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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
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

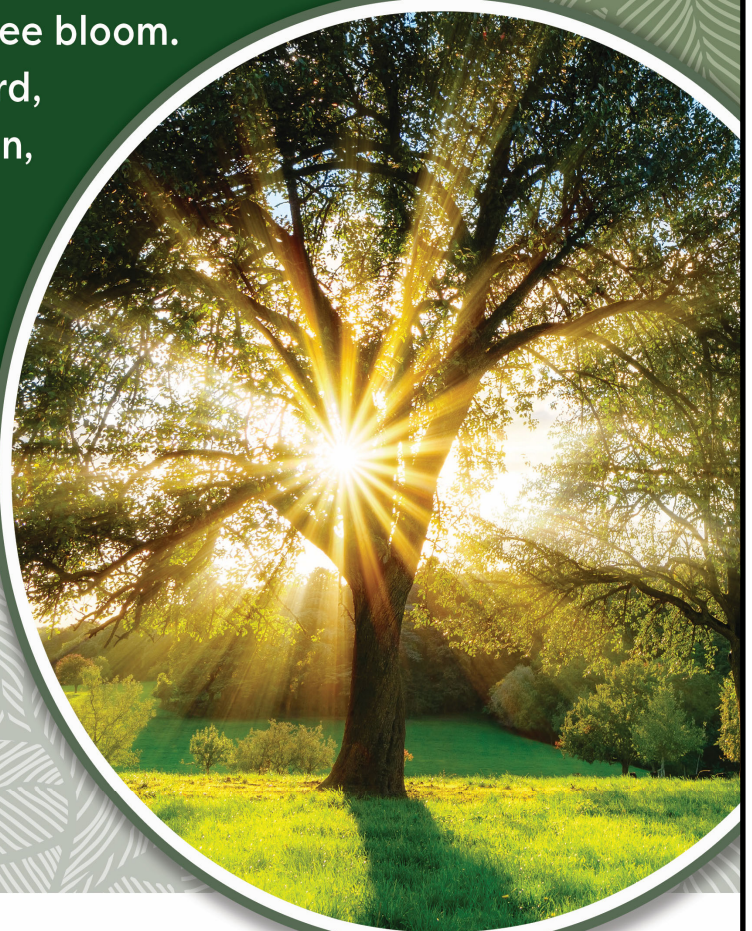
PRAYER CHAPEL
Open weekdays.....7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday
6:00pm

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24





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

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks in parables. Parables were Jesus' favorite way of teaching. He used parables because parables force you to think. You have to pause and use your imagination to consider how the kingdom of God is like two sons, or ten virgins, or a treasure found in a field. Today

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. What is he trying to say? Parables always have multiple meanings. I suggest to you one possible meaning of this parable today of the mustard seed is that Jesus is telling us that small things matter.

The parable is very clear on this. The mustard seed is the smallest possible seed. Yet, once it is planted, it grows into a sizeable plant that can give shade to birds. The mustard seed is very small, just a speck. It would be so easy to lose it or to ignore it or to discard it. But doing any of those things, we would miss the opportunity to see how it would grow and what it would become. The lesson of the mustard seed is important, because we live in a culture that values what is big and impressive. We get excited about a new car or better clothes or the most recent laptop or smart phone that at times we overlook what seems to be less. That is unfortunate, because small things matter. They matter because God uses them, and they matter in two different ways. They matter in the actions that we do, and they matter in the things we receive.

As we live any day of our life, we should never discount the small things we can do: a word of love or support to our spouse, a few moments to affirm a son or daughter about something they are good at or something that they have achieved, a phone call to a friend who is grieving the death of a loved one, or even a thankful smile instead of a vacant stare as we approach the cashier in the supermarket. These are small things, tiny; things, things that could seem to have no significance. Yet they can be important because God can choose to use them to build up some person in our lives and to increase the goodness around us. We should never discount doing small things in the course of every day!

But neither should we overlook the importance of receiving small things each day. For each day there are people in our lives who give us signs of love and support. How much richer our lives would be if we were open to accept those signs and take them in....the smile of a 3-year old child, the person who breaks to let us into traffic, a friend who says to us "How are you? How are you really?" All of these are signs that God is using to show us that we are loved and that there are reasons for hope.

Big and flashy things always seem important. But small things matter. Things a little as a mustard seed can shape our lives. We can be the farmer who plants the mustard seed or the soil that receives it – the giver or the receiver. In both cases, small things like a mustard seed can make a difference. God uses the small things in our lives to build the kingdom of God. SMALL THINGS MATTER!

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Elaine T Duggan, by The Toschak Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Luz Martinez & Mauro Garcia by Martin Fortes

Tuesday, June 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Anna Mathew, by Lucy Mathew
 6:30 PM † Matthew Gruzlewski, by Aunt Barbara Kalal
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, June 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM Int John Tan, by The Tan Family

Thursday, June 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM † Dave Clark, by The Kibler Family
 8:00 AM † Jim Hlavin, by Shirley Staples
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, June 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Special Intention

Saturday, June 19 - St Romald, Abbot; BVM

8:30 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 † Joyce Markus, by Family
 † Marilyn Larkin, by Diane Reiter

Sunday, June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 Int Parratore Family, by Family
 10:00 AM † Tim Savoie, by Family
 † Christopher Ianno, by Family
 12:00 PM † Scott & Austin Chase, by Carl & Paulette Berg
 5:30 PM Int Chuck Jones, by Matt Kubanda

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

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| 1. Lou Skonieczny | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Mary Ann Marker |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Madeline Spradalin | 12. Marilyn Larkin |
| 5. Mary Ann Soszynski | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Caregivers |
| 7. Susan Landauer | 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
 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
 Janice Melisi
 Lou Skonieczny

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 el evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla en parábolas. Las parábolas eran la forma favorita de enseñar de Jesús. Usó parábolas porque las parábolas te obligan a pensar. Tienes que hacer una pausa y usar tu imaginación para considerar cómo el reino de Dios es como dos hijos, o diez vírgenes, o un tesoro encontrado

en un campo. Hoy Jesús nos dice que el reino de Dios es como una semilla de mostaza. Qué es lo que él está tratando de decir? Las parábolas siempre tienen múltiples significados. Les sugiero un posible significado de esta parábola de hoy, de la semilla de mostaza, es que Jesús nos está diciendo que las pequeñas cosas importan.

La parábola es muy clara al respecto. La semilla de mostaza es la semilla más pequeña posible. Sin embargo, una vez que se planta, se convierte en una planta de tamaño considerable que puede dar sombra a las aves. La semilla de mostaza es muy pequeña, solo un punto. Sería tan fácil perderla o ignorarla o descartarla. Pero al hacer cualquiera de esas cosas, perderíamos la oportunidad de ver cómo crecería y en qué se convertiría. La lección de la semilla de mostaza es importante, porque vivimos en una cultura que valora lo grande e impresionante. Nos entusiasma un auto nuevo o ropa mejor o la computadora portátil o teléfono inteligente más reciente, que a veces pasamos por alto lo que parece ser menos. Eso es lamentable, porque las cosas pequeñas importan. Son importantes porque Dios las usa y son importantes de dos maneras diferentes. Importan en las acciones que hacemos y en las cosas que recibimos.

Mientras vivimos cualquier día de nuestra vida, nunca debemos descartar las pequeñas cosas que podemos hacer: una palabra de amor o apoyo a nuestro cónyuge, unos momentos para afirmar a un hijo o hija sobre algo en lo que son buenos o algo que han logrado, una llamada telefónica a un amigo que está de luto por la muerte de un ser querido, o incluso una sonrisa de agradecimiento en lugar de una mirada perdida cuando nos acercamos al cajero del supermercado. Estas son cosas pequeñas, diminutas; cosas que parecen no tener importancia. Sin embargo, pueden ser importantes porque Dios puede elegir usarlas para levantar a alguna persona en nuestras vidas y aumentar la bondad a nuestro alrededor. ¡Nunca debemos descartar hacer pequeñas cosas en el transcurso de todos los días!

Pero tampoco debemos pasar por alto la importancia de recibir pequeñas cosas todos los días. Porque cada día hay personas en nuestras vidas que nos dan muestras de amor y apoyo. Cuánto más ricas serían nuestras vidas si estuviéramos abiertos a aceptar esas señales y asimilarlas... la sonrisa de un niño de 3 años, la persona que nos da la oportunidad para dejarnos entrar al tráfico, un amigo que nos dice “¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás realmente? Todas estas son señales que Dios está usando para mostrarnos que somos amados y que hay motivos para la esperanza.

Las cosas grandes y llamativas siempre parecen importantes. Pero las pequeñas cosas importan. Cosas pequeñas como una semilla de mostaza pueden moldear nuestras vidas. Podemos ser el agricultor que planta la semilla de mostaza o el suelo que la recibe: el dador o el receptor. En ambos casos, pequeñas cosas como una semilla de mostaza pueden marcar la diferencia. Dios usa las pequeñas cosas de nuestras vidas para construir el reino de Dios. ¡LAS PEQUEÑAS COSAS IMPORTAN!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don

EL TIEMPO DE DIOS

O le ponemos atención o ignoramos “la hora del reloj”, cuando jugamos en el sol del verano y notamos la inclinación de la Tierra y la prolongación de los días. Vivimos en el tiempo. Marcamos el tiempo en segundos, minutos y horas, o hablamos de segmentos más largos como la hora de la cena o el verano.

Dios marca el tiempo de otra manera. Dios nos habla de “ahorrar tiempo”, es decir, el tiempo de la salvación. Este sentido del tiempo se llama kairós, y esta vez es siempre ahora, siempre presente y disponible, siempre revelador. A menudo sorprendente.

Las lecturas de este domingo nos alertan sobre la realidad y la importancia del tiempo de Dios. Ezequiel y el Evangelio según San Marcos nos recuerdan que nuestro trabajo y nuestros planes dependen de Dios. Porque Él toma nuestros pequeños esfuerzos y hace de ellos grandes obras. Pablo nos señala el tiempo de la “cosecha”, nos insta a estar atentos a su cumplimiento y nos llama a reconocer que debemos dedicar nuestro tiempo a agradecer a Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
 Martes: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Sal 146 (145):2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
 Miércoles: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Sal 112 (111):1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Jueves: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
 Viernes: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Mt 6:19-23
 Sábado: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Sal 34 (33):8-13; Mt 6:24-34
 Domingo: Job 38:1, 8-11; Sal 107 (106):23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mc 4:35-41

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

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

Many years ago, I met someone whose attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, “Hello, I’m Sister Bridget; what’s your name?” You couldn’t help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn’t end there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today’s Gospel, Sister Bridget didn’t know how the seed of God’s word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, “The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.” By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to “sow” God’s word. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and “aspire to please him,” God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these “seeds” out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to “come to him [and] live forever.”

INVITE What “seeds” of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your “random acts of kindness” regular, intentional acts that express God’s love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: “Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”



LOVING... Sacred Heart of Jesus Style

The heart is the "center" or essence of a person. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is love and worship of Jesus Himself in the particular ways Jesus lived. Throughout the Gospel, we see the outpouring of Jesus' love in miracle stories, the forgiveness of sinners, and showing compassion in ways that were shocking to both His followers, the crowds, and the religious leaders of His day.

Most dramatically, Jesus loved us to His death as the thorns and His pierced heart burning with love for us reveals in pictures and icons of the Sacred Heart.

Today, Jesus gives us His heart- His body, blood, soul and divinity in the celebration of the Eucharist. When we receive His devoted love- a love that is personal and uniquely given according to His knowledge of us, we begin to recognize how His non-discriminating love desires to be poured out through us to our friends, family members, and our neighbor in need. The paradox is real. The power of Christ's love is realized through our vulnerable, child-like hearts. Who do you know is waiting for this love from you? Who is waiting for you to receive love- Sacred Heart of Jesus style?

PARENT'S PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins, yet loving me still, accept the consecration that I make to You, of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body, and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to Your Sacred Side, and there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me Your blessed ways. Amen.



PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILDREN

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
I love you with this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Amen.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, states, "[Jesus] has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, 'is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that... love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings' without exception (No.478). "Therefore, love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength. " Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Find 20 different designs of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at
reallifeatome.com/sacred-heart-coloring-pages/

PASTORAL CARE

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June is the designated month to raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease. There are 50 million people worldwide living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. We are encouraged to wear purple during June to raise awareness as it is the official color of the Alzheimer's movement.

Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia that affects memory, thinking, and behavior. The symptoms of Alzheimer's eventually grow severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. It is not a normal part of aging. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. Most people will live four to eight years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but some live as long as twenty years. There is no current cure for Alzheimer's. Treatment can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms.

It is important to be aware of the ten warning signs of Alzheimer's in case you or someone you know is experiencing them. The signs are as follows. Memory loss that disrupts daily life. Challenges in planning or solving problems. Difficulty completing familiar tasks. Confusion with time or place. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. New problems with words or speaking or writing. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. Decreased or poor judgment. Withdrawal from work or social activities. Changes in food and personality.

If one or more of the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease is noticed, it is important to be evaluated by a doctor and take action to figure out what is going on. The Alzheimer's Association has many resources and support at www.alz.org. There is a 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

If there is someone in your life with Alzheimer's, please make it an intention to provide spiritual care to your loved one. Play or sing hymns or other music that they may enjoy. A person with dementia will have memories of songs that they sang or listened to as children and may remember the words and sing along. Create a sacred space in the person's room with statues or pictures of Jesus or Mary. Story-telling is a way to connect. If you can, access the Mass or prayer services for the person on the radio, computer, phone or television. Nourish the spirit with nature. Take the person outside to listen to the birds or look at a flower garden. Read scripture and pray with your loved one. Many will remember the Guardian Angel prayer, the Hail Mary prayer, and the Our Father prayer. As the disease progresses and a person is no longer able to receive Holy Communion, say the Spiritual Act of Communion prayer with them and sing a Communion song to them.

Mindful Breathing for Mental and Spiritual Well-being

There are times of anxiety and uncertainty in our lives that may affect the way that we breathe. Mindful breathing is a way to restore calm and be grounded in emotional and spiritual serenity. There are a variety of ways to practice mindful breathing.

Pause and quietly and slowly – inhale peace and exhale anxiety; inhale courage and exhale fear; inhale gratitude and exhale anger; inhale love and exhale doubt; inhale hope and exhale negative thoughts. Continue until you are calm and refreshed.

Breath prayers is a time-honored spiritual practice used by Christians in the sixth century or earlier. A breath prayer is a short, one-sentence prayer that can be said in one breath. Repeat the prayer each time that you breathe in and out. Breath prayers are often six to twelve syllables long. Try one of these. As you breathe in, say or think, "My grace is." As you breathe out, say or think, "all you need."

As you breathe in, say or think, "Be still and know." As you breath out, say or think, "that I am God." Note how you feel after this prayer and practice this throughout your busy day and see what God brings to you it may be wisdom, comfort, patience, joy or a feeling of being loved.

Pastoral Care Needs

For support with emotional, mental, physical or spiritual needs, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or jolenel@olmercy.com.

“The heart of Christ’s priests knows only two directions: the Lord and His people.”



Pope Francis
6/3/2016

Father’s Day Collection for
Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests
June 19-20, 2021 | givecentral.org/scfd21



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Donate Blood

Saturday
June

19

8:00am – 12:00pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12005
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Located at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Catholic Church in Rooms 114 & 110, 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE.

You **DO NOT NEED** the COVID-19 vaccine in order to donate.

You are also eligible to donate if you received a COVID-19 vaccine on or before 6/16.

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!

Helpful tip:
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CHOOSE OUR LADY OF MERCY

FROM MOTHER'S DAY 5/9 TO FATHER'S DAY 6/20

Thank you for your prayers and support

The fund raiser helps to promote the culture of life and help moms and dads choose life by providing practical support through their life saving work.

LET'S GO BOWLING!

Do not spend another fall, winter, spring cooped up in your home!!! Enjoy some safe time out with fellow parishioners for 1 Friday a month at our OLM Mixed Bowling League.

You need not be a good bowler. Our first and second place teams this past year carried averages in the 110 and 120's. This is purely for enjoyment.

If you have thought about joining a league before and with things opening up, now is the time to give it a try.

There are 4 players to a team, but we will build a team for <4 players who wish to join. Fees are \$17/person per month.

Contact Dan at dan.j.panozzo@us.ibm.com for more information.





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
June 19 & 20**

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 05/23/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,264,571
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,251,200
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	13,371

05/23/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	25,087
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,113)

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	\$	145,827
Amount Paid	\$	121,991
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# of Families Pledged		493



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WHERE: Aurora Central Catholic High School Alumni Gym

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Grades	Location	Days	Dates	Time	Cost
Grades 3-4	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	7/12-7/16	8:00-9:15	\$55
Grades 5-6	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	7/12-7/16	9:30-11:00	\$65
Grades 7-8	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	7/12-7/16	11:15-12:45	\$65
Grade 9	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	6/7-7/1	3:00-4:30	\$150
Grade 10	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	6/7-7/1	10:30-12:00	\$150
Grades 11-12	ACC Gym	Mon-Fri	6/7-7/1	10:30-12:00	\$150

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CAMP PHILOSOPHY

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Registration can be completed online at:
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Finance Manager

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville

The parish finance manager is responsible for managing and directing all financial aspects of the parish and school including but not limited to financial reporting and analysis, accounting, payroll, accounts payable, budgeting, internal controls, human resources, and legal matters. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tom Boler at tboler@sspeterandpaul.net

**Director of Parish Operations
St. John the Baptist, Winfield**

The Director of Parish Operations position reports directly to the pastor also assists the pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish, in accordance with diocesan policies and guidelines. Candidates must possess a BA in Accounting or 10 Years in a related field. CPA preferred. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Mike Vallaro at mvallaro@stjohnwinfield.org.

**Parish Office Administrative Assistant
St. Isidore Church, Bloomingdale**

We are seeking an individual who will work in a professional manner with a spirit of hospitality. Must be bilingual - verbal and written (English/Spanish). Technical skills necessary and able to multi-task, work independently, prioritize, be detail oriented, and organized. Respond to phone and walk-in requests and concerns, manage incoming and outgoing mail, new parishioner registrations, schedule baptisms, weddings, funerals, mass intentions, and follow up communications. Send Resume to Dan Tobin at dtobin@stisidoreparish.org.

To view full job descriptions, visit:
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