

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

“Do to others as
you would have them
do to you.”

Luke 6:31



From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Today in parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is announced. The theme of this year's appeal is "Devoted to the works of the Lord." This appeal funds the many ministries coordinated by the Diocese of Joliet that serve 545,000 Catholics through all our parishes in the seven county Diocese of Joliet as well as the administrative offices that are necessary to operate as a Diocese. The works of the Lord enabled by your support of the CMAA include the many services available to those in need through Catholic Charities – like the mobile food pantry that we host monthly at OLM as well as other sites throughout the Diocese. Over 19,000 nights of shelter and housing are provide to the homeless. The Appeal helps fund Young Adult and Youth Ministry programs that serve approximately 25,500 of our youth and young adults. The Diocesan Religious Education office provides oversight, guidance, support, training and services for our Directors of family evangelization and catechesis, Mary Jo and Dave. Funds from the CMAA also provide the funding to educate the future priests who will serve our parishes. Right now, there are 26 seminarians being educated for priestly service in our diocese. The CMAA also provide funding for our Diocesan Catholic Schools Office, which provides oversight, assistance and direction to the 51 elementary/high schools educating over 16,000 students in our Diocese. Most importantly, by supporting the annual CMAA, you support the local Church. We are all members of our parish and the Universal Church, which we support financially. The Diocese of Joliet is our Local Church, which also needs your financial support.

Once again this year, I ask your support for the CMAA. Our parish goal this year is \$152,000. Every year that I have been pastor of OLM, we have not only met our parish goal, but surpassed it and have received a rebate check from the Diocese. Our rebate for last year's appeal was \$12,500. This is my last time as a pastor to make an appeal for you to support the annual CMAA of the Diocese. Wouldn't it be nice to go over the goal again and provide the new pastor with some extra funds for ministry at OLM!

May I also ask for your prayerful support as I navigate my new cancer diagnosis. As I shared with you last weekend at Mass, the kidney cancer I had six years ago, has returned and spread to my lungs.

Have a blessed week!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, February 21 - St Peter Damian, Bishop

- 8:00 am † Nick Camp, by Family **(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Carmen Astiazaran, by Hepburn Family
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, February 22 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

- 8:00 am † Christine Holbrook, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Simplicio Naguit, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, February 23 - St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Rosamma Joseph, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, February 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am † Robert Kranz, by William & Martha Black
- 8:00 am † Teodora & Teofilo Fagaragan by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, February 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Nisha & Subash by Family
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, February 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Mary Trapani, by Edgar & Marie Cuartero
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† James Sermersheim, by Family
† Arnaldo Llovido, by Shirley Staples

Sunday, February 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
Int Helen Joseph, by Audrey Harris
- 10:00 am † James E Darby, by Kathy Allburn
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Rita Caruso-Terrill by Rose Caruso-Zois
- 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 Sick | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. Joe Blanford | 10. Ann Borberg |
| 3. Camille Marie Damore | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Jim Kveton | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Joseph Kubicki |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Florence Kubicki |
| 7. The Poor | 15. John A. |
| 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 26 & 27

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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



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
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!



Hoy en las parroquias de la Diócesis de Joliet se anuncia la Colecta Anual de los Ministerios Católicos (CMAA). El tema de la campaña de este año es “Dedicados a las obras del Señor”. Esta colecta financia los muchos ministerios coordinados por la Diócesis de Joliet que sirven a 545,000 Católicos a través de todas nuestras parroquias en los siete

condados de la Diócesis de Joliet, así como las oficinas administrativas que son necesarias para operar como Diócesis. Las obras del Señor habilitadas por su apoyo a la CMAA incluyen los muchos servicios disponibles para los necesitados a través de Caridades Católicas, como la despena móvil de alimentos que organizamos mensualmente en OLM, así como en otros sitios en toda la Diócesis. Se brindan más de 19,000 noches de refugio y vivienda a personas sin hogar. La Campaña ayuda a financiar programas de Ministerio de Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes que sirven a aproximadamente 25,500 de nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. La oficina de Educación Religiosa Diocesana brinda supervisión, orientación, apoyo, capacitación y servicios para nuestros Directores de evangelización familiar y catequesis, Mary Jo y Dave. Los fondos de la CMAA también proporcionan los fondos para educar a los futuros sacerdotes que servirán en nuestras parroquias. En este momento, hay 26 seminaristas en formación para el servicio sacerdotal en nuestra diócesis. La CMAA también proporciona fondos para nuestra Oficina de Escuelas Católicas Diocesanas, que brinda supervisión, asistencia y dirección a las 51 escuelas primarias y secundarias que educan a más de 16,000 estudiantes en nuestra Diócesis. Lo más importante, al apoyar a la CMAA anual, ustedes apoyan a la Iglesia local. Todos somos miembros de nuestra parroquia y de la Iglesia Universal, a la que apoyamos financieramente. La Diócesis de Joliet es nuestra Iglesia Local, que también necesita su apoyo financiero.

Una vez más este año, les pido su apoyo para la CMAA. Nuestra meta parroquial este año es \$152,000. Cada año que he sido párroco de OLM, no solo hemos alcanzado nuestra meta parroquial, sino que la hemos superado y hemos recibido un cheque de reembolso de la Diócesis. Nuestro reembolso por la campaña del año pasado fue de \$12,500. Esta es la última vez que como párroco les hago un llamado para que apoyen la CMAA anual de la Diócesis. ¡No sería bueno pasar la meta nuevamente y proporcionarle al nuevo párroco algunos fondos adicionales para el ministerio en OLM!

También les pido su apoyo en oración mientras navego por mi nuevo diagnóstico de cáncer. Como compartí con ustedes el fin de semana pasado en la Misa, el cáncer de riñón que tuve hace seis años ha regresado y se ha extendido a mis pulmones.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	1 Sm 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/ Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13/ 1 Cor 15, 45-49/ Lc 6, 27-38
Lunes	Sant 3, 13-18/ Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mc 9, 14-29
Martes	1 Ped 5, 1-4/ Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/Mt 16, 13-19
Miércoles	Sant 4, 13-17/ Sal 48, 2-3. 6-7. 8-10. 11/Mc 9, 38-40
Jueves	Sant 5, 1-6/ Sal 48, 14-15ab. 15cd-16. 17-18. 19-20/ Mc 9, 41-50
Viernes	Sant 5, 9-12/ Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8-10. 11-12/Mc 10, 1-12
Sábado	Sant 5, 13-20/ Sal 140, 1-2. 3 y 8/Mc 10, 13-16
Domingo	Sir 27, 5-8/ Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16/1 Cor 15, 54-58/ Lc 6, 39-45

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1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

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

Have you heard about the *Civilize It!* initiative? The U.S. bishops launched a campaign to encourage civil dialogue during the contentious 2020 election. Unfortunately, the divisiveness in our nation, and even within the Church, has shown no signs of subsiding, leading the bishops to reboot the campaign last fall. The bishops encourage every Catholic to pledge to be a force for charity, clarity, and creativity in our divided world. Today's Gospel shows us how to do that, starting with the Golden Rule. What strikes me - and challenges me - are the specific examples that remain relevant 2,000 years later: *Love your enemies and do good for them; stop judging; stop condemning; give.* Building on last Sunday's account of the beatitudes, Luke provides us a prescription for how to live a moral and happy life, one that reflects those who "bear the image of the heavenly one."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am thankful to have people in my life who bring out the best in others, and certainly bring out the best in me. I would guess we can each point to others who have guided and encouraged us: A teacher, a dear friend, a favorite aunt, a neighbor or coach. Today's readings encourage us to be that person for others, even when it's hard. Nobody said being a witness to Christ would be a cake walk! Fortunately, we can turn to prayer and the Scriptures for encouragement. For me, it may begin with small steps, such as listening to those with whom I disagree, not getting drawn into social media debates, and being more generous with my time. As we reflect on today's readings, perhaps we can each choose one change we would like to make or challenge we want to accept as we move into the week and ask God to help us put it into practice.

ACT Praise God each day this coming week. And then challenge yourself to offer a compliment to one person every day as well. Praising God and others puts us in right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.



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Pastoral Care

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 participating in 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 in the Parish Life Center. 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 Aepli at 312-217-7872 or at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Walking to Jerusalem

The annual parish health initiative program during Lent to encourage you to grow closer to Jesus and improve your physical health will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. If you would like to join, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN at 331-707-5380.

Protect Your Heart

The last week of February marks the end of *Heart Health Month*. This is a reminder that every week, every day, should be a time to focus on your heart health. Did you know that about 360,000 Americans die from coronary heart disease each year? This disease occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries and reduces the amount of oxygen-rich blood getting to the heart.

There are ways to protect your heart from cardiovascular diseases. Ask your doctor about your blood pressure, cholesterol, and A1C. Reduce the sodium, and increase the fruits, vegetables and whole grains in your diet. Be physically active. Maintain a healthy weight. Do not smoke. Manage your reaction to stress in healthy ways. Keep your diabetes under control.

The following tips are offered for the last days of this month. Find out about your family health history, especially related to heart health. March in place during commercial breaks while watching television to get your heart going. Eat vegetarian for a day. Ask a family member, walk by yourself or take your dog for a walk. Fill half of your lunch and dinner plates with vegetables. Start your day with a healthy breakfast – a smoothie or oatmeal with blueberries. Praise God, thank Him for the blessings in your life and ask God to help you with the changes that you want to make to take care of your heart – physically, emotionally and spiritually!

Pastoral Care

If you need support or resources for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380. You are not alone. Your faith community cares about you and supports you.

Marmion

Do you know a young man interested in the monastic life? Or are you that man looking for a life of prayer and devotion to God? Come and see at Marmion Abbey! Marmion is hosting young men interested in the monastic life for an immersion experience. The first opportunity is March 14th to the 20th and then again from June 24th to July 1st. RSVP the abbey vocation director, Father Theodore, a week before either set of dates at thaggerty@marmion.org

Respect Life

Join us Friday, March 4, 2022

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on March 4, 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-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.

Bishop Hick's Column

February 2022

Kindness:

The antidote to a cold heart.

February can be one of the coldest months of the year. While we may differ on our preference between cold or hot weather, I think we can all agree no one wants a cold heart. St. Catherine of Siena reminds us that, "The human heart is always drawn by love." However, without attending to our relationship to Jesus, it is all too easy for our hearts to turn cold or even lukewarm. In a homily by Pope Francis given in 2016, the Holy Father exhorted, "A lukewarm heart becomes self-absorbed in lazy living and it stifles the fire of love."

So, how do we keep our hearts from turning cold or lukewarm until the spring comes? In other words, how do we keep our hearts on fire with our love for God and neighbor? While there are many possible ways to accomplish that, let me suggest one yet profound way: namely, the practice of kindness.

Recently in our Blanchette Catholic Center, one of our employees was asked what she wanted for her birthday. She replied with one word, "Kindness." Why did she ask for the gift of kindness? I think it is because she has been inundated with what so many of us have been experiencing, specifically a growing amount of rudeness, anger and unforgiving spirit in an increasingly polarized world. Anyone who works specifically in customer service, or just with "people" in general, reports a rise in angry outbursts, both verbally and physically.

While we all want others to be more kind to us, we all also need to work on how to be more kind to others. To do

this, a few years ago, someone introduced me to the "FIVE" rule. If you are ever provoked to respond to someone in an unkind way, ask yourself, "Before any nasty words leave my mouth, how will I feel about what I am about to say in the next five seconds? In five minutes? In five hours? In five days? And in five years? It is possible that we might feel better in the next five seconds, five minutes or even five hours. However, it is always good to take a wider perspective and ask, "Is what I am about to say something I will be proud of or regret in the next five days or five years?"

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us an example of what it looks like to be grounded in kindness. In the times that he is dismissed, criticized, opposed, jeered, mocked, and even tortured physically, he responds with a cumulative and resounding, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." As we lean into Jesus, our daily prayer lives help to connect to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we appeal to his love and mercy.

We may be tempted to reject this movement toward kindness because it may be interpreted as a sign of weakness. We might think, "Fine, I am willing to be kinder to others. But that will not help change the rude and angry behaviors of so many other people out there!" However, never forget that kindness is wonderfully infectious. As St. Augustine wrote, "One loving heart sets another on fire." In other words, when we speak and act with kindness, it can spread and multiply in others.

At the Diocese of Joliet, we model and multiply the kindness that Jesus displayed in his life and his works in our ministries. Our Catholic schools teach kindness when students are instructed in Catholic social teaching as part of the regu-

lar curriculum. Our Catholic Charities teaches kindness when providing a room for the homeless at Daybreak Shelter or delivering food to the needy through its mobile food pantry. Our adult formation program teaches kindness when accompanying individuals through a study of the Gospels. And our vocations program teaches kindness when helping young men and women discover the fullness of a life devoted to the Lord.

The need for kindness is why the theme for our 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is "Devoted to the Works of the Lord." It is through the kindness found woven throughout our works dedicated to God that we find peace and salvation. I encourage you to learn more about our ministries and how you can multiply the kindness of our works through the CMAA by going to the following website: www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

I hope you agree that none of us wants to have cold or lukewarm hearts. We long for hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. As we wait for the spring, might we consider to be the change we want to see in the world by practicing kindness frequently. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."



Youth Ministry News

LIGHT for High School teens (Grades 9-12)

LIGHT Mini-Course **ONLINE SIGN-UP** for Term #2 and #3 is now taking place!

Term #2 sign-up deadline is Feb. 21st

Term #3 sign-up deadline is Apr. 4th

Information and Online Sign-up can be found here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Confirmation Letters of Intent for High School Teens ready to enter the immediate preparation for the sacrament are DUE by February 28th to the Faith Formation Office. Get the details here: <https://olmercy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Confirmation-Letter-of-Intent-Packet.pdf>

Mission Trip 2022! We are now taking high school teens and current 8th graders for our trip to Maumee, Ohio this coming July. Get the information and sign-up online here: <https://forms.gle/KF3APvkteQJffg4M9>

Sign-up for Service and Discipleship opportunities for teens here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/service-discipleship-projects/> Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our LIGHT webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

EDGE for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

The next **EDGE Night** is our **Mardi Gras Party** (for EDGE students) on **Monday, February 28th** from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the PLC. Join us for a great night of fun with DJ John Werle, socializing, food and prayer service to get ready for Lent. Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

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All Saints Catholic Academy

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open to families new to All Saints from our supporting parishes. We welcome your preschool through grade 8 student to join our All Saints school community this fall. You are welcome to contact the school at (630) 961-6125 if you have additional questions or would like to discuss your prospective student in more detail.

Around the Parish

St Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

March 19 & 20 the STVP truck will be in the parking lot and donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon. Donation bags are on the desk in the lobby of the PLC.

KofC Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, March 6th from 8:00 am to Noon in the gym. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$5.00/ Children 10 and under \$3.00/Children under 3 there is no charge. Dine in the MPR or take out is available. The menu is pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

Girl Scout Cookies

The weekend of February 26 & 27 students from All Saints Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies after all masses in the lobby of the PLC.

Salt & Light

Experience transformation and intentional community; sign up for Salt and Light Grow Group. In the company of friends, Grow Groups provide a place of deep transformation where people can be known, loved, and cared for as they strive to deepen their friendship with Jesus and one another. Experience transformation and intentional community; sign up for Salt and Light Grow Group. Meets Wednesdays 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

For more information, connect with Bob Maxwell our Salt and Light Grow Group Leader at 630-962-8464 or bmaxwell@deltadentalil.com.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	913,849
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	900,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	13,849
01/30/22 Sunday Collection	\$	26,126
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(3,874)
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
December, 2021	\$	610,239
January, 2022	\$	598,885

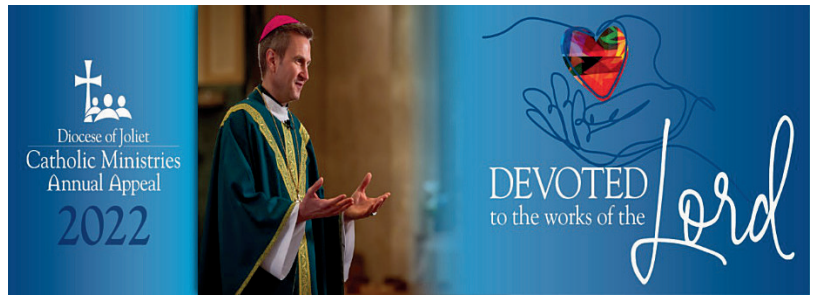
Important Notice

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

Pastor Fr. Don McLaughlin
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