



**So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.  
Mark 6:32-33**

*Y se fueron solos en una barca a un lugar despoblado. Pero la gente vio cómo se iban, y muchos cayeron en la cuenta y se dirigieron allá a pie. De todos los pueblos la gente se fue corriendo y llegaron antes que ellos.  
Marcos 6:32-33*



**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**16**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

## From The Pastor's Desk...

### *Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!*



I bet many of you have had a travel nightmare! Flights delayed then canceled requiring an unexpected overnight stay in a city not your destination. Frustrated and hungry you end up in accommodations miles from the airport, and by the time you got to the hotel you discover

the restaurant is closed. This happened to me on a flight from California to Chicago via Dallas. Storms in Chicago forced the cancellation of my flight home and there were no other flights that evening. Others and I ended up at a hotel in Fort Worth, starving, and the restaurant is closed. The hotel staff, recognizing the need of the many stranded travelers, surprised us by ordering several extra-large pizzas for us to share. It was like a miracle! It surely was manna in the desert to us that night! We all fell asleep grateful instead of grumpy!

In today's first reading, the Israelites are hungry. They are truly in need of physical nourishment and God provides for them by sending them food in the form of manna. In the Gospel, however, the people searching for Jesus are no longer physically hungry. The passage follows immediately on the heels of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. As the crowds return in search of last night's miracle worker, Jesus knows that their stomachs are full and that they likely had eaten breakfast before getting into their boats to travel across the sea. Jesus knew that the people, having had their physical needs met, were now able to accept the *true* bread from heaven. They were now free to hear and receive the good news that Jesus had to offer them, the bread of life, a relationship with him.

In our efforts to be missionary disciples, we often get it backward. How many times do we harshly judge those not in our pews before meeting their very real needs for food, clothing, shelter or health care? St. Mother Theresa often described the loneliness and emptiness of people in the West as a hunger more difficult to satisfy than physical hunger. How often do we not recognize that hunger and fail to nourish those who are lonely or hurting? In spite of our best intentions, do we sometimes find ourselves quoting the Catechism rather than first seek to understand their situations or their pain? Pope Francis often speaks of the church as a field hospital.

Today's readings show us that God truly does start from the ground up. God met the Israelites need for food in the desert. Jesus met the crowds' need for food in Galilee. Only then did Jesus offer them the true food, the bread from heaven that was his very self. God uses us, the body of Christ, the church, to do as Jesus did!

Have a blessed week!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### **Monday, July 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Intention of Veronica Manzanares  
*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### **Tuesday, July 20 - St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr**

- 8:00 am † Stanley Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 6:30 pm † Walter D'Roza, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### **Wednesday, July 21 - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest**

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Marilyn Larkin, by George & Willie Durante  
*(Live Streamed)*

### **Thursday, July 22 - St Mary Magdalene**

- 6:30 am † Jo Ann Doughty, by Michael Aeppli
- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### **Friday, July 23 - St Bridget, Religious**

- 8:00 am † Joseph Salata, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy  
*(Live Streamed)*

### **Saturday, July 24 - St Sarbel Makhluif, Priest**

- 8:30 am Intention of Jim & Rose Fisher  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
† Ed & David Schremp, by Family  
† Kathy Choate, by Family

### **Sunday, July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Deceased Waszak Family Members
- 10:00 am † Rose Christine Sincora, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm † Benjamin Edward Nevis, by Susan & Jude 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. Hospice Workers       | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Jim DeZeller           |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Phyllis Anderson      | 12. Mike & Carole Brogan   |
| 5. Ann Borberg           | 13. Marilyn Larkin         |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Bernice Tokarski       |
| 7. Roland Vercillo       | 15. Ann Heckel             |
| 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 24 & 25**

**Deacon Tony will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tiongson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tom Logue
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tim Kueper
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini

## 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  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
Diane Pazos  
Valerie Plesha  
Julia Schremp  
Diane Singer  
Lou Skonieczny  
Hedy Sterling  
Thomas F. Sterling  
John Swanston  
Kathy Walowski  
Pat Dunn

***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!*



¡Apuesto a que muchos de ustedes han tenido una pesadilla de viaje! Vuelos re-trasados y cancelados que requieren una noche de estadía inesperada en una ciudad que no es tu destino. Frustrado y hambriento, terminas en un alojamiento a

millas del aeropuerto, y cuando llegas al hotel, descubres que el restaurante está cerrado. Esto me sucedió en un vuelo de California a Chicago vía Dallas. Las tormentas en Chicago forzaron la cancelación de mi vuelo a casa y no había otros vuelos esa noche. Otros y yo terminamos en un hotel en Fort Worth, hambrientos, y el restaurante estaba cerrado. El personal del hotel, reconociendo la necesidad de los muchos viajeros varados, nos sorprendió al pedir varias pizzas extra grandes para compartir. ¡Fue como un milagro! ¡Con seguridad fue maná en el desierto para nosotros esa noche! ¡Todos nos quedamos dormidos y agradecidos en lugar de gruñones!

En la primera lectura de hoy, los israelitas tienen hambre. Realmente necesitan alimento físico y Dios les provee enviándoles comida en forma de maná. En el Evangelio, sin embargo, las personas que buscan a Jesús ya no tienen hambre física. El pasaje sigue inmediatamente después del milagro de los panes y los peces. Mientras la multitud regresa en busca del hacedor de milagros de la noche anterior, Jesús sabe que sus estómagos están llenos y que probablemente habían desayunado antes de subir a sus botes para cruzar el mar. Jesús sabía que la gente, una vez satisfechas sus necesidades físicas, ahora podía aceptar el *verdadero* pan del cielo. Ellos no tenían la libertad de escuchar y recibir las buenas nuevas que Jesús tenía para ofrecerles, el pan de vida, una relación con él.

En nuestros esfuerzos por ser discípulos misioneros, a menudo lo hacemos al revés. ¿Cuántas veces juzgamos con dureza a quienes no están en nuestros bancos antes de satisfacer sus necesidades reales de comida, ropa, refugio o atención médica? La santa Madre Teresa a menudo describió la soledad y el vacío de las personas en Occidente como un hambre más difícil de satisfacer que el hambre físico. ¿Con qué frecuencia no reconocemos esa hambre y no nutrimos a quienes se sienten solos o sufriendo? A pesar de nuestras mejores intenciones, ¿nos encontramos a veces citando el Catecismo en lugar de buscar primero comprender sus situaciones o su dolor? El Papa Francisco a menudo habla de la iglesia como un hospital de campaña.

Las lecturas de hoy nos muestran que Dios realmente comienza desde cero. Dios satisfizo la necesidad de comida de los israelitas en el desierto. Jesús satisfizo la necesidad de comida de la multitud en Galilea. Solo así Jesús les ofreció la verdadera comida, el pan del cielo que era él mismo. ¡Dios nos usa a nosotros, el cuerpo de Cristo, la iglesia, para hacer lo que hizo Jesús!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Jer 23, 1-6; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Ef 2, 13-18; Mc 6, 30-34
<b>Lunes</b>	Éx 14, 5-18; Éx 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mt 12, 38-42
<b>Martes</b>	Éx 14, 21—15, 1; Éx 15, 8-9. 10 y 12. 17; Mt 12, 46-50
<b>Miércoles</b>	Éx 16, 1-5. 9-15; Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28; Mt 13, 1-9
<b>Jueves</b>	Éx 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20b; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
<b>Viernes</b>	Éx 20, 1-17; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Mt 13, 18-23
<b>Sábado</b>	Éx 24, 3-8; Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15; Mt 13, 24-30
<b>Domingo</b>	2 Re 4, 42-44; Sal 144, 10-11. 15-16. 17-18; Ef 4, 1-6; Jn 6, 1-15



July 18, 2021

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for sheep often depict him carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." But they don't quite capture just what hard work being a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted "smell of sheep." The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus "[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them." There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly-principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only he can save us; only he has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I don't like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had "no opportunity even to eat." Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them - for they were hurting and in need of his care. Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: "Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help." As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

**ACCOMPANY** Find ways, large or small, to "tend the flock" of your family, parish, workplace or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

## Pastoral Care

### ***Be Aware of Heat-Related Illness***

As we enjoy the warm weather it is important to be aware of heat-related illnesses and what to do to avoid permanent injury or even death. Most people know what to do to prevent sunburn or heat rash and how to treat it if it occurs. Do you know the symptoms of heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke and what to do if it happens? The information below is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Heat cramp symptoms include severe cramps that typically begin suddenly in the hands, calves or feet and muscles may become hard or tense. It may occur after heavy sweating during intense exercise. The following suggestions are to stop physical activity and move to a cool place; drink water or a sports drink; wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity. Get medical help right away if: cramps last longer than one hour; you are on a low-sodium diet and you have heart problems.

Heat exhaustion requires immediate attention when it occurs. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating; cold, pale, and clam-

my skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; fatigue; confusion or anxiety; agitation; tiredness or weakness; dizziness; headache; and fainting. Actions to take in case of heat exhaustion are to move to a cool place; loosen clothes; put cool, wet cloths on the body or take a cool bath; sip water. Get medical help right away if: you are vomiting; your symptoms worsen or symptoms last longer than one hour.

Heat stroke can occur suddenly, without any symptoms of heat exhaustion. It is important to get immediate medical care for a person experiencing symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Symptoms of heat stroke are high body temperature (103 degrees F. or higher); hot, red, dry or damp skin; headache; dizziness or vertigo; nausea and vomiting; confusion; losing consciousness; rapid heart rate; profound sweating; shortness of breath; decreased urination; fatigue; convulsions. If heat stroke is suspected, call 911 as heat stroke is a medical emergency; move the person to a cooler place; help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath; do not give the person anything to drink.

Tips for preventing heat-related illness are to stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed. Limit your outdoor activity to when it is the coolest. Rest often in shady areas. Stay away from very sugary or alcoholic drinks as they cause loss of body fluid. Avoid very cold drinks as they may cause stomach cramps. Check on extreme heat alerts and safety tips given when temperatures are high. Have fun in the sun but take steps to prevent heat-related illness whether you are at home or on vacation.

### ***Pastoral Care Needs***

We experience stress, challenges, and transitions in life that could benefit from reaching out for support and resources. If you are homebound and would like Holy Communion brought to the home or if you have questions about end-of-life issues, funeral planning, journeying through grief, medication management or navigating the health care system, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).



## Discover the Marmion Advantage...

As summer progresses, there is a growing excitement on Marmion Academy's campus for the start of the new school year! We have made the successful transition from our virtual campus model in March 2020, to a hybrid model of instruction to begin the 2020-2021 school year, and now to the reopening of campus for full in-person learning, while still providing a virtual option for students who choose to attend classes remotely.

It's never too early to start thinking about high school. Have you wondered what it would be like to have your son attend Marmion Academy? We have many upcoming opportunities for you to have your questions answered. From personal tours of campus to our Homecoming Kick-Off, from Shadow Visits and Explore Days to our Fall Open House, we invite you to experience Marmion Academy and discover the Marmion Advantage.

For more information, please visit [marmion.org](http://marmion.org) or contact our Office of Admissions at 630-897-6936 or [admissions@marmion.org](mailto:admissions@marmion.org). Marmion Academy, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, is a Catholic-Benedictine college preparatory school for young men dedicated to spiritual formation, academic excellence, and leadership development.

**Introduction & Invitations to Family Faith Formation, Age 4K – Grade 5, 2021-2022**  
**Registration for Family Faith Formation, EDGE, and L.I.G.H.T. is now available online, olmercy.com!**

Family Faith Formation will build upon the parent-led model used this past year, while also providing on-site options each month with the desire to reconnect as a faith community in small and large group settings with other parents and children.

**Pflaum Gospel Weeklies**

ALL FAMILIES are provided with the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* to share together at home prior to Sunday Mass and are utilized in conjunction with Options 1-3 outlined on the chart below. The time commitment can range from 30-60 minutes per week depending on the number of children and grade level(s) in your household. User-friendly parent guides are provided with each grade level grouping: **Seeds** (PreK), **Promise** (K-1), **Good News** (Grades 2 & 3), **Venture** (Grades 4 & 5). Although there are different titles for grade levels, they each focus on a similar theme and Sunday Gospel in preparation for each weekend Mass.

**Which Type of Partnership is the best fit for your family?**

<p><b><u>In-Person, Option #1:</u></b>                  Option #1 is held the first two Wednesdays of the month, October – April. Parent/Child(ren) are placed in multi-age groups. Each small group is led by a family catechist, 6:00-7:00pm.</p>	<p><b><u>In-Person Option #2:</u></b>                  Option #2 is held on a Sunday, once a month, September – April. A Family Catechist will guide you during family table gatherings.                  11am-12pm (following 10am Mass) <b>OR</b>                  4:30-5:30pm (before 5:30pm Mass)</p>	<p><b><u>Virtual Option #3:</u></b>                  Option #3 gathers families twice a month with a Family Catechist over zoom for a faith activity, discussion, and prayer that relates to the upcoming Sunday Gospel.</p>
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**Family Sacramental Preparation**

Families who have a child preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, begin their sacramental faith journey together in January, using Family Kits. **MEND** is a seven-week family journey to encounter Jesus’ mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **NOURISH** is a ten-week family journey to discover the Lord’s real presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. An initial training in January at the parish with parents and their children will take place prior to the reception of the family kits.

Prior to January, we encourage your participation in one of the three *Pflaum* Gospel options described above and/or the [Encounter Jesus in the Mass](#) initiative outlined below.

**NEW: Additional Invitations to Family Faith Formation, 2021-2022**

<p><b>Encounter Jesus in the Mass</b>                  Parents are led through Bishop Barron’s film series on the Mass while students (grades 2-5) participate in a mini-course Mass series in church. Held on the third Wednesday of the month, Oct.-March 6:00–7:00 pm.</p>	<p><b>Family Alpha</b>                  Parents <i>and</i> their children are invited to encounter the Lord anew through Family Alpha! Held on Thursdays, once a week for 11 consecutive weeks, September – November and January – March</p>	<p><b>Intergenerational Family Faith Events</b>                  Every 4-6 weeks, families gather to share in a service activity, family prayer, educational and/or social experience as a community, September - April.</p>
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**PARENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

We expect you will have questions about our new evangelization and catechesis models of Family Faith Formation for parents and children, Age 4 Kindergarten – Grade 5. Please join us for one of these two meetings.

**Wednesday, July 28, 7:00pm in our church**

**Sunday, August 8, 11:00 - 11:50am in our gym**

*(This meeting will follow the 10:00am Mass and end in time for the 12:00pm Mass.)*

Registration for the town hall meetings is not required; we would love to see you attend one of these meetings and we will strive to answer all your questions.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

**July 24 & July 25**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot this weekend for our Clothing Drive!!

### Items can be dropped off:

- Saturday July 24 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass
- Sunday July 25 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 25 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass
- Sunday July 25- 15 minutes before the 12 noon mass (The truck will be picked up shortly after noon so it likely will not be there after the noon mass)

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED! SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – [saintvincentdonate@gmail.com](mailto:saintvincentdonate@gmail.com).

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

**Thanks for your  
generous donations!**

## AROUND THE PARISH

### ***New Liturgical Minister Training***

Training will be offered for new liturgical ministers. We welcome your interest in one of the following ministries.

**Greeters** - Welcome people entering for Mass. A smile, a simple greeting, or holding a door are little ways of making a big difference.

**Ushers** - Help to seat worshippers, receiving their offerings, distributing bulletins and assisting those with disabilities.

**Lectors** - Training is provided to proclaim the Word of the Lord. Volunteers should be confirmed and must have good public reading skills.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** - Assist in distributing Communion at Masses. Training is provided for parishioners who are at least 16 years of age, confirmed and practicing their faith.

These are important opportunities to offer your time and talent to your parish. We are all given different gifts and we are called to share them. After careful reflection, if you feel called to one of these very important liturgical ministries, please contact Frank Sauter at [franks@olmercy.com](mailto:franks@olmercy.com)

### ***World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly***

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday, July 25, 2021. During the weekend Masses on July 24 & 25 at OLM, Grandparents and the elderly will receive a special blessing to recognize their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. Grandparents and the elderly are often overlooked, but this new day in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

### ***Consuming Fire Young Adult Group***

We gather at OLM and other venues to eat, pray, and 'do life together' while encouraging young adults to become active leaders in the Church and respond to Jesus' call to love, evangelize and serve others! Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 204 for a new summer series "Metanoia".

### ***PADS Public Action to Deliver Shelter***

Consider helping Hesus House by donating food or monetary gifts the first Tuesday of each month. For questions or additional information contact [jean@rehmer.com](mailto:jean@rehmer.com) or [DeaconPhil@rehmer.com](mailto:DeaconPhil@rehmer.com)



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,396,662
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,389,200
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>9,462</b>
06/27/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,279
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	27,200
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(921)</b>
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i></b>		
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](http://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	\$	150,790
Amount Paid	\$	128,827
Remaining Balance	\$	21,963
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		505

## 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.

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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

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### Sick and Homebound

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### 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.

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