

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive by studying and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in glorifying your name. We ask this through

Christ our Lord. *Book of Blessings*



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parents are truly
the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Today the Church throughout the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday under the theme **“Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.”** Today we commission and bless the catechists of our parish who will bring the living **WORD** to our families, children, parents and adults this year. The work of evangelizing has not always been easy during the COVID pandemic,

which, is still with us to some degree. I want to express my deepest gratitude to parents, catechists, and all who have worked with Mary Jo, Dave, and Zara to bring the Good News to our parish community though home study, online resources, zoom, and in-person experiences. God bless our parents and catechists!

The COVID pandemic has highlighted the urgent need for healing – physical, spiritual, emotional- in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering. The words we pray at Mass, **“Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed”**, have the power to remind us of, to open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbably prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed!

On the cover of last Sunday's bulletin was an invite to all Our Lady of Mercy parishioners to celebrate my 40th anniversary of ordination on Sunday, October 10. I will be preaching all Masses that weekend, as I was ordained a priest on October 10, 1981. There will be coffee and donuts after all the Masses. I will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00pm followed by a reception in the PLC and outdoors weather permitting. You are welcome to attend this Mass and reception at 2:00pm. If you plan to attend this Mass, please RSVP to me at frdon@olmercy.com so we have an accurate count when we order food for the reception. If you are attending one of the regular scheduled Sunday Masses, there is no need to RSVP. I look forward to celebrating this milestone with my Our Lady of Mercy parish family!

Please remember me in your prayers this week. On Wednesday, September 22, I take the radioactive iodine ablation pill to treat my thyroid cancer. From September 22 through September 29, I will be in isolation at the rectory.

Have a Blessed Week!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 20 - St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

- 8:00 am † Denise Soltysik, by Helena Soltysik
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Dolores Bello & Amalia Carillo by Bello Family
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, September 21 - St Matthew, Apostle

- 8:00 am † Estela & Alfonso Ramirez, by Family
† Lt. Brendan Looney, USN SEAL
by Marty Kadziela
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Peter Julian Torres, by Rachel Soto Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 22 - Weekday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Amerina Pieri by Ida Phillips
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, September 23 - St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 6:30 am † Paterna Salanatin, by Centeno Family
- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, September 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Special Intention *(Live Streamed)*

Saturday, September 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Fency Rajasekhar, by Rajasekhar Family
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Joyce Markus, by Family
† Stanley & Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla

Sunday, September 26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Stanley & Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 10:00 am † Christine Holbrook by Family
† Timothy Savoie, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Matthew Gruzlewski, by Barbara Kalal
- 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. Dorothy Helgren | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Peter Logan |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Shirley Day | 12. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 5. Clyde Day | 13. Special Intention |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Thank You Catechists |
| 7. Ann Borberg | 15. Blessings for Jolene |
| 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

September 25 & 26

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Joseph K.
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	5:30 pm	Fr Max Behna 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
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
Pat Dunne
Jose Ellis
William Gardaphe
Bridget Garry
Connie Hegg
Jim Hegg
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Eric Hoerdemann
Antoinette Humanski
Helen Joseph
Maria Luna

Kristen Manning
Susan Massett
Janice Melisi
Tony & Letty Mendez
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse
La Moua
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Diane Pazos
Valerie Plesha
Julia Schremp
Diane Singer
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Kathy Walowski

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/Cprl 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
SN Joshua San Diego, US Navy

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Hoy, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos celebra el Domingo de la Catequesis con el tema "*Di la Palabra y Mi Alma Será Sanada*". Hoy comisionamos y bendecimos a los catequistas de nuestra parroquia que llevarán la **PALABRA** viva a nuestras familias, niños, padres y adul-

tos este año. El trabajo de evangelizar no siempre ha sido fácil durante la pandemia del COVID, que todavía está con nosotros hasta cierto punto. Quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a los padres, catequistas y todos los que han trabajado con Mary Jo, Dave y Zara para llevar las Buenas Nuevas a nuestra comunidad parroquial a través del estudio en casa, recursos en línea, zoom y experiencias en persona. ¡Dios bendiga a nuestros padres y catequistas!

La pandemia del COVID ha puesto de relieve la urgente necesidad de curación (física, espiritual, emocional) en nosotros mismos y en nuestro mundo. Mientras nuestro mundo lucha por sanar, la curación completa no es posible sin Jesús como el Médico Divino. Cuando nuestras almas sanan, todo sana, a pesar de nuestro sufrimiento. Las palabras que rezamos en la Misa, "*Di la Palabra y Mi Alma Será Sanada*", tienen el poder de recordarnos, de abrirnos los ojos a la sanación que Jesús nos ofrece en la Eucaristía, que es esencial, eterna, y muy abierta a nosotros. Le pedimos humildemente que diga la palabra, y con esa oración, tenemos fe en que, con la fantástica e increíble perspectiva de que Jesús entre bajo nuestro techo, ¡nuestras almas serán sanadas!

En la portada del boletín del domingo pasado había una invitación a todos los feligreses de Our Lady of Mercy para celebrar mi 40^o aniversario de ordenación el domingo 10 de octubre. Estaré predicando todas las Misas ese fin de semana, ya que fui ordenado sacerdote el 10 de octubre de 1981. Habrá café y donuts después de todas las Misas. Celebraré una Misa especial de Acción de Gracias a las 2:00 p.m. seguida de una recepción en el PLC y afuera si el clima lo permite. Están bienvenidos a asistir a esta Misa y recepción a las 2:00 p.m. Si planean asistir a esta Misa, por favor confirmen su asistencia a frdon@olmercy.com para que tengamos un conteo preciso cuando ordenemos comida para la recepción. Si asisten a una de las Misas dominicales programadas regularmente, no es necesario confirmar su asistencia. ¡Espero celebrar este acontecimiento con mi familia parroquial de Our Lady of Mercy!

Por favor, recuérdeme en sus oraciones de esta semana. El miércoles 22 de septiembre, tomo la píldora de ablación con yodo radiactivo para tratar mi cáncer de tiroides. Desde el 22 de septiembre hasta el 29 de septiembre, estaré aislado en la rectoría.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Sab 2, 12. 17-20; Sal 53, 3-4. 5. 6 y 8; Stgo 3, 16—4, 3; Mc 9, 30-37
Lunes	Esd 1, 1-6; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Lc 8, 16-18
Martes	Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Mt 9, 9-13
Miércoles	Esd 9, 5-9; Tb 13, 2. 4. 6. 7. 8; Lc 9, 1-6
Jueves	Ag 1, 1-8; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Lc 9, 7-9
Viernes	Ag 2, 1b-10; Sal 42, 1. 2. 3. 4; Lc 9, 18-22
Sábado	Zec 2, 5-9. 14-15; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13; Lc 9, 43b-45
Domingo	Núm 11, 25-29; Sal 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14; Stgo 5, 1-6; Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48



Sept. 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I have a competitive nature. As an older runner, I strive to place high in my age group (maybe even pick off runners older than I one at a time as we near the finish of a race – of course, I can neither confirm nor deny that). Oh, to be first! There is nothing inherently wrong with healthy competition. However, constantly striving to be the “best” or the “first” in other areas of life – career, parenting, even holiness – can quickly lead to frustration and burnout. As the disciples jostled for “first place,” Jesus gently but directly corrected them: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Like the Apostles, we tend to focus on our achievements as a measure of our worth, forgetting why we are here: to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us gain the “wisdom from above” and the characteristics so beautifully described by Saint James: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading today’s Gospel from Mark, I am struck by the image of Jesus embracing a child: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Most of us picture our own children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, or nephews. Of course we would embrace them! However, Scripture scholars point out that for Jesus, the child symbolized the *anawim*, a Hebrew word for the poor, the lowly, the vulnerable, the oppressed. Picture, then, not just children but those we might be less eager to immediately embrace: ragged men on the corner, immigrants at the border, the neighbor’s son with schizophrenia, prisoners or ex-convicts. Jesus challenges us not to avert our eyes but to “embrace” them – whether that means offering a cup of coffee, becoming a pen pal, stopping to chat, or finding another way to accompany them. Scholars tell us that the *anawim* share a total dependence upon God, something we all have in common regardless of our life’s circumstances.

ACTIONS Seek “wisdom from above” at the beginning of each day. In the evening, reflect on the ways God has held you in his loving embrace through the kindness of others, moments in nature, simple pleasures. Say thank you.

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Bishop Hicks

September 2021:
***"Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever!"***

What is your favorite season? Even though I am a big fan of warm weather, my favorite season is the fall. I love the brilliant colors as the leaves change and the breezes at night become cooler. During my five years of living in El Salvador, I missed having four seasons. That country has just two seasons. Residents used to joke and say, "We have two seasons in El Salvador, 'hot' and 'hotter.'" Actually, their two seasons are the dry and rainy seasons, and yet they are still both very "hot."

In the Midwest, we are blessed with the four seasons. They provide us not only with changes in the weather and temperature, but they also serve as a reminder that as time moves forward, everything in life changes. The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die."

As Catholics, we believe with all the changes in our lives, God is constant. His love is unchanging and unwavering. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews proclaims boldly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." And therefore, he exhorts us, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Many of you are familiar with the play and movie, "A Man for All Seasons." Based on the life of St. Thomas More, it highlights someone who heroically remains true to God and to himself in the midst of a changing world. He demonstrates the ability to adapt to all circumstances and times around him, while never surrendering to the external pressures to reject or bend his principles and values.

Like St. Thomas More, we are called to be men and women of all seasons. The world around us not only seems to be changing at a rapid pace, but also at times it seems that our society and culture are going crazy as they shift their values and principles. Throughout this rollercoaster ride of changes, we are invited to keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is our Lord, Redeemer and Savior. His love, mercy and compassion never change. In other words, he is our rock, our solace in the storm of incertitude.

Every morning I begin my day with a Holy Hour. As I pray, I sometimes glance outside the window in my chapel that overlooks a grouping of trees, and I am reminded of the changing seasons. Currently, the trees are full of bright green leaves. Yet, I know they will not remain that way. Soon they will change colors, then die, fall to the ground and eventually bud back to new life. As I reflect on the changing seasons, sometimes I catch myself saying, "I cannot believe how quickly time is passing."

At the end of this month, I will celebrate the completion of

my first year as the bishop of Joliet. During this time, the seasons have changed, and I too, with the grace of God, have tried to navigate these changing times and issues. Like everyone in the world, my first year has been filled with ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, joys and sorrows. Again, it has gone by like a "blink of the eye." Yet, throughout all the moments of rain and sun, I try to keep my gaze steady on Jesus. He helps me to carry the cross in my times of trial and rejoices with me in the times of joy. Therefore, when people ask me, "How do you feel about being the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet?" I consistently and wholeheartedly respond, "I feel both happy and blessed!"

As I approach my second year here in the Diocese of Joliet, I know that things will continue to change and the craziness in our world will take on different shapes and forms. However, as I take these next steps, I do so with faith, hope and trust in God and with great gratitude for all of you. We are in this changing world together, and truly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."



I'm Listening ... Dealing With the Aftershocks of COVID-19

St. Thomas the Apostle

Naperville, Illinois

Let's face it. The pandemic struck like an earthquake and continues to impact, in varying degrees, our bodies, minds and spirits.

What we all could use is "I'm Listening ... Dealing With the Aftershocks of COVID-19," a listening program that will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Lighthouse room at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville.

Available only by attending in person, current COVID Procedures will be followed during the program, and wearing face masks will be required of everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

"I'm Listening ... Dealing With the Aftershocks of COVID-19," facilitated by the Rev. Karen Swiderski, MACM, will aim to help validate and process those experiences, thoughts and feelings everyone has experienced during the past 18 months in an environment that is both safe and understanding.

Rev. Swiderski is manager of spiritual care and education at Edward-Elmhurst Health and at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health Center. She also has served as chaplain manager for 28 years. During her clinical ministry, she has developed grief support groups, critical incident stress management and debriefing, and pastoral services for Behavioral Health.

Registration for the program is requested by Wednesday, Sept. 29, to ensure adequate seating is available. Walk-ins also are welcome.

The program, co-sponsored by the pastoral care and adult faith formation departments at St. Thomas Church, is part of the Wellspring Educational Events series. The series' goal is promoting a wholistic way of life that includes body-mind-spirit integration and well-being.

An up-to-date list of COVID Procedures that will be followed is available at the Joliet Diocesan website (www.dioceseofjoliet.org) or the St. Thomas website (www.stapostle.org). Specific questions may be directed to the church at (630) 355-8980.

For reservations or more information about "I'm Listening ... Dealing With the Aftershocks of COVID-19" or the Wellspring Educational Events Series, contact Felicia Lawlor, faith community nurse at St. Thomas the Apostle, at flawlor@stapostle.org or (630) 355-8980, ext. 104.

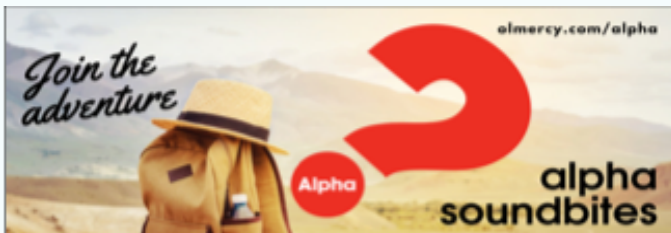
Respect Life

Our Lady of Mercy Respect Life Ministry and 40 Days for Life Aurora invite you to the Mass for Life on September 25, 2021 at 8:30 AM with Fr. James Guarascio as celebrant. Mass is to be followed by a Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood Aurora to kick off the fall campaign of the 40 Days for Life from September 22 to October 31.

We hope to see you there and join us in our efforts to end abortion and to give a prayerful public witness for life!

Join us Friday, October 1, 2021

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on October 1, 2021. As part of our parish participation in the 40 Days for Life, we are asking for First Friday Prayer Warriors to commit to one hour shifts 7 am - 7 pm to change hearts and save lives with a prayerful public witness. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 258-0122. You may also sign up directly at the 40 Days for Life Aurora webpage at 40daysfor-life.com/Aurora



Who is Jesus?

Do you know there's historical evidence outside the New Testament that Jesus existed? But more important, there's evidence inside the New Testament. But who is Jesus? What evidence is there to suggest that Jesus was more than just a religious teacher? Interested in learning more?

Connect with Zara to learn more 331-707-5381
zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha

SIGN UP NOW @ www.olmercy.com/alpha

Around the Parish

Grandparents Ministry Meeting

The ministry is planning to meet (in-person and/or via ZOOM) on September 21 in Room 114 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Save the date on your calendar if you would like to join. More details will follow on the focus of the meeting and the direction of the ministry. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please contact Allyson and Deacon Tony Martini at tonym@olmercy.com.

Charismatic Healing Mass

On Saturday, September 18th at 6pm is the Charismatic Healing Mass. A healing Mass is a normal Mass, but it has a special focus on God's healing power; this will be reflected in the songs, prayers, and scripture readings. If you're in need of God's healing grace, come to the Charismatic Healing Mass.

SAVE THE DATE for (the rained out) OLM 2nd Day of the Block Party - Food Trucks & Concert

Block your calendar for the afternoon and evening of Saturday 10/2nd! Starts 5pm (right after the 4pm Mass) A variety of food trucks consisting of Mexican and American food vendors. Bring your folding chairs, lawn blankets, and bug spray. Think Ravinia style set-up/gathering. If you would like to volunteer, thank you! please connect with Doug McIlvaine at da.mac94@att.net.

EDGE Middle School Ministry Help

The EDGE Middle School Ministry is looking for adults to help with the EDGE Night program this year for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. EDGE meets twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the PLC and has large and small group activities planned. If you are a parent, college student, single person, or a senior citizen; then you may be the right person to help with this vital ministry in the parish! Please contact Dave.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

The church may be locked when there are no events scheduled, however, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Or are you a Catholic seeking to enrich your faith by completing the sacraments of initiation? Connect with zara@olmercy.com. or frjames@olmercy.com.... Or for more information on RCIA please visit <https://olmercy.com/sacraments3/become-catholic-rcia/>

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	253,567
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	270,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(16,433)
08/29/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,541
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(3,459)
<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
July, 2021	\$	667,240
August, 2021	\$	655,952



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	\$ 159,461
Amount Paid	\$ 145,968
Remaining Balance	\$ 13,493
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	512

Download our myParish App

If you haven't done so, we encourage you to download the Our Lady of Mercy app available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Or text APP to 88202 to download.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, viewing the bulletin, an easy-to-access event calendar, and donating online. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.



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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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