleagues. We may think we also have to prove ourselves to God. Not so! God loves us because we are God's sons and daughters—indeed heirs, as St. Paul tells us—heirs to a gift that can never be earned but always celebrated.

Connect Baptism to the Eucharist & Missionary Discipleship

With every celebration of the Eucharist, God once again affirms God's unconditional love for us. We have the opportunity to respond to God's love. Receiving the Eucharist dispels the fears we may have and gives us the courage to let our light shine, reaching out to others so that they too may know that they are God's beloved sons and daughters.

This feast day of Jesus' baptism is indeed a luminous mystery that tells the beautiful truth of how God created us to live in union with him. Our Holy Communion with Jesus strengthened in community at each Mass makes no mistake about our identity "*in Him, with Him, and through Him*" illuminating our call to live as missionary disciples.

Baptismal Promises & Missionary Discipleship Meditation Questions

- What are my daily spiritual practices that strengthen my awareness of God's love for me and my love for God?
- How do I experience the Spirit within moving me to share unconditional love with others each day?



EDGE News:
The first In-
Person EDGE
Night will be

Jan. 25th at 6:30 pm in the PLC.

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/>



**Confirmation
Letter of Intent
information is
NOW available.
Check the**

LIGHT webpage to get your packet! Teens are asked to complete the 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.

Online Sign-Up for Faith Conversations, LIGHT Mini-Courses and Discipleship Projects is now open! Check it out on the LIGHT webpage.

LIGHT Mini-Courses BEGIN Jan. 24th in the PLC and Virtually. Check the online sign-up on the LIGHT webpage for more information

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



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 jolene@olmercy.com with questions. View more information at www.LivingAbundantlyMinistries.org

Focus on Whole Foods

If you are looking for a way to improve your health in the new year that is easy and sustainable, think whole foods. The idea is to provide the body with nutrients that it needs to function at an optimal level and that boosts the immune system. Whole foods are plant foods that are unprocessed and unrefined or processed and refined as little as possible. Examples of whole foods are whole grains, legumes, nuts, fruits and vegetables.

In the month of January, take note of what foods you are eating. Keep a food journal for at least three days to evaluate your eating patterns. How much water are you drinking? How many servings of fruits and vegetables in a day are you eating? Are you eating at least five servings a day? Once you see what and how much you are eating in a day, look at the area where you would like to make changes and pick a place to start. You will experience more success and less frustration if you focus on one or two dietary changes at a time. Start small. Build on your accomplishments. Changes in your eating pattern will stay. Your health will improve!

Once you are successful in one of the changes that you made, try to add another change. Small changes at a time will lead to big rewards for your health. Consult with your health care provider if you have medical conditions that may need special attention. A registered dietician is an important resource to help you with food choices. Ask God to help you with the changes that you are trying to make in how you nourish your body and spend time with Him in daily prayer to strengthen your relationship.

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 jolene@olmercy.com.



A BIG CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!

As We Look Back at the Christmas Season
We Want to Extend a Huge Thank You To:

Our Art & Environment Committee & Volunteers
All Our Musicians & Carolers for Christmas Masses
All Our Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Masses
All our Mass Coordinators for Christmas Masses
Those Who Planned the Logistics for Christmas Masses
Our Volunteer Ushers and Parking Lot Attendants
Our Maintenance Department
Our Seminarians

You all had a part in making Christmas 2020 a joyful time
despite being in the COVID pandemic!



Thank You!

PADS Public Action to Deliver Shelter *needs your help*

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shelter

sign up to donate *food on-line or send funds*

PADS.REHMER.COM or connect with Jean & Deacon Phil Rehmer (331)707-5375



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 16 & 17**

Father Don will be preaching at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/13/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	658,176
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	652,800
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	5,376

12/13/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	24,533
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,667)

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
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
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