



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER  
WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

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

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

## CONFESSIONS

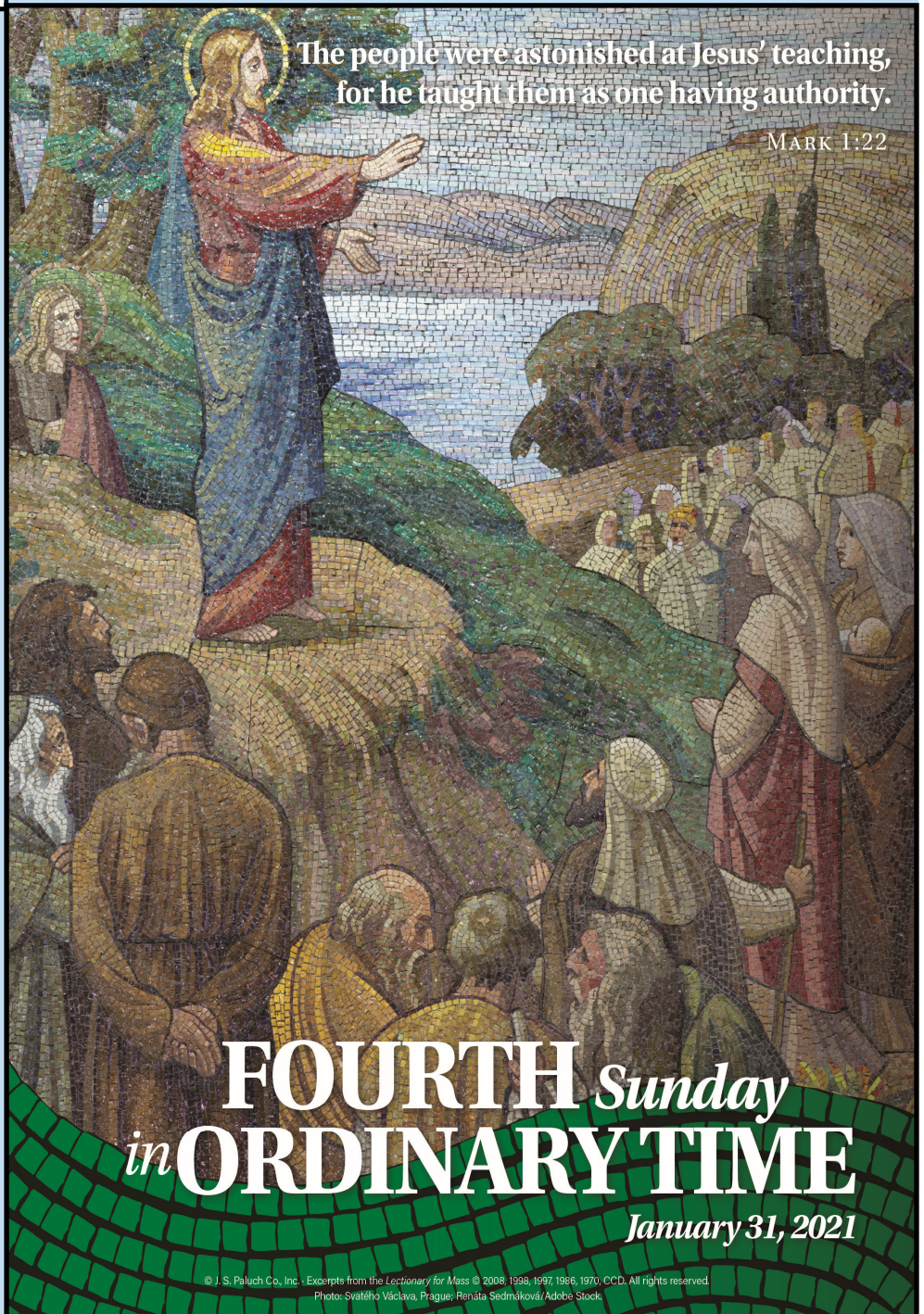
Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm  
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am  
1:30-2:30pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

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

## SEMINARIAN INTERN

Tom Logue



**FOURTH** *Sunday*  
*in* **ORDINARY TIME**

*January 31, 2021*



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

This week the Church throughout the country celebrates "Catholic Schools Week." The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by examples of faith.

Our Lady of Mercy parish is one of the five financially supporting parishes of the inter-parish Catholic grammar school All Saints Catholic Academy on Aurora Avenue in Naperville. There are many choices of Catholic grammar and high schools in the area for parishioners who want to send their children to a Catholic grammar school. Our Lady of Mercy specifically promotes All Saints Catholic Academy because the school and our parish is in the Diocese of Joliet. The other ten Catholic parishes in Aurora are a part of the Diocese of Rockford. While we provide tuition assistance for registered and active parents of OLM for their children attending a Catholic grammar school in the Rockford Diocese, our primary support and promotion is for All Saints Catholic Academy.

All Saints Catholic Academy provides Catholic education from pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and has had in person instruction since school began last August. Mass is celebrated weekly on Wednesday at 8:15am. Often times I am the celebrant. It is an excellent school with a strong and dedicated administration, faculty and staff. I invite you to check it out at: [ascacademy.org](http://ascacademy.org)

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching but also active participants through social learning. Catholic schools, like the Catholic Church is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same!

I encourage our parents with grammar and high school age children to check out Catholic Schools as an option for their children's education. And I thank all the dedicated staff and teachers who make a financial sacrifice by their dedication to Catholic education!

Have a Blessed week!

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*Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions***Monday, February 1 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Maria Salome Embradura, by The Indad Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int Gracie Hernandez

**Tuesday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 AM † Benigno Orig, Jr., by Oscar & Lourdes Indad  
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by John & Cheryl DeWitt  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

**Wednesday, February 3 - St Blaise & St Ansgar, Bishops**

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:00 PM † Brendan English, by Sharon Fernandez

**Thursday, February 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 AM † Donald Fletcher  
 8:00 AM Int Susan Paul, by Judy Zeno  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

**Friday, February 5 - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 AM † Bernice Schatz, by Kim Harris & Family

**Saturday, February 6 - St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 AM † George Klein, by Genc Family  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 † Bob & Midge Holzworth, by Family  
 † Diane Kiefer, by Family

**Sunday, February 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Patrice Klasinski  
 10:00 AM † Rev Mr Paul Klein, by Paul & Barb Klein  
 12:00 PM † Mel Schudde, by Tim & Diane Reiter  
 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:

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. OLM Volunteers        | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. The Mentally Ill       |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. First Responders      | 12. Frank Kingsley         |
| 5. Those with Covid-19   | 13. Thomas Sterling        |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Phyllis Anderson       |
| 7. The People of OLM     | 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  
 William Gardaphe

Allene Doddali  
 Mary Dunbar  
 Frank Kingsley

*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!

Esta semana la Iglesia en todo el país celebra la "Semana de las Escuelas Católicas". El tema de este año es: "Escuelas Católicas: Fe. Excelencia. Servicio." Las escuelas católicas tienen el propósito específico de formar a los estudiantes para que sean buenos ciudadanos del mundo, amen a Dios y al prójimo y enriquezcan a la sociedad con la levadura del evangelio y con ejemplos de fe.

La parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy es una de las cinco parroquias que apoyan financieramente a la escuela primaria Católica inter-parroquial All Saints Catholic Academy en Aurora Avenue en Naperville. Hay muchas opciones de escuelas Católicas primarias y secundarias en el área para los feligreses que desean enviar a sus hijos a una escuela primaria Católica. Our Lady of Mercy promueve específicamente All Saints Catholic Academy porque la escuela y nuestra parroquia están en la Diócesis de Joliet. Las otras diez parroquias Católicas en Aurora son parte de la Diócesis de Rockford. Si bien brindamos asistencia para la matrícula a los padres registrados y activos de OLM para sus hijos que asisten a una escuela primaria Católica en la Diócesis de Rockford, nuestro principal apoyo y promoción es para All Saints Catholic Academy.

All Saints Catholic Academy ofrece educación Católica desde el grado preescolar hasta el 8<sup>o</sup> y ha tenido instrucción en persona desde que comenzaron las clases en agosto pasado. La Misa se celebra semanalmente los miércoles a las 8:15am. Muchas veces soy el celebrante. Es una escuela excelente con una administración, profesores y personal buenos y dedicados. Les invito a que lo consulten en: [ascacademy.org](http://ascacademy.org)

Como comunidades de fe, las escuelas Católicas inculcan en los estudiantes su destino de convertirse en santos. La excelencia académica es el sello distintivo de la educación Católica dirigida intencionalmente al crecimiento de la persona en su totalidad: mente, cuerpo y espíritu. El servicio es fundamental para la educación Católica y el centro del discipulado Católico. El servicio está destinado a ayudar a formar personas que no solo sean testigos de la enseñanza social Católica, sino también participantes activos a través del aprendizaje social. Las escuelas Católicas, como la Iglesia Católica, no son un edificio ni una institución, son las personas. ¡Como pueblo de Dios, trabajamos juntos para traer el Reino de Dios a la Tierra y elevar a la próxima generación para que haga lo mismo!

Animo a nuestros padres con niños en edad de primaria y secundaria a que revisen las Escuelas Católicas como una opción para la educación de sus hijos. ¡Y agradezco a todo el personal dedicado y los maestros que hacen un sacrificio financiero por su dedicación a la educación Católica!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Dan*

## FALSOS PROFETAS, VERDADEROS PROFETAS

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según San Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa en aquella época. Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para discernir los verdaderos profetas que hay en medio de nosotros, y también nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios, serán Sus palabras Dios las que llenarán nuestra boca.

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):  
20-24; Mc 5:1-20  
Martes: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10;  
Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40  
[22-32]  
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103  
(102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;  
Mc 6:1-6  
Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48  
(47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13  
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3,  
5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29  
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23  
(22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34  
Domingo: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147  
(146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22  
-23; Mc 1:29-39



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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.

**WITNESS** Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

## Happy YEAR of St. Joseph!

Pope Francis declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph which is being celebrated from Dec. 8, 2020-December 8, 2021. March will be filled with focus on St. Joseph especially with his feast day on March 19th, but why not begin the journey this week and ask St. Joseph to teach us how to follow Jesus with abandon, giving Him all that we are. St. Joseph, whose heart was united with the hearts of Jesus and Mary, can guide us in growing in holiness personally, as a family, and as a Church.

### **A Family Bible Reading Plan with St. Joseph**

Plan on sharing a Bible reading and faith discussion each week! What then? Look forward to more faith activities with St. Joseph next month!

#### **Read about Joseph's Dream. *Gospel of Matthew 1:20-21***

Faith Discussion Questions~

- What were some of the amazing promises the angel told Joseph about Jesus?
- What would you do if an angel appeared to you in a dream?

#### **The Holy Family's Flight to Egypt. *Gospel of Matthew 2:13-14***

Faith Discussion Questions~

- How did Joseph show the virtue of obedience?
- What are some ways you can work on being more obedient to God and to your parents and teachers?

#### **The Holy Family in Nazareth, *Gospel of Luke 2:39-40***

Faith Discussion Questions~

- In what town did Jesus grow up?
- What do you think Jesus' childhood was like?

#### **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple, *Gospel of Luke 2:41-52***

Faith Discussion Questions~

- How did Jesus surprise Mary and Joseph?
- What do you think wisdom is? How can we grow in wisdom?





**EDGE News:**  
The EDGE Night  
will be Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 6:30-7:30 pm in the PLC.

**Parents are needed** to assist with check-in at EDGE nights. 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 continue for Term #1 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

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Respect, Trust and Support. We have been meeting via ZOOM during the pandemic and hope to meet in-person in February. The next time scheduled to meet is Monday, February 15 at 7:00pm in Room 114. We will wear masks, follow the six-foot distance guideline and have hand sanitizer available.

If it is not safe to meet in-person in February, we will meet via ZOOM.

The ministry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. If you would like to be put on an email list to stay in touch and be up to date on changes in meetings, or be notified about prayer requests, resources, workshops or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at [olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com).

### Take Care of Your Heart

The month of February is designated as *American Heart Month*. It is an opportunity to bring attention to heart disease as a leading cause of death for Americans. One way to do this is to wear red on National Wear Red Day on Friday February 5. As a faith community, we can join together to raise awareness for heart health by wearing red on OLM Wear Red Day on Sunday, February 7.

Daily heart healthy tips are offered for the month of February with a focus of 28 days toward a healthy heart. Here are ideas for the first week of February. You can change or modify them to fit your health status and medical conditions and interests. Start on the first day of February. Day 1: Call a friend and join the #OurHearts movement. Day 2: Make a heart-healthy snack. Day 3: Think about your physical health and schedule a physical exam. Day 4: Do an exercise (squats, walking in place or stretch) for one minute. Day 5: Wear red today! Day 6: Make today a salt-free day. Use herbs for flavor instead of salt. Day 7: It is OLM Wear Red Day! Offer prayers during Mass for those with heart conditions. Have a Blessed Sunday!

**Walking to Jerusalem** will begin on February 17 and end on April 3! Details coming soon!

### Pastoral Care Needs

For questions or concerns for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health needs, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

**“LIVING YOUR BAPTISM IN LENT”**  
**February 24 – March 31**  
**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Fr. Don will lead a six-week reflection and discussion on “*Living Your Baptism in Lent.*” We all know that Lent is a time of prayer and fasting, but did you realize that Lent is also a time to prepare you for the renewal of your baptismal promises on Easter Sunday? A booklet will be provided as a prayer resource that seeks to awaken our awareness of God’s unending grace given to us in the sacrament of Baptism. There will be personal reflection questions and Scripture passage to consider in your prayer throughout the six weeks of Lent. The program will be offered in person (50 max) and Zoom. Register on the parish website.

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Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click "Give" located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

*Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.*

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Weekend Masses  
February 6 & 7**

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

*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/17/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	799,986
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	788,800
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,186</b>
01/17/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	28,433
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,233</b>

Christmas Collection

**Actual Collections \$ 56,206**

**Budgeted Collections \$ 68,000**

**Amount Short of Budget (\$ 11,794)**

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
November, 2020	\$ 765,997
December, 2020	\$ 755,797

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



*Shining the Light of Christ*  
through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$154,400, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.



## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**Catholic School's Week:** (1/31/21-2/6/21) – celebrating **100 days** of safe, full day in-person education for Pre-school 3's through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade! Are you looking for a place where your child's faith can grow? Would you like to be part of a school community that feels like family? Registration for NEW families begins Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit us at: [ascacademy.org](http://ascacademy.org) or call 630.961.6125 for more information.

**50/50 Raffle:** As part of the school's largest annual fundraiser, (Saints Strong Virtual Celebration), we ask you to join us in the "split the pot" 50/50 raffle. The lucky winner will take home 50% of the pot with the other 50% going straight to ASCA for a S.T.E.M. Lab! The pot is already at \$2000. Please reach out to [DDA@ascacademy.org](mailto:DDA@ascacademy.org) to get your tickets today only \$10 per ticket!

**Tuition Credit Raffle:** Tickets are \$100 each and it directly supports Catholic education and ASCA! Only 150 tickets will be sold and you could win \$5,000 tuition credit for your family or to the ASCA Scholarship Program for the 2021-22 school year. Visit <https://asca21.givesmart.com> to purchase. Winners will be drawn during the SSVC on 3/20/21.

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The advertisement for Aurora Central Catholic High School features a yellow and blue color scheme. At the top left is the school's logo, which includes a cross and the words 'CENTRAL CATHOLIC' and 'AURORA'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Aurora Central Catholic High School' and 'Where the focus is YOU!!!'. Below this are icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, along with the website 'www.auroracentral.com'. The main body of the ad is divided into two sections: the top section shows a group of students in a gymnasium, and the bottom section shows a student working at a computer. At the bottom of the ad, the text asks 'What makes us Unique?' and lists 'FAITH, TRADITION, COEDUCATIONAL, AND AFFORDABILITY'. It also includes information about placement exams for 8th grade students and contact information: '630-907-0095' and 'mlivinston@auroracentral.com'.



Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy is now accepting registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year!

Please visit our website, [www.jp2aurora.org](http://www.jp2aurora.org) to begin the application process or call our North Campus, at 630-844-3781 or our South Campus, at 630-851-4400.

We look forward to continuing to grow!



# job postings

St. Petronille Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn is seeking to hire a Director of Young Adult Ministry. The Young Adult Ministry Leader will implement a comprehensive program of Christian life development for the 18 – 35-year-old, college, career, single and married adults in our community. It is essential that this person be able to connect with young adults on a social and spiritual level, with the intent of coaching them towards Christ-like maturity in the Catholic Church. The Young Adult Minister will also organize some annual programming for teens. Requires some significant background/training/catechesis in Catholic Theology. Undergraduate or Graduate Degree in Theology or Catechetics preferred. Some training in marketing or communications or recruitment preferred.

To full a full job description, please visit; <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=641>

To apply, please email resume to [frmilota@outlook.com](mailto:frmilota@outlook.com). or call 630-469-0404 with any questions.

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**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com). Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

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