



OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 20, 2022

Repent

LENT WEEK 3
"Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand."
Matthew 4:17

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



It's that time of Lent again! The Scrutinies! What are they? The scrutinies are part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). At the beginning of Lent, catechumens are elected by the bishop for the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. These Elect, as they are now called, begin their final period of "purification and enlightenment" before Easter. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate these special rites for them. At OLM, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our elect at the 10:00am Mass on March 20, March 27, and April 3.

The scrutinies are meant to help the Elect in two ways: First, the Elect are reminded that they are sinners (as we all are) — but that is not a cause for despair or discouragement. The reality that we celebrate at the Triduum is that we have salvation in Christ. By knowing the truth about ourselves we come to know our need for God — and thirst more and more for life-giving waters. Second, the scrutinies are meant to help heal what is sinful and strengthen what is good in the Elect. Part of the scrutinies is a prayer for freedom and protection from the effects of sin and from any influence of the devil — what we call a "minor exorcism." That may sound a little scary or conjure up some bad Hollywood images, but no one is saying that the Elect are possessed! Rather, for the Elect, this final season of preparation can be a time of fatigue and temptation. They need our prayers. The scrutinies, then, are a way for us — the Church — to help support the Elect on this final leg of their journey to the font and table.

The readings from Cycle A of the Lectionary are used when the scrutinies are celebrated because the Gospel selections for those days have been traditionally associated with baptism: the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. By recounting these stories, we not only help the Elect understand where they are going — we remind ourselves of where we've come from. We are reminded that in baptism we are given to drink of life-giving waters, we are given new eyes of faith, and we are given new life. We are reminded that Christ is the living water, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life. The special Mass prayers used on these days reinforce those powerful images.

As we observe these Sundays of Lent, let us keep our Elect — and our candidates (those to be received in the Church during the Easter Season) — in prayer. Let us remember, too, the truth of the scrutinies: We are all sinners in need of healing and forgiveness; we all need the salvation offered by Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed Lent!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Julita Torres, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Josefa Garcia, by Family
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Christine Holbrook, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Gary Lee Kesserling, by Georgetta, Sharon & Keith
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, March 23 - St Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Dorothy O'Reilly, by Donald O'Reilly
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, March 24 - St Oscar Romero, Bishop

- 6:30 am † Lilia Bower, by The Masangcay Family
- 8:00 am † Alice Toschak, Phyllis Anderson
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 am † Jeanne Palcu, by Carolyn Kerkla
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am † Dionicia Reyrao, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family
† Eloisa Gatchalian, by Family

Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Paulus Chua, by Muliando Chua
- 10:00 am † Daniel Guzman, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Angelita Paran, by Family



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. Imelda Brink |
| 3. Stuart Sirota | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Char & Bob Loizzi | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. George Durante |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Bernice Tokarski |
| 7. Good Health for Fr Don | 15. Joseph F. Kubicki |
| 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

March 26 & 27

Father Don will preach at 4p Mass. Father James will preach at 8a/12p/5:30p Masses. Deacon Tom will preach at 10a Mass.		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tiongson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tom Logue
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Bugsy Sindac (A)
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio Doug McIlvaine (A)



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.

Joseph Allaire
David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
Bridget Garry
Brielle Hearty
Connie Hegg
Jim Hegg
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Eric Hoerdemann
Antoinette Humanski
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph
Rick Kirchoff
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
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
 Nicholas 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
 PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



¡Es ese tiempo de Cuaresma otra vez! ¡Los escrutinios! ¿Qué son? Los escrutinios son parte de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OCIA). Al comienzo de la Cuaresma, los catecúmenos son elegidos por el obispo para los sacramentos Pascuales del bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía. Estos Elegidos, como se les llama ahora, co-

mienzan su período final de “purificación e iluminación” antes de la Pascua. En el tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma celebramos estos ritos especiales para ellos. En OLM, celebraremos los Escrutinios con nuestros elegidos en la Misa de las 10:00 a.m. del 20 de marzo, 27 de marzo y 3 de abril.

Los escrutinios están destinados a ayudar a los Elegidos de dos maneras:

Primero, a los Elegidos se les recuerda que son pecadores (como todos lo somos), pero eso no es motivo de desesperación o desánimo. La realidad que celebramos en el Triduo es que tenemos salvación en Cristo. Al conocer la verdad sobre nosotros mismos, llegamos a conocer nuestra necesidad de Dios, y tenemos cada vez más sed de las aguas que dan vida.

Segundo, los escrutinios están destinados a ayudar a sanar lo que es pecaminoso y fortalecer lo que es bueno en los Elegidos. Parte de los escrutinios es una oración por la libertad y la protección de los efectos del pecado y de cualquier influencia del diablo, lo que llamamos un “exorcismo menor”. Eso puede sonar un poco aterrador o evocar algunas malas imágenes de Hollywood, ¡pero nadie está diciendo que los Elegidos están poseídos! Más bien, para los Elegidos, esta temporada final de preparación puede ser un tiempo de fatiga y tentación. Ellos necesitan nuestras oraciones. Los escrutinios, entonces, son una forma para nosotros, la Iglesia, de ayudar y apoyar a los Elegidos en este tramo final de su jornada hacia la fuente y la mesa.

Las lecturas del Ciclo A del Leccionario se utilizan cuando se celebran los escrutinios porque las selecciones del Evangelio de esos días se han asociado tradicionalmente con el bautismo: la mujer Samaritana junto al pozo, la curación del ciego de nacimiento y la resurrección de Lázaro. Al contar estas historias, no solo ayudamos a los Elegidos a comprender hacia dónde se dirigen, sino que nos recordamos a nosotros mismos de dónde venimos. Se nos recuerda que en el bautismo se nos da a beber de aguas vivificantes, se nos dan nuevos ojos de fe y se nos da nueva vida. Se nos recuerda que Cristo es el agua viva, la luz del mundo, la resurrección y la vida. Las oraciones especiales de la Misa que se usan en estos días refuerzan esas poderosas imágenes.

Mientras observamos estos domingos de Cuaresma, mantengamos a nuestros Elegidos, y a nuestros candidatos (aquellos que serán recibidos en la Iglesia durante la Temporada de Pascua), en oración. Recordemos también la verdad de los escrutinios: Todos somos pecadores necesitados de sanación y de perdón; todos necesitamos la salvación ofrecida por Cristo Jesús.

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Cuaresma!

Padre Bob



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ex 3, 1-8a. 13-15; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8 y 11; 1 Cor 10, 1-6. 10-12; Lc 13, 1-9
Lunes	2 Rey 5, 1-15; Sal 41, 2, 3; Sal 42, 3. 4; Lc 4, 24-30
Martes	Dn 3, 25. 34-43; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; Mt 18, 21-35
Miércoles	Dt 4, 1. 5-9; Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20; Mt 5, 17-19
Jueves	Jer 7, 23-28; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 11, 14-23
Viernes	Is 7, 10-14; Sal 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11; Heb 10, 4-10; Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado	Os 6, 1-6; Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab; Lc 18, 9-14
Domingo	Jos 5, 9a. 10-12; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; 2 Cor 5, 17-21; Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

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

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate *the ground around it*. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

STUDY Learn about the Synod on Synodality: www.usccb.org/synod. Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.

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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 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 in the community. The next in-person gathering is Monday, March 21 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The topic for discussion will be "Discovering Joy through Fasting during Lent". 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 olmo-penhearts@yahoo.com.

Eat Healthier during March

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The month of March is an opportunity for everyone to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. The theme this year is "Celebrate a World of Flavors" inviting people to learn more about their own food cultures as well as global cultures and cuisines. It is pos-

sible to plan meals that are nutritious, well-balanced and bursting with flavor.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics provides food, nutrition and health tips from an Eat Right with MyPlate handout using recommendations from the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables: focus on whole fruits. Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables: vary your veggies and add fresh, frozen or canned vegetables to salads, sides and main dishes. Choose a variety of colorful veggies prepared in healthful ways – steamed, sautéed, roasted or raw. Make half your grains whole grains. Look for whole grains listed first on the ingredients list – try oatmeal, popcorn, teff, quinoa, millet, bulgur, brown rice or breads, crackers and noodles made with whole-grain flours.

Vary your protein routine by including seafood, beans, peas and lentils, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs and lean meats and poultry. Try meatless meals made with beans and have fish or seafood twice a week. Choose foods and beverages with less added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Use the Nutrition Facts Label and ingredients list to limit items high in saturated fat, sodium and added sugars. Choose vegetable oils instead of butter and oil-based sauces and dips instead of ones with butter, cream or cheese. Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Move to low-fat or fat-free dairy milk or yogurt.

For a referral to a registered dietitian nutritionist and for additional food and nutrition information, visit www.eatright.org. More healthy tips are at www.kidseatright.org or www.myplate.org. Eating healthy will make a difference in your health, energy, and way you live!

Community Resources Guide

If you are looking for free or reduced cost resources for food, housing, transportation, care (medical, mental health, vision or dental), education, legal assistance, work or financial assistance – go to the AMITA Health Community Resources guide at www.amitahealth.org/for-patients-and-visitors/community-resources. Put in the zip code of the area that you are interested in and numerous resources will appear.

Holy Communion to the Homebound/Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is 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 jolene@olmercy.com. If care is needed during the weekend in an emergency situation, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency phone line and talk with the priest on call. God bless and keep you in His care!

Respect Life

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT!!! Join us for a free movie showing of UNPLANNED on March 25 at 6 PM in Room 208/PLC. Cameron Johnson from Students for Life will be available to answer questions before and after the movie.

Unplanned is the true story of Abby Johnson, former Director of Planned Parenthood, and how she found her way home in the prolife movement. This movie gives us the insider's perspective of the abortion industry and how love and prayer can bring about conversion. Enjoy the Friday Family Feast and have a movie and dinner night with our OLM family.



Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2022

Lenten Madness



In 1908, the Illinois High School Association sponsored a small invitational basketball tournament that quickly grew to a statewide event due to its popularity. As years went on, this tournament consistently sold out the University of Illinois gymnasium in Urbana-Champaign and was commonly referred to as "March Madness." This term of endearment is also used to promote the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament.

The word "madness" has many connotations and definitions. In this case, "madness" refers to the fervor, passion and enthusiasm that accompanies the tournament. Using that definition, let's imagine what it would be like if we were to approach the 40 days before Easter as "Lenten Madness." Just think of a fervent, passionate and enthusiastic Lent.

We have become accustomed during "March Madness" to see and read feature stories about Sister Jean, BVM. She is the legendary chaplain of the Loyola Ramblers men's basketball team. Even though she loves the sport of basketball and supporting her team, never doubt her true passion. Anyone who knows her, knows that her deepest love is being a servant of God and devoting her life to helping others.

On February 24, our Holy Father released a beautiful message for Lent 2022. I invite you to read and reflect on the pope's powerful words as a way of preparing for this holy season: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis reflects on St. Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." (Gal: 6:9-10) You can almost hear St. Paul delivering those words of encouragement to the Galatians, like a basketball coach animating his or

her team during halftime. Basically, St. Paul is inspiring those followers of Christ to not lose heart, to not grow weary or apathetic. Instead, they should be on fire for all the ways they can do good in the name of the Lord. Go out there and give it your all!

The messages of St. Paul and the Holy Father on perseverance and persistence are so relevant to keeping the flame of faith and salvation alive in the minds, hearts and souls of Christ's followers. In this time of extended pandemic and constant bad-news cycles, we are in need of God's burning love, mercy, compassion, healing, hope, joy and peace more than ever. We are encouraged not only to personally embrace this relationship with the Lord, but also to share it with others with our words, attitudes and actions.

The pope also reminds us that if we do not give up, if we stay in the game, then victory is ours. That victory certainly looks different from winning the NCAA tournament. As missionary disciples, our victory is sharing in the life and salvation that was won through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The Holy Father reminds us to never take our eyes off the prize. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others. By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake, and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be 'all in all.'" (Pope Francis, *Lenten Message 2022, Section 3*)

Lent is a time that we are invited to grow closer to the Lord with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving. It is all too easy to approach this sacred time with a status quo mentality or lackluster energy. We might say, "I will give up this" or "I will do that." But then we may neglect to back it up with the needed fervor, passion and enthusiasm. This year, however, I invite you, within the life of the Church, to get off the bench and back into the game. Let's strive to make this a time of renewal and conversion that leads us deeper into our love of God and neighbor. In other words, let's make this blessed season a time of "Lenten Madness." †

Fish Fry

ALL ARE WELCOME

March 25 & April 1

5:30 to 8:00 pm

Jumbo Shrimp - 6 pieces \$12

Cod - Baked or Fried \$11

Salmon - 6 oz \$12

All plates include coleslaw, tator-tots, dinner roll, chocolate brownie and soda or water.

Tickets can be purchased the weekend before in the lobby of the P.L.C. or Parish Office.



Lenten Regulations

- 14 years and older is bound to abstain from meat on Fridays.
- 18 – 60 years old are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Fridays one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, needed to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- During Lent the faithful should draw closer to God through penance, prayer and almsgiving.
- Those who are sick, pregnant or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, are not bound by these norms.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Parish Mission	Friday, March 18	6:30 pm
	Saturday, March 19	9:00 am
Stations of the Cross	Fridays March 18 & 25 April 1 & 8	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Tuesdays Saturdays April 5	7:00 pm 9:00 am & 1:30 pm 7:00 pm Until All Heard

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	April 14	
	Morning Prayer	8:00 am
	The Lord's Supper	7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 15	
	Morning Prayer	8:00 am
	Stations of the Cross	12:00 pm
	The Lord's Passion	3:00 pm
	Living Stations	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday	April 16	
	Morning Prayer	8:00 am
	Blessing of 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 MPR	10:00 am & 12:00 pm
	Live Streamed & Communion in Parking Lot	12:00 pm

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,025,896
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,020,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	5,896
02/27/22 Sunday Collection	\$	27,434
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(2,566)
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.		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
<i>Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.</i>		

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
January, 2022	\$	598,885
February, 2022	\$	537,667

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.



Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$152,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

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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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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