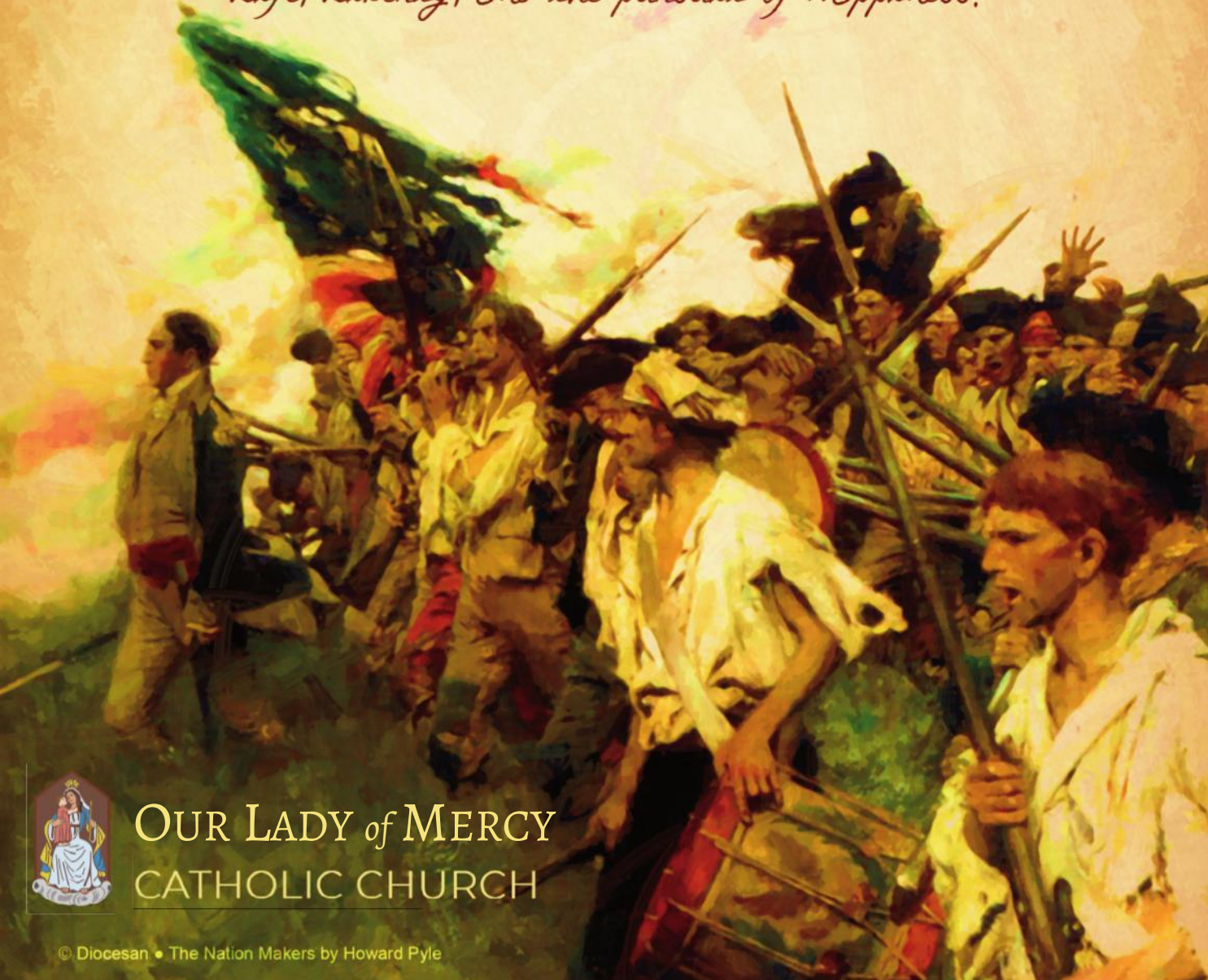




*to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another
and to assume among the people of the world a separate and equal
station to which the Laws of Nature's God entitle
them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they
should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created
equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are
Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Today, with parades, fireworks and barbecues we celebrate our Independence – an Independence which was won and is maintained by the sacrifice of many lives. However, our independence is not absolute. Our nation was founded on belief in God. Our Independence is DEPENDENT on God. This dependence on God is clearly stated in our Declaration of Independence. *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their creator with inalienable rights....And it ends “with a firm reliance on Divine Providence we pledge our lives, our fortunes and our honor....”* As a nation founded on belief in God, our President takes the oath of office by placing his/her hand on the Bible, the Word of God, and ends with, *“So help me God..”* In our pledge of allegiance we say, *“One nation under God.”* Engraved on our money is *“In God we trust.”* Our Congress has a chaplain, begins each session with a prayer and provides for chaplains for the Military.

Our Founding Fathers may have opted for a separation of Church and State but not for a separation of God and State. There is no brotherhood of man without the Fatherhood of God. The division of life into the sacred and the secular is a false dichotomy. There is not now, there never was and there never will be the purely secular, that is, anyone or anything which is not dependent on God. Atheistic capitalism would suffer the same fate as atheistic communism.

What the Constitution guarantees is not freedom FROM religion but freedom OF religion, freedom to practice religion. Thankfully, we can choose to let the values of the kingdom of God have an influence on the values of our nation. We can choose to accept the peace and healing of Christ that they bring peace and healing to our country. We can receive the body and blood of the Lord so that all the children at God's table will be fed and receive their due in life. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we become Christ's body, to be in the world and serve it, but not to be totally of it. We are thankful for our country and our independence, but as Christians, we must remember our ultimate home, now and forever, is elsewhere. While we may be citizens of the United States, our ultimate citizenship is in heaven!

I wish to express my thanks to everyone for your thoughts and prayers at the time of my surgery on June 10. The surgery to remove my cancerous thyroid went well. I will in the near future need to have the radioactive iodine treatment, and then the process of getting the right dosage of thyroid replacement medication determined. Thanks as well to those who sent cards and prayer enrollments. I appreciate your concern!

Happy Independence Day!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 5 - St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

- 8:00 am † Mary Beth Breedlove,
by Father Don McLaughlin *(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Paunovic Family, by Jessica & Luis Lozano
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, July 6 - St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:00 am † Ellen Pandolfi, by Mary Houdek
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Gino Martini, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, July 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Thomas J Toolis, by Patrick Young & Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, July 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am † Departed Souls
- 8:00 am † Dcd Members of Kerkla Family
by Carolyn Kerkla *(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, July 9 - St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest

- 8:00 am † Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, July 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Matthew Gruzlewski, by Aunt Barbara Kalal
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Bill Walowski, by Ruth Olek
† Joyce Markus, by Family

Sunday, July 11 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Dcd Members of Kerkla Family,
by Carolyn Kerkla
- 10:00 am † Austin Chase, by Paulette & Carl Berg
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Amanda Ognar,
by Bernie & Donna Schebler
- 5:30 pm † Shirley Wagner, by Mary Lou Kunold



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Dorothy Helgren | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Matt Spiro |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Karin Scharring | 12. Vocations |
| 5. OLM Parishioners | 13. Charles A. Fowler |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. George Lange |
| 7. Mother Mary | 15. Bryan Lange |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

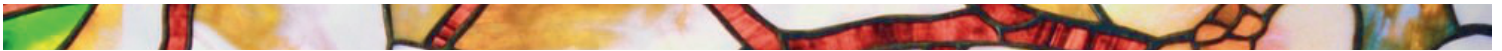
If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

July 10 & 11

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Leazzo
	5:30 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tom Logue



We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Jill Brisceno
Lexi Brisceno
Michael Butler
Robert Ciulla
Joyce Craig
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
William Gardaphe
Bridget Garry
Hailey Hartnett
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Antoinette Humanski
Helen Joseph
Frank Kingsley

Maria Luna
Helga Manglinong
Susan Massett
Janice Melisi
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse
La Moua
William Nimmow
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Diane Pazos
Valerie Plesha
Julia Schrepf
Diane Singer
Lou Skonieczny
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Kathy Walowski
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.

Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

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/Cpl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
LTJG Marion Bautista, US Navy
SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Hoy, con desfiles, fuegos artificiales y barbacoas celebramos nuestra Independencia, una Independencia que se ganó y se mantiene por el sacrificio de muchas vidas. Sin embargo, nuestra independencia no es absoluta. Nuestra nación se fundó en la creencia en Dios.

Nuestra Independencia DEPENDE de Dios. Esta dependencia de Dios se establece claramente en nuestra Declaración de la Independencia. *"Sostenemos que estas verdades son evidentes por sí mismas, que todos los hombres son creados iguales, y que están dotados por su creador con derechos inalienables... Y termina "con una firme confianza en la Divina Providencia, prometemos nuestras vidas, nuestras fortunas y nuestro honor...."* Como nación fundada en la fe en Dios, nuestro presidente toma el juramento de su cargo colocando su mano sobre la Biblia, la Palabra de Dios, y termina con: *"Entonces ayúdame Dios..."* En nuestra promesa de lealtad decimos: *"Una nación bajo Dios"*. En nuestro dinero está grabado *"En Dios confiamos"*. Nuestro Congreso tiene un capellán, comienza cada sesión con una oración y proporciona capellanes para las Fuerzas Armadas.

Nuestros Padres Fundadores pueden haber optado por una separación de la Iglesia y el Estado, pero no por una separación de Dios y el Estado. No hay hermandad del hombre sin la Pateridad de Dios. La división de la vida en sagrada y secular es una falsa dicotomía. No hay ahora, nunca hubo y nunca habrá lo puramente secular, es decir, nadie ni nada que no dependa de Dios. El capitalismo ateo sufriría la misma suerte que el comunismo ateo.

Lo que garantiza la Constitución no es la libertad DESDE la religión, sino la libertad DE religión, la libertad de practicar la religión. Afortunadamente, podemos optar por permitir que los valores del reino de Dios influyan en los valores de nuestra nación. Podemos optar por aceptar la paz y la sanación de Cristo que traen paz y sanación a nuestro país. Podemos recibir el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor para que todos los hijos de la mesa de Dios sean alimentados y reciban lo que les corresponde en la vida. Cuando nos reunimos para celebrar la Eucaristía, nos convertimos en el cuerpo de Cristo, para estar en el mundo y servirlo, pero no para ser totalmente del mundo. Estamos agradecidos por nuestro país y nuestra independencia, pero como cristianos, debemos recordar que nuestro hogar definitivo, ahora y siempre, está en otro lugar. Si bien podemos ser ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos, ¡nuestra ciudadanía final está en el cielo!

Deseo expresar mis agradecimientos a todos por sus pensamientos y oraciones en el tiempo de mi cirugía el 10 de junio. La cirugía para extirpar mi tiroides cancerosa salió bien. En un futuro cercano necesitaré someterme al tratamiento con yodo radiactivo y luego determinar el proceso para obtener la dosis correcta de medicación de reemplazo de la tiroides. Gracias también a quienes enviaron tarjetas e inscripciones de oración.

Padre Don

¡Yo aprecio su preocupación!
¡Feliz Día de la Independencia!



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ez 2, 2-5; Sal 122, 1-2a. 2bcd. 3-4 2 Cor 12, 7b-10; Mc 6, 1-6
Lunes	Gén 28, 10-22; Sal 90, 1-2. 3-4. 14-15ab; Mt 9, 18-26
Martes	Gén 32, 23-32; Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7. 8 y 15; Mt 9, 32-38
Miércoles	Gén 41, 55-57; 42, 5-7. 17-24a; Sal 32, 2-3. 10-11. 18-19; Mt 10, 1-7
Jueves	Gén 44, 18-21. 23b-29; 45, 1-5; Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21; Mt 10, 7-15
Viernes	Gén 46, 1-7. 28-30; Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-38, 39-40 Mt 10, 16-23
Sábado	Gén 49, 29-33; 50, 15-24; Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7; Mt 10, 24-33
Domingo	Am 7, 12-15; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Ef 1, 3-10; Mc 6, 7-13



July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5 | 2 Cor 12:7-10 | Mk 6:1-6

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I'm struck by phrases in today's first and second readings: The prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are "hard of face and obstinate of heart"; and Saint Paul aptly describes a "thorn in the flesh" as having been given to him. He even refers to this thorn as "an angel of Satan." These are descriptive images! So, I wondered, What do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one time in my life, I might have said to myself: "Wow, I can't believe people of his own time would reject Jesus!" However, as I grow older, I'm conscious not only of more physical aches and pains, but the "thorn in the flesh" of patterns I'm not particularly proud of – cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. The "they" in today's readings hits closer to home and strikes me more as "we" than it used to. And yet, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus returned to his hometown, he was not exactly greeted like a "hometown hero." His contemporaries could see him only as a carpenter, and not the Messiah: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith." We know that Jesus went on to perform the mightiest of deeds – dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be "amazed at our lack of faith." Today's Gospel and the other readings encourage us to do a check-up of our spiritual health and pray for the grace to continue to grow in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

REFLECT For a more intentional look at whatever thorns might be in your side, and what weaknesses those contribute to, consider doing a retreat. Attend an in-person retreat at a local retreat house, or look into online options for a guided retreat at home.

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Pastoral Care

Tornado Warning – Seek Shelter!

Our area experienced violent weather on June 20th that led to destruction and injuries. Most people were in bed when the sirens went off and needed to seek shelter immediately. As we look back on that night, it is a good idea to review what can be done to prepare for a tornado and what to do during a tornado.

It is always important to prepare a plan and have an emergency kit ready in case of any kind of a serious safety threat. Stay aware of the weather conditions during thunderstorms. Know the best places to shelter both indoors and outdoors during a tornado warning. Always protect your head!

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. As we have seen from the areas hit by the tornado in Naperville and Woodridge, a tornado is capable of destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees, and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Be aware that a tornado watch means that a tornado is possible and to be prepared. A tornado warning means that a tornado is expected to occur in a certain location and to seek shelter.

There are things to think about before a tornado occurs and

actions to take to prepare for one. *Check the weather forecast regularly. Sign up for notifications* on your cell phone to receive warnings sent by your local community. *Create a communication plan* with your family: decide on the safe places in the house to seek shelter such as in the basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor without windows. Decide on a meeting place when the storm is over in case anyone gets separated from the rest of the family. *Practice your plan.* Make sure all members of the family know the safe room in the house to go to and have a drill. Someone needs to be designated to help children and get the pets if you have them.

If you are not at home when a tornado warning is issued, follow this advice from the National Weather Service to seek shelter. At a workplace or school – go to the designated tornado shelter area; stay away from windows and large open rooms such as gymnasiums, auditoriums or cafeterias. If you are outside, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If you are in a vehicle, drive to the closest safe building or shelter. If you are unable to make it to a safe shelter – get down in your car and cover your head or abandon your car and seek shelter in a low-lying area.

The key things to remember are to stay weather-ready and act quickly to get to a safe place to mini-

mize the impact of the tornado on your safety. For additional information go to www.weather.gov.

Open HEARTS Ministry

There will not be a meeting in July for the mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish. If you are in need of resources or support or would like to connect with someone before the next meeting, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

NAMI DuPage is a source for counseling, support groups and education programs. The Living Open is open Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. It is a drop-in alternative to the Emergency Room for anyone experiencing an increase in mental health symptoms. Call the Resource Line at 630-752-0066 for assistance.

Pastoral Care Needs

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



24 HOUR EUCHARIST ADORATION WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish

Share in the blessed Eucharistic Adoration 7 days a week...24 hours a day by signing up at the St. Francis Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel of Ss. Peter & Paul in Naperville. 180 people are needed to sign up so that the chapel can be open 24 hours a day. Go to www.sspeterandpaul.net and click on Worship. Scroll down to Mass Times and click on Adoration Website.

Diocese of Joliet

The forty-third Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be In-person and LIVE-STREAMED on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please email familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org to submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

FAMILY CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

Who is a Catechist?

A person who seeks to encounter Christ in prayer each day and share His love

A person who has a child-like spirit eager to rejoice in God's blessings

A person who reflects on God's Word and is compelled to proclaim it, especially by example and by walking with others on their journey to discipleship

A person who participates in the Sunday Eucharist and knows the strength of belonging to the Body of Christ

A fully initiated Catholic who is a parent, grandparent, godparent, single person, college student or young adult

Why Become a Catechist?

Here are a few testimonies of what catechists have shared with me over the years...

"I watched my families encounter God in unexpected ways. As I watched their lives change, they changed me."

"My greatest blessing of becoming a catechist was discovering that this ministry is not so much teaching a subject as we're accustomed to thinking about classroom teaching. I soon recognized each lesson is like a gift waiting to be opened to see more of Jesus and his love for me."

"I had no idea that becoming a catechist would wake us up as a family. When one of us experiences the Sunday Gospel in a particular way, we share our "ah ha" moment and discover all over again that God is really with us."

"I really enjoy being a small group facilitator. When we return to the large group to share our projects, we find ourselves surprised at just how present God is to each of us and how relevant our faith is today."

What is the Commitment of a Catechist, Small Group Facilitator, or Catechist Assistant?

This fall there will be a handful of distinct ways to live your role as A FAMILY CATECHIST as you partner with me and our parents to support their efforts in raising life-long disciples! To learn more about these opportunities to guide children and their families on their path of discipleship, contact Mary Jo today!

Mary Jo Trapani
Director of Family Evangelization and Catechesis,
Age 4-Kindergarten through Grade 5

maryjot@olmercy.com

331.707-5378

AROUND THE PARISH

Mixed League 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.

The league will be one Friday/month from August through May, skipping December. If you have questions and/or would like to join the league, please give Dan Panozzo a call at 815-302-4111 or email at tanddpanozzo@comcast.net. Come on out and join the fun!

VINE & BRANCHES

This is a group that offers support and belonging to individuals of any age or faith who are divorced or separated on the way to divorce. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 204 of the Parish Life Building.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your support of our upcoming clothing drive on July 24 & 25 in the parish parking lot. Your clothing donations, as well as your financial donations throughout the year, allow us to help our parishioners and neighbors in need.

A recent neighbor helped was a single mother with a four-month-old daughter. She lost her job during the pandemic and had utility and rent payments coming due. The OLM St. Vincent de Paul volunteers put her in touch with agencies to assist with her utility payments and also made her aware of the monthly mobile food pantry here at OLM. In addition, we were able to partner with Loaves and Fishes Cares. Together with your donations we paid her rent. This mother was grateful and relieved.

We're always looking for volunteers to join our St. Vincent de Paul society in assisting our neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer or learn more send us an email at olmsvdp@gmail.com with your name and contact information.

JOB POSTINGS

Associate Director

Our Lady of Mercy is hiring an Associate Director of Family and Youth Evangelization and Catechesis for grades 6–12. For details please visit <https://olmercy.com/associatedirector/>

Part-time Bookkeeper

St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield, IL is seeking to hire a part-time Bookkeeper to work approximately 25 hours per week. The key responsibilities include paying of invoices, overseeing Sunday Offertory and processing staff payroll. Bookkeeping and payroll experience required. Bachelor's Degree is a plus. Candidates must possess excellent accounting skills, coupled with strong organization and effective communication habits. Must have proficiency in Microsoft Office, Google and general email, keyboard skills. To apply, send resume to Denise Rowan at drowan@smip.org.

Full-time Parish Finance Director

Visitation Parish, Elmhurst, IL - The Finance Director is responsible for all financial matters of the parish including maintenance of all accounting records (general ledger, subledgers, payroll, accounts receivable and payable), deployment of an adequate system of internal control, current financial information on all investment funds, preparation of financial reports and presentation materials for parish Finance Council and School Council meetings, development and tracking of the parish budget; annual reporting to parishioners, and compliance with all government and Diocese of Joliet reporting requirements. Interested candidates should send resume and cover letter to suzanne.noonan@visitationcc.org.

To view full job descriptions, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#).

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,344,698
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,332,800
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	11,898
06/13/21 Sunday Collection	\$	21,343
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(5,857)
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
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.		

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
May, 2021	\$	688,706
June, 2021	\$	677,461



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.



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	\$	149,245
Amount Paid	\$	126,580
Remaining Balance	\$	22,665
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		502

Important Notice

Fr. Don and Fr. James **DO NOT** send texts or emails asking for money or gift cards. If you receive a message appearing to be from Fr. Don or Fr. James, please discard it and **DO NOT SEND ANY ELECTRONIC MONETARY AID.**

Several steps you can take if you think you have received a scam email.

Double-check the sender's email address. A spoofed email address often has an extension similar to the legitimate email address. You can outsmart them by looking beyond the name and checking the "from" email address to see if it matches what you know the alleged sender's email to be.

Always verify in person/telephone before sending money or sensitive data. Be suspicious! Make it standard operating procedure to confirm email requests for wire transfer, debit cards, account information or confidential information.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) 6:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday 12:00pm

Thursday 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

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

Wednesdays 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month 12:00pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

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.

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.

Parish Directory

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Dcn Art Tiongson hope2640@yahoo.com

Dcn Lupe Villarreal..... lupev@olmercy.com

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