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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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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SEMINARIAN INTERN

Tom Logue

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SECOND LENT

SUNDAY OF

*Jesus was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white.*

Mark 9:2-3



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

How easy do you find it to trust in God? I don't know about you, but there have been times in my life that I have found it difficult to trust in God, believing that He really has a plan. When I have to conduct the funeral of a parent leaving behind small children, or the funeral of a teen who died by suicide or a drug overdose, I find myself asking God a lot of questions. Trusting in the paradoxes of God is challenging! For example, in today's first reading from Genesis, Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac appears to make no sense at all. The promise to the patriarch seems to be in jeopardy since Abraham can realize the blessing of a great posterity only through Isaac. God's command is apparently counterproductive. In this account however, the author informs us that this entire actions is designed as a divine testing. It is meant to evoke the patriarch's wholehearted commitment to God. Abraham thus emerges as the paragon of faith and trust. He learns, painfully perhaps, that we are called to trust in the paradoxes of God.

In the second reading Paul also struggles with trust in divine paradox. He speaks of God as one who did not spare his own Son but handed him over to death for the sake of all humanity. Paul then quickly adds the human trust component to this paradox of live via death. If God has acted in this seemingly bizarre way, the "how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" Paul captures the depth of divine paradox in the death and resurrection of Jesus to elicit human trust in One who apparently does not go by the book! We are called to trust in the paradoxes of God.

The early Christian community saw Good Friday as the great paradox. The kingdom so eloquently proclaimed by Jesus was obviously in jeopardy, if not already snuffed out. However, Mark in today's Gospel uses the transfiguration to establish the divine paradox. Jesus had earlier enunciated the plan of passion, death, and resurrection. In the transfiguration story, the three disciples share in the divine revelation yet come away discussing the meaning of resurrection. For Mark, the transfiguration makes sense only on the grounds that one presupposes the resurrection follows only after suffering and death. In Mark too, we are called to trust in the paradoxes of God.

The Eucharist provides a fitting setting for the theme of the paradoxes of God. It is the paradox that Jesus' dying can lead to Jesus' being raised. The bread and the wine become the symbols of divine paradox. They challenge us to transcend the world of effort and results to accept a God of concern who writes straight with crooked lines. In the Eucharist, too, WE are called to trust in the paradoxes of God!

Have a blessed Lent!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Amy Carroll, by Judy Zeno
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Josefa Villarreal, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer

Tuesday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Maria Salome Embradura, by Oscar & Lourdes Indad
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by John & Cheryl DeWitt
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 3 - St Katharine Drexel, Virgin

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

Thursday, March 4 - St Casimir

6:30 AM † The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 8:00 AM † Bienvenido Tan, by The Tan Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, March 5 - World Day of Prayer

8:00 AM † Maureen Therese Flangan-Forbell,
 By Helena Lukaszewski

Saturday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM † Alice Toschak, by Stefania Chase
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent**
 † James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr by Family
 † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family

Sunday, March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Eugene Kosinski, by Helen Gorski
 10:00 AM † Fred Mohrmann, by Lazowski Family
 12:00 PM † Francisco Uy, by Uy Family
 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:

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| 1. The Hapke Family | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Lauren Zink |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Bryan Lange | 12. Parishioners of OLM |
| 5. Those with Covid-19 | 13. The Homeless |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. First Responders |
| 7. People of Texas | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Florence & Joseph Kubicki |

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

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!

¿Qué tan fácil te resulta confiar en Dios? No sé de ustedes, pero ha habido momentos en mi vida en los que me ha resultado difícil confiar en Dios, creyendo que Él realmente tiene un plan. Cuando tengo que llevar a cabo el funeral de un padre que deja a sus hijos pequeños, o el funeral de un adolescente que murió por suicidio o por sobredosis de drogas, me encuentro haciéndole muchas preguntas a Dios. ¡Confiar en las paradojas de Dios es un desafío! Por ejemplo, en la primera lectura de hoy del Génesis, el sacrificio de Isaac por Abraham parece no tener ningún sentido. La promesa al patriarca parece estar en peligro ya que Abraham puede realizar la bendición de una gran posteridad solo a través de Isaac. El mandato de Dios es aparentemente contraproducente. Sin embargo, en este relato, el autor nos informa que todas estas acciones están diseñadas como una prueba divina. Tiene la intención de evocar el compromiso incondicional del patriarca con Dios. Abraham surge así como el modelo de fe y confianza. Él aprende, quizás dolorosamente, que estamos llamados a confiar en las paradojas de Dios.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo también lucha con la confianza en la paradoja divina. Él habla de Dios como alguien que no perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó a la muerte por el bien de toda la humanidad. Pablo luego agrega rápidamente el componente de confianza humana a esta paradoja de vivir a través de la muerte. Si Dios ha actuado de esta manera aparentemente extraña, el "¿cómo no nos dará todo lo demás junto con él?" ¡Pablo capta la profundidad de la paradoja divina en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús para provocar la confianza humana en Uno que aparentemente no sigue las reglas y normas! Estamos llamados a confiar en las paradojas de Dios.

La comunidad Cristiana primitiva vio el Viernes Santo como la gran paradoja. El reino tan elocuentemente proclamado por Jesús estaba obviamente en peligro, si no ya extinguido. Sin embargo, Marcos en el evangelio de hoy usa la transfiguración para establecer la paradoja divina. Jesús había enunciado anteriormente el plan de la pasión, muerte y resurrección. En la historia de la transfiguración, los tres discípulos comparten la revelación divina pero salen discutiendo el significado de la resurrección. Para Marcos, la transfiguración tiene sentido solo sobre la base de que se presupone que la resurrección sigue solo después del sufrimiento y la muerte. También en Marcos estamos llamados a confiar en las paradojas de Dios.

La Eucaristía proporciona un marco apropiado para el tema de las paradojas de Dios. Es la paradoja de que la muerte de Jesús puede llevar a que Jesús resucite. El pan y el vino se convierten en símbolos de la paradoja divina. Nos desafían a trascender el mundo del esfuerzo y los resultados para aceptar a un Dios preocupado que escribe recto con líneas torcidas (aún puede lograr su plan perfecto a través de las acciones imperfectas de las personas). ¡También en la Eucaristía NOSOTROS estamos llamados a confiar en las paradojas de Dios!

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Cuaresma!

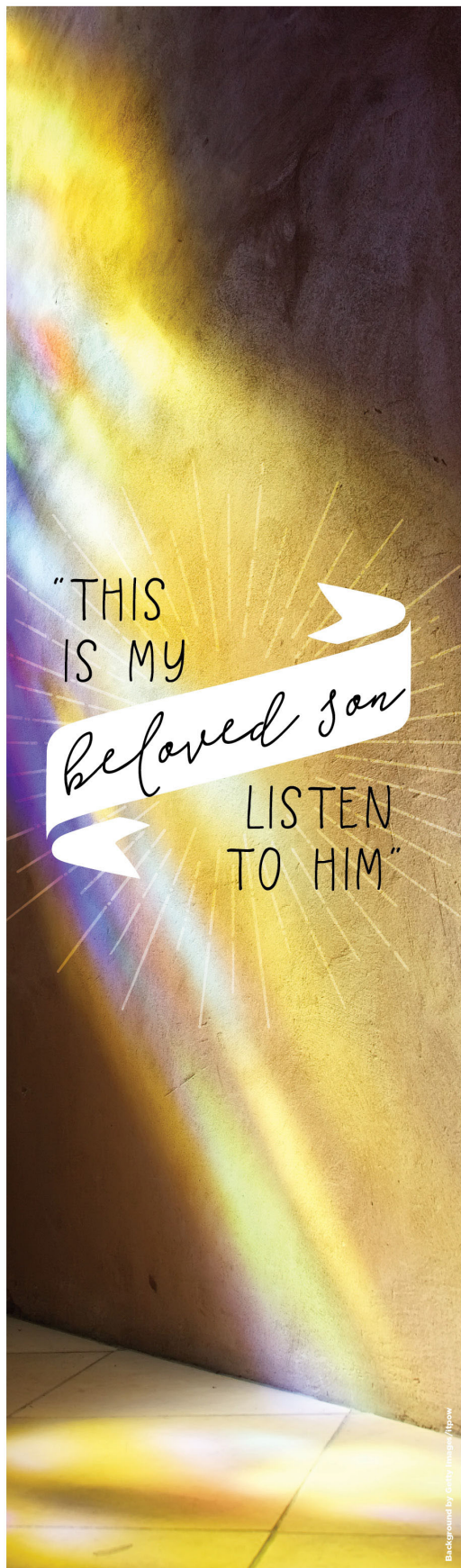
Padre Ken

HISTORIA DE LA SALVACIÓN

La primera lectura de hoy continúa la "historia de la salvación", relato que oímos a lo largo de la Cuaresma de este año. El relato de hoy era uno de los más queridos en la tradición judía (seguramente José se lo contó al joven Jesús cuando le enseñaba los caminos de la fe); a los primeros padres de la Iglesia les gustaba usarlo para explicar el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz. El tono general de la primera lectura, del salmo y la segunda lectura me parece un poco fuera de lugar frente al Evangelio deslumbrante, hasta que recordamos que la Transfiguración se incluyó como el Evangelio de este domingo, precisamente para recordarnos la gloria que les espera a aquellos que son fieles y obedientes a la voluntad de Dios. En la vida de Jesús, es un anticipo de la gloria de su resurrección, para nosotros es una visión del destino de aquellos que continúan, como hemos escuchado en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, arrepintiéndose y creyendo en la Buena Nueva. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
 Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
 Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
 Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



"THIS
IS MY

Beloved Son

LISTEN
TO HIM"

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as “grayscale monochrome,” a technical term for black-and-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father’s presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus’ glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul’s powerful words that “God is for us” add solace and encouragement.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can’t get enough of Paul’s letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today’s reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I’m struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but “indeed intercedes for us.” Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for *others*, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

PRAY I find that I often make prayer all about me! Yet, as the Church teaches, “in intercession, those who pray look ‘not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,’ even to the point of praying for those who do them harm.” (CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those of us who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

Two Types of Family Lenten Prayer to Experience



Family Stations of the Cross

Did you know there are many types of Stations of the Cross that powerfully relate Jesus' passion and death to the ways we are called to love and sacrifice for others? My favorite Stations of the Cross for families that you can lead at home can be found at:

<https://cathfamily.org/family-stations-of-the-cross/>

There are hard copies of this family version outside your parish RE Office in a stand on our bookshelf. Come pick one up for your family and a second one to share with another family!

Family Creative Lenten Journal

You can engage in the themes of Lent and Easter as a family through drawing, writing, stories, fun, prayer and worship! Sam and Sara Hargreaves created an excellent family journal based on their experience as parents, their leadership in music and worship, and their work in youth ministry. You can access this FREE download at:

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/lent-family-creative-journal-downloadable-versions>

We also have printed copies of this colorful family journal ready for you next to the Family Stations of the Cross booklets on the bookshelf right outside your parish R.E. Family Office! Help yourself!



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.

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PASTORAL CARE

Open HEARTS Ministry

As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. HEARTS stands for what the ministry offers – Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. The time together is for sharing resources and information, listening, caring and praying.

The next scheduled in-person gathering is Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. We will continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols of wearing masks, following the six-foot distance guideline and using hand sanitizer. If you would like to receive emails about meetings or changes, resources, workshops or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com.

Walking to Jerusalem

How are you doing on your Lenten journey? Are you growing closer to Jesus? Do you feel that you are improving your health depending on the goals that you set each day or week? Please remember to call in or email your weekly miles (and designate as physical, spiritual or my choice miles). Since we started on Ash Wednesday, the week goes from Wednesday to Tuesday. Report your miles at jolenel@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380. We have 31 participants as of February 18. It is not too late to join or invite others to walk along with us during Lent.



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

The Diocese of Joliet website offers sources regarding the availability of COVID-19 vaccines in the seven counties of the diocese through the county health departments. There is also information for Catholics on the moral efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines on the website at dioceseofjoliet.org.

God's Way to Total Heart Health

As *Heart Health Month* comes to an end, remember to take care of your heart every day of the year. Total heart health involves spiritual, physical and emotional care of the heart and it is a lifelong process. Continue to think about ways to improve your heart health through physical activity, healthy eating, humor and laughter, connecting to the Lord, surrounding yourself with a supportive community, and reaching out to help others in their time of need.

Read and reflect on the following scripture passages and how they relate to heart health. *"Listen today to God's voice; harden not your heart"* (Psalm 95:8). *"Create in me a new heart, Lord"* (Psalm 51:12). *"For in him our hearts rejoice: his holy name we trust"* (Psalm 33:21). Give your worries and concerns to the Lord and ask Him to help you make changes in your life or to keep on track with the things that you are doing.

Pastoral Care

If you need assistance with navigating the COVID-19 vaccination registration, need assistance with grocery shopping or have other needs that you are concerned about, please know that your faith community is here for you. For physical, emotional, spiritual and mental health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380.

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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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

March 20 & 21

It's time to clean out those drawers and closets to get ready for our next STVP Clothing Drive!!
Collection bags are in the lobby of the PLC.

Items can be dropped off:

- Saturday March 20 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass
- Sunday March 21 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass
- Sunday March 21 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass
- Sunday March 21 - 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 ACCEPT-ED! 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 – saintvincentdonate@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 generous donations!



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
March 6 & 7**

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/14/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	910,079
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	897,600
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	12,479
02/14/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	28,981
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	1,781

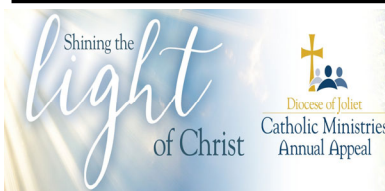
Thank you for your generosity!!

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



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$154,400.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at 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**.

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.

<p>Aurora Central Catholic High School cordially invites you to our</p> <p><i>25th Annual Super Saturday Night</i></p> <p>an online</p>  <p>SILVER LINING</p> <p>Celebration</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 29 through SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021</p> <p>Sign up online at https://bit.ly/3p9nZ07 Register on your mobile, text G1538 to 63665 to receive a sign up link</p> <p><i>Behind the clouds the sun is shining, Be our SILVER LINING.</i></p> <p>Funds raised at Super Saturday Night support our school and keeps tuition affordable. All proceeds benefit Aurora Central Catholic High School and our students. 1255 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora IL 60506</p>	<p>Mark your calendars, Aurora Central Catholic will host their Super Saturday Annual Event – Silver Lining” starting Thursday, April 29 through Saturday , May 1, 2021. The silent auction will be held online.</p> <p>Early bird registration raffle- Sign up by March 15th for a chance to win a gift card. There is no cost to register! Sign up online at https://bit.ly/3p9nZ07 Register on your mobile , text G1538 to 63665 to receive a sign up link.</p> <p>More information and a registration link can also be found on ACC's homepage website under Super Saturday Event. https://auroracentral.com</p>
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NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

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