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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

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*Mark 1:14-15*



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

This Wednesday I begin a six-week reflection and discussion series "Living Your Baptism in Lent." It is held on Wednesdays from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. You can participate in person or via zoom. Registration is on the parish website.

So why discuss baptism in Lent? Most people think of Lent as a time of penance, giving up some pleasure, going to confession, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Lent is that, but it is also more. Lent is also a time for the faithful to PREPARE to renew your baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Most people give little thought to their baptismal promises because most people were baptized as infants and your parents and godparents made the baptismal promises for you at a time you were not cognizant of the meaning of those promises. When you were baptized, your parents and godparents said "yes" for you to the following questions:

- Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?
- Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?
- Do you reject Satan, the father of sin and prince of darkness?
- Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

The question then as we have grown up is how well each of us have understood, embraced and lived those promises that were once made for us by our parents and godparents? The Lenten theme of conversion is also an important part of our understanding of Baptism. Conversion is a LIFELONG process and Lent helps us to remember that. Lent is about responding to the grace of Baptism. Lent is a time to intentionally respond to God's call. At our baptism we were given the Holy Spirit. Lent invites us to consider the movement of the Holy Spirit already in us.

Whether you are able to join my presentations and discussion, use the above questions to reflect on your baptism this Lent, and be PREPARED to renew YOUR baptismal promises this Easter.

Have a blessed week!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 22 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM † Christine Holbrook, by Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass In Thanksgiving for healing Covid, by Antonio Castelan

### Tuesday, February 23 - St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM † AJ John Dominguez, by Shirley Staples  
 6:30 PM † Mary Ann Gurnack, by Nick & Camille Hahn  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

### Wednesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:00 PM † Joseph Salata, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer

### Thursday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM † Vern Miller  
 8:00 AM † Luisa Flores, by Marquez Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Friday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM † Ben & Lillian Pallardy, by Edith R Fister  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent**  
 † Dcn Bob Vavra, by George & Willie Durante  
 † Joyce Markus, by Family

### Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † John & Rosemary Frech, by John Frech Family  
 In Thanksgiving  
 10:00 AM Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 12:00 PM Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 5:30 PM Int Baby Kubanda, by Matthew & Mary

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Amanda Ognar          | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Mary Dunbar            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mary Ellen Reiter     | 12. George Lange           |
| 5. Bernice Tokarski      | 13. Thomas Sterling        |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Rev Don McLaughlin     |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan  | 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  
 Susan Mennenga

*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!

Este miércoles comienzo una serie de reflexiones y discusiones de seis semanas "Viviendo Tu Bautismo en Cuaresma". Se lleva a cabo los miércoles de 7:00pm a 8:30pm. Pueden participar en persona o mediante zoom. La inscripción está en el sitio web de la parroquia.

Entonces, ¿por qué hablar del bautismo en Cuaresma? La mayoría de la gente piensa en la Cuaresma como un tiempo de penitencia, renunciando a algún placer, yendo a la confesión, ayuno, oración y limosna. La Cuaresma es eso, pero también es más. La Cuaresma es también un tiempo para que los fieles se PREPAREN para renovar sus promesas bautismales el domingo de Pascua. La mayoría de las personas piensan poco en sus promesas bautismales porque la mayoría de las personas fueron bautizadas cuando eran bebés y sus padres y padrinos hicieron las promesas bautismales por ustedes en un momento en que Uds. no conocían el significado de esas promesas. Cuando Uds. se bautizaron, sus padres y padrinos dijeron "sí" por ustedes a las siguientes preguntas:

- ¿Rechazan el pecado para vivir en la libertad como hijos de Dios?
- ¿Rechazan el espejismo del mal y se niegan a dejarse dominar por el pecado?
- ¿Rechazan a Satanás, el padre del pecado y príncipe de las tinieblas?
- ¿Creen en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra?
- ¿Creen en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor que nació de la Virgen María, fue crucificado, murió y fue sepultado, resucitó de entre los muertos y ahora está sentado a la diestra del Padre?
- ¿Creen en el Espíritu Santo, la santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección del cuerpo y la vida eterna?

Entonces, a medida que hemos crecido, la pregunta es ¿qué tan bien cada uno de nosotros ha entendido, aceptado y vivido esas promesas que una vez hicieron por nosotros nuestros padres y padrinos? El tema de la conversión de la Cuaresma es también una parte importante de nuestra comprensión del Bautismo. La conversión es un proceso DE POR VIDA y la Cuaresma nos ayuda a recordarlo. En la Cuaresma se trata de responder a la gracia del Bautismo. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para responder intencionalmente al llamado de Dios. En nuestro bautismo se nos dio el Espíritu Santo. La Cuaresma nos invita a considerar el movimiento del Espíritu Santo que ya está en nosotros. Ya sea que puedan unirse a mis presentaciones y discusiones, usen las preguntas anteriores para reflexionar sobre su bautismo en esta Cuaresma, y estén PREPARADOS para renovar SUS promesas bautismales esta Pascua de Resurrección.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*

## ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREAN EN EL EVANGELIO

La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.

La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: "Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio" (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32  
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115):10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10



February 21, 2021

## First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Even amid the forced slowdown of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. I confess I indulge in all of these (except for home organizing). Lent challenges me to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with my own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged *from* the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent, as we enter *our* desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God's will for us, and ready to proclaim it to the world.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What are you doing for Lent this year? I ask our kids that every Ash Wednesday around the dinner table, and one or more of us often scramble for a plan. "Umm ... candy! I'll give up candy except Snickers." "No Netflix!" Or we take the "do good" route: "I'll pray more." "I'll help with chores." "I'll volunteer or donate to charity." All good things. Whatever "the plan," however, today's Gospel challenges me to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, I'd like to spend less time planning and more time listening for God's voice in the silence, which I find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

**PRAY** "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." The verse before today's Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.

## For Who & What Do You Give Your Life?

**On February 21, the Church celebrates the feast day of Blessed Noel Pinot.** Blessed Noel Pinot was born and grew up in France. He dedicated his life to God. He was ordained a priest and served as a pastor for many years. This was during the time of the French Revolution, a time of great struggle and change in France.

The people leading this revolt wanted to separate the Church of France from the pope. Noel had been a pastor for two years when this law was passed. Noel believed that breaking off from the pope was wrong. He refused to take the oath supporting the new law and was exiled from his church. He was not even allowed to come within eight miles of it.

During his exile, Noel continued to help his parishioners in secret. He knew he was putting his life in danger, but he continued to celebrate Mass for his parishioners anyway.



He also encouraged other priests to stay true to the pope and not take the oath. Unfortunately, one of Noel's parishioners betrayed him. The person told the police how Noel was disobeying the government. When Noel was about to say Mass one Sunday, the police came and arrested him. They held him in prison for a week and tortured him, trying to get him to take the oath. When the police realized that Noel would not give in to their wishes, he was sentenced to death. However, his faith remained strong. Even while he was led to his death, **he repeated the beginning lines of Mass: "I will go in to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth."**

The life of Blessed Noel Pinot is a great Lenten reminder of the importance of staying true to our beliefs even when it is hard to do so.



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

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Please attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Wednesday, February 24 at 2:00pm via livestream. The prayer service will be led by Deacon Tony Leazzo. Go to the Our Lady of Mercy website at [olmercy.com](http://olmercy.com) and information for the connection will be there. After the prayer service, we invite you to stay with us for a time of sharing and support via ZOOM. The link will be provided that day.

The St. Peregrine Ministry accompanies caregivers and individuals who live with serious illness, especially cancer and chronic illness and provides prayer support, education, resources and a sacred space for sharing. *Lord, we entrust to you the sick and suffering and ask that they may receive help with their needs through the intercession of St. Peregrine, your beloved servant. St. Peregrine, pray for us.*

### Walking to Jerusalem

It is not too late to join the Walking to Jerusalem program. Contact Jolene LeRoy RN at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or call 331-707-5380 to find out how to join.

### Protect Your Heart

The last week of February marks the end of *Heart Health Month*. This is a reminder that every week, every day, should be a time to focus on your heart health. Did you know that about 366,000 Americans die from coronary heart disease each year? This disease occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries and reduces the amount of oxygen-rich blood getting to the heart.

There are ways to protect your heart from cardiovascular diseases. Ask your doctor about your blood pressure, cholesterol, and A1C. Reduce the sodium, and increase the fruits, vegetables and whole grains in your diet. Be physically active. Maintain a healthy weight. Do not smoke. Manage your reaction to stress in healthy ways. Keep your diabetes under control.

The following tips are offered for the last days of this month. *Day 22:* Find out about your family health history, especially related to heart health. *Day 23:* March in place during commercial breaks while watching television to get your heart going. *Day 24:* Eat vegetarian for a day. *Day 25:* Ask a family member, walk by yourself or take your dog for a walk. *Day 26:* Fill half of your lunch and dinner plates with vegetables. *Day 27:* Start your day with a healthy breakfast – a smoothie or oatmeal with blueberries. *Day 28:* Praise God, thank Him for the blessings in your life and ask God to help you with the changes that you want to make to take care of your heart – physically, emotionally and spiritually!

### Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Be aware of the new CDC guidance for wearing masks. With the new variants of COVID-19 appearing, we need to continue our vigilance about wearing masks and social distancing. When you wear a mask, you protect others and yourself. Masks work best when everyone wears one. Look at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for the guidelines.

### Pastoral Care

If you need support or resources for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or call 331-707-5380. You are not alone. Your faith community cares about you and supports you.



**St. Peregrine**  
PRAYER SERVICE  
**WEDNESDAY 2/24TH @ 2PM**  
**LIVESTREAM ONLY**

**FOR CAREGIVERS AND THOSE WHO LIVE WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY CANCER AND CHRONIC ILLNESS**

Zoom Discussion follows the service @ 2:30pm to form a community of support for one another and learn more about the St. Peregrine ministry. Zoom details will be posted during the livestream.

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE**

**This Weekend!**  
**July 18 & July 19**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot this weekend for our Clothing Drive!!

**Items can be dropped off:**

- Saturday July 18 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass
- Sunday July 19 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 19 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 19- 15 minutes before the 12 noon mass (The truck will be picked up shortly after noon so it likely will not be there after the noon mass)

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED! SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincent-donate@gmail.com.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

*Thanks for your*

*this Lent* **WALKING TO JERUSALEM**

**TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS WHILE IMPROVING OUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

starts ASH WEDNESDAY  
ends HOLY SATURDAY

for details please contact  
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*Join* **Fr Don's Lenten Study**

**LIVING YOUR BAPTISM**

Wednesdays for 6 weeks  
starting 2/24th  
7pm - 8:30pm  
In-Person or Online

Register @  
WWW.OLMERCY.COM





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 27 & 28**

**Father Don will preach at all Masses.**

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

*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/07/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	881,098
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	870,400
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,698</b>
02/07/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,963
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,763</b>

*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
December, 2020	\$ 755,797
January, 2021	\$ 733,800

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA**

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) and help our parish reach its \$154,400 goal.

Because not all of us have returned to worshipping in person, our pastor is mailing a packet to parishioners this week. Included will be the envelope many of us use to make a gift at Mass, as well as more information on how the CMAA *shines the light of Christ* not only in our parish, but across the diocese.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



## 2021-2022 Registration Now Open at All Saints

Priority registration for the 2021-2022 school year is **now open** to families new to All Saints from our **sponsoring and supporting parishes**. We welcome **your** preschool through grade 8 student to **join our All Saints school community this fall**.

We know that this current school year has been full of ups and downs for so many of our precious children. At All Saints, our students have enjoyed **continuous 5 day in person instruction** since August; and the Diocese and All Saints are committed **to safely being open and in person** – now and in the future. You can trust in All Saints Catholic Academy, where *our students will continue to learn and grow with their teachers and friends*.

While we are not able to invite prospective families into the school this year for an Open House due to adherence to our re-opening protocols, we warmly invite you to familiarize yourself with All Saints by visiting our website at **ascacademy.org**.

There you can find information on:

**Admissions Criteria**

**Registration forms and cost**

an online **Inquiry Form**, with an opportunity to request grade level videos

a **Welcome to All Saints** video from our principal and administration

the **ASCA NOW News – Covid-19 Edition** video produced by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students



### **Saints Strong Virtual Celebration (SSVC)**

All Saints largest fun and fundraiser will be virtual this year on **Saturday, March 20**. This year's 50/50 Raffle pot already exceeds \$4,000; and **the pot continues to grow**.

The lucky winner will take home 50% of the final pot, with the other 50% going straight to ASCA to build a new STEM lab. If you would like to purchase a ticket (\$10 per ticket), please contact [dda@ascacademy.org](mailto:dda@ascacademy.org).

### **LENT GUIDELINES** **Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois** **Fast and Abstinence Regulations**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.



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**HOSPITALIZATION:** If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

**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.

**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.

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