



OUR LADY *of* MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR LADY OF MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
VISION



TO OFFER EVERY PERSON
A LIFE-CHANGING
ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS,
GROW DISCIPLES AND
SEND THEM ON MISSION.

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



With this feast of Christ the King, we come to the end of another church year. The picture of Christ as King we are given is a powerful and majestic one. We honor the Lord Jesus today as a King whose Kingdom is eternal in time, universal in scope, and very personal in its power.

That is the teaching of our readings.

The first reading for today's Mass is from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. It is a book that speaks to us today as much as it spoke to the Jewish people when written around 164 B.C. The brutality of dictators, terrorist bombings, corruption in politics, cultural confusion and degradation all make us think that the world is out of control. The prophet Daniel found the same things in his time but looked to God as the place to find spiritual security and salvation. One night, Daniel had a vision of the whole of human history, a terrible vision of huge, gruesome beasts rising from the earth representing the world's kingdoms. The first was like a lion, another like a bear, a third like a leopard, and then a fourth beast that was so horrible as to be indescribable. Each of them in turn terrorized and ravaged the world and then, as the visions continued, Daniel finally saw not a kingdom but an individual, a man not a beast, coming from heaven. *"As the visions continued during the night, I saw one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, and He was given final authority, glory and power and, in the end, all the nations worshipped Him."* We know His as Jesus Christ!

Empires have come and gone, Jesus Christ remains. His Kingdom is ETERNAL. The Roman Empire is gone. The Greek Empire is gone. The French Empire is gone. The Spanish Empire is gone. The Soviet Empire is gone. The Aztec Empire is gone. The British Empire is gone. The German Empire is gone. The Japanese Empire is gone. The Ottoman Empire is gone. The Austro-Hungarian Empire is gone. I suspect that someday our form of government will be gone too. But Jesus Christ remains!

This Solemnity of Christ the King was made a Church-wide feast in 1925. At that time, there was Bolshevism in Russia, and Fascism in Italy. Soon there would be Nazism in Germany. Now they are all gone and Jesus Christ's Kingdom remains. When human history is finished and after the collapse of every human kingdom, in the end there will be only Jesus Christ. Only the Kingdom of Christ is enduring and eternal. That's the teaching of the Book of Daniel.

Have a blessed week!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22 - St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 am † Marian & Wayne Leckey, by The Children
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Rosa Rosario, by Family

(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, November 23 - St Clement & St Columban

8:00 am † Estela & Alfonso Ramirez, by Family

(Live Streamed)

6:30 pm Emmet/Shaugnessy Family, by The Sanatos'

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

Wednesday, November 24 - St Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Patricia McMahon, by The McKenna's

(Live Streamed)

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

(Live Streamed)

Friday, November 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by Shirley Staples

(Live Streamed)

Saturday, November 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Joseph Salata, Jeff & Jolene LeRoy

(Live Streamed)

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - First Sunday of Advent**

† Sonia Sindac, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer

† Ron Riedel, by Stan & Beth Nieweglowski

Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† John & Rosemary Frech

10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Rosa Rosario, by Family

5:30 pm † Shirley Wagner, by Ann Mary Wagner



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. Ashley Marie Sanchez | 12. Sharon Spitzer |
| 5. Glenn Heywood | 13. Regina Pfaff |
| 6. Helen O'Brien | 14. Harold Pfaff |
| 7. Work | 15. Ralph Spitzer |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Rita Rose Spitzer |

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

November 27 & 28

Father James will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Leazzo
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tiongson
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper



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
William Gardaphe
Bridget Garry
Connie Hegg
Jim Hegg
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Eric Hoerdemann
Antoinette Humanski
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph

Michael Kuchinski
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
Rev. Gerald Tivy
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!



Con esta fiesta de Cristo Rey, llegamos al final de otro año litúrgico. La imagen de Cristo como Rey que se nos da es poderosa y majestuosa. Honramos al Señor Jesús hoy como un Rey cuyo Reino es eterno en el tiempo, de alcance universal y muy personal en su poder. Esa es la enseñanza de nuestras lecturas.

La primera lectura de la Misa de hoy es del Libro de Daniel del Antiguo Testamento. Es un libro que nos habla hoy tanto como al pueblo Judío cuando se escribió alrededor del año 164 A.C. La brutalidad de los dictadores, los atentados terroristas con bombas, la corrupción en la política, la confusión cultural y la degradación nos hacen pensar que el mundo está fuera de control. El profeta Daniel encontró las mismas cosas en su tiempo, pero miró a Dios como el sitio para encontrar seguridad espiritual y salvación. Una noche, Daniel tuvo una visión de toda la historia de la humanidad, una visión terrible de enormes y horripilantes bestias que se elevaban de la tierra y representaban los reinos del mundo. El primero era como un león, otro como un oso, un tercero como un leopardo, y luego una cuarta bestia que era tan horrible que era indescriptible. Cada uno de ellos a su vez aterrizó y devastó el mundo y luego, mientras las visiones continuaban, Daniel finalmente vio no un reino sino un individuo, un hombre no una bestia, viniendo del cielo. *“Mientras las visiones continuaban durante la noche, vi a uno como un Hijo de Hombre que venía sobre las nubes del cielo, y se le dio la autoridad final, gloria y poder y, al final, todas las naciones lo adoraron a Él”*. ¡Lo conocemos como Jesucristo!

Los imperios han venido y se han ido, Jesucristo permanece. Su Reino es ETERNO. El Imperio Romano desapareció. El Imperio Griego desapareció. El Imperio Francés desapareció. El Imperio Español desapareció. El Imperio Soviético desapareció. El Imperio Azteca desapareció. El Imperio Británico desapareció. El Imperio Alemán desapareció. El Imperio Japonés desapareció. El Imperio Otomano desapareció. El Imperio Austro-Húngaro desapareció. Sospecho que algún día también desaparecerá nuestra forma de gobierno. ¡Pero Jesucristo permanece!

Esta solemnidad de Cristo Rey se convirtió en una fiesta para toda la Iglesia en 1925. En ese momento, había el Bolchevismo en Rusia y el Fascismo en Italia. Pronto habría Nazismo en Alemania. Ahora todos desaparecieron y el Reino de Jesucristo permanece. Cuando la historia humana termine y después del colapso de todos los reinos humanos, al final solo habrá Jesucristo. Solo el Reino de Cristo es duradero y eterno. Esa es la enseñanza del Libro de Daniel.

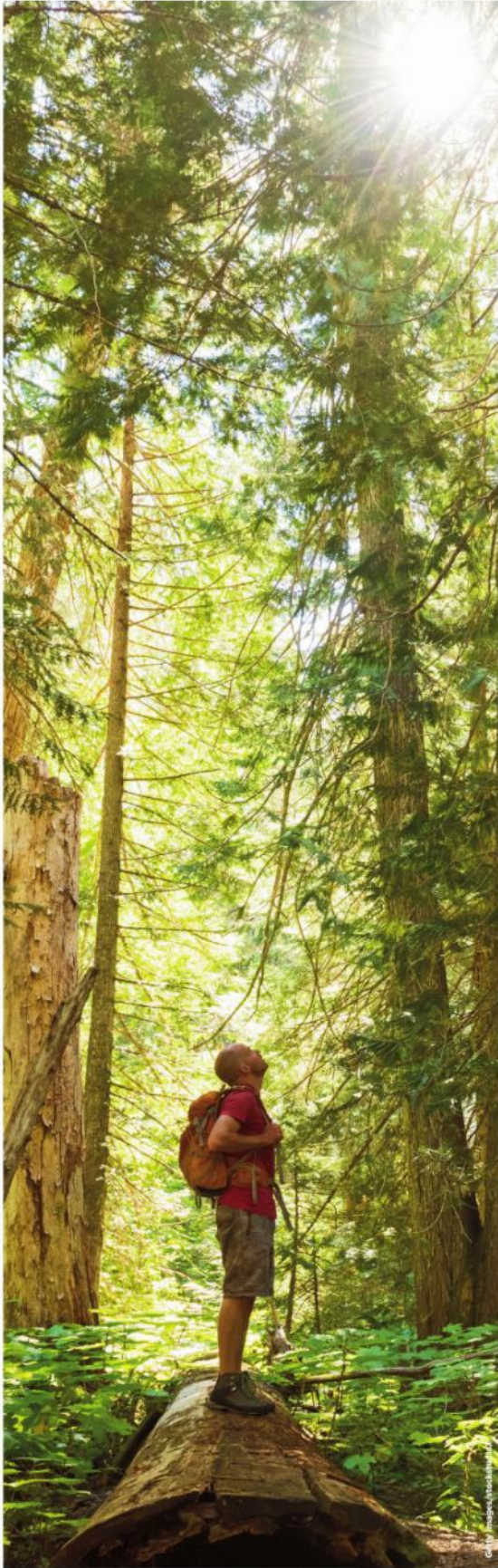
¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Dan



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Dn 7, 13-14; Sal 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Apoc 1, 5-8; Jn 18, 33b-37
Lunes	Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; Lc 21, 1-4
Martes	Dn 2, 31-45; Dn 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61; Lc 21, 5-11
Miércoles	Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28; Dn 3, 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67; Lc 21, 12-19
Jueves	Dn 6, 11-27; Dn 3, 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74; Lc 21, 20-28 Día de Acción de Gracias Sir 50, 24-26; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11; 1 Cor 1, 3-9; Lc 17, 11-19
Viernes	Dn 7, 2-14; Dn 3, 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81; Lc 21, 29-33
Sábado	Dn 7, 15-27; Dn 3, 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87; Lc 21, 34-36
Domingo	Jer 33, 14-16; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 y 14; 1 Tes 3, 12—4, 2; Lc 21, 25-28. 34-36



November 21, 2021

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8 | Jn 18:33b-37

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Many Americans have a fascination with royalty. We love to follow the royal family in real life and via the binge-worthy *Crown* series on Netflix. As royal-watchers know, the crown isn't all it's cracked up to be! History and experience, too, show that earthly kingdoms include their share of divisiveness, betrayal and, at times, a total disregard for other people. Jesus gives us a different kind of kingdom and kingship to aspire to – one based on truth not fiction, and born of suffering and not succession. Jesus did not seek earthly glory but endured a crown of thorns and death on a cross to establish the kingdom of heaven – a kingdom that perfects us and unites us with the Holy Trinity. So it is fitting that as we end the liturgical year, we honor Jesus as King of the Universe – heaven, earth, and all creation. Jesus established his kingdom by sacrificing himself out of love for us. By our baptism we have a share in this holy identity, and therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the authority and power to proclaim Christ's Kingship to all the world by our words and deeds. In this way we are able to serve the one true king, and participate in building God's kingdom on earth.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some people aren't shy about saying where they stand: I'm especially fascinated by bumper stickers. We don't like to talk about politics or religion, but somehow it's OK to proclaim our most deeply held beliefs as we tool down the highway. As we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe, it's a good time to ask ourselves: Is Jesus king of *our* universe? If so, how do we proclaim it? Bumper stickers can be fun, but sharing our belief in Jesus as our Savior requires human interaction. Introverts like me may find it difficult, but we can witness to our faith in a number of ways: Yes, through conversation, but also through the priorities we choose and the examples we set. As members of the kingdom of God – present on earth but not yet fully realized – our baptismal vocation is to participate in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. We can ask Jesus to help us find the words and actions that best help us do so.

PREPARE Advent starts next Sunday! Just as we prepare for major holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, we can start roughing out an Advent "menu." How will we observe as a family this year? What are our goals for the season? What can I accomplish in the week ahead to free up Advent for prayerful preparation?

Pastoral Care

Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holiday Season

For some, holidays are a joyful time to celebrate and get together with family and friends. For others, holidays are difficult and not a time to celebrate as they are dealing with feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

If you are looking for support to help you cope with grief during the holiday season, please consider attending *Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holiday Season* on Wednesday, December 15 from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm in Room 124 in the Parish Life Center. We will learn from each other and share grief support resources about ways to cope with loss and honor our loved ones during the holiday season.

If you have any questions, would like to attend or may prefer one-on-one support, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. It is not necessary to register for December 15.

Ladies' Advent Tea

Ladies of the parish (ages 16 and older) are invited to attend the 12th Annual Ladies' Advent Tea that will be held in-person this year on the First Sunday of Advent November 28 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. This is an opportunity for mothers and daughters to share time together. Please invite your family and friends. We will prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas! Please register for the tea by November 22 at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Saying "Yes" to God, inspiration during Advent will be the presentation this year and take place in the church. Presenters are Jolene

LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at Our Lady of Mercy and Stephanie (LeRoy) Tanner, ministry leader at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Zurich. Reflections are inspired by Catherine Wiecher Brunell, a pastoral minister of the everyday and the presenters. We will ponder on how St. Joseph and Blessed Mary said yes to God in their lives and how each of us says yes to God in our lives especially during Advent.

Those who feel comfortable being around tables will be invited into the multi-purpose room of the Parish Life Center after the presentation for fellowship, reflection, refreshments and fun. Please bring your favorite tea cup or mug for your beverage. Refreshments will be catered this year. Instead of bringing a favorite dessert, bring a copy of your favorite holiday dessert recipe (or email it to jolenel@olmercy.com). The recipes will be put together in a book and shared with those who would like it. Since we were not able to be in-person last year, we are looking forward to being together for this special Our Lady of Mercy annual Advent tradition!

The Importance of Gratitude

Thanksgiving celebrations this year will be different than those before the COVID-19 pandemic but in some ways better than what we experienced last year. No matter what is going on in the world around us, it is important to focus on the power of positivity, gratitude and prayer to uplift our spirits.

Positive thinking promotes healthy behaviors, reduces stress, and increases confidence. It is challenging to stay positive during times of illness and difficulties. Ask yourself, "Where have I found hope or joy in the past?" Go to those sources. If you are still unable to be with others in-person, connect by phone, emails,

video calls or a written note or card that you have positive and meaningful relationships with. Surround yourself with those who have your best interest at heart and be influenced by their strength. Make an intention to limit social media and news consumption that may have more negative than positive messages.

Gratitude is derived from the Latin word 'gratia' which means gratefulness or thankfulness. Gratitude has been linked to improved psychological and physical health. It is important to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and to express that gratitude often in life not only on Thanksgiving Day. Ways to cultivate gratitude are through a gratitude journal, write a thank you note to someone who has made a difference in your life or say thank you to others throughout the day who have helped you.

Prayer is a way of expressing gratitude. And if you think about it, gratitude is its own prayer. It is a time to be aware of God's presence in all that is around us and see how everything and everyone is connected. Gratitude becomes a prayer that helps us see God's presence in our life and draws us closer to God. Spend quiet time with God talking and listening to Him.

"May we give thanks always for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Amen. (Ephesians 5:20) Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Pastoral Care

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Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2021 | The Synod on Synodality: A worldwide listening tour



There is a difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is basically a physical function that involves the ears. On the other hand, listening is more of an internal process that uses the ears, but also involves the mind and heart. A couple of years ago, I was at a luncheon with a group of retired priests. For more than twenty minutes, the priests at my table discussed which hearing aid was the best. I sat there quietly as they discussed which ones felt more comfortable in the ear and which ones canceled out background noise. I thought to myself, "One day, I too will be addressing these same issues in my life." Towards the end of their discussion, one priest wisely added, "No matter how good these hearing aids are, they do very little to help us listen better ... that part is up to us!"

His point was well-taken. We can have the best hearing in the world, but it takes real attention and effort to be a good listener, too. Some people seem to have a natural gift to listen well. Nevertheless, you have probably encountered some people in our society who prefer to monologue instead of dialogue. To dialogue, one must embrace the humble position of not only speaking but listening, too.

Our Holy Father has asked that the Church begin a process of "listening." It is called the Synod on Synodality. "In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature. This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium." (*Vademecum* for the Synod on Synodality, section 1.1)

In other words, the entire people of God, not just the Diocese of Joliet, will enter into a process of "listening" to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Obviously, we need to listen to the Word of God in Scripture and to the living tradition of the Church, and we also need to listen to each other as we discern the signs of the time.

Specifically, to foster a Church that is synodal, the Holy Father has asked us to focus on communion, participation and mission. Recently, Pope Francis wrote, "The Holy Spirit needs you. Listen to Him by listening to yourselves."

I have heard officials in the Church refer to this Synod on Synodality as a worldwide "listening tour" that begins at the local Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to us as to what the Church should be. In the Diocese of Joliet, our "listening tour" began with an inaugural Mass at our Cathedral on October 17. People from all over the diocese gathered as we launched this desire to listen to one another. We will continue to offer listening sessions that include our many councils and boards — such as the presbyteral council, pastoral council, women's council, etc. — as well as leaders of Hispanic ministry, religious orders, Catholic schools and religious education. Their comments will be collected, and a report will be sent to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. After that, there are timelines in which further discussions, drafts and findings will be collected at continental/regional assemblies. This synod process will then conclude with bishops and lay Catholics gathering in Rome in 2023 to discuss the themes and findings from this worldwide listening tour.

There are many people who are already wondering if this Synod on Synodality will lead to any changes in the Church. That is yet to be seen. However, as our society continues to become more polarized with often a preference of monologue over dialogue, this process of listening with open minds and hearts will hopefully give us the opportunity to not only hear one another but also to learn from, empathize with and love one another more deeply. Veni, Sancte Spiritus! †

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen

Holiday Poinsettia Sale

We will be selling beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas Holiday! All proceeds support our teen summer mission trip program.

Miniature 3+ Blooms***	\$10.00
Single 5+ Blooms	\$15.00
Double 7+ Blooms	\$25.00

***Help us send Christmas cheer and blessings to Alden Nursing Home by purchasing a Miniature 3+ plant for them and we will deliver it there for you!

How to order:

Please get an order form from the parish website or in the lobby. Return order forms and payment to the R.E. Office located in the Parish Life Center OR place your order AFTER MASS on November 20 -21 or December 4-5 at the lobby table. Payment is required with the order.

Order absolute DEADLINE is Sunday, December 5th!

Pick-Up of plants will be on Saturday, December 11th between 8-10AM in the PLC. Please contact us at 331-707-5371 or DaveM@olmercy.com with any questions.



Does God heal today?

The God who healed in the past still heals today. That may sound astonishing, but it's true. It's in His character to heal. He says, "I am the Lord who heals you." Why? Because He loves us. Interested in learning more?

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

SIGN UP NOW @ www.olmercy.com/alpha

Around the Parish

Ladies' Advent Tea

Please save the date for the 12th annual Ladies' Advent Tea on Sunday, November 28 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. All women 16 years and older are invited. Mothers and daughters are encouraged to attend this in-person gathering in the Parish Life Center, and don't forget to bring your favorite tea cup! For questions, connect with Jolene LeRoy at 331-707-5380.

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 or DeaconPhil@rehmer.com

Blue Christmas Service

A Service of Healing and Hope: May those experiencing grief and loss at Christmas, find hope and peace in this service and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. It is a time to listen, pray and feel the love of God. The Blue Christmas Service will be in the church on Sunday, December 19 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Please call Jolene at 331-707-5380 for more details or to register.

Adopt a Family in Need for Thanksgiving Dinner!

This year for Thanksgiving we are partnering with the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Hesus House to provide families that are currently being assisted by these two organizations with a Thanksgiving dinner! We are now accepting donations to benefit those families in need of a meal. Parishioners may make donations via our online giving portal under "Angel Giving" or checks can also be made payable to Our Lady of Mercy with "Angel Giving" in the memo and placed inside of the bin in the Narthex after mass. Please contact Lydia Schmitt, in the main office, with additional questions

First Friday Devotion - Sacred Heart of Jesus

Holy Hour - 10:30 am - 11:30 am, (prior to 1st Friday Noon Mass) Join us every first Friday as we offer Our Lord prayer and worship through the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus Christ Truly Present. Handouts available in English and Spanish.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	56,281
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	540,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(23,719)
10/31/21 Sunday Collection	\$	29,073
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(927)
<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
September, 2021	\$	643,911
October, 2021	\$	632,712



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	\$	163,071
Amount Paid	\$	156,452
Remaining Balance	\$	6,619
Rebate Amount	\$	1,437
# of Families Pledged		520

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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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

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