



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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Tom Logue

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MASS SCHEDULE
Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri.....8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)...6:30pm
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm
Wednesday.....12:00pm
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am
1st Fridays of the Month.....12:00pm
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



There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021



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

In case you didn't see my May 10
announcement.....

**PRAISE BE JESUS CHRIST! LIGHT AT THE END OF
THE TUNNEL!!**

As you know, our governor announced last week that barring a resurgence of COVID-19, the state could move to stage 5 of re-opening on June 11, which removes nearly all COVID restrictions. For now however, ALL protocols by the state and Diocese of Joliet are still in effect at our parish churches and facilities. I will keep you informed when there are changes.

What the Diocese is doing.....

On April 14, Bishop Hicks instructed pastors of all parishes to establish a "Reunite in Christ" task force. Besides myself, Fr. James and Deacon Tom Logue, serving on the task force will be Doug McIlvaine, Zara Tan, Phil Zwick, Miroslava Manzanares, and Alex Baier. Doug McIlvaine is chair of the task force.

The purpose of the task force is to dream and implement pastoral plans for when we can welcome everyone back to parish life without restrictions on the number of people who can attend and participate in parish programs and activities. A primary task will be giving priority to returning to Sunday Mass when the Bishop re-instates the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. One of the aspirational goals we set in 2019 was and still is, to be a parish where everyone hungers to be nourished by the true presence of Christ in Word and Eucharist, giving priority to coming to Mass every Sunday.

The task force will also plan and set a date for a weekend festive celebration of fully reopening.

I will keep you apprized as plans are developed and when the Diocese changes any of the current COVID protocols. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this long pandemic.

Today we celebrate Pentecost.....the birthday of the Church! May the Holy Spirit fill us with wisdom and joy as we prepare to move past the COVID pandemic and fully reopen and reunite in Christ our parish church and facilities.

Happy Birthday to all of you – the church!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 24 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 AM † Edward Dombrowski, by Mark Dombrowski
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Tuesday, May 25 - St Bede, St Gregory VII & St Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM † Gino Martini, by Ginny & Ed Maher
 6:30 PM Int Lucero Manzanares, by Parents
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, May 26 - St Philip Neri

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Bohdan Sokolowski, by Helena Lukaszewski

Thursday, May 27 - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

6:30 AM Int Jackie Kibler, by The Kibler Family
 8:00 AM † Danny Podczerwinski, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, May 28 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, May 29 - St Paul VI, Pope

8:30 AM † Pilar Abrasia-Castro, by Hansel Roxas
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - The Most Holy Trinity**
 † James W Ray &
 † James W Ray, Jr, by Helean M Ray

Sunday, May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Rev Jude Randall, by Mark & Amy Miller
 10:00 AM † Alfonso, Sr & Estela Ramirez, by Family
 12:00 PM † Gino & Kathryn Martini, by Jude & Susan Zwick
 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. Janice Melisi | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Nurses |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Stanley Paluch | 12. Vocations |
| 5. Marilyn Larkin | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Peace in the World |
| 7. Ann Borberg | 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
 Nicholas 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
 Joshua San Diego, US Navy

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
 Helen Joseph
 Antoinette Humanski
 William Gardaphe
 Mary Dunbar

Susan Mennenga
 Virginia Maher
 Janice Melisi

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!

En caso de que no hayan visto mi anuncio del 10 de mayo.....

¡ALABADO SEA JESUCRISTO! ¡LUZ AL FINAL DEL TÚNEL!

Como saben, nuestro gobernador anunció la semana pasada que, salvo que suceda un resurgimiento del COVID-19, el estado podría pasar a la etapa 5 de reapertura el 11 de junio, lo que elimina casi todas las restricciones del COVID. Sin embargo, por ahora, TODOS los protocolos del estado y la Diócesis de Joliet todavía están vigentes en nuestras iglesias e instalaciones parroquiales. Los mantendré informados cuando haya cambios.

Qué está haciendo la Diócesis.....

El 14 de abril, el Obispo Hicks instruyó a los párrocos de todas las parroquias para que establecieran un grupo de trabajo de "Reunirse en Cristo". Además de mí, el Padre James y el Diácono Tom Logue, los que formarán parte del grupo de trabajo, serán: Doug McIlvaine, Zara Tan, Phil Zwick, Miroslava Manzanares y Alex Baier. Doug McIlvaine es el presidente del grupo de trabajo.

El propósito del grupo de trabajo es soñar e implementar planes pastorales para cuando podamos dar la bienvenida a todos a la vida parroquial sin restricciones en el número de personas que pueden asistir y participar en los programas y actividades parroquiales. Una tarea primordial será dar prioridad a regresar a la Misa Dominical cuando el Obispo restablezca la obligación de asistir a la Misa Dominical. Una de las metas a las que aspiramos, establecidas en el 2019, fue y sigue siendo, ser una parroquia donde todos tengan hambre de ser nutridos por la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Palabra y la Eucaristía, dando prioridad a la asistencia a la Misa todos los Domingos.

El grupo de trabajo también planificará y establecerá una fecha para una celebración festiva de fin de semana de reapertura total.

Los mantendré informados a medida que se desarrollen los planes y cuando la Diócesis cambie cualquiera de los protocolos actuales del COVID. Gracias por su cooperación y paciencia durante esta larga pandemia.

Hoy celebramos Pentecostés... ¡el cumpleaños de la Iglesia! Que el Espíritu Santo nos llene de sabiduría y gozo mientras nos preparamos para superar la pandemia del COVID y reabrir por completo y reunir en Cristo nuestra iglesia e instalaciones parroquiales.

¡Feliz Cumpleaños a todos ustedes, la Iglesia!

Padre Don

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano y Ministerios Étnicos de la 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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busca: Ministerio Hispano Joliet

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diocesefojoliet.org/hispanicministry



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Gn 3:9-15, 20 o Hch 1:12-14; Sal 87 (86):1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31
- Miércoles: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Mc 10:32-45
- Jueves: Sir 42:15-25; Sal 33 (32):2 9; Mc 10:46-52
- Viernes: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Sal 149:1b-a, 9b; Mc 11:11-26
- Sábado: Sir 51:12cd-20; Sal 1 (18):8-11; Mc 11:27-33
- Domingo: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Sal 33 (32):4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



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**COME,
 HOLY SPIRIT,
 FILL THE
 HEARTS OF YOUR
 FAITHFUL.**
 ”

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 | Jn 20:19-23
 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

“Come, Holy Spirit!” On Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate 50 days after Easter, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The readings use the language of the senses to describe the powerful presence of the Spirit: A breath, a mighty wind, tongues of fire, a cacophony of languages somehow understood by all. Jesus sends the Spirit upon each of us as well. And while we may not experience the Holy Spirit with our physical senses, I bet each one of us has sensed the Spirit’s presence at different times in life: a homily that deeply resonated, a sense of awe at God’s creation, a “moral compass” that guided us toward what is right, or when we found the words to console a friend in crisis or vice versa. Just as the Spirit transformed the disciples and emboldened them to build up the Church by carrying on Jesus’ mission, we, too, can ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us to be a force for love and unity in our families, parishes, and communities.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to continue his ministry, assuring them of the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide them. We, too, have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and commissioned to use them to build up the Church. Well before we learned about concepts such as “emotional intelligence” or skills tests, Saint Paul assured the Corinthians that there are many different gifts and ministries, but the same Spirit. Our gifts may even change as we move from one chapter of life to another. For example, high school and college students may help lead retreats or participate in service projects, young adults may build a parish website or lead a Bible study, those who are homebound may offer to pray for others in their parish. For followers of Christ, the only option not on the table is becoming complacent. As we move from the Easter season to “Ordinary Time,” let’s invite the Holy Spirit to show us how to be “extra-ordinary” in our discipleship in the coming days and weeks. Then follow through.

PRAY Do you sometimes get the Monday blahs? Try starting the day with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance (and some pep in our step!) as we begin the week:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

A Family Activity to Demonstrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Young children are beginning to be aware that there are times when they do not do the things that they should. They can be sensitive to the frustration and anger of those around them when they do something wrong. Today's Gospel offers them the reassurance that God has sent us his forgiving mercy.

Materials Needed: Ping-Pong ball and a Styrofoam cup

Pentecost Activity

1. Bring a Ping-Pong ball and a Styrofoam cup to class. Say: ***After Jesus was killed, his friends were afraid they would be punished as well. They hid in a room and hoped they would not be discovered.*** Drop the Ping-Pong ball into the cup and cover the cup with your hand.
2. Say: ***Jesus did not want his friends to hide in fear. He wanted them to be brave and show people the love and forgiveness of God. He could see that his friends needed help to do this. Today's Gospel tells us about what Jesus did to help his disciples. Let's listen carefully as we listen again to today's Gospel.*** [Read aloud John 20:19-23.]
3. Say: ***Jesus knew that his disciples would need the courage of the Holy Spirit—the same courage that Jesus had when he died so that our sins would be forgiven. Jesus released the disciples from fear by breathing the Holy Spirit on them.*** Blow into the Styrofoam cup and the ball will come flying out.
4. Say: ***But Jesus did even more than that. The Gospel this week tells us that Jesus gave his friends the power to release others from fear by forgiving their sins.*** Place the Ping-Pong ball in the cup again. ***When we do something that we know God would not like, we fear God's punishment. We forget how much God loves us, and we become trapped by sin.*** Place your hand over the top of the cup. Say: ***Jesus gave his apostles—and all the priests of his Church—the power to forgive in God's name when we are truly sorry for our sins. Then we are free to start over and to live as God wants us to live.*** Blow into the cup again to propel the ping-pong ball.

Conclude by praying together that the Holy Spirit will help us be confident that God will always forgive our sins. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Corpus Christi Procession

“Come Follow Me”

Sunday, June 6th, after the 12:00 mass

Don't miss your chance to literally follow Jesus in this public expression of our Catholic Faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Who will be there, you ask?

Our priests, deacons, Knights of Columbus, first communicants, lectors, and parishioners like you! Oh and Jesus...truly present among us, healing us, loving us, blessing us! Don't miss it!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Vincent DePaul (SVdP) Society OLM

Thanks again 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.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please drop us a note at our email olmsvdp@gmail.com with your name and contact phone number.



PASTORAL CARE

Mary: Model of Faith

Thank you to the participants who attended the virtual afternoon of reflection on May 2. The presenter, Kate Wicker, popular Catholic speaker and author deepened our understanding of Mary and our relationship with her. Mary loves with a mother's love and takes us under her mantle. Turn to Mary for comfort, strength and courage. Mary accepted everything in her life with grace even if she did not understand. She said “yes” to God and followed His will.

Mary can help us accept our crosses in life as she suffered and was at the foot of the cross watching her son suffer. When we accept our crosses – that is faith personified. We can be a Simon or Veronica to others as they experience their cross. In the Magnificat, Mary knew that God had done great things for her and was aware of her female nature. As women, we have unique gifts to share. The world is hungry for a woman's gentle touch and love. Women see with their hearts.

Kate reminded us that as women we possess a divine beauty and can bring Jesus to others in the everyday activities of our life, in whatever role we are in – as a mother changing diapers of her infant, as a woman reaching out to a neighbor with a meal, being kind in matters at work or offering a smile to a stranger. We are to see Jesus in others – ask yourself if others can see Jesus in you?

Some questions shared at the presentation by Kate for reflection may be of interest to you to ponder during the rest of the month of May. Mary's fiat – her “yes” to God, her “let it be done” – gifted us with Jesus, the Savior of the World. Has there been a time in your life when you experienced your own fiat – when you said yes to God's plan for you and your life even though you might have been uncertain about what it meant and how it would unfold? Saint Pope John Paul II spoke of the “feminine genius” that Mary and all women possess. How can we build on our own unique gifts and virtues as women and bring them into the world? How can we better pay attention to our feminine sensitivities and observe the needs of all those we encounter each day? Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us and help us to have a life-changing encounter with your son, Jesus.

How is Your Blood Pressure?

The month of May is designated as *High Blood Pressure Education Month*. It is an opportunity to learn about what is normal blood pressure compared to high blood pressure. Blood pressure is the pressure of blood pushing against the walls of the arteries. The first number (systolic blood pressure) measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats. The second number (diastolic blood pressure) measures the pressure in your arteries when the heart rests between beats. A normal blood pressure is less than 120/80 mmHg. When was the last time that you had your blood pressure taken and was it normal or above normal?

The reason that it is so important to know your blood pressure levels is because the higher the blood pressure, the more risk there is for heart disease, heart attack, stroke, kidney disease or eye problems. Many people do not know that they have high blood pressure because there are usually no warning signs or symptoms and it is often called the “silent killer”.

There are ways to prevent or manage high blood pressure. Be active about thirty minutes a day at least five days a week. Be a non-smoker. Eat a healthy diet, of a variety of fruits and vegetables and limit sodium and alcohol. Maintain a healthy weight. Manage your reaction to stress with healthy coping strategies. Some people may need to take medicine to manage their blood pressure even when making positive lifestyle choices. That is why it is important to regularly measure your blood pressure and talk with your health care providers about your blood pressure. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Pastoral Care Needs For questions or concerns about your physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380.




ROBERT H. WEAVER COUNCIL #12005

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

DETAILS & APPLICATION FORM GO TO
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**FRATELLI TUTTI
 CHAPTER FIVE**

Pope Francis turns to politics in chapter 5 - he says some political terms have lost their meaning and moved us toward intense polarization. He calls for a kind of politics which seeks the common and universal good - a politics for and with the people, practicing social charity and pursuing human dignity. This is different from the populism that arises when leaders politically exploit a people's culture under an ideological banner for their own personal advantage. "The truly 'popular' thing is to provide everyone the opportunity to nurture the seeds God has planted in them." (FT 162) Education, upbringing, concern for others, a well-integrated view of life and spiritual growth are essential for quality human relationships. We need a politics that puts human dignity back at the center, and on that pillar we can build the alternative social structures we need. Pope Francis calls us to a social and political order whose soul is social charity. Politicians are called to tend to the needs of individuals and peoples- they are doers and builders and should possess a broad, realistic, and pragmatic gaze that looks beyond their own borders. They should ask themselves: "How much love did I put in my work?" "What did I do for the progress of people?" "What good did I achieve in the position that was entrusted to me?"



Pope Francis calls politicians to take their responsibilities seriously. We are called to participate in politics - we have the task to know what our elected officials are doing for us and our neighbors. We have the responsibility to vote. You may find "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" helpful. Find it at www.usccb.org

GRANDPARENT MINISTRY



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• JOIN NOW •

HOW CAN THERE BE TOO MANY *children?*
 IT'S LIKE SAYING THERE ARE TOO MANY *flowers.*
- St. Teresa of Calcutta



**RESPECT LIFE
 1st Friday Devotion**

1st Friday of the Month

Join us! Make a difference.
 Stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora.

Prayer warriors are needed for 1 hour shifts 8am - 2pm to change hearts and save lives

Contact Lisa San Diego
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Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com 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
May 29 & 30**

Presiding Priest Preaches

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr. Jim Antiporek/Dcn Tony Martini
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr. Bill Etheridge
	10:00a	Fr. Bill Etheridge/Dcn Tim Kueper
	12:00p	Fr. James Guarascio/Dcn Tom Logue
	5:30p	Fr. James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 05/02/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,180,681
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,169,600
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	11,081

05/5/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,785
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	7,585

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
March, 2021	\$ 710,505
April, 2021	\$ 699,642



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	\$	144,157
Amount Paid	\$	118,478
Remaining Balance	\$	25,679
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		488



Hi parishoners of OLM, my name is Lucero Manzanares!

I am a recent graduate from the University of Iowa and, post graduation, I have the privilege of being a campus missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), the largest Catholic collegiate missionary organization in the country. I am so very excited and blessed with this next stage of life.

FOCUS sends out missionaries trained in outreach and evangelization to bring Christ into a student's world. Their job occurs on campus – in the gym, the cafeteria and coffee shops, at athletic and Greek events – meeting students where they are. From there, they engage them in friendship and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. They mentor students on how to incorporate Jesus' teaching.

I am here seeking people interested in joining a partnership. I am asking you to consider becoming one of my Mission Partners. In order to do this mission, I need to build a support team of consistent financial and prayer supporters. If you are reading this, thinking about your loved ones who have left, or if something about college students coming alive in their faith resonates with you, and are interested in becoming a Mission Partner or want more information about it, please contact me at: luceromanzanares99@gmail.com

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