

**Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
John 6:35**



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

18
ORDINARY
TIME

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



I love to eat! You can tell that by just looking at me!! I'm about 65 pounds heavier than my ideal weight. You've heard the expression some eat to live and others live to eat – I'm the latter. Being almost 70 years old, I am considered a senior citizen. I'm wishing that the senior citizen appetite would kick in

soon and I too would be taking home a box from the restaurant with half of the meal I didn't eat! But I still hold what my mother taught....no dessert unless you clean your plate!

Longing for food is more than a popular human pastime. In today's first reading the whole community of Israel complain to Moses and express their longing for good food. They have their new freedom, but the menu that goes with it is sparse. The slavery of Egypt is behind them, but they now remember the country of bondage as the place where "we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat to our heart's desire." The Israelites are tempted to make a U-turn to Egypt, to follow the compass of their stomachs rather than focus on the way to freedom through the wilderness. Slavery with good food looks more attractive to them than freedom of a starvation diet. God hears the complaints and promises that they shall eat meat and have bread to their heart's content.

In today's Gospel, another crowd follow the instructions of their stomach and express their longing for food. This time it is the crowd of Galileans who, on the previous day, ate to their heart's content when Jesus offered them a meal of barley loaves. Jesus tells his hungry pursuers that they are only following him because they have enjoyed the food that physical satisfies – they should work he says, for the food that endures to eternal life. The one work which earns this food is believing in the one God has sent. They Galileans promptly ask Jesus for a sign to aid their belief in him – a sign like the manna their fathers ate in the desert. When Jesus points out that it was God, not Moses, who supplied the manna, he compares himself to the God who now gives bread from heaven. Jesus declares that he himself is the bread of life, the bread came down from heaven. Whoever believes in him will never be hungry.

The promise that Jesus held out to the Galileans is one that is held out to us today. It is a promise fulfilled in the Eucharist we now celebrate. If there is one thing we all share in this assembly, it is the same hunger. We hunger for a love that does not disappoint; we hunger for a word that does not fade away; we hunger for bread that does not fail to satisfy. In this Eucharist the love of a tender God is offered to us in word and sacrament. In coming here we declare that we cannot fall back on our own resources: we need Jesus, the bread of life, to sustain us!

Have a blessed week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Don".



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2 - Sts Eusebius & Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 am † Dave Prybylski, Tom & Liane Skill
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Souls in Purgatory
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, August 3 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Int of Haidee Polgar
(Live Streamed)

6:30 pm † Joanne M Mensik, by The Engel Family

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 4 - St John Vianney, Priest

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Rev Thomas Tivy, by The Heying Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, August 5 - Weekday in Ordinary

6:30 am † Rev Jacob Koilparambil

8:00 am † Ron Peterson, by Family *(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am For Departed Souls *(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm † James C. Carto, by Family

Saturday, August 7 - St Sixtus, II, Pope

8:30 am Int of Sergus Family *(Live Streamed)*

9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)

1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)

4:00 pm **Vigil - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Jackson Tan, by Family
† James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr
By Helean M Ray

Sunday, August 8 - Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett

10:00 am † Joan Vrchota, by Mary Houdek
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Alejandro Ceceres, by Family

5:30 pm † Glorivette Alegria, by Family



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. Jim Pluskota & Family |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. In Thanksgiving | 12. Carmen Calderon |
| 5. Peter Julian Torres | 13. Delma D'Silva |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Carolyn Grier |
| 7. Robin Pazos | 15. Ann Borberg |
| 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

August 7 & 8

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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



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
Maria Luna

Helga Manglinong
Kristen Manning
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!



¡Me encanta comer! ¡Pueden decir eso con solo mirarme! Peso unas 65 libras más que mi peso ideal. Han escuchado la expresión que algunos comen para vivir y otros viven para comer; yo soy el último. Con casi 70 años, se me considera una persona mayor. ¡Deseo que el apetito de las personas mayo-

res se active pronto y que yo también me lleve a casa una caja del restaurante con la mitad de la comida que no comí! Pero todavía tengo lo que me enseñó mi madre... ¡no hay postre a menos que limpie tu plato!

El anhelo de comida es más que un pasatiempo humano popular. En la primera lectura de hoy, toda la comunidad de Israel se queja a Moisés y expresa su anhelo de buena comida. Tienen su nueva libertad, pero el menú que la acompaña es escaso. La esclavitud de Egipto quedó atrás, pero ahora recuerdan el país de la servidumbre como el lugar donde "pudimos sentarnos frente a las cacerolas de carne y comer a nuestro antojo". Los israelitas están tentados a dar un giro de 180 grados a Egipto, a seguir la brújula de sus estómagos en lugar de concentrarse en el camino hacia la libertad a través del desierto. La esclavitud con buena comida les parece más atractiva que la libertad con una dieta de hambre. Dios escucha las quejas y promete que comerán carne y tendrán pan hasta que estén satisfechos.

En el evangelio de hoy, otra multitud sigue las instrucciones de su estómago y expresa su anhelo de comida. Esta vez es la muchedumbre de Galileos que, el día anterior, comió hasta el cansancio cuando Jesús les ofreció una comida de panes de cebada. Jesús les dice a sus perseguidores hambrientos que solo lo están siguiendo porque han disfrutado de la comida que satisface físicamente; deben trabajar, dice, por la comida que perdura hasta la vida eterna. La única obra que gana este alimento es creer en el que Dios ha enviado. Los Galileos rápidamente le piden a Jesús una señal para ayudarles a creer en él, una señal como el maná que sus padres comieron en el desierto. Cuando Jesús señala que fue Dios, no Moisés, quien suministró el maná, se compara con el Dios que ahora da pan del cielo. Jesús declara que él mismo es el pan de vida, el pan bajado del cielo. El que cree en él, nunca tendrá hambre.

La promesa que Jesús les ofreció a los Galileos es una que se nos ofrece hoy. Es una promesa cumplida en la Eucaristía que ahora celebramos. Si hay algo que compartimos todos en esta asamblea es la misma hambre. Tenemos hambre de un amor que no defraude; tenemos hambre de una palabra que no se desvanezca; tenemos hambre de un pan que no deja de satisfacer. En esta Eucaristía se nos ofrece el amor de un Dios tierno en palabra y sacramento. Al venir aquí, declaramos que no podemos recurrir a nuestros propios recursos: ¡necesitamos a Jesús, el pan de vida, para sostenernos!

Padre Don

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Éx 16, 2-4. 12-15; Sal 77, 3 y 4bc. 23-24. 25 y 54; Ef 4, 17. 20-24; Jn 6, 24-35
Lunes	Núm 11, 4b-15; Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17; Mt 14, 13-21
Martes	Núm 12, 1-13; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13; Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14
Miércoles	Núm 13, 2-3a. 26—14, 1. 26-30. 34-35; Sal 105, 6-7a. 13-14. 21-23; Mt 15, 21-28
Jueves	Núm 20, 1-13; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Mt 16, 13-23
Viernes	Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9; 2 Pe 1, 16-19; Mc 9, 2-10
Sábado	Dt 6, 4-13; Sal 17, 28-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab; Mt 17, 14-19
Domingo	1 Rey 19, 4-8; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 4, 30—5, 2; Jn 6, 41-51



August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-35

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In our house, we know we've got a situation when we run out of bread. It's the staff of life, yes, but also the stuff that makes toast, goes with soup or salad, and smells so good when we bake it ourselves. So perhaps some of us can relate to the Israelites in the first reading as they "grumbled against Moses and Aaron," before the Lord promised to "rain down bread from heaven for [them]." On a deeper level, perhaps we also truly understand the importance of what Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel: that the bread from heaven which the Father gives will not only satisfy their physical hunger, but give life to the world. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Just as the disciples heartily responded "give us this bread always," today's readings encourage us to long not only for all good gifts from the Father, but specifically for that one, unique gift of the Son whose nourishment to us in the Eucharist transforms us and "gives life to the world."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many Catholics, I attended Mass online for much of 2020 and the first half of 2021. Initially, it seemed like enough, and I was immensely grateful for the opportunity to hear the Word of God, see the Lord in the Eucharist, and to receive him spiritually. However, as we began to return to church this past spring, I truly felt the enormity of what I had been missing: receiving the Eucharist, and doing so within a community. As we hear Christ's words in the bread of life discourse over the next few Sundays, the magnitude of God's gracious gift should become ever more apparent. When we receive the Eucharist at Mass, we partake in the body and blood of Jesus, sharing in the divine banquet that leads us to everlasting life, and drawing closer to Jesus and to one another in the process. Nourished by his presence within us, we can then go out and share the bread of life with others. What that looks like will differ for each of us, but ultimately it is all for the purpose of accomplishing the works of God: believing in the One he sent and giving witness to that belief in all we say and do.

ACTION Paul's Letter to the Ephesians admonishes his listeners to "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." As we begin each day this week, we can pray for the grace to "put on a new self" and let go of those things that get in the way of our own holiness.

Pastoral Care

Stay Hydrated During the Summer

Staying hydrated is key to good health and a stronger immune system. The majority of the body is water. The brain cells are about 85 percent water. Water helps regulate body temperature, protects the organs, oxygenates the cells, carries nutrients to the cells, helps with metabolism and flushes out all waste from the body. Water helps to slow the aging process and maintain the brain and memory.

Signs that you may be experiencing dehydration are a headache, muscle cramps, dizziness, being light-headed or being confused. Once dehydration begins, it can become worse quickly. By the time a person is thirsty – dehydration has started. The best practice is to drink water before you are thirsty so to avoid becoming dehydrated.

A common question is “How much water should I drink?” According to Dr. Don Colbert, author of *The Seven Pillars of Health*, to determine how much water your body needs, take your body weight (in pounds) and divide it by two. That result is how many ounces of water you should drink daily. Please do not fol-

low this recommendation if your health care provider has instructed you differently depending on any medical conditions that you may have.

The following tips are offered to stay hydrated during the heat of summer. If you need to add flavor to water in order to keep drinking it – chop up your favorite fruit and toss it in or add a small splash of fruit juice or a sports drink. Snack on fruits and vegetables that may be 75% water or more such as cucumbers, watermelon, honey dew melon, peaches, celery and tomatoes. Limit or avoid salty and fried foods as foods higher in sodium or fried can dehydrate you. Beverages that inhibit the body’s ability to take in water are coffee, soda and alcohol. If you drink these beverages, adjust your water intake. Take care and stay hydrated!

Find No or Low-Cost Health Insurance

AMITA Health has partnered with Advocatia to help find the best coverage for you and your family at a price that you can afford. Eligible consumers are able to select a healthcare plan with coverage that starts within three to four weeks of plan selection.

With one screening, the AMITA Health team can see if you qualify for: free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid; Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and savings on a Marketplace Health Plan based on income.

The enrollment period is through August 15, 2021. To enroll, basic information needs to be provided. For free assistance with the Healthcare Exchange process please contact: Advocatia at 312-584-1212/ Hours Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm/ evenings and weekends by appointment or go to www.AMITAHealth.org/enroll.

Pastoral Care

Experiencing losses in life are challenging. It may be the loss of a loved one, job loss or the loss of good health. You may be faced with end-of-life decisions or not able to come to church due to mobility loss or illness. Please reach out for pastoral care by connecting with Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolanel@olmercy.com.



Justice & Peace Ministry

Thank you to all who have donated toiletry items in the past for the “Blessing Bags” that we assemble for homeless persons. Hundreds of bags have been distributed in the past year, providing the homeless on the street, as well as in shelters, with needed items that not only allow them to take care of their daily needs to keep clean/healthy but also assure them that someone cares. This gives them hope. Please keep all who are homeless, especially during the Covid pandemic in your prayers.

Now that people are traveling more we remind you that we continue to collect hotel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap as well as toothbrushes (single packed) toothpaste (small tubes), razors, deodorant, combs, wash cloths, men’s socks and granola bars. A container for donations can be found in this PLC lobby. The children in VBS during the first week of August will assemble “Blessing Bags” as one of their service projects. Please leave your donations for this ongoing project

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. Questions? Contact Chris at chrisharvey@olmercy.com. Thank you.

Characteristics of Family Evangelization & Catechesis

Words such as “catechism,” “catechist,” “catechesis,” and “catechetical” are derived from the two Greek words, *cata echeo*, which mean, “to echo forth.” In the Holy Spirit, Christ echoes forth the goodness of God. *As God’s people we each echo forth the words and actions of Christ through our own holy words and good actions.*

The General Directory of Catechesis (GDC) states that family catechesis precedes, accompanies and enriches all forms of catechesis. The witness of Christian life given by parents in the family comes to children with tenderness and parental respect. Children then perceive and joyously live the closeness of God and of Jesus made manifest by their parents in such a way that this first Christian experience frequently leaves decisive traces which last throughout life. **This childhood religious awakening which takes place in the family is irreplaceable.**

The **GDC** gives six characteristics of family-centered evangelization and catechesis that each family or household of faith continually seeks to nurture through growing Christ-like relationships at home and with their parish family.

Parent-led

It is provided primarily by the adults in the family who share faith with one another and with the younger members and who set an example of faith lived. Education in faith by parents, which should begin from the children’s tenderest age, is already being given when the ***members of a family help each other to grow in faith through the witness of their Christian lives, a witness that is often without words, but which perseveres throughout a day-to-day life lived in accordance with the Gospel.*** (CT 68)

Life-Giving

The religious awakening of the child takes place in the family. It is there that the child first experiences and practices the faith. ***Those who give life to the child bring the child through Baptism to life in the Kingdom of God and continually nurture that life.*** (GDC 177-178)

Life-Long

As the children grow and mature, the witness and teaching of the parents continue to profoundly affect their lives. The scope of family catechesis is lifelong. As the family membership broadens, neither age nor role dictate who is learner and who is teacher. ***Each member of the family becomes teacher and learner by virtue of a sincere attempt to hear the message of the Gospel and to respond to it in worship and service.*** (GDC 227)

Missionary

By making Gospel values the foundation for their way of life, parents prepare their children to bring these values into the environments where they will study, work and socialize. Family members recognize and live the Christian call to serve neighbors, friends, parish community and the broader communities of Church and world. ***By the witness of its life together, the family evangelizes the wider communities by which it is a part.*** (GDC 211)

Formal and Informal

Informal catechesis is experienced through the atmosphere that permeates the home where children perceive and live the closeness to God in Jesus made manifest by their parents. ***Formal catechesis is experienced through the parents, articulation of their faith by such means as teaching, prayer, and moral guidance.*** Through our family formation gatherings, we become reassured, inspired, and equipped, growing in confidence to teach and share faith at home. (GDC 226)

Our Parish Family Evangelization & Catechesis staff is offering several ways to build our partnership with you to support your vocation as parents in forming young disciples. ***You can find a description of our Family Faith Formation offerings on our parish website, olmercy.com. Just click on the word Formation at the top of the page and then click on Family Faith Formation Letter & Plans.*** The registration link is on this same page for families with children from age 4 kindergarten-grade 12.

Knights News

Knights of Columbus Council 12005



Mobile Food Pantry: Partnering with Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank, we continue to offer a Mobile Food Pantry on the second or third Wednesday of each month. The next pantry will be Aug 25th from 5:00 to 6:30 in the parking lot. Anyone in need of food is welcome. We served 90 families in July. Thanks to the many volunteers who have turned out each month to make this a success. We have just learned that we will be continuing this valuable service through the end of this year.

2021 College Scholarship Program: Congratulations to our five winning students this year: Abigail Callinan, Zoe Cox, Julia Beltz, Filip Matusiak and Julianna Romero. We are extremely blessed to have such talented, focused and giving students as part of our Parish family.

Blood Drive: We were able to collect over 20 units of blood at our last drive! Thanks to all who came and gave so others can live! Our next drive will be Saturday Nov. 13th.

Little Pops Fundraiser: Thanks to all who supported our last event – we were able to raise \$292 and add that to our \$500 donation towards the Mission Trip for a total of \$792 to help defray the cost. Our next fundraising event will be 9/16 – watch for the flyer. We will be donating the funds towards our reopening of the Parish efforts.

Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendars, the Pancake Breakfasts are coming back. Our first will be Sunday Oct. 24th and all profits will benefit “Coats For Kids”. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Thinking of becoming a Knight? You can join for free between now and the end of the year. It will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men’s service organization in the world. We need you! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at jleroy53@hotmail.com or call 630-336-7728.

Around the Parish

Preview Our Diocesan Bible School!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Live On-line Classes for Year 1 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. and in person at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 2 classes on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you. View Recorded Preview at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

Preview Events this Summer:

Live On-Line Preview **August 19**, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

OR

email Program Director Joan Gorski at
dr.jgorski@gmail.com **for an invite**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) **August 28**, 9-10:30 a.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class! For more information, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj Or call 815-221-6147.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	62,039
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	60,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	2,039
07/11/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,210
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(3,790)
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
For the Budget Year 2021/22 we have increased the Parish Sunday goal by 10%, to \$30,000/week, due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.		

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



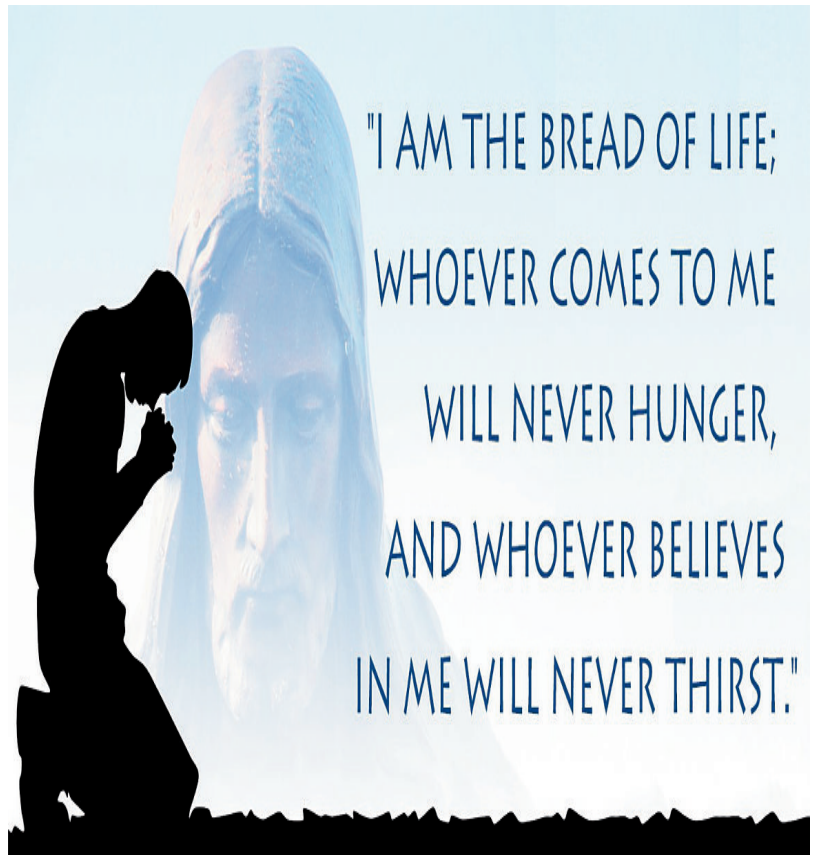
It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	154,400
Amount Pledged	\$	151,755
Amount Paid	\$	131,492
Remaining Balance	\$	20,263
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		507



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.*



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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

Parish Priests

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Permanent Deacons

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