

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

“Do not be afraid;
from now on you
will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10



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From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



There are many popular fishing shows on television and cable – “Deadliest Catch” and “Wicked Tuna” just to name a couple.

Many people enjoy fishing as a recreational hobby. Just ask Fr. James to show you a picture of himself and the fish he caught

while on vacation in Florida. While fishing isn't as widespread a career as it once was, “catching people” is a well-defined science. Otherwise known as advertising, this art form is designed to hook consumers and take their money, their time and their energy. Once caught, the consumers serve the advertisers' goal. Everyone is together in one net. How many can't resist the urge to get the latest upgrade of their wireless phone!

In today's readings, Isaiah, Peter and Paul demonstrate the moral character necessary to become “fishers of men (people).” These wise men of God are brought to their knees by an encounter with the Divine. Isaiah, Peter and Paul fish for people because God has first caught them. Divine light reveals their unworthiness, and they respond appropriately. “Woe is me,” exclaims Isaiah. “I am a man of unclean lips.” In the longer version of today's second reading, Paul says that he is “the least of the apostles” and “unfit.” Peter tells Jesus to leave him, “for I am a sinful man.” But if you wish to be caught by God or to go fishing on God's behalf, acknowledging your unworthiness is key. Once Isaiah has announced his unworthiness, his unclean lips are cleansed; his guilt and sin are blotted out. Once Peter is on his knees, he is ready to fish for people. St. Paul says it best: “By the grace of God I am what I am.”

Today's readings invite us to become an advertisement for God. Unlike our glossy counterparts in the secular world, we shine from within. Hallowed out by unworthiness, we stand worthy. Our brightness has nothing to do with color or design, money or power. Our salvation history, our journey with the Divine attracts others. This is our calling.

Peter left everything and followed Jesus. We are to do the same. Having a relationship with the Divine is not reserved for prophets and saints. God wishes to connect with each of us. Our stories may not be as dramatic as the biblical ones recounted today, but each of us has a unique salvation history. Are we attentive to the way God moves in our lives? Do we recognize our unworthiness and thereby become worthy? Once caught and in communication with the Divine, we are each called to be a witness – an advertisement. Our response needs to be clear concise and certain. Five words suffice: “Here I am. Send me.”

Have a blessed week!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, February 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am In Thanksgiving *(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Family in Purgatory
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, February 8 - Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

- 8:00 am † Virginia Vutjeh, by Rich & Donna Muszynski
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm Int Patricia Kramer Dougherty, by Shirley Staples
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, February 9 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm Int Ted Popernik, by The Freeston Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, February 10 - St Scholastica, Virgin

- 6:30 am † Nathaniel Centeno, Jr, by Family
- 8:00 am † John Perosky, by Herb Guarascio
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8:00 am † James Jungles, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, February 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Int Al Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† James W Ray
† James W Ray, Jr by Helean M Ray

Sunday, February 13 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Cornelio Reformina, by Ross Rina Family
- 10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Alejandro & Nora Caceres, by Family
- 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. Manuel Cordero | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Ann Borberg |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez | 12. Peter Julian Torres |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Robert Bailey |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Jose Soto |
| 7. Patricia Kramer Daugherty | 15. Delfina Bernucca Family |
| 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

February 12 & 13

Father James will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Doug McIlvaine (A)
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tom Logue
	5:30 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin

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
Patricia Kramer Daugherty
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
Joy Rinon
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!



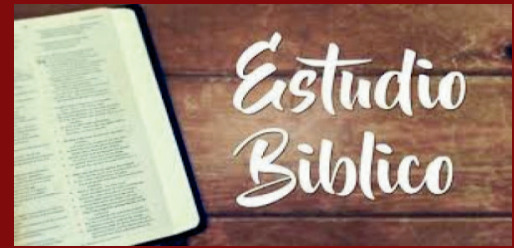
Hay muchos programas populares de pescar en la televisión - "Deadliest Catch" y "Wicked Tuna" para nombrar algunos. Muchas personas disfrutan pescar como un pasatiempo recreacional. Solo pídale a P. James que le muestre una foto de él y el pescado que atrapó mientras estaba de vacaciones en Florida. Aunque pescar ya

no es una carrera tan expandida como alguna vez fue, "pescar personas" es una ciencia bien definida. También conocido como publicidad, esta forma de arte está diseñada para enganchar a consumidores y tomar su dinero, su tiempo y su energía. Una vez atrapados, los consumidores sirven al objetivo de los anunciantes. Todos están juntos en una red. ¡Cuántos no pueden resistir la tentación de actualizar y tener el último modelo de teléfono!

En las lecturas de hoy, Isaías, Pedro y Pablo demuestran el carácter moral necesario para convertirse en "pescadores de hombres (personas)". Estos hombres sabios de Dios se ponen de rodillas por un encuentro con el Divino. Isaías, Pedro y Pablo pescan a personas porque Dios primero los pescó. Luz divina les revela su indignidad, y ellos responden apropiadamente. "¡Ay de mí,", exclama Isaías. "Soy un hombre de labios impuros". En la versión larga de la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo dice que él es "el último de los apóstoles" e "indigno". Pedro le dice a Jesús que se aleje, "que soy un hombre pecador". Pero si quieres ser pescado por Dios o ir a pescar en su nombre, reconocer tu indignidad es clave. Una vez que Isaías anunció su indignidad, sus labios impuros fueron limpiados; su culpa y pecado fueron borrados. Una vez que Pedro se pone de rodillas, él está listo para pescar a personas. San Pablo lo dice mejor: "Por la gracia de Dios yo soy quien soy".

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a convertirnos en un anuncio para Dios. A diferencia de nuestros homólogos brillantes en el mundo secular, nosotros brillamos desde adentro. Aun huecos por nuestra indignidad, permanecemos dignos. Nuestro brillo no tiene nada que ver con color o diseño, dinero o poder. Nuestra historia de salvación, nuestro viaje con el Divino atrae a otros. Esta es nuestra llamada. Pedro dejó todo y siguió a Jesús. Nosotros debemos hacer lo mismo. Tener una relación con el Divino no está reservada nada más para profetas y santos. Dios desea conectar con cada uno de nosotros. Nuestras historias a lo mejor no son tan dramáticas como las de la biblia que fueron contadas hoy, pero cada uno de nosotros tenemos una historia de salvación única. ¿Somos atentos a la manera que Dios se mueve en nuestras vidas? ¿Reconocemos nuestra indignidad y de esa manera nos volvemos dignos? Una vez que somos pescados y en comunicación con el Divino, somos llamados a ser un testigo – un anuncio. Nuestra respuesta necesita ser clara, concisa y cierta. Cinco palabras son suficientes: "Aquí estoy. Envíame." ¡Tenga una semana bendecida!

Padre Don



"Descubrir el misterio de la Biblia"

8 reuniones

Lunes 7pm al terminar la misa de 6:30PM

Martes 10:00AM

En español y gratis.

Los esperamos en la sala 208.

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 6, 1-2a. 3-8/ Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 4-5. 7c-8/ 1 Cor 15, 1-11 o 1 Cor 15, 3-8. 11/ Lc 5, 1-11
Lunes	1 Rey 8, 1-7. 9-13/ Sal 131, 6-7. 8-10/ Mc 6, 53-56
Martes	1 Rey 8, 22-23. 27-30/ Sal 83, 3. 4. 5 y 10. 11/ Mc 7, 1-13
Miércoles	1 Rey 10, 1-10/ Sal 36, 5-6. 30-31. 39-40/ Mc 7, 14-23
Jueves	1 Rey 11, 4 -13/ Sal 105, 3-4. 35-36. 37 y 40/ Mc 7, 24-30
Viernes	1 Rey 11, 29-32; 1 Rey 12, 19/ Sal 80, 10-11ab. 12-13. 14-15/ Mc 7, 31-37
Sábado	1 Rey 12, 26-32, 1 Rey 13, 33-34/ Sal 105, 6-7a. 19-20. 21-22/ Mc 8, 1-10
Domingo	Jer 17, 5-8/ Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/ 1 Cor 15, 12. 16-20/ Lc 6, 17. 20-26

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11
| Lk 5:1-11

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

We put off all kinds of things for all kinds of reasons. I'll take that trip with my family once my schedule clears up. Someday I'll read that book collecting dust on my shelf. I'll volunteer at church once I get my own act together. Today's readings remind us that God will take us as we are: We need only say "yes." In each of the readings, the protagonists – Isaiah, Paul, and Peter – initially resist God's call, fearing their sinfulness disqualifies them. We may feel that way, too. However, in each case, God forgives their sins and gives them the grace to say, like Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me!" Their assent can be a challenge to those of us who hold back from becoming more involved in our parish or sharing our faith with others, fearing we aren't good enough or aren't an expert in theology. Jesus reminds us that it is ultimately not about *us*, but him. We don't have to be perfect, just willing to push past our fears and trust him to make disciples of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's readings, we hear descriptions of Isaiah's lips touched by a burning ember, Paul being transformed from persecutor to preacher, and the fishermen dropping their nets to follow Jesus. In each case, that turning point led to a life of witness. We may not have such a dramatic story to share, but most of us can look back and see turning points: That influential teacher, the aunt who saw the best in us, a priest, sister, or retreat leader who spoke to our hearts. Today's readings can encourage us to be that person for others – the one who shows them the love of Christ and what a difference it can make. Buoyed by God's grace, we can share the Good News with others and accompany one another as we seek to follow Jesus in our day-to-day lives.

ACT Carve out time to do something spiritual you've been putting off – whether it's a retreat, morning prayer, or perhaps volunteering in a parish ministry or other organization.

"COME AFTER
ME AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
fishers of men."

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Pastoral Care

Come Alive!

Join us for Come Alive! a Christ-let 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 in-person sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 on February 9, 16, 23 and March 9, 16, 23 and 30. If you would like to attend, but would prefer ZOOM sessions or to meet during the day, arrangements can be made. The guidebook for the program 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!

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, February 15 in the church after 6:30pm Mass 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 pre-

sent.

Open HEARTS Ministry

The mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish is the Open HEARTS Ministry. It is important that our faith community be a source of support, education and advocacy for mental health and wellness. 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 in-person gathering for the Open HEARTS Ministry is Monday, February 21 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218. The topic for discussion will be *"Finding God in the Everyday"*. 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.

February is Heart Health Month

Since the month of February is Heart Health Month, it is an opportunity to evaluate how well you are taking care of your heart – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Heart disease is still a leading cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The most common heart condition is coronary artery disease that affects blood flow to the heart.

Heart disease may be "silent" and not diagnosed until a person experiences signs or symptoms of a heart attack, heart failure or an arrhythmia. A person experiencing a heart attack may have chest pain or discomfort, upper back pain or neck pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea

or vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, dizziness or shortness of breath. A sign of an arrhythmia may be fluttering feelings (palpitations) in the chest. Heart failure may cause shortness of breath, fatigue, and swelling of the feet, ankles, legs, abdomen and neck veins.

Choosing to live a healthy lifestyle will help to keep blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels normal and lower the risk for heart disease and heart attack. Healthy habits include eating healthy foods, keeping a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity and not smoking. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables and fewer processed foods. Eat foods high in fiber and low in saturated fat and trans fat and cholesterol to prevent high cholesterol. Limit salt intake to help lower blood pressure.

It is important to take charge of and manage any medical conditions that may increase the risk for heart disease. Take the month of February to make lifelong changes that will improve your heart health and your overall health!

Holy Communion to the Homebound/Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass due to illness or are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or if someone has physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday March 2
6:30 am Mass w/Ashes
8:00 am Mass w/Ashes
12:00 pm Mass w/Ashes
5:30 pm Scripture Service w/Ashes
7:00 pm Mass w/Ashes

Parish Mission - Unbound Friday, March 18
Saturday, March 19

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 7:00 pm
Friday, April 1, 8

Reconciliation Regular Reconciliation Schedule
Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 am & 1:30 to 2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 5 7:00 pm Until All are Heard

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 14
Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Good Friday April 15
Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm
Lord's Passion 3:00 pm
Living Stations 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday April 16
Morning Prayer 8:00 am
Blessing of the Easter Baskets 12:00 pm
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 17
Mass in Church 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
Mass in Multi Purpose Room 10:00 am
12:00 pm

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www.sculpturebytps.com

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please send an email to parishoffice@olmercy.com so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Thank you for your help!

Invest in Kids at All Saints Catholic Academy

At this time of year, most of us are compiling our tax returns, and perhaps doing a bit of tax planning as a result. The **Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program** is **one of the best kept secrets in Illinois** that **YOU need to know about!**

This program is a **WIN** for students who realize school choice in the State of Illinois, **and** a **WIN** for individuals and businesses who **receive a 75% Income Tax Credit** when making a contribution to the program.

Ask yourself: Do you anticipate owing taxes to the State of Illinois? If your answer to this question is **yes**, wouldn't you rather your money go to a deserving student at All Saints than to the State of Illinois? If your answer to the 2nd question is also **yes**, please consider making a contribution to the **Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program via Empower Illinois**.

If you are interested in finding out more about how **you can impact a student's life at All Saints** by participating in the **Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program**:

Contact All Saints Catholic Academy at (630) 961-6125.

Around the Parish

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 the last quarter of 2021 we provided assistance to 35 people/families.

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.

Christ Renews His Parish

Christ Renews His Parish, or CRHP is a break from your busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that you can refresh yourself spiritually and renew your heart. You will be meeting with and listening to the experiences of other men or women from our Parish in an informal and relaxed environment of reflection, fellowship and fun. The day on Saturday starts at 7:30am and goes through the evening at 8:30pm. We return the next day at the same time 7:30am ending at 3pm. For additional information go to <https://www.crhpatolm.com/>

Bible Studies

The Creed: Mondays for 6 weeks starts 2/21 at 7:15 pm. Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed. Come rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith.

Walking with Purpose: Mondays for 8 weeks starts 2/7 at 6:30 pm. A practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first by paying attention to the One who made us, because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

Epic: Tuesdays for 20 weeks starts 2/15 at 7:00 pm. This series explores the major people, places and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church and how you fit into this epic story.

Bible Timeline: Wednesdays starts 2/16 thru December (Breaks for summer.) A great place to start if you want to understand the Bible and God's message of Salvation. Learn to read the bible and be introduced to scripture.

Visit www.olmercy.com/biblestudy/ for more information or to sign up.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	864,761
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	840,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	24,761
01/16/22 Sunday Collection	\$	34,380
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	4,380
Thank you for your generosity!!		
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
November, 2021	\$	621,273
December, 2021	\$	610,239

Christmas Collections: \$ 57,016
 Christmas Budget: \$ 66,000
Amount Short of Budget: \$ (8,984)

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.



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

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.

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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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