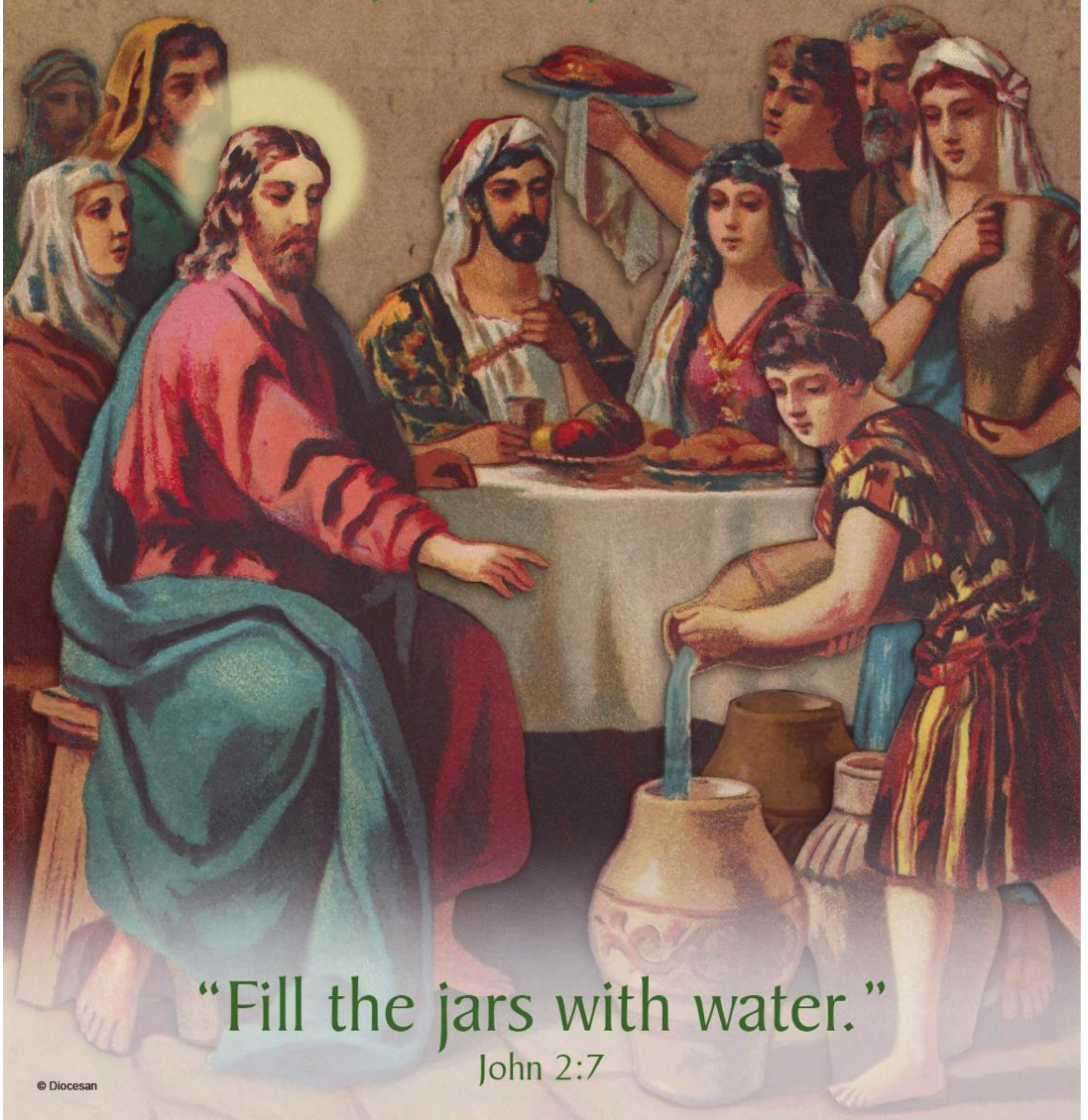


OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 16, 2022



“Fill the jars with water.”

John 2:7

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



What was your New Year's resolution(s)? Deepen your spiritual life and relationship with God? Don't get upset so easily? Be more patient? Stop smoking? Eat more healthily? Exercise and lose weight? In case you haven't made one yet, here is a resolution that could have a profound effect on the quality of your life... How about making a resolution to live from your strengths?

One of the splendors of creation is the extraordinary variety of life. Every form of life has its unique role to play in God's plan. The great oaks, daffodils, elephants, canaries, dolphins and sharks each have their own design and purpose. They achieve their destinies by being just what they are, and functioning according to the nature of their species. However, human beings go one step better! We differ from plants and animals, not only because we are of a different species, but because each one of us is unique – almost an individual species in ourself. There is nobody else in the world exactly like us, nor has there ever been, nor will there ever be. It follows, therefore, that we will achieve our destiny by being just what we are, and functioning according to our uniqueness.

One of the most important steps we make in living effectively is to understand and respect our uniqueness. Each of us has our own life to unfold and our own destiny to accomplish. God has a plan, specific for each of us as individuals, to manifest God's glory. But accepting our uniqueness, with all that it implies, is not easy. Many people don't like themselves. Millions are not happy with who they are or what they have. It is unfortunate that many people spend their lives wallowing in envy of others. Rather than accomplishing our own purposes, we waste time and energy complaining about our supposed deficiencies, and wishing we had someone else's looks, personalities, talents, social advantages, and financial means.

All that we need to be happy and fulfilled in life we already have. In his powerful letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes it clear that each of us possesses unique talents and gifts. No one has exactly the same endowments and we have no right to expect it to be otherwise. We must stop looking outside ourselves for reasons to be happy and successful. All that we need is already within. Each of us must discover what we have to offer to leave our mark on this world. We need to keep in mind that God doesn't make comparisons and neither should we. In God's eyes, no one is more appealing, more talented, more beautiful, or more perfect. When we are unique, we are already perfect! Because there really is no one else like us, there is no need for comparisons. We need to see as God sees!

Have a blessed week!

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



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 17 - St Anthony, Abbott

8:00 am † Margaret Piccioulo, by Jolene LeRoy
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm Int Primo Pedrola, by Rina Redrola Family
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, January 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
(Live Streamed)

6:30 pm † Clara Denton, by Rose Rolando

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

Wednesday, January 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Juan & Paz Dagang, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, January 20 - St Fabian & St Sebastian

6:30 am † Ed Galvin, by Tom & Margaret Mary Powers

8:00 am † Jakob Salzig, by Linda Fagin **(Live Streamed)**

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, January 21 - St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 am † Alfonso Ramirez, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Unborn

8:30 am † Peter Dombrowski, by Bonnie Ramirez

† Austin Chase, by Family

(Live Streamed)

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family

† Jacqueline Rootes, by Scott Sowizrol

Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Jane Darby, by Kathy Allburn

10:00 am † Lori Olsen, by Hurtado & Aepli Families
(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Benedicta Pinto by Stella Pinto

5:30 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. 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. Florence Kubicki |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Justin & Alec Pilman |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Betty May Szott |
| 7. The Masters Family | 15. Special Intentions |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

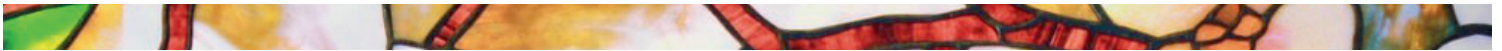
If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

January 22 & 23

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Martini
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tiongson
	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
Jim Pluskota
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.

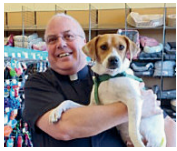
Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

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!



¿Cuál fue tu resolución(es) del Año Nuevo?
¿Profundizar tu vida espiritual y tu relación con Dios?
¿No enojarse tan fácilmente? ¿Ser más paciente?
¿Dejar de fumar? ¿Comer más saludablemente?
¿Ejercicio y pérdida de peso? En el caso de que aún no

hayas tomado una, aquí tienes una resolución que podría tener un efecto profundo en la calidad de tu vida... ¿Qué tal si tomas una resolución para vivir desde tus fortalezas?

Uno de los esplendores de la creación es la extraordinaria variedad de vida. Cada forma de vida tiene un papel único que desempeñar en el plan de Dios. Los grandes robles, narcisos, elefantes, canarios, delfines y tiburones tienen cada uno su propio diseño y propósito. Alcanzan su destino siendo exactamente lo que son y funcionando de acuerdo con la naturaleza de su especie. Sin embargo, ¡el ser humano va a un paso mejor! Nos diferenciamos de las plantas y los animales, no solo porque somos de una especie diferente, sino porque cada uno de nosotros es único, casi una especie individual en nosotros mismos. No hay nadie más en el mundo exactamente como nosotros, ni lo ha habido nunca, ni lo habrá nunca. De ello sigue, por lo tanto, que alcanzaremos nuestro destino siendo lo que somos y funcionando de acuerdo con nuestra singularidad.

Uno de los pasos más importantes que damos para vivir con eficacia es comprender y respetar nuestra singularidad. Cada uno de nosotros tiene su propia vida que desarrollar y nuestro propio destino que cumplir. Dios tiene un plan, específico para cada uno de nosotros como individuos, para manifestar la gloria de Dios. Pero aceptar nuestra singularidad, con todo lo que implica, no es fácil. Mucha gente no se agrada a sí misma. Millones de personas no están contentas con quiénes son o con lo que tienen. Es lamentable que muchas personas se pasen la vida revolcándose en la envidia de los demás. En lugar de lograr nuestros propios propósitos, perdemos tiempo y energía quejándonos de nuestras supuestas deficiencias y deseando tener la apariencia, la personalidad, los talentos, las ventajas sociales y los medios económicos de otra persona.

Todo lo que necesitamos para ser felices y realizarnos en la vida ya lo tenemos. En su poderosa carta a los Corintios, Pablo deja en claro que cada uno de nosotros posee talentos y dones únicos. Nadie tiene exactamente las mismas dotes y no tenemos derecho a esperar que sea de otra manera. Debemos dejar de mirar fuera de nosotros mismos en busca de razones para ser felices y exitosos. Todo lo que necesitamos ya está dentro. Cada uno de nosotros debe descubrir lo que tenemos que ofrecer para dejar nuestra huella en este mundo. Debemos tener en cuenta que Dios no hace comparaciones y nosotros tampoco deberíamos hacerlo. A los ojos de Dios, nadie es más atractivo, más talentoso, más hermoso o más perfecto. Cuando somos únicos, ¡ya somos perfectos! Debido a que realmente no hay nadie más como nosotros, no hay necesidad de comparaciones. ¡Necesitamos ver como Dios ve!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Bob



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 62, 1-5/ Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10a y c/ 1 Cor 12, 4-11/ Jn 2, 1-11
Lunes	1 Sm 15, 16-23/ Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23/ Mc 2, 18-22
Martes	1 Sm 16, 1-13/ Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28
Miércoles	1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/ Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves	1 Sm 18, 6-9; 1 Sm 19, 1-7/ Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12. 13/ Mc 3, 7-12
Viernes	1 Sm 24, 3-21/ Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/ Mc 3, 13-19
Sábado	2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/ Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/ Mc 3, 20-21
Domingo	Neh 8, 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10/ Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/1 Cor 12, 12-30 o 1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27/ Lc 1, 1-4; Lc 4, 14-21

January 16, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

“There are
different kinds of
spiritual gifts
but the same
Spirit.”

(1 COR 12:4)

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

It was several years ago now, but the scene is still vivid in my mind. My son stood confidently in front of the altar as the music rose in a crescendo and his bride stepped into sight. The love and joy he felt trickled down his cheek as she walked down the aisle. He broke into a smile as she joined him, and proudly took her hand to promise to become one with her forever. Isaiah writes: “As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.” Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, “different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit,” St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. *All* spiritual gifts come from God, and *all* are important and necessary: “To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” God’s gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to “announce his salvation, day after day,” and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

You are a masterpiece! This message was conveyed at the camp our diocese held each year to help teens recognize that they are God’s beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, “Do whatever he tells you.” By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is “telling” us. Jesus then says to the waiters, “Fill the jars with water.” We can “fill our jars” with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, “Draw some out.” We can “draw” on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to “draw some out” to share with others. In sharing the “good wine,” the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too.

PRAYER As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day.

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Pastoral Care

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, January 18 in the church after 6:30pm Mass (at 7:00pm) 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. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present.

Understanding Your Grief

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and would like companionship, prayerful support and caring presence during this time, consider attending the in-person grief support sessions that will be guided by *“Understanding Your Grief Exploring the Ten Essential Touchstones”* by Alan Wolfelt, PH.D.

It is important to know that you are not alone in your grief journey. The twelve sessions will be a safe place to mourn, to reconcile losses, to find continued meaning in life and living and to know there is hope for healing. The group support will foster the experience of trusting and being trusted and provide a safe harbor.

If you would like to attend sessions during the day, sessions will be on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:30pm in the Ministry Room on January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18. If you would like to attend sessions in the evening, sessions will be on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Ministry Room on January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28 and

April 4, 11, 18. Health and safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be in place. If needed, sessions will be provided via ZOOM. If you have any questions or would like to register for the sessions please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Come Alive

Join us for Come Alive! a Christ-led small group program that makes the connection between our spiritual and physical well-being. In our time together, we will discover spiritual practices to strengthen our relationship with God and gain new joy filled perspectives as we weave healthy activities into the rhythm of our day. The focus is on HOW to change behaviors in the rhythm of our life for the long-term, to encourage each other, and to give grace when we stumble.



The group meets for 90 minutes in eight sessions. The meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 on February 2, 9, 16, and 23 and March 9, 16, 23, and 30. In-person meetings are planned and health and safety COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. If you would like to attend, but would prefer to meet via ZOOM; there may be both in-person and ZOOM at the same time or the meetings may be via ZOOM. The program welcomes men and women, ages 18 years and older. The guidebook for the program is \$15 (scholarships are available) that contains recipes, spiritual practices, scripture, and nutrition information. If you have questions or would like to register please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. Let's Come

Alive! in 2022 by focusing on our physical, nutritional and spiritual health!

Mental Health & Wellness

Mental health is a critical part of overall wellness. Mental Health America is an organization that advocates for prevention services for all, early identification and intervention for those at risk, integrated services, care and treatment for those who need them, and recovery as the goal. If you would like to know the state of mental health in America, check out mhanational.org.

It is important that our faith community be a source of support, education, and advocacy for mental health and wellness. The **Open HEARTS Ministry** is the mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish. If you are a mental health professional or are a champion for mental health and wellness, please consider joining the ministry.

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental and emotional health concerns, there is support and resources available at Our Lady of Mercy and in the community. The next scheduled in-person gathering for the Open HEARTS Ministry is Monday, February 21 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 218. If you have questions, need support or resources or would like to join the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care

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

On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened the worldwide Synod and invited all the faithful to give their feedback and views on the future of the Church through a local consultation process, which culminates with the Synod of Bishops 2023. The theme for the synod is **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**. The purpose of every Catholic church worldwide is to listen to the community to discern our path forward to be a better Church, that is able to live communion, achieve greater participation, and be more open to mission.

The Synod poses the following fundamental question:

***A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church?**

***What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?**

Our Lady of Mercy Church (OLM) is answering that call by creating the following platforms for you to offer your feedback with regard to the fundamental questions:

1. Attend any one of the listening sessions held at OLM on the following dates/time: Saturday February 5 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM; Monday February 7, 9AM to 11AM; or Tuesday February 8, 7PM to 9PM. You must register in advance by February 3, 2022 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44afa92eabfdc34-synod> (or use QR Code to register for listening-sessions)
2. Fill out and return the printed Synodal Process Feedback Form available in the pews. All completed feedback forms must be returned to the OLM Synod Feedback Drop Box (in the Narthex), no later than January 30, 2022.
3. Complete the Synodal Process Online Submission Form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVNJ1W2r3v93n9mwRQJshReYo9-si0jaJSS0T1JFcv32J9bw/viewform?usp=sf_link (or use the SCAN ME QR code). Online submission deadline is March 3, 2022.



QR Code to register for listening-sessions





Dear Friends,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean.

An example of a beneficiary of this collection is Brazil's Associacao do Sementes do Verbo (Seeds of the Word Community), which is a young and growing congregation with a unique vision of forming missionary communities of disciples in all states of life – consecrated men and women, clergy, lay missionaries, and married couples and families, all living together in community. Founded in 2004, Sementes do Verbo has 20 communities throughout Brazil, as well as in Portugal, Belgium, Canada, Comoros, and Mozambique.

A central aspect of the group's spirituality is a nine-month formation period called a "sabbatical year," during which participants live in a mission house with the community and study Scripture; take courses in the theology of the body and human sexuality, with an emphasis on prevention of abuse; and participate in spiritual exercises and parish mission weeks.

An important fact that you must know is that 25% of this diocesan collection goes to support our own diocesan mission work. Since 1994 our diocese has sent missionaries to Sucre, Bolivia to not only offer our support with concrete actions, but to build relationships with the people who are so grateful for our presence and work there. We are blessed to have our Bolivian friends.

Let us all become missionaries by strengthening the Church in Latin America with a donation to the second collection on the weekend of January 22-23.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Around the Parish

Alpha

Are you longing for more presence and real connection? Consider coming to Alpha that meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning January 20 in the MPR. Take time away from the noise, away from the echo chambers of the bubbles we've built around ourselves.

A Mother's Heart

You are invited to participate in a group for Catholic mothers with children ages 0-11 who are seeking to journey with other like-minded women of faith. Book chats, crafts, podcast discussions, "Moms Night Out", play groups, prayer and so much more. Visit www.olmercy.com/amothersheart for more information.

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

Salt & Light

Transformation and intentional community on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm is coming starting in January. Details and registration can be found at olmercy.com/saltandlight

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	756,141
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	750,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	6,141
12/26/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,597
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	0
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	26,597
<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 Goal	\$ 154,400
Amount Pledged	\$ 168,966
Amount Paid	\$ 167,688
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,279
Rebate Amount	\$ 9,301
# of Families Pledged	534

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
November, 2021	\$	621,279
December, 2021	\$	610,239

Christmas Collections:	\$ 53,663
Christmas Budget:	\$ <u>66,000</u>
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (12,337)



Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish.

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$152,000 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

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.

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

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

Parish Directory

Parish Priests

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Dcn Tony Martini tonym@olmercy.com

Dcn Phil Rehmer deaconphil@rehmer.com

Dcn Art Tionson hope2640@yahoo.com

Dcn Lupe Villarreal lupev@olmercy.com

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