

Epiphany of the LORD

January 2, 2022

We saw
his *star*
at its *rising*
and have
come to do
him *homage*.

Matthew 2:2



OUR LADY *of* MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Today we celebrate Epiphany and the most foundational truth of the Christian life can be found in today's gospel. But it is a lesson that we often miss. We miss it because we are not looking in the right place. In today's gospel, it is difficult to keep your eyes off of the wise men. They are foreign and mysterious. They come from the East in their exotic robes, riding their peculiar camels, following the star. But when we focus on the wise men, the theme of the gospel is about searching, finding, and the giving of gifts. These themes, however, are not the deepest truth of today's feast. To find that truth we must not look at what the wise men do, but at what Jesus does. And what does Jesus do? He receives the gifts that the wise men offer. This action is arguably the first action of Jesus ever recorded in the gospels: to accept the gifts that are given. It is an action of profound significance because it is an illustration of what is most fundamental about the Christian life – that being a Christian is not about what we do, but what we accept – it is not about giving but about receiving.

This is a difficult lesson for us to learn because we persist in the misconception that our faith is primarily about us, about what we do or what we fail to do. But our faith is not primarily about what we do, but rather about what God does. God has made us and saved us. God's actions are the actions that are at the heart of the gospel. Therefore, the stance of a Christian is primarily a stance of openness, a stance of receptivity. It is only when we can receive the gift that God offers that we know what salvation is truly about.

The gifts offered by the wise men – gold, frankincense, myrrh – symbolize what we are to receive. The gift of gold is a gift of great value and worth. It points to the value and worth of our own lives. We are persons of great worth. God has made us so. God has instilled in us a dignity that is a part of who we are. The gift of frankincense is a mysterious perfume, and it points to the mysterious action of God in our lives. God has a plan. God has a plan for us and for the world. God is working to unfold that plan through all the relationship and opportunities of our lives. It is a mystery we cannot control. We can only accept it and cooperate with it. Myrrh is the ointment of death, and it points to the unavoidable pain which is a part of all of our lives. None of us can avoid evil or pain, whether that come from hurt, rejection, failures, sickness, or grief. But in faith we believe that such pain, as real and as deep as it is, cannot negate our worth and dignity as people. Nor can it frustrate or derail the mysterious plan of God that somehow moves forward despite all that opposes it.

Being a faithful Christian is not about doing. It is about receiving. This is why the first action of Jesus in the gospels is to receive the gifts of the wise men. Jesus receives gold, frankincense, and myrrh to remind us that we need to receive the value of our own person, the mystery of God's action in our life, and the reality that pain and evil cannot stop the plan of God. Those are three gifts we need to receive, for it is only by accepting them that we can follow Christ and fulfill the promise of Christmas.



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00 am † Alice Toschak, by Pate & Al Pate
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Sosalba Sais, by Claudia
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, January 4 - St Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:00 am † Larry Craven, by Family & Friends
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Henrietta Pineda, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, January 5 - St John Neumann, Bishop

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Rosanna Tovani, by Ida Phillips
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, January 6 - St Andre Bessette, Religious

- 6:30 am † Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 am † Ruby Ricca, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, January 7 - St Raymond of Penafort, Priest

- 8:00 am † Pastor Reyes, by Family **(Live Streamed)**

Saturday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

- 8:30 am † Sharon Chipp, by Arlene Dahl
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Baptism of the Lord**
† James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr.
By Helean M Ray

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Paul Miller, by Tom & Letty Nolan
- 10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † John Cooper, by Clare Foy-Embrey
- 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. Blessings for Joan | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez | 12. For Guidance |
| 5. Rev. Gerald Tivy | 13. Healing |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Visa for JM |
| 7. The People of OLM | 15. A Blessed 2022 |
| 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

January 8 & 9

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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



We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Ann Borberg
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
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
Dan Saurer
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!



Hoy celebramos la Epifanía y la verdad más fundamental de la vida Cristiana se puede encontrar en el evangelio de hoy. Pero es una lección que a menudo la perdemos. La dejamos pasar porque no estamos buscando en el lugar correcto. En el evangelio de hoy, es difícil quitar la vista de los sabios. Ellos son extraños y misteriosos. Vienen de

Oriente con sus exóticas túnicas, montados en sus peculiares camellos, siguiendo la estrella. Pero cuando nos enfocamos en los sabios, el tema del evangelio se trata de buscar, encontrar y dar regalos. Sin embargo, estos temas no son la verdad más profunda de la fiesta de hoy. Para encontrar esa verdad no debemos mirar lo que hacen los sabios, sino lo que hace Jesús. ¿Y qué hace Jesús? El recibe los obsequios que le ofrecen los sabios. Esta acción es posiblemente la primera acción de Jesús jamás registrada en los evangelios: aceptar los regalos que se dan. Es una acción de profundo significado porque es una ilustración de lo más fundamental de la vida Cristiana: que ser Cristiano no se trata de lo que hacemos, sino de lo que aceptamos, no se trata de dar, sino de recibir.

Esta es una lección difícil de aprender para nosotros porque persistimos en la idea errónea de que nuestra fe se trata principalmente de nosotros, de lo que hacemos o de lo que dejamos de hacer. Pero nuestra fe no se trata principalmente de lo que hacemos, sino más bien de lo que hace Dios. Dios nos hizo y nos salvó. Las acciones de Dios son las acciones que están en el corazón del evangelio. Por lo tanto, la postura de un Cristiano es principalmente una postura de apertura, una postura de receptividad. Solo cuando podemos recibir el regalo que Dios ofrece, sabemos de qué se trata realmente la salvación.

Los regalos ofrecidos por los sabios - oro, incienso, mirra - simbolizan lo que vamos a recibir. El regalo del oro es un regalo de gran valor y vale la pena. Señala el valor y la dignidad de nuestras propias vidas. Somos personas de gran valor. Dios nos ha hecho así. Dios nos ha inculcado una dignidad que forma parte de quienes somos. El obsequio del incienso es un perfume misterioso y apunta a la acción misteriosa de Dios en nuestras vidas. Dios tiene un plan. Dios tiene un plan para nosotros y para el mundo. Dios está trabajando para desarrollar ese plan a través de todas las relaciones y oportunidades de nuestras vidas. Es un misterio que no podemos controlar. Solo podemos aceptarlo y cooperar con él. La mirra es el unguento de la muerte y señala el dolor inevitable que forma parte de todas nuestras vidas. Ninguno de nosotros puede evitar el mal o el dolor, ya sea que provenga del dolor, el rechazo, los fracasos, la enfermedad o la pena. Pero en la fe creemos que ese dolor, por real y profundo que sea, no puede negar nuestro valor y dignidad como personas. Tampoco puede frustrar o descarrilar el misterioso plan de Dios que de alguna manera avanza a pesar de todo lo que se le opone.

Ser un Cristiano fiel no se trata de hacer. Se trata de recibir. Por eso la primera acción de Jesús en los evangelios es recibir los obsequios de los sabios. Jesús recibe oro, incienso y mirra para recordarnos que necesitamos recibir el valor de nuestra propia persona, el misterio de la acción de Dios en nuestra vida y la realidad de que el dolor y la maldad no pueden detener el plan de Dios. Esos son los tres regalos que necesitamos recibir, porque solo aceptándolos podemos seguir a Cristo y cumplir la promesa de la Navidad.

Padre Don



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 60, 1-6 / Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 / Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12
Lunes	1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6 / Sal 2, 7-8. 10-11 / Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25
Martes	1 Jn 4, 7-10 / Sal 71, 2. 3-4ab. 7-8 / Mc 6, 34-44
Miércoles	1 Jn 4, 11-18 / Sal 71, 2. 10-11. 12-13 / Mc 6, 45-52
Jueves	1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4 / Sal 71, 2. 14 y 15bc. 17 / Lc 4, 14-22
Viernes	1 Jn 5, 5-13 / Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 / Lc 5, 12-16
Sábado	1 Jn 5, 14-21 / Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6a y 9b / Jn 3, 22-30
Domingo	Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11 / Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Sal 103, 1-2a. 2b-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 / Hch 10, 34-38 o Ti 2, 11-14, Ti 3, 4-7 / Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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

My husband is a bird watcher by day and a stargazer by night. I confess it drives me a little bonkers on our evening dog walks. I tend to want to keep moving; between him and our dog (who seems to want to sniff every mailbox), it's the pedestrian equivalent of stop-and-go traffic. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds me to pause and look, too. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation – the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent “the journeying of humanity toward Christ.” (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah’s prophecy reminds us of our destination: “You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year’s Day. If we haven’t made our New Year’s resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” As we reflect on today’s readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany – into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

RESOLVE New Year’s resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list – perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.



Pastoral Care

Happy New Year! Be at Peace!

With the beginning of 2022, take some time to reflect on the meaning of peace in your life and in the world. We are living in a time when we may ask what does it mean to be at peace? We may be fearful as to what is going on around us and not have a sense of peace. How can a person experience peace during the pandemic when COVID-19 cases are on the rise? Peace may be defined as having no conflict. Peace of mind or inner peace is a state of being mentally, emotionally and spiritually at peace. It is keeping the mind at peace regardless of external circumstances.

Consider the following ways to help nurture peace within you. Take time to be quiet as it is in the silence that God speaks. Think about what you have done in the past few days to promote and practice peace. Renew what you must change in order to answer Jesus' call to be a peacemaker. Reflect on your relationships and think what you can do to improve or strengthen them. Be an active participant in your Catholic faith – grow closer in your relationship with God and serve others. Pray that peace may reign in everyone and everywhere in the world. Practice gratitude, be patient, forgive, care for others.

A Christian describes true peace as coming from being in the presence of God. It is knowing that our lives are in God's hands. If we trust God – he will take care of us even through the pandemic, illness, suffering, pain or loss. In scripture, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the

world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy New Year filled with the peace and joy of the Lord!

Grief Support Sessions in January

Weekly grief support sessions will begin at the end of January offered in the evening and during the day. If you 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 at jolenel@olmercy.com. Look to your faith community for support and understanding during your experience of grief and loss.

Open HEARTS Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual support or resources for mental and emotional health and wellness, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com. The Open HEARTS Ministry educates and supports those with mental health and emotional challenges through hope, empathy, awareness, renewal, trust and support. Dates for gatherings in the months to come are being planned.

The Upper Room Crisis Hotline is a faith-based hotline in the Catholic tradition at 1-888-808-8724. The website for the hotline is www.catholichotline.org.

Prayer for the New Year

(www.appleseeds.org)

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort and care.

Give us courage to do what is

needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith that will help pave the way for a present that is hopeful, a future that is peaceful – Give us a heart to bring joy each day.

A Healthy New Year

When the new year arrives, many people think about making New Year's Resolutions to improve their health. A better way may be to make intentions or set goals that are realistic and specific. Think about the behavior that needs to be changed.

The S.M.A.R.T. goal setting method is a way to make changes in your life to improve your mental, emotional, physical or spiritual health. Each letter stands for a specific strategy. S is for specific – what exactly do you want to achieve? M is for measurable – break down the goal in measurable elements. A is for attainable – is the goal acceptable to you? R is for relevant – why do you want to reach the goal? T is for timely – make a deadline keeping the timeline realistic and flexible. As you decide on your goals for 2022, use positive language and focus on what you can do!

Pastoral Care

If you have physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns or questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for resources and support at jolenel@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380.



Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas



Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became poinsettias. From the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents the blood sacrifice of Jesus's crucifixion. During the Christmas Season, we honor and remember loved ones with poinsettias.

In Memory/Honor of:

Sharon Chipp
Sharon Chipp
Wayne & Marian Leckey
Ralph & Jean Scott
Joseph Salata
Jeanne LeRoy
Milton LeRoy
Jack Kinney
Ginny Kinney
Neil Campion
Kay Campion
Samantha Campion
Sharon Chipp
Sharon Chipp
Amerina & Alceste Pier
Our Beloved Deceased
Juan & Paz Dagang
Villa Paz Dagang
Benjamin Gragasin
Reynaldo Deguia
Mr & Mrs James Pe
Austin Chase
Scott Chase
Charles Miller
Betty Miller
William Hardin
Louise Hardin
Jayne Hintzman
Mary Lou Warran
Barbara Saurer
Mary Mattera
Scott Davidson
Phyllis O'Bryan
Joseph O'Bryan
Laurie Jakobowski
Special Intention
Alice Toschak
Mr & Mrs John Paluch
Mr & Mrs Walter Budny
Noreen Benton
Robert Huesing & Bill Nimmow
Mary Ann Vondemkamp
Terry Martinka
Michelle Ritko
Michelle Ritko
Trusiak Family
George Gatto, Jr
Manuel Felix
Elda Antonia Felix
Mark A Chapas, Jr
Jenna Tolentino
Loreto Gaspar, Jr
Deceased Family Members
LeRoy, Mary & Kathy Choate
Ulpiano Madamba
Deceased Kobal Family
Meaghan Fuibondo
Deceased Damato Family

Given By:

Marie & Pat Sulita
Dan & Margie Creed
Their Children
Sharon & Al Scott
Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
Tom & Joan Campion
Tom & Joan Campion
Tom & Joan Campion
Tom & Joan Campion
Tom & Joan Campion
Dan & Margie Creed
Pat & Marie Sulita
Ida Phillips
The Griffins Family
Lilibeth Dagang
Lilibeth Dagang
Lilibeth Dagang
Lilibeth Dagang

Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Chase-Hardin Family
Roy Saurer

Dor Davidson
Dor Davidson
Dor Davidson
Dor Davidson
Patricia Leatherwood
Her Girls
Stan & Toni Paluch
Stan & Toni Paluch
Loretta & Tom Benton
The Mead Family
Vicki Petersen
Vicki Petersen
The Ritko-Siros Family
Dennis Ritko

Denise Gatto
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Joanne Wade
Midge Choate
The Madamba Family
Rich & Theresa Kobal
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In Memory/Honor of:

Daniel Cordero
Alejandro Giannattasio
Pat Sermersheim
Jim Sermersheim
Pedro & Maria Luna
Hank & Jane Saamer
Ed & David Schremp
Walowski & Schremp Families
The Abt & Vavra Families
Dean Parke
Cicily Alkara
Dcd Salvador & Pacana Family
The Pazos Family
John Dean
Cathy Grodsky
Siriwan O'Dell
Robert Fred Kahlfeldt
Pluskota & Ziegler Families
Lofstrom & Tracey Families
The Dyja Family
Tony Gallo
Rose Fisher
Lena & Al Yannuzzo
Ruth & Tom Walsh
Madison, Jackson & Carter
Luke & Carey
Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners
Jessie & Stanley Ryba
Katherine & Frank Ciombor
Karen Carollo
Barbara Surina
Ramona & Stanley Kumor
August (Buck) Graf
Nathalia D'Souza
Roque Fernandes
Jim & Jane Darby
John & Rosemary Watters
Mike & Jeanie Strobl
Arlene Mary Lisak Grant
Stephanie Lisak
Elizabeth Lisak
Baby Janice Ruth Lisak
Mario Simonetti
Joseph & Louise Landino
Robert Klemaszewski
Anna Mussari
Cosme O. Lozano, Sr
Marie Sulita
Alexis Jaynah Villasin
Romarico Edwin Felix
Weber & Goryl Families
Christmas Blessings
DeYoung, White & Beltz Famileis
Special Intention
Philip & Anna Lambert
Michael & Hedwig Ruszczak
Special Intention

Given By:

Brenda & Manuel Cordero
Brenda & Manuel Cordero
Brenda & Manuel Cordero
Brenda & Manuel Cordero
Jose & Nancy Luna
Jose & Nancy Luna
Gerry Schremp
Gerry Schremp
Betty Vavra
His Loving Family


Susana Salvador
Diane Pazos
Diane Pazos
Diane Pazos

Michael Kahlfeldt
Carol & Jim Pluskota
Judy Lofstrom

Edgar Badillo
Her Grandchildren
Rose & Jim Fisher
Rose & Jim Fisher
Rose & Jim Fisher
Rose & Jim Fisher
Rose & Jim Fisher
Marylou & Rich Ciombor
Marylou & Rich Ciombor
Marylou & Rich Ciombor
Marylou & Rich Ciombor
Diane R Graf
Diane R Graf
Ruark & Lavina Fernandes
Ruark & Lavina Fernandes
Mary Campos
Scott & Maureen Strobl
Scott & Maureen Strobl
Richard F Grant
Richard F Grant
Richard F Grant
Richard F Grant
Simonetti Family
Helen Keene
Helen Keene
Cosme & Mirelda Lozano
Mirelda Lozano
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
Jennifer Tolentino
James & Frances Weber
Barbara Jesse
Joe & Brenda Beltz Family
Tom & Lauren Donlan
Jim & Jeanette Lambert
Jim & Jeanette Lambert
John & Cheryl DeWitt
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BE A CADET MARMION ACADEMY

Take the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 @ 9 AM



SIGN UP AT WWW.MARMION.ORG/EXAM



ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL
A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

ENTRANCE EXAM
January 8 at 9 am

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID
Sign Up Online for Consideration

ROSARY-DUNHAM SCHOLARS
New Program offers 10 Full Scholarships to Students in East/West Aurora School Districts

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Danielle Miele, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment

901 N. Edgelawn Drive | Aurora, IL | 60506 | 630-896-0831 | www.rosaryhs.com

CENTRAL AURORA CATHOLIC

Aurora Central Catholic High School

8th grade students
PLACEMENT EXAM



Saturday
Jan. 8, 2022
8:00am-12:00pm

1255 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL 60506
630-907-0095 www.AuroraCentral.com

What to Expect

- Students should enter through door #7 (attached to the large parking lot around back)
- Attire can be casual (masks are required)
- \$30 fee (please register on the ACC website)
- No calculator
- Snacks & water will be provided
- Total test time: about 4 hours

The results of this national examination assists in the selection of the appropriate high school courses of study and will be distributed at Welcome to High School Night on Jan. 19, 2022.

Around the Parish

Respect Life Ministry

You are invited to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on Friday, January 7, 2022. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfir2> or please call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.

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.

Thinking of becoming a Knight?

You can join for free between now and the end of the year. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men aged 18 and up, it will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men's service organization in the world. We need you! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at jleroy53@hotmail.com or call 630-336-7728

St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers

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 with your name and contact information.

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 or Jean Palasz jeanp@olmercy.com to volunteer.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	694,948
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	720,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(25,052)
12/12/21 Sunday Collection	\$	28,665
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(1,335)
<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.		



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 Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
October, 2021	\$	632,712
November, 2021	\$	621,273

Parish Goal	\$ 154,400
Amount Pledged	\$ 167,951
Amount Paid	\$ 166,289
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,663
Rebate Amount	\$ 8,322
# of Families Pledged	532



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Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas

In Memory/Honor of:

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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.

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