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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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Tom Logue

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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



*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021*

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON THOMAS LOGUE!

Our Seminarian Intern, Tom Logue, assigned to OLM since the fall of 2020, was ordained a transitional deacon on April 23, 2021. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic protocols of both the seminary, Diocese, and parish, you have not had the opportunity to have much interaction with Tom since he has not been at the parish very much. He will be living and ministering as a deacon at OLM beginning in May through his return to school in mid-August. After his return to school, he will be at the parish most weekends until his ordination as a priest in May of 2022. We look to his ministering at OLM and offer him our support and prayers in his final preparation to becoming a priest!



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

One of the most challenging things that many of us struggle with is not allowing the past to dictate the way in which we live life today. The past, which we cannot change, can often linger negatively. It will always be part of our lives. But, we can change the present moment.

We can always move into a positive way of living and thinking. Through God's grace, St. Paul with the help of Barnabas made his conversion experience known to the apostles. His life was dramatically changed and his work began in the early Church. The Holy Spirit was the driving force in his life and can be the same for us as well. These remarkable readings from Acts of the Apostles inspire us throughout the year. The liturgies we celebrate together pour those graces into each one of us. ALL WE NEED IS THE WILLINGNESS TO SAY YES AND MOVE FORWARD.

The reading from the 1st Letter of John reinforces the fact that the power of the resurrected Jesus can see us through the trials and tribulations of life. When all seems hopeless, or at is seemingly at a dead end with nowhere to turn, there is always an incredible light to show us another way. Through the love of God and one another, new ways of life can unfold.

The parable of the vine and the branches is a wonderful reminder to prune away the baggage in our lives that constantly wears us down and robs us of the energy to live our lives as fully as possible. One thing we can learn in life is to be not only compassionate to others but to learn self-compassion. We constantly need to forgive ourselves, acknowledge our mistakes or compulsions, fearlessly address them, and move on. Otherwise, we run the risk of stagnating and making ourselves miserable. It takes much courage to face our hardships and challenges in life. God's grace and a fearless self-honesty can work miracles!

Fr. James and some of our prayer team warriors are being trained in a special ministry of prayer based on the book "Unbound – A Practical Guide to Deliverance" by Neal Lozano. If you would like to be prayed over using this type of prayer, please e-mail Fr. James.

Several people have asked how I am doing since the surgery I had on March 25th to remove my isthmus, the bridge of tissue that connects the two lobes of the thyroid gland. At the time of surgery tissue samples were sent to pathology and no classic features were displaying at that time. However, the full pathology report received two weeks later show that I have encapsulated papillary carcinoma cells present. Therefore, I now need to have my entire thyroid gland removed. That surgery is scheduled for June 10th.

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3 - Sts Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 AM Sonia Sindac, by Tom & Letty Nolan
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Special Intention

Tuesday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Nathaniel Centeno, Jr by Centeno Family
 6:30 PM † Luz Guerrero, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM Int Jeff & Jolene LeRoy, by Family

Thursday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Int Virginia Sillasen, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 8:00 AM † Estela Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, May 7 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Marta Estela deCoto, by Ernestina Caceres

Saturday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM † Vincente Yu, by the Uy Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 † Joyce Markus, by Family
 † Jim & Barbara DeZellar, by Jim & Carolyn Grier

Sunday, May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 10:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
 † Emma & Juanito DeChavez, by Family
 12:00 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 5:30 PM † V.G. Joseph, by Gail Marattil

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Those Who Nurture | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Mother Mary |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Blane Cusar | 12. Jim DeZellar |
| 5. The Lonely | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Jeff & Jolene LeRoy |
| 7. Peace | 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 & 4:00PM,
 Sunday 10:00AM & 12:00PM
 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

Mary Dunbar
 Frank Kingsley
 Susan Mennenga
 Virginia Maher

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!

Una de las cosas más desafiantes con las que muchos de nosotros luchamos es no permitir que el pasado dicte la forma en que hoy vivimos la vida. El pasado, que no podemos cambiar, a menudo puede persistir negativamente. Siempre será parte de nuestras vidas. Pero podemos cambiar el momento presente. Siempre podemos movernos hacia una forma positiva de vivir y pensar. Por la gracia de Dios, San Pablo con la ayuda de Bernabé dio a conocer a los apóstoles su experiencia de conversión. Su vida cambió drásticamente y su obra comenzó en la Iglesia primitiva. El Espíritu Santo fue la fuerza impulsora de su vida y también puede ser lo mismo para nosotros. Estas extraordinarias lecturas de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos inspiran durante todo el año. Las liturgias que celebramos juntos derraman esas gracias en cada uno de nosotros. **TODO LO QUE NECESITAMOS ES LA DISPOSICIÓN DE DECIR SÍ Y AVANZAR.**

La lectura de la 1ª Carta de Juan refuerza el hecho de que el poder de Jesús resucitado puede ayudarnos a superar las pruebas y tribulaciones de la vida. Cuando todo parece **desesperanzado**, o aparentemente se encuentra en un callejón sin salida sin ningún lugar adonde ir, siempre hay una luz increíble que nos muestra otro camino. A través del amor de Dios y del uno al otro, se pueden desarrollar nuevas formas de vida.

La parábola de la vid y las ramas es un maravilloso recordatorio para eliminar el bagaje de nuestras vidas que constantemente nos desgasta y nos roba la energía para vivir nuestras vidas lo más plenamente posible. Una cosa que podemos aprender en la vida es no solo ser compasivos con los demás, sino también aprender a compadecerse de nosotros mismos. Constantemente necesitamos perdonarnos a nosotros mismos, reconocer nuestros errores o compulsiones, abordar sin miedo el problema y seguir adelante. De lo contrario, corremos el riesgo de estancarnos y hacernos miserables. Se necesita mucho coraje para enfrentar nuestras dificultades y desafíos en la vida. ¡La gracia de Dios y una auto-honestidad intrépida pueden obrar milagros!

El Padre James y algunos de los guerreros de nuestro equipo de oración están siendo entrenados en un ministerio especial de oración basado en el libro "Unbound - Una Guía Práctica para la Liberación" de Neal Lozano. Si desearías que se ore por ti usando este tipo de oración, envía un correo electrónico al Padre James.

Varias personas me han preguntado cómo estoy desde la cirugía que tuve el 25 de marzo para extirpar mi istmo, el puente de tejido que conecta los dos lóbulos de la glándula tiroides. En el momento de la cirugía, las muestras de tejido se enviaron a patología y no mostraban características clásicas en ese momento. Sin embargo, el informe patológico completo recibido dos semanas después muestra que tengo la presencia de células de carcinoma papilar encapsuladas. Por lo tanto, ahora necesito que me extirpen toda la glándula tiroides. Esa cirugía está programada para el 10 de junio.

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Pascua!

Padre James

DEN FRUTOS

Pocos de nosotros, incluso cuando meditamos sobre la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos, nos detenemos a pensar realmente acerca de cómo Dios nos "poda". Para algunos, existe el peligro de pensar que ya estamos produciendo frutos para el reino, de verdad y con hechos como dice Juan, tal vez criando una familia, siendo activos en nuestra parroquia y así. Pero incluso aquellas ramas que están dando sus frutos, nos dice el Evangelio, se pueden podar para producir aún más. Hoy Saulo, recién "podado" por su conversión, llega a Jerusalén y encuentra resistencia. Ya que había estado persiguiendo a los cristianos, esto era natural. Pero incluso después de que lo aceptan y comienza a dar frutos, se encuentra con más adversidad, y sus cartas están llenas de muchos relatos de cómo sus pruebas eran "podas" para que produjera más frutos para el Reino. Al igual que él, siempre y cuando permanezcamos en Cristo, vamos a seguir dando frutos y, cuando la voluntad del Padre, determine que es hora de que nos pode, la fuerza de la vid verdadera deberá permitirnos soportarlo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 o Jn 17:11b-19

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

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

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches ... without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

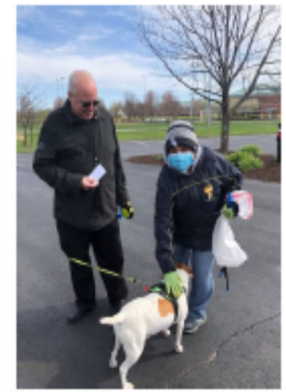
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible in many parts of the United States, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy! Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship.

PRAY Consider spending an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.



Caring for Our Common Home



Many parishioners came to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 17 at an event sponsored by OLM's Justice & Peace Ministry. A cleanup of the grounds took place. Some RE families participated and we all enjoyed a great morning of prayer and care for our common home.

Next year, the Justice & Peace Ministry would like to work in collaboration with RE Families on a Green Fair.

If you are interested in working on a planning committee, please contact Chris Harvey at 631-561-9722

or chrisharveyny@gmail.com





The next **EDGE Night is Monday, April 26th** from

6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Please see the EDGE webpage for more details.

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 are still being accepted! We

will still accept Letters of Intent for high school teens who would like to enter the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program. Please see the LIGHT webpage for the information and packet.

Aurora Day of Service is happening on May 1st! Parishioners who have jobs around the yard (outside jobs only please) may request a team of teens to help! We will do yard clean-up, outside window cleaning, mulch spreading, etc.

Mission Trip 2021! We have started a waiting list for high school teens who are interested in attending this July's trip to the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Please check the LIGHT webpage for more details.

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

Walking with Mary

All are welcome to participate in a spiritual and physical health initiative during the month of May. Let us grow closer to Mary who always leads us to her son, Jesus and improve our health by being active. The goal is that together as a community, we will accumulate 4,015 miles to reach the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal and make it back home. If you are interested in joining the journey, contact Jolene at jolene@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380 for the program details and handouts.

St. Peregrine and St. Dymphna Prayer Service

On Tuesday, May 11 following the 6:30pm Mass, there will be a St. Peregrine and St. Dymphna Prayer Service in-person with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially suffering from cancer, serious illness or chronic illness whose Feast Day is May 11. St. Dymphna is the patron saint of mental health, stress and anxiety whose Feast Day is May 15. The prayer service is for the intention of those with cancer, serious or chronic illnesses, mental health illness or concerns and their caregivers.

Open HEARTS Ministry

The next scheduled in-person gathering is Monday, May 17 at 7:00pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and May 15 is St. Dymphna's feast day, who is the patron saint of mental health, stress and anxiety. The ministry is for anyone who has an interest in increasing the awareness of mental health and mental illness and sharing resources and experiences with others. If you would like to learn more about the ministry, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Do You Know the Signs of a Stroke?

May is *National Stroke Awareness Month*. If you know the **F.A.S.T.** warning signs, you may save someone's life if they are experiencing a stroke. **F is for Face Drooping.** Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the smile even or lopsided? **A is for Arm Weakness.** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? **S is for Speech.** Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. **T is for Time to call 9-1-1.** The person needs immediate medical evaluation and treatment!

Learn more about stroke from the American Stroke Association at www.stroke.org.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have mental, physical or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolene@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380 for support and assistance.

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Connect with Kathy for questions, zoom links kmbroadus@sbcglobal.net

Stretch and strengthening mat workout while we pray the rosary using SoulCore. Concludes with 10 minutes of meditative silent prayer followed by group prayer intentions.

Wednesday 6:30pm via Zoom
Saturday 9:15am via Zoom

MARY'S SQUAD
JOIN THE CLASS!

SoulCore integrates the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching, and functional movements; inviting participants to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the Mysteries and virtues of the rosary.

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For High School Seniors
SUBMIT APPLICATION BY JUNE 19 @ 4PM

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confession RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
9AM-10AM (Both Indoor or Outdoor)
1:30PM-2:30PM

TUESDAYS
7PM-8PM

DURING MAGNIFY
last Wednesday of the month
7:30PM-8:20PM

"Do not be afraid of Confession" -Pope Francis

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

Women's Weekend
May 15 - May 16
Women's Contact
Vicki Petersen @ (708)250-7634

Men's Weekend
May 22 - May 23
Men's Contact
Kevin Nemetz @ (630)301-2312

Or email us at CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM

Register online by 5/10 at WWW.OLMERCY.COM

GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

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We just celebrated Easter and the first coming of Jesus. Now we turn our focus to the second coming of God. So many questions about the end of times - Will there be peace on Earth? How will Jesus come? Will there be darkness on the Earth? What will happen to the devil? Will he finally fall? Will there be a final judgement? If you have asked these questions, let's study this and learn the vision of John and what it means for us, the church and the world around us.



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

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 04/18/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,120,532
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,115,200
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	5,332
04/18/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	22,537
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(4,663)

Thank you for your generosity!!

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses May 8 & 9

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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



Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again!

Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.



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	\$	154,400
Amount Pledged	\$	130,052
Amount Paid	\$	100,881
Remaining Balance	\$	29,172
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		461

St Vincent DePaul (SVdP) Society OLM

Thank you for all the donations supporting our recent clothing drive this past March in the parish parking lot. Your donations filled 2 SVdP trucks! How are your donations used? Below is an example of a recent neighbor we assisted.

“Starting Over & No pillow to rest my head”

A single mother with an 8-year-old daughter was recently separated and moved into a nearby apartment. This mom had little furniture and day to day household items. Through your donations we were able to provide her with a voucher to the local SVdP store in West Chicago. This voucher allowed her to obtain kitchen items, a table, plates/knives/forks, bath and hand towels and other items free of charge. This mom didn't have a bed to sleep on, so OLM SVdP assisted with the purchase of a queen bed/frame through the Joliet Diocese SVdP bedding program. The mom and daughter were so grateful for all the support.

Your financial support this past calendar year was used to help over 120 neighbors in need.

We always could use volunteers to help us in assisting our neighbors in need.

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