



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 9, 2021

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13



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

BLESSING PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

God of Love, listen to this prayer.
God of Holy People, of Sarah, Ruth and Rebekah;
God of holy Elizabeth, mother of John,
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,
bend down Your ear to this request
and bless the mother of our family.

Bless her with the strength of Your spirit,
she who has taught her child/children
how to stand and how to walk.

Bless her with the melody of Your love,
she who has fed and nurtured
the life that was formed within her
while still helpless but embrace in her love.

Bless her today, now, in this lifetime,
With good things, with health.
Bless her with joy, love, laughter
and pride in her child/children
and surround her with many good friends.

May she who carried life in her womb
be carried one day to Your divine embrace;
there, for all eternity,
to rejoice with her family and friends.

This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the mother of our family:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN+

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10 - St Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 AM † Roy Thomas, by Sissy Roy
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Juan Vargas Suarez, by Family

Tuesday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Beverly Gross, by Jolene LeRoy
 6:30 PM † Joseph Castellucci, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, May 12 - Sts Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

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

Thursday, May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord

6:30 AM † Estela & Alfonso Ramirez, by Family
 8:00 AM † Departed Souls
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, May 14 - St Matthias, Apostle

8:00 AM † Marian Leckey, by The Children

Saturday, May 15 - St Isidore

8:30 AM † Alan Gustaitis
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - The Ascension of the Lord**
 † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Dcn Michael & Kathryn Barrett
 † Alceste Pieri, by Ida Phillips

Sunday, May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Mary & Donald Cullotta, by Family
 10:00 AM † Scott Davidson, by Dor Davidson
 12:00 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 5:30 PM † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Mother's Day | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Those Who Nurture |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. In Thanksgiving-TLN | 12. Ann Borburg |
| 5. Blake McCracken | 13. Charles & Sophia Martin |
| 6. Virginia Maher | 14. Those who are Pregnant |
| 7. Special Intention | 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

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

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 Jill Brisceno
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 Diane Singer

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 Bill Morse
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 Marilyn Reich
 Helen Joseph
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 William Gardaphe

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 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!

ORACIÓN DE BENDICIÓN PARA EL DÍA DE LA MADRE

Dios de amor, escucha esta oración.
Dios del Pueblo Santo, de Sara, Ruth y Rebeca;
Dios de Santa Isabel, madre de Juan;
de Santa María, Madre de Jesús.
Inclina Tu oído a esta petición
y bendice a la madre de nuestra familia.

Bendícela con la fuerza de Tu Espíritu,
ella que le ha enseñado a su hijo/hijos
cómo pararse y cómo caminar.

Bendícela con la melodía de Tu amor,
ella que ha alimentado y criado
la vida que se formó en su interior
mientras aun estaba indefensa pero abrazada en su amor.

Bendícela hoy, ahora, en esta vida,
con cosas buenas, con salud.
Bendícela con alegría, amor, risas
y orgullo por su hijo/hijos,
y rodéala de muchos buenos amigos.

Que ella, quien llevó la vida en su vientre
sea llevada un día en Tus divinos brazos;
allí, por toda la eternidad,
para regocijarse con su familia y amigos.

Que esta bendición y todas las gracias, te rogamos,
desciendan sobre la madre de nuestra familia:
en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo
y del Espíritu Santo. AMEN +

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¡FELIZ DÍA DE LA MADRE!

Padre Don



Oficina del Ministerio Hispano y
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Diócesis de Joliet

SERIE MARÍA EN EL NUEVO TESTAMENTO

Mayo es el mes dedicado a
María, para ayudarnos a conocer
más sobre la Madre de Dios,
durante 4 lunes de Mayo,
William Becerra enseñará como
los cuatro evangelios canónicos
presentan a María en sus
narrativas y su significado
teológico.

Lunes 10, 17, 24, y 31 de Mayo
8:00 a 9:00 PM, hora del Centro



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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Viernes: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2 -3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Domingo: Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; o, para la Ascensión, Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

love
ONE
ANOTHER



May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I have 20/15 vision. I can see things in the distance as well as close up. But that doesn't mean I can see everything perfectly. Because of a difference in how each eye focuses, I can't find those hidden images in "magic eye" posters, and forget trying to watch a 3D movie! Seeing all things perfectly is not something many of us could claim, including Peter. And yet, with God's help, he understands a vision God gave to him: "In truth," Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Through God's mercy and Jesus' redemptive cross, the kingdom of God has been prepared for all peoples. God's saving power has been revealed. With faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit in living out the commandments, we can fix our eyes on Christ – the revelation of God's love who came into the world that we might have life through him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So much information comes to us every day, in all forms of media, there are now even shortcuts to the shortcuts for grasping the content. My personal favorite is the abbreviation, "TL; DR" which means, "too long, didn't read." Some might claim that we are dumbing down our culture with this type of shorthand notation, or we could argue that clear, concise, and straightforward is simply best. And that is what Jesus gives us today in his one commandment: "Love one another as I love you." He offers commentary for the commandment and gives reasons for why he is telling it to us, but the crux of it cannot be missed: *love one another*. It is a commandment both simple, yet complex; easy, yet at times exponentially difficult to live. So Jesus provides the key to fulfilling it by saying, "remain in *my* love" [emphasis mine]. Faithfulness to a sacramental life and participation in communal living give us the grace to remain in that love – which in turn transforms and enables us to share that love with others.

PRAY To honor the celebration of Mother's Day, pray the Rosary today for the intentions of our mothers, for those who have been motherly influences to us, and for those who long to be mothers.

Come and... SEE, BELIEVE, RECEIVE, and BE the Body of Christ!



How might a preaching prop like a light bulb delve into the mystery of who Jesus is for us in the gift of the Eucharist? Fr. James holding up a light bulb and using a few well-crafted questions spoke to a group of our First Eucharist candidates and families sharing this brilliant analogy: as electricity is to a light bulb, the Eucharist, Jesus, is light and love to our human soul. Just as this lightbulb cannot provide light without being connected to its electrical source, nor can we connect to Jesus' personal love for us in Holy Communion if we cease to receive Him. We need His body, blood, soul, and divinity to live as the Body of Christ, the Church, to come to love as freely and generously as Jesus loves us.



The next week, our pastor, Fr. Don, preached to another group of first communicants and their families, connecting our physical need for food to our spiritual need for Jesus, the Bread of Life. "Jesus is our original soul food," Fr. Don explained. Fr. Don spoke with great love for the precious gift of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, urging everyone to come and gather each weekend- whenever possible, at the Lord's Table of Love.



For the Love whom we receive, Jesus, heals and restores our souls and prepares us to live forever with him in heaven. Praise God for the life-saving, soul-sustaining gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.





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.

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.

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PASTORAL CARE

Walking with Mary

It is not too late to participate in a spiritual and physical health initiative during the month of May to grow closer to Mary who always leads us to her son, Jesus and improve our health by being active. From Mary's Magnificat, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." If you would like to join, please contact Jolene at jolene@olmercy.com.

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's Feast Day is May 11 and St. Dymphna's 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.

Mental Health Awareness Month

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the mental health of all ages related to isolation from friends and family, job loss, death and other challenges. It is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles. AMITA Health is offering a FREE virtual *Mental Health First Aid Training* open to the community on Friday, May 14, 2021 from 9am-2pm. Registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please connect with Jolene at jolene@olmercy.com.

Mental Health First Aid is an internationally recognized course that teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training teaches how to help another adult who may be experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge.

Open HEARTS Ministry

The next scheduled in-person gathering is Monday, May 17 at 7:00pm in room 114 in the Parish Life Center. 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. It is an opportunity to pray with others and share with others in a safe and sacred space.

We will be mindful of St. Dymphna's Feast Day, who is the patron saint of mental health, stress and anxiety. If you would like to learn more about the ministry, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmo-penhearts@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have a physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concern or questions about end-of-life issues, funeral planning, journeying through grief or are homebound, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care and Parish Nurse at jolene@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380 for support or assistance.

SAVE THE DATE

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 6th, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

The procession will begin after the 12:00 p.m. mass. Watch for more details to follow in future bulletins.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for "Body of Christ") is the Roman Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist known as transubstantiation.

The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Any questions contact:
Shirley Staples
(630) 815 - 5799,
shirleystaples@yahoo.com



Saturday
June

19

8:00am – 12:00pm

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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
May 15 & 16**

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving



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.

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
February, 2021	\$ 721,687
March, 2021	\$ 710,505



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	\$	136,502
Amount Paid	\$	107,896
Remaining Balance	\$	28,607
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		475

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



SCAN ME

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



Or email us at CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM

Chapter 3 Fratelli Tutti Envisaging & Engendering an Open World



Pope Francis reminds us that love is at the depths of every heart and as a human family we must give of ourselves for the good of others, not just within our immediate family and closed groups, but to other communities and the larger world. We need open societies that include all people, regardless of color, economic status, country of origin or physical limitations, and all are entitled to equal dignity, basic rights and freedoms, and plenty of chances for their own personal development. All moral values have to be motivated by charity which is love for others for who they are.

Francis goes on to say that individualism does not really make us more free, or a kinder world. World nations must learn to work together to meet the basic needs of all. And solidarity is at the heart of what it means to cultivate social friendship. Solidarity means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights. Solidarity challenges us to place the common good over our individual desires. How can I live more simply as an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters?

What policies need to change in order for all in our community to have what they need to thrive?



ROBERT H. WEAVER COUNCIL #12005

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

For High School Seniors

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY JUNE 19 @ 4PM

DETAILS & APPLICATION FORM GO TO
OLMERCY.COM/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS/

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For more information, please contact Deacon Tony and Allyson Martini at tonym@olmercy.com or Jolene and Jeff LeRoy at jolenel@olmercy.com.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays 7-8pm. Saturday 9-10am & 1:30-2:30pm. Reconciliation services held seasonally.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

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. 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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