

*Love*



OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC

*4th Sunday  
of Advent*

*December 19, 2021*

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



Today we meet the true disciple! Why, out of all the women since the beginning of time, did God choose Mary to be the recipient of his most intimate of gifts? What was it about her that made her so appealing? We usually refer to Mary as being “full of grace.” But the Greek word that Luke used literally means “favored to the greatest possible degree.” It was the strongest word Luke could use to show how much God loved Mary and prepared her. But why her? What was it about this young girl that so attracted and enticed God? Something about this simple, teenager made God so excited he had to make contact. And so God sent his messenger, Gabriel, to announce to her the “good news of great joy.” Perhaps it’s because Mary was an exemplar of faith, a prototype. She was a “being” person rather than a “doing” one. She was a “who-I-am” rather than a “what-I-do” type. She was a listener rather than a noisemaker.

The most admired American profile is just the opposite. We like the classic go-getter; the overachiever. Doers get applause. “Being” people don’t. Consequently, we emphasize success and achievement. In fact, with the advent of social media, we’re almost addicted now to telling it all on Facebook and LinkedIn and Instagram and Twitter. Look at me! See what I’ve done! Check out my profile! Oooh and ahhh over my status. Wow over my next picture! That wasn’t Mary. She embraced simplicity. She experienced deep joy through being alone with the Lord in meditation. She was a contemplative. Be present. Be open. Be available. Be receptive. Be quiet. That’s the kind of person Mary was.

Advent beckons to us all. It tells us to call a time-out on the field, find some quiet, and allow the word “reflect” to replace the demand to “get busy.” The Gospel of Luke recommends that we especially reflect on the person of Mary – the archetypal Christian, the summation of what the word “disciple” truly means – a listener.

Have a Blessed Advent!

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

## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 20 - Advent Weekday**

- 8:00 am † Joseph P Dombrowski, Jr  
by Mark Dombrowski **(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Cyril James Lestourgeon,  
by Bernadine Lestourgeon  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### **Tuesday, December 21 - St Peter Canisius, Priest**

- 8:00 am † Maggie Gibson, by Clare Foy-Embery  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 6:30 pm † Daniel Starzec, by Bernie & Donna Schebler
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### **Wednesday, December 22 - Advent Weekday**

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Greg Richardson, by Maborang Family  
**(Live Streamed)**

### **Thursday, December 23 - St John of Kanty, Priest**

- 6:30 am † Ligaya Tiongson, by The Marquez Family
- 8:00 am † Patricia McMahon, by Kiley & Andrew  
McKenna **(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### **Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

- 3:00 pm † Susan Landauer, by Carolyn Kerkla  
PLC
- 3:00 pm † Emmanuel Masangcay, by Family  
Church
- 5:00 pm Int Ann Borberg, by Loving Friends  
Church
- 7:00 pm † Feldman, Ernsting, Sanders, Prasse &  
Church Robin Families, by Angie Vanaria
- Midnight The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
**(Live Streamed)**

### **Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

- 8:00 am † Melva Purnell & John Salentine  
† Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
- 10:00am † Cathy Dodd, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Isabel Reyes, by Family
- 4:00 pm **No Mass**

### **Sun. December 26 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Benjamin DeYoung, by The Beltz Family
- 10:00 am † Mary Cullotta, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Edward & Ida D’Silva, by Maybird D’Silva





## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

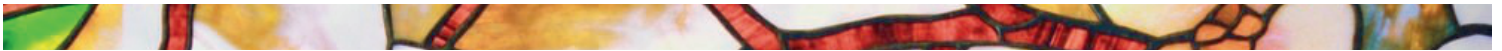
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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Poor             | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick             | 10. Ann Borberg            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos      | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez | 12. In Thanksgiving        |
| 5. Robin Pazos          | 13. Deceased Family        |
| 6. Tristan Pazos        | 14. JM's Travel Visa       |
| 7. Prov Girls           | 15. Special Intention      |
| 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.

## Weekend Masses

***December 25 & 26***

<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tom Logue
	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tiongson
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	4:00 pm	No Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tim Kueper
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	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  
Ann Borberg  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Wayne Draper  
Mary Dunbar  
Pat Dunne  
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.*

### *Father Gerald Tivy...*

OLM's founding pastor, suffered a stroke a couple of months ago.

He is doing well and now resides at:

#### **Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's Home**

80 West Northwest Highway  
Palatine, IL 60067-3582  
Phone: 847-358-5700

Visitors are welcome.  
Please call the facility first.

# Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

*¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!*



¡Hoy conocemos al verdadero discípulo! ¿Por qué, de todas las mujeres desde el principio de los tiempos, Dios eligió a María para ser la receptora de sus dones más íntimos? ¿Qué tenía ella que la hacía tan atractiva? Por lo general, nos referimos a María como "llena de gracia". Pero la palabra griega que Lucas usó literalmente significa "favorecida en la mayor medida posible". Fue la palabra más fuerte que Lucas pudo usar para mostrar cuánto amaba Dios a María y la había preparado. ¿Pero por qué ella? ¿Qué tenía esta joven que atraía y seducía tanto a Dios? Algo acerca de esta simple adolescente hizo que Dios se emocionara tanto que tuvo que hacer contacto. Entonces Dios envió a su mensajero, Gabriel, para anunciarle a ella las "buenas nuevas de gran gozo". Quizás sea porque María fue un ejemplo de fe, un prototipo. Ella era una persona de "ser" más que de "hacer". Ella era del tipo "quién-soy" en lugar de "qué-hago". Ella era más una oyente que una ruidosa.

El perfil estadounidense más admirado es todo lo contrario. Nos gusta el clásico ambicioso, el sobresaliente. Los realizadores reciben aplausos. "Ser" lo que la gente no lo hace. En consecuencia, enfatizamos el éxito y los logros. Si es así, con la llegada de las redes sociales, ahora somos casi adictos a contar todo en Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram y Twitter. ¡Mírame! ¡Mira lo que he hecho! ¡Revisa mi perfil! Oooh y ahhh sobre mi estado. ¡Guau con mi próxima foto! Esa no era María. Ella abrazó la simplicidad. Experimentó un gozo profundo al estar a solas con el Señor en meditación. Ella era contemplativa. Estar presente. Estar abierta. Estar disponible. Estar receptiva. Estar tranquila. Ese es el tipo de persona que era María.

El Adviento nos llama a todos. Nos dice que pidamos un descanso en el campo de juego, que encontremos algo de silencio y que permitamos que la palabra "reflexionar" reemplace la demanda de "estar ocupados". El Evangelio de Lucas recomienda que reflexionemos especialmente sobre la persona de María, la Cristiana arquetípica, la suma de lo que realmente significa la palabra "discípulo": un oyente.

¡Que tengan un Bendecido Adviento!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Miq 5, 1-4a; Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19; Heb 10, 5-10; Lc 1, 39-45
<b>Lunes</b>	Is 7, 10-14; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 1, 26-38
<b>Martes</b>	Can 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18; Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21; Lc 1, 39-45
<b>Miércoles</b>	1 Sm 1, 24-28; 1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8; Lc 1, 46-56
<b>Jueves</b>	Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 y 14; Lc 1, 57-66
<b>Viernes</b>	2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Lc 1, 67-79 <b>Vigilia:</b> Is 62, 1-5; Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27 y 29; Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25; Mt 1, 1-25 o Mt 1, 18-25
<b>Sábado</b>	Is 9, 1-3. 5-6; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13; Ti 2, 11-14; Lc 2, 1-14 <b>Aurora:</b> Is 62, 11-12; Sal 96, 1 y 6. 11-12; Ti 3, 4-7; Lc 2, 15-20 <b>Día:</b> Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Heb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14
<b>Domingo</b>	1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28 o Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a; Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 o Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5; 1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24 o Col 3, 12-21 o Col 3, 12-17; Lc 2, 41-52



December 19, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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

“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;”

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God’s plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem – a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God’s will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth’s unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist – recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, “stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord.” This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah’s prophesy from today’s first reading endures: “His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” Let’s do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God’s saving action.

**INVITE/PRAY** Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that’s not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.

“  
*HIS  
GREATNESS  
SHALL REACH  
TO THE ENDS  
OF THE  
EARTH; HE  
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PEACE.*  
”

(MI 5:3-4)

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## Pastoral Care

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

As you light the fourth candle on your Advent wreath, the purple candle is lit that represents Peace. It is called the “Angel’s Candle” as a reminder of the message of the angels. “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.” There is less than a week until Christmas. Take the remaining days of Advent to let go of whatever is in the way of truly being open to the Advent blessings that God wants to give to you. Open your hands, eyes, ears, senses and all of your heart to God. May you be filled with peace, joy, faith and hope – prepared for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day!

### **Coping with Grief during the Holidays**

While society may be encouraging you to join in the celebration of the holiday season, for you the holiday sounds, sights and smells may trigger memories of your loved one who has passed away. The following suggestions are offered by Dr. Alan Wolfelt to help you cope with your grief during this time of the year.

*Talk about your grief.* Find caring family and friends who will listen, help you feel understood and will not judge you. *Be tolerant of your physical and psychological limits.* Remember that grief drains you – you may have low energy and fatigue. Listen to your body and lower your own expectations. *Eliminate unnecessary stress.* Find a balance between having time for yourself and being with others. Do not over-extend yourself or do too much which may increase your stress. *Be with supportive, comforting people.* Spend your time with those who will allow you to talk openly about your feelings and accept them – both happy and sad. *Talk about your loved one who has passed away.* It is important to be able to talk about the person who was and

in a different way still is an important part of your life. *Do what is right for you during the holidays.* Focus on what you want to do, talk it over with a trusted friend and share them with your family and friends. *Plan ahead for family gatherings.* Decide what family traditions you want to continue, those you want to change or new ones that you want to start. Know that even though you plan ahead, you may want to change them. *Embrace your memories* made in love with your loved one in the past. *Spend time thinking about the meaning and purpose of your life* and recognize the positive things in life that surround you. *Turn to your faith for comfort and support.*

Dr. Alan Wolfelt reminds us that “Grief is both a necessity and a privilege. It comes as a result of giving and receiving love. Don’t let anyone take your grief away. Love yourself. Be patient with yourself. And allow yourself to be surrounded by loving, caring people.”

### **Grief Support Sessions in January**

Weekly grief support sessions will begin in mid-January (dates to be determined) offered in the evening or during the day. If you or someone you know would like more information or would like to register to attend, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). Look to your faith community for support and understanding during your experience of grief and loss.

### **COVID-19 Guidelines in Celebrating the Holidays**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the following safe ways to celebrate the holidays. Wear well-fitting masks over the nose and mouth in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission. Outdoors is safer than indoors.

Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces. If you are sick or have symptoms, do not host or attend a gathering. Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. For additional information visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org) or check the local health department in the county that you live in. Be aware and care for yourself, your family, your friends and those that live within your community!

### **Healthy Holiday Nutrition Tips**

Instead of skipping a meal to save the calories for a holiday event – have a healthy and filling snack before going such as fruit, string cheese, yogurt or a small handful of nuts. This will help curb your appetite and prevent overeating. Choose to splurge on holiday favorites only instead of foods that you can have any other time of the year. Fill half of your plate with a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables. Choose your holiday drinks wisely. Visit the people, not the food. Avoid mindless eating. Eat until you are satisfied not stuffed. Eat slowly and mindfully! Savor the flavors! If you did overindulge - choose healthy meals in the days ahead and exercise! Take the time to plan for a happy and healthy holiday season!

### **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 and would like Holy Communion brought to you, 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 at 331-707-5380.



# THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS WILL BE ONE TO REMEMBER

We are excited to host Christmas Masses in person at 701 South Eola Road, Aurora this year. Please see the FAQ items below so we can have a peaceful, joyful and hopeful Christmas.

## FAQ

### Where are Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses this year? And at what times?

Our Lady of Mercy will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass in-person with the following Mass times.

- Friday 12/24 @ 3pm **both** in the Church and Parish Life Center PLC and at 5PM, 7PM and Midnight in the Church.
- Saturday 12/25 @ 8am, 10am, and 12pm (there will be no 4pm Mass) in the Church.

### Which Christmas Masses will be livestreamed?

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass & Christmas Day 10am Masses will be livestreamed at [olmercy.com](http://olmercy.com), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)!

- Mass in the Parking Lot with reception of Holy Communion will be available at the Christmas Day 10am Mass (only).

### Will I need to make a reservation for any of the Christmas Mass times? Will reservations be available?

- Reservations will NOT be offered or needed for Christmas Eve Masses. Seating will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

### How many seats will there be for each Mass?

- We will have the Church (and Parish Life Center at the 3pm Christmas Eve Mass) open in person. No matter where you're located, you'll be able to see, hear and participate fully in the Mass experience.

### Will the annual concert before Midnight Mass take place?

Most definitely! This year's Christmas Concert is called "The Road to Bethlehem" by Lloyd Larson. The concert will start at 11:15pm with a mini chamber ensemble, string quartet, percussions, trumpet, and the Our Lady of Mercy choir. This concert experience accompanies us in the anticipation of the coming of the Messiah and the remarkable possibilities that can occur in seemingly unremarkable places.

## Invite Others

A church building can be an intimidating place to enter for the first time, but you can be the vessel in bringing the Good News to people by a simple invitation. Even in this season, God is on the move, and we get to be a part of what He's doing. You can help share the Good News of Jesus by inviting others to our Christmas Masses. *Sometimes a simple invitation can be helpful to someone you may not even know is struggling.* Here are some ideas to get you started!



## Synod on Synodality

Let us be in prayer for Bishop Hicks and all the Bishops, for blessings upon the preparation for the Synod of Bishops, and that the dialogue of those participating in the pre-synod process will bear great fruit for the salvation of souls.

Bishop Hicks and the Diocese of Joliet hosted our inaugural Mass, initiating the *diocesan phase*, on October 17, 2021. The next phase of the synod will take place at the *continental level* in 2022, and finally it will end at the *universal level* in Rome in 2023.

Pope Francis' hope, in line with his emphasis on the Church being intrinsically synodal, is **to invite the world (believers, non-believers, the marginalized, the poor, etc.) to participate and talk about how the Church is living out its communion, participation and mission.** The *diocesan phase* consists of each diocesan Church hosting "listening sessions" for its people. In the Diocese of Joliet, we are attempting to set these up through the various councils and already established ministries. For the parishes, Bishop Hicks has asked his **Diocesan Pastoral Council** to coordinate a dialogue through their network of deanery gatherings of parish council representatives.

Parish listening sessions may take many forms – surveys, meetings, large group gatherings, phone or door-to-door campaigns - and we are especially encouraging the use of social media and other technological means. The goal is to cast the net far and wide to hear from as many people as possible. Parishes are welcome to organize these listening sessions as they see fit.

The guiding principles proposed for this dialogue suggest that we do the following:

1. Speak boldly (even in our differences)
2. Listen in dialogue
3. Discern the truth

**It is important to remember that the point of this process is the dialogue itself**, rather than any consensus or written conclusions. Perhaps your discussion will inspire the formation of a new ministry or a new approach to existing ministry. In some cases, these conversations may inspire a new way of thinking, act as an opportunity to hear new voices, or invite further discussion that extends far beyond the synod.

## Around the Parish

### **Parish Office Holiday Hours**

The Parish Offices will close for the Christmas holidays at noon on Thursday, December 23 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4.

### **Reconciliations Before Christmas**

Sunday, December 19 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 pm until all are heard

### **Christmas Eve Mass Times**

Friday, December 24 - 3:00 pm in both the PLC and the Church. 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and Midnight in the Church.

### **Christmas Day Mass Times**

Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.  
*There will be no 4:00 pm Mass.*

### **Solemnity of Mary Mass Times**

Friday, December 31 - Vigil at 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 1 - 9:00 am *This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.*

### **Free Throw Championship**

On Saturday 1/22/2022 at 9am is the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 8:45am. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of 1/1/2022, are invited to participate, please present proof of age during registration with written parental consent. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to the district, region, and state competitions. The District competition will take place in February at a to be determined location. For additional information call (630) 957-7559.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW Volunteers**

Every Sunday at the 10am Mass is the beautiful ministry of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Do you love children and caring for them while they listen to the Gospel? Please connect with Mary Jo Trapani [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com) or Jean Palasz [jeanp@olmercy.com](mailto:jeanp@olmercy.com) to volunteer.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers**

Thank you for your support of our clothing drive. Your clothing donation, as well as your financial donations throughout the year, allows us to help our parishioners and neighbors in need. In 2020 over 120 people/families were provided assistance. The ministry is always looking for volunteers to join our St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting our neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, send an email at [olmsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:olmsvdp@gmail.com) with your name and contact information.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	626,394
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	660,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(33,606)</b>
11/28/21 Sunday Collection	\$	23,475
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(6,525)</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
October, 2021	\$	632,712
November, 2021	\$	<b>621,273</b>



Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click "Give" located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

**Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.**



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

Parish Goal	\$	154,400
Amount Pledged	\$	166,891
Amount Paid	\$	163,785
Remaining Balance	\$	3,106
Rebate Amount	\$	6,570
# of Families Pledged		530

## 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.

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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www.olmercy.com

## Parish Office

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468

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

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First Friday of the Month ..... 12:00pm

## Benediction

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### Sick and Homebound

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### 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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