



**“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

**Mark 10:43-45**



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

**29**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



Being a doctor and a deacon, Fr. Don has asked me to write to update you on the latest information concerning the prevention of COVID-19.

The only ways to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 is with distancing yourself by six feet from other people, wearing a face mask, adhering to hand washing hygiene, and receiving one of the approved COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccination seems to be the part that is causing the most controversy, understandably, given the rapid rate at which it was introduced to the public. The pandemic nature of the disease and how quickly it spread across the globe necessitated the need for an accelerated release timetable. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson are the only three vaccines approved/allowed to be used within the United States. This is since they are the only ones that have not been manufactured using fetal stem cells. This is extremely important to understand, especially as Christians and Catholics. When the claim is made that no genetic material is used in the production that means just that. The vaccine is completely free of any genetic material from, or fetal stem cell tissue of, a previously aborted fetus. It is important to understand that in the United States, it is completely illegal to use aborted fetal stem cells in the development of any vaccine.

Another ethical and scientific point to clarify is that the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines do not interact with a person's DNA. When the vaccine is introduced into the human body, our white blood cells see the foreign material and will attack and engulf the mRNA particles. Once inside the cell, it transforms only that individual cell to mimic the COVID-19 virus. Once all the vaccine particles are engulfed, another set of white blood cells sees these transformed white blood cells as foreign and attacks them. This how we form antibodies and develop immunity to the COVID-19 virus. At no time does the mRNA interact with our core DNA. Additionally, while the mRNA technology is new to vaccine production, the science has been present for approximately the last ten years in the development of cancer medications.

I have spoken to the scientific aspects concerning vaccine to help bring clarity. For the religious and ethics, I will leave that to our Holy Father, Pope Francis. In short, he also recognizes the enormity of the decision to be vaccinated and calls upon all Catholics to consider the ethics and impact your decision to be, or not to be, vaccinated will have on society. He asks all Catholics to consider our fellow brothers and sisters health when making our decisions. He even goes as far as to call it a *Corporal Work of Mercy* to be vaccinated. Meaning we are performing this act not for ourselves, but for the potential health and wellbeing of our neighbor. When we perform corporal works of mercy, we are placing our desires aside for the sake of others. To read for yourself, you can visit the Vatican website, or simply search 'Pope Francis COVID-19 video' on YouTube.

Peace,  
Deacon Tony



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 18 - St Luke, Evangelist

- 8:00 am † Bryant Lange, by Tim & Diane Reiter  
† Walter & Bernadette D'Roza  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Elena Medina, by Dennis & Trissa Medina  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, October 19 - Sts John deBrebeur & Isaac Jogues

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 6:30 pm † Delfina Bernucca, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, October 20 - St Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Joe Fassl  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Thursday, October 21 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am Special Intention
- 8:00 am † Bob Piwowarczyk, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, October 22 - St John Paul II, Pope

- 8:00 am † Marilyn Larkin, by Carolyn Kerka  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Saturday, October 23 - St John of Capistrano

- 8:30 am † Marilyn Larkin  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
† Migel Pascol Fernandes, by Family  
† Ed & David Schremp, by Geraldine Schremp

### Sunday, October 24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Michael Prasse
- 10:00 am † Delfin Masangcay, by Shirley Staples  
† Victoria Lo, by Elizabeth Lo  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Kathleen & Ronald Fink, by The Franzone Family



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Poor               | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick               | 10. Ann Borberg            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos        | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Safe Travels Fr Don    | 12. End to the Pandemic    |
| 5. Peace on Earth         | 13. Quarantine Safely      |
| 6. Stephen Gould          | 14. G. Bryant Lange        |
| 7. Kenneth & Diane Gignac | 15. Healing Prayers        |
| 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

**October 23 & 24**

**Presider will preach at each Mass.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Bill Etheridge Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr Bill Etheridge Dcn Tim Kueper
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio



## 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  
Ann Borberg  
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!*



Las únicas formas de ayudar a disminuir la propagación del COVID-19 es distanciarse seis pies de otras personas, usar una mascarilla, cumplir con la higiene de lavarse las manos y recibir una de las vacunas del COVID-19 aprobadas. La vacunación parece ser la parte que está causando más controversia, comprensiblemente, dada la rapidez con la que se presentó al público. La naturaleza pandémica de la enfermedad y la rapidez con que se propagó por todo el mundo hizo necesario un calendario de lanzamiento acelerado. Pfizer, Moderna y Johnson and Johnson son las únicas tres vacunas aprobadas/permitidas para su uso en los Estados Unidos. Esto se debe a que son las únicas que no se han fabricado con células madre fetales. Esto es extremadamente importante entender, especialmente como Cristianos y Católicos. Cuando se afirma que no se utiliza material genético en la producción, esto significa precisamente eso. La vacuna está completamente libre de cualquier material genético o tejido de células madre fetales de un feto previamente abortado. Es importante comprender que en los Estados Unidos es completamente ilegal usar células madre fetales abortadas en el desarrollo de cualquier vacuna.

Otro punto ético y científico a aclarar es que las vacunas de ARNm de Pfizer y Moderna no interactúan con el ADN de una persona. Cuando la vacuna se introduce en el cuerpo humano, nuestros glóbulos blancos ven el material extraño y atacarán y engullirán las partículas de ARNm. Una vez dentro de la célula, transforma solo esa célula individual para imitar el virus del COVID-19. Una vez que todas las partículas de la vacuna están engullidas, otro grupo de glóbulos blancos ve estos glóbulos blancos transformados como extraños y los ataca. Así formamos anticuerpos y desarrollamos inmunidad al virus COVID-19. En ningún momento el ARNm interactúa con nuestro ADN central. Además, si bien la tecnología de ARNm es nueva para la producción de vacunas, la ciencia ha estado presente por aproximadamente los últimos diez años en el desarrollo de medicamentos contra el cáncer.

He hablado de los aspectos científicos relacionados con las vacunas para ayudar a dar claridad. Para los religiosos y la ética, se lo dejo a nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. En resumen, él también reconoce la magnitud de la decisión de vacunarse y hace un llamado a todos los Católicos a considerar la ética y el impacto que tendrá en la sociedad la decisión de ustedes de vacunarse o no vacunarse. El pide a todos los Católicos que consideren la salud de nuestros hermanos y hermanas al tomar nuestras decisiones. Incluso llega a llamar *Obra de Misericordia Corporal* el estar vacunado. Lo que significa que estamos realizando este acto no para nosotros mismos, sino por la salud potencial y el bienestar de nuestro prójimo. Cuando realizamos obras corporales de misericordia, estamos dejando nuestros deseos a un lado por el bien de los demás. Para leer por ustedes mismos, pueden visitar el sitio web del Vaticano o simplemente buscar "Video del Papa Francisco COVID-19" en YouTube.

Paz,  
Díacono Tony



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Is 53, 10-11; Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22; Heb 4, 14-16; Mc 10, 35-45 o Mc 10, 42-45
<b>Lunes</b>	2 Tim 4, 9-17a; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13ab 17-18; Lc 10, 1-9
<b>Martes</b>	Rom 5, 12. 15b. 17-19. 20b-21; Sal 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17; Lc 12, 35-38
<b>Miércoles</b>	Rom 6, 12-18; Sal 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8; Lc 12, 39-48
<b>Jueves</b>	Rom 6, 19-23; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 12, 49-53
<b>Viernes</b>	Rom 7, 18-25a; Sal 118, 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94; Lc 12, 54-59
<b>Sábado</b>	Rom 8, 1-11; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 13, 1-9
<b>Domingo</b>	Jer 31, 7-9; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6 (3); Heb 5, 1-6; Mc 10, 46-52



October 17, 2021

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent, and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely. As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as they jostle for position as his right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be "a slave of all," Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do other areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints as role models.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet most of us can think of a friend who seems like a natural "giver." He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen. In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to his sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility - whatever we may lack - to recognize the needs around us and respond. Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

**ACTION** Watching the news or even scrolling through your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help - through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.

# Pastoral Care

## St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 19 in the church after 6:30pm Mass (between 7:00 and 7:10pm) with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those experiencing cancer, serious illness or chronic illness. Most people experience physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns that would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present.

If you would like to be a part of the St. Peregrine Ministry – a source of support, education, and resource sharing – contact Jolene LeRoy at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5380 to be on a contact list for future prayer services and events.

## Awareness Topic for October

October is *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. It was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues. Progress has been made over the past years to support domestic violence victims and survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation.

Statistics show that ten million women and men a year are victims of domestic violence. One in four women and one in nine men experience severe domestic violence abuse from intimate partners. Domestic violence most often happens behind closed doors. Only about 34% of victims receive medical treatment for their injuries.

Domestic violence affects women, men and children of all races, status, religions and culture. No one is immune to it. There are different forms of domestic violence such as physical, emotional, and verbal abuse. Domestic violence is never okay – if you or someone you know is in need of help contact the National Domestic Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) affirmed their stance against domestic violence and their support for victims in their 2002 statement, “When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women” that can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

A local organization to assist domestic violence victims is Mutual Ground at [mutualground.org](http://mutualground.org). They offer legal advocacy, medical advocacy, residential services, and counseling services and provide support for individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. The Mutual Ground Domestic Violence Hotline is 630-897-0080.

## Open HEARTS Ministry

The next scheduled in-person gathering for Open HEARTS is Monday, November 8 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The ministry is for anyone who has an interest in increasing the awareness of mental health and mental illness and sharing resources and experiences with others. The topic of discussion will be on MERCY – God’s mercy and how we are called to live a life of mercy in relationship to our faith and mental health and wellness. If you would like to learn more about the ministry, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com).

## Pastoral Care

If you have physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns or questions about end-of-life issues, funeral planning, journeying through grief, caregiving for a loved one or are homebound, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5380.



## ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL

A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

### OPEN HOUSE

For 4<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families

Sunday, October 17

Sign up to reserve your time

### ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSES

November 8, 15, 29 or December 2

### PRACTICE ENTRANCE EXAM

For Girls & Boys | October 16 or 30 | \$20

### ENTRANCE EXAM

Scholarship-Qualifying Exam: December 4 at 9 am

[www.rosaryhs.com/admissions](http://www.rosaryhs.com/admissions)

Danielle Miele, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment

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## AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Open House

Thursday, October 28, 2021

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



All students are invited to tour Aurora Central Catholic’s state-of-the-art campus and meet with ACC’s faculty and staff. All visitors will have the chance to meet with representatives from various clubs and athletic teams at the school.

Aurora Central Catholic High School, a college-preparatory high school with an enrollment of about 500 students, offers students a spiritual and an educational foundation for life-long learning. Please contact the Recruitment Director, Mackenzie Livingston, at (630) 907-0095 ext. 109, or send an e-mail to [mlivingston@auroracentral.com](mailto:mlivingston@auroracentral.com) for more information or to schedule a personal tour.

Dear Families,

We are excited to host our second annual Trunk & Treat with the Saints on **Saturday, October 30 from 1:30-3:45 PM, taking place in our church parking Lot.**

We decided daylight would be safer for young people to walk among our parked, "Saint-Mobiles" while our friends and guests park on the opposite side of the lot. Also, this fun-filled event ends in time for our Saturday, 4 PM Mass- an opportunity sure to be helpful to some of our families.

If it should rain, our volunteer efforts will not be in vain as we have our gym and a our PLC meeting rooms reserved in case of poor weather. **No cancelation needed-** just our usual hand sanitizers, masks, and 3 foot social distancing guidelines all in place as we proceed. Our Sainly props and decorations can easily be taken indoors and set up to be viewed and appreciated, especially with the prepackaged online or store bought treats in close proximity to our displays for our young ones... and young at heart to enjoy!

#### **Directions to Volunteer for Trunk & Treat with the Saints...**

1. Arrive by 1:00 PM to set up our Saint Displays in our parking lot or gym
  2. Decorate in a manner where the objects, signs, pictures, or famous quotes represent the life & legacy of your chosen Saint.
  3. Aim to creatively select treats to share (125 in number) that hint or relate to some special aspect of the life of your Saint. It could be an edible treat or something else that's fun and safe for kids.
- Adults, teens, tweens, and kids helping to host a trunk "Saint Mobile" may dress as their favorite Saints but this isn't required, although certainly fitting with the spirit of this event. Children participating in the Trunk and Treating may dress as their "new found favorite Saint" or wear their Halloween costume.

#### **Examples:**

- **Mary, Mother of Jesus and of the Church-** Dress as our lovely lady dressed in blue (and white), suggested handout, decade of rosary kit or a Hail Mary card.
- **Saint Francis of Assisi-** Patron Saint of Animals; Fill trunk with stuffed animals, suggested treat, package of animal crackers
- **St. Paul-** Patron Saint of writers, Decorate your trunk with map(s) of St. Paul's journey to preach and teach the Good News to the Gentiles, pass out a pencil from oriental trading with a Bible verse on it.
- **Saint Luke and Saint Catherine of Bologna** are Patron Saints of the arts/sculptors; Decorate trunk with different art easel/ supplies, dress as an artist/ painter, treat suggestions, mini playdough canisters, or small boxes of crayons from the dollar store.
- **Saint John the Baptist-** dressed in camel's hair; one could wear a leather belt around fake fur coat. He was known to eat creepy crawly things- treat suggestion, package of gummy worms.
- **Saint Martha-** Patron Saint of **Cooking**, Decorate trunk with part of a siblings kitchen play set, etc., treat suggestion, prepackaged **cookie**
- **St. Joseph-** Patron Saint of carpenters, Decorate with toy carpenter's bench, paper string of tools from one side of trunk to the other, wear tool belt, etc.; treat suggestion, Small St. Joseph medal (online bulk pricing available)

We had about 18 volunteers/ trunks last year; this was a great first year effort. **I would love to see that number reach 30 this year especially with this invitation going out to our EDGE and LIGHT families too.** What an opportunity to have some fun witnessing your faith to disciples younger than you! What a chance for you to reconnect with the Saint you are choosing for Confirmation this year, or would like to consider for your Confirmation in a couple of years to come. **What an amazing faith event this will be with the positive energy and creativity of ALL ages coming together as the Lord's "Saints in the making!!!"**

Please contact Mary Jo today if you would like to sign up and volunteer for Trunk & Treat with the Saints. 331.707.5378 or [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com)



## Ertha Thanks You

Dear Fr. Don, Parish Staff, and Parishioners,

Thank you, my brothers and sisters, from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity that you showed to me during my visit to your parish. You truly have a wonderful, welcoming community of faith!

I am now back in my beloved country of Haiti and I carry you in my heart. Thank you for your warmth, kindness, prayers, and financial assistance at this very difficult time in the life of Haitians. The Earthquake hit our area of Haiti very hard, and there is much work to be done, but you have given us hope! With your assistance, we can now begin to repair the school roofs, and care for the many needs of the children in the orphanage. God's grace was showered upon us by your wonderful parish community! God is always faithful!

Please continue to pray for us. The road ahead is difficult, but we know if we pray for each other, God will bless Our Lady of Mercy Parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and Orphanage in Haiti. We will continue to pray for Fr. Don and your entire faith community. I say thank you in Haitian Creole. Mesi anpil!

God bless you, Ertha



### Why & how should I read the Bible?

Do you know the Bible is the most successful literary creation ever, more influential than Shakespeare or any other great text? It's completely international. Homer has been translated into 40 languages, Shakespeare into 60, the Bible into well over 2,000—ten times more than any other book. It's every publisher's dream! It's the world's bestseller—44 million copies of the Bible sell every year. God has given us guidelines of how to live—not because He hates us, but because He loves us and wants us to enjoy life to the full. To learn more about why we should read God's love letter to us, consider Alpha.

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

**SIGN UP NOW @ [www.olmercy.com/alpha](http://www.olmercy.com/alpha)**

## Around the Parish

### **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, October 24th from 8:00 am to Noon in the gym. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$5.00/Children 10 and under \$3.00/Children under 3 there is no charge. Dine in the MPR or take out is available. The menu is pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

All profits will support the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" Charity campaign

### **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of November 6th and November 7th for our Clothing Drive!! Donation bags are in the PLC lobby.

We will accept.....Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

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

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.

### **Brogan Family Coat Drive**

Mike and Carole Brogan were icons at Our Lady of Mercy. Both passed away in 2019. One of the ways they supported our parish was a yearly coat drive. They would literally pack up their car with donations to the point that they could barely see out of their car windows.

Once again this year the Brogan Family and our church would like to continue this mission by asking for donations of new and gently used coats, hats, boots, and gloves. The donations for women and children will benefit Mutual Ground and the donations for men's items will benefit Breaking Free.

On Sunday, October 24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm a trailer will be in the OLM parking lot accepting the donations.

Please support this mission to carry on this tradition that is near and dear to our hearts.



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	380,545
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	390,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(9,455)</b>
09/26/21 Sunday Collection	\$	34,780
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>4,780</b>
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i></b>		
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



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	\$	160,661
Amount Paid	\$	150,516
Remaining Balance	\$	10,146
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		513



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.**



World Mission Sunday, our annual celebration of the Church's global missions, will take place on October 24 this year. This collection serves as a worldwide effort to provide for the strengthening of more than 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, and peace.

# 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

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### Sick and Homebound

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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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