



# OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 27, 2022

# Reconcile

LENT WEEK 4  
We implore you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God  
2 Corinthians 5:20

## From The Pastor's Desk...

**Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!**



As a parish family, during Lent we support and pray for those who are to be baptized, confirmed, and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. As I explained in my article last Sunday, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of Lent they participate in a liturgical rite called the Scrutinies. We celebrate these rites at the 10:00am Mass and use the A cycle readings. If you are not at the 10:00am Mass, you hear the readings of the cycle we are currently in, which is the C cycle. To support our Elect in their final preparation to receive the Easter Sacraments, I share with you a few reflections about the A cycle readings for the 10:00am Scrutiny Mass. In the story of the man born blind, we see a number of people reacting negatively to a miracle of healing. Today many people have laser eye surgery to correct vision and reverse conditions such as cataracts and glaucoma. It's become quite commonplace, but we rarely regard these medical advances as miracles. Visual sight is a powerful metaphor for our attitudes toward the world around us and the people who come into our lives every day. Although our medical technology is far advanced from the time of Jesus, our spiritual blindness hasn't always changed.

In the Gospel, few people recognize the healing that's at the center of the story. Jesus heals because life and healing are in his very nature. The man who is healed moves from physical to spiritual sight. But nearly everyone else misses the point. The disciples are puzzling over the sin that must be at the heart of the man's blindness. The religious leaders see only a threat to their power and status quo. Even the man's parents prefer to disown their son rather than risk trouble with the authorities. We might wonder why no one sees what Jesus is doing. But our own reactions to the wonders of God's world can be similarly obscured. Our faith calls us to learn to see the wholeness that God sees. We can get so caught up in our own priorities, our anxieties, and our various ideologies that we miss the wonder of the word around us. Spend today consciously look for signs of God's love and mercy in the people you meet, in the natural world, and, yes, even in the daily news. Goodness is there if we open our eyes to it.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you for your prayers for my health and a special thanks to all who have sent cards and prayer enrollments. The love, care, and support I feel from my OLM parish family strengthens me. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> I had a whole body bone scan and the results showed no cancer in my bones. Thank God! At present, my oncologist feels it is not necessary to start treatment. I next meet with the oncologist on June 23<sup>rd</sup> after at CT Scan on June 20<sup>th</sup> to compare to the previous CT I had in January. The results of that visit may or may not require the start of treatment. I will eventually have immunotherapy to treat the kidney cancer that spread to my lungs. Your continued prayers are appreciated!

Have a Blessed Lent!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 28 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Jaclyn Peterson, by Judy Zeno  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Juan Carlos, by Sister - Veronica  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Mary Trapani, Shirley Staples  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 6:30 pm † Bruce Fichte, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday

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

### Thursday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am † Joy Rinon, by Shirley Staples
- 8:00 am † Bob Humanski, by Toni Humanski  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Ron Stone, by Bonnie Ramirez  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Raymond Dombrowski, by Mark Dombrowski

### Saturday, April 2 - St Francis of Paola, Hermit

- 8:30 am Int Josefa Garcia, by Veronica  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
† Armando Torres, By Family  
† Ken Jachim, By Family

### Sunday, April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Rufina & Fabian Lanuza by Family
- 10:00 am † William P Straughn, by The Fisher Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Rick LoGalbo, by Jude & Susan Zwick
- 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. Tommy Peters               |
| 2. The Sick                     | 10. Ann Borberg               |
| 3. Birthday Blessing for Gracie | 11. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 4. Holden Wright & Family       | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family          | 13. Andrew Toschak            |
| 6. HFQ                          | 14. Sister M Concetta SSC     |
| 7. Birthday Blessings for Maria | 15. Imelda Brink              |
| 8. Betty Szott                  | 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

**April 2 & 3**

**Fr. Don will preach at 8/12/5:30 Masses.  
Dcn. Tom will preach at the 10 am Mass.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Bishop Hicks Dcn Tom Logue
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tom Logue
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	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.**

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 Kirchhoff  
Michael Kuchinski  
Patricia Kramer Daugherty

Maria Luna  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Holly Masters  
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!*



Como familia parroquial, durante la Cuaresma apoyamos y oramos por aquellos que serán bautizados, confirmados y recibirán la Eucaristía en la Vigilia Pascual. Como expliqué en mi artículo del domingo pasado, el 3<sup>er</sup>, 4<sup>to</sup>, and 5<sup>to</sup> domingo de Cuaresma ellos participan en un rito litúrgico llamado los Escrutinios.

Celebramos estos ritos en la Misa de las 10:00 a.m. y usamos las lecturas del ciclo A. Si no estás en la Misa de las 10:00 a. m., escucharás las lecturas del ciclo en el que nos encontramos actualmente, que es el ciclo C. Para apoyar a nuestros Elegidos en su preparación final para recibir los Sacramentos de la Pascua, comparto con ustedes algunas reflexiones sobre las lecturas del ciclo A para la Misa de Escrutinio de las 10:00 a.m. En la historia del ciego de nacimiento, vemos a varias personas reaccionar negativamente a un milagro de curación. Hoy en día, muchas personas se someten a una cirugía ocular con láser para corregir la visión y revertir afecciones como las cataratas y el glaucoma. Se ha vuelto bastante común, pero rara vez consideramos estos avances médicos como milagros. La vista visual es una poderosa metáfora de nuestras actitudes hacia el mundo que nos rodea y las personas que entran en nuestras vidas todos los días. Aunque nuestra tecnología médica está muy avanzada desde la época de Jesús, nuestra ceguera espiritual no siempre ha cambiado.

En el Evangelio, pocas personas reconocen la curación que está en el centro de la historia. Jesús sana porque la vida y la curación están en su misma naturaleza. El hombre que es sanado pasa de la vista física a la espiritual. Pero casi todos los demás pierden el punto. Los discípulos están desconcertados sobre el pecado que debe estar en el corazón de la ceguera del hombre. Los líderes religiosos solo ven una amenaza a su poder y status quo. Incluso los padres del hombre prefieren repudiar a su hijo antes que arriesgarse a tener problemas con las autoridades. Podríamos preguntarnos por qué nadie ve lo que Jesús está haciendo. Pero nuestras propias reacciones a las maravillas del mundo de Dios pueden oscurecerse de manera similar. Nuestra fe nos llama a aprender a ver la totalidad que Dios ve. Podemos quedar tan atrapados en nuestras propias prioridades, nuestras ansiedades y nuestras diversas ideologías que perdemos la maravilla de la palabra que nos rodea. Dedicuen hoy conscientemente a buscar signos del amor y la misericordia de Dios en las personas que encuentres, en el mundo natural y, sí, incluso en las noticias diarias. La bondad está ahí si abrimos los ojos a ella.

Me gustaría extender mi agradecimiento a todos ustedes por sus oraciones por mi salud y un agradecimiento especial a todos los que enviaron tarjetas e inscripciones de oración. El amor, el cuidado y el apoyo que siento de mi familia parroquial de OLM me fortalecen. El 3 de marzo tuve un escaneo óseo de todo el cuerpo y los resultados no mostraron cáncer en mis huesos. ¡Gracias a Dios! Actualmente, mi oncólogo considera que no es necesario iniciar el tratamiento. La próxima vez que me reúno con el oncólogo es el 23 de junio después de una tomografía computarizada el 20 de junio para comparar con la tomografía computarizada anterior que tuve en enero. Los resultados de esa visita pueden o no requerir el inicio del tratamiento. Eventualmente recibiré inmunoterapia para tratar el cáncer de riñón que se extendió a mis pulmones. ¡Sus oraciones continuas son apreciadas!

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Cuaresma!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Jos 5, 9a. 10-12; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; 2 Cor 5, 17-21; Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32
<b>Lunes</b>	Is 65. 17-21; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12a y 13b; Jn 4, 43-54
<b>Martes</b>	Ez 47, 1-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 5, 1-16
<b>Miércoles</b>	Is 49, 8-15; Sal 144, 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18; Jn 5, 17-30
<b>Jueves</b>	Ex 32, 7-14; Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23; Jn 5, 31-47
<b>Viernes</b>	Sab 2, 1. 12-22; Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23; Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30
<b>Sábado</b>	Jer 11, 18-20; Sal 7, 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12; Jn 7, 40-53
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 43, 16-21; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Fil 3, 8-14; Jn 8, 1-11



March 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: “Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**

Bishop of Joliet

## Pastoral Care

### **St. Peregrine Prayer Service and Ministry**

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, April 19 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN 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.

After the prayer service, there will be an opportunity to be together to provide support and share resources in the Ministry Room. It is important to know that you are not alone in your journey of faith as you experience illness or are the caregiver for someone. The St. Peregrine Ministry is planning to visit Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Parish and the National Shrine of St. Peregrine on the west side of Chicago during the month of May as the feast day for St. Peregrine is May 4. If you would like to receive information about the St. Peregrine Ministry, provide your email to Jolene at [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com).

### **Grief Support for the Widowed**

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, there is a program designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique workshop is **Joyful Again!** It is a retreat/workshop for widowed men and women (of all ages) who are trying to find hope and new joy in life. The retreat/workshop will be held at St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park IL on June 25 and 26, 2022. For further information, call 708-354-7211; e-mail at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com); check the website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). With the support and care of others, you can experience joy in your life again!

### **Be Kind to Your Kidneys**

March is *National Kidney Month*. It is an opportunity to learn what your kidneys do for you and how to take better care of your kidneys. The National Kidney Foundation shares the following facts: 1 in 3 American adults is at risk for kidney disease. 37 million American adults have kidney disease and most don’t know it. 100,000 people are on the kidney transplant list.



Take the time to get to know your hard-working kidneys. Kidneys are about the size of an adult fist, located on either side of the spine just below the rib cage. Kidneys are small but mighty. They perform many complex and vital functions that keep the body in balance. Ways that the kidneys keep you healthy are: regulates fluid levels; activates vitamin D for healthy bones; filters wastes from the blood; directs production of red blood cells; regulates blood pressure; and keeps blood minerals in balance.

Symptoms that may be signs of kidney disease are swelling in the face, hands, abdomen, ankles or feet; blood in the urine or foamy urine; puffy eyes; difficult or painful urination, increased thirst or fatigue. If you have any of these symptoms or other

concerns about kidney function contact your health care professional for evaluation.

There are ways to keep your kidneys healthy. The following list is from an article on webmd.com that you can read for additional information: Don’t overdo certain medications such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen and naproxen and proton pump inhibitors. Take care with antibiotics – using them too often can damage kidneys. Talk with your physician before taking herbal supplements. Eat healthy. Watch salt intake. Drink enough water. Exercise. Get screened. Be careful with alcohol. Quit smoking. Manage health problems. Being kind to your kidneys will help to keep you healthy in many ways.

### **Holy Communion to the Homebound/Pastoral Care**

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to illness, decreased mobility 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](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com).

If care is needed in an emergency situation after office hours, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency phone line and talk with the priest on call. God bless you and keep you in His care!

## Our Lady of Mercy is Hiring!!

Job Title: Administrative Assistant for Family Faith Formation, Pre-K- Grade 12

### **Support Building Our Parish Family Evangelization & Catechesis Community**

Does the idea of placing your administrative skills at the service of growing the Catholic faith life of families bring you joy? We are seeking candidates who possess a positive team spirit, are comfortable taking initiative, and demonstrate strong interpersonal skills. The position is 37.5 Hours/Week, benefited position with some evening and weekend hours expected. Being fluent in Spanish and English is desired.

**Required:** Knowledge of Microsoft Office, basic accounting, record keeping, coordination of Volunteers and Tracking Safe Environment requirements and comfortable learning technology platforms.

Interested candidates may send a cover letter and resume to Mary Jo Trapani at [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com).

**Respect Life** You too can experience God work as we peacefully pray at the 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil. The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Friday, Aurora on April 1, 2022. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 7 pm to change hearts and save lives. Be part of this worldwide prayer campaign. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 236-3310. To learn more about 40 Days for Life , go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/aurora/>



Waterleaf Women's Center is a non-profit organization serving the needs of women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy. The mission of Waterleaf Women's Center is to be the chosen destination for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence by addressing their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs and equipping them to make healthy life-affirming decisions. Due to its continued growth, Waterleaf currently has openings for two Leadership Team positions: Director – Marketing and Director – Patient/Client Services. If you are interested in being a part of Waterleaf's mission, a description of these positions may be found on Indeed.com or by emailing your interest and resume to [barbara@barbarawichman.com](mailto:barbara@barbarawichman.com).

### The Lily

*According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden. The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame and has humbly remained so ever since.*

If you'd like to dedicate one of the Easter flowers which will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please visit [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click on "Give" and log into Online Giving and choose "Flowers". If you wish to memorialize your loved ones you can add their name(s) in the Comments section. You can also find Flower Offering Envelopes in the Narthex. The recommended donation is \$10 for each memorial. Memorials donated between March 13 and April 3 will appear in a future bulletin.

### Are you an angel with a Band-Aid?



Holy Angels School is looking for a registered nurse for the 2022-23 school year. To succeed in this role, there is no need to have a magic wand, crystal ball or all the answers, but you do need to have the time and love to give to provide health services to students when they are at school; treat injuries and mild sicknesses; and support students with chronic illness. If you meet these requirements, and you also have a genuine interest in improving children's lives, please contact Tonya Forbes 630-897-3613 or [tforbes@holyschool.net](mailto:tforbes@holyschool.net).

## Justice & Peace

### OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

The Catholic social teaching principle, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) encourages us to imitate Christ's love for the poor by working to create a society where the needs of the poor are always considered first.

The Church teaches that “those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere .” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no . 2448)

In the Gospel of Matthew (25:31–46), Jesus describes in the last judgment, how we will be judged based on how we treat the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. In our neighborhoods, our nation, in our world there are people, many who are children, who go to bed hungry, lack clean water, healthcare, safe housing, education. We are invited to be a part of a long tradition in the church that continues to live out a love for the poor through works of mercy. Mahatma Gandhi said: “To the millions who have to go without two meals a day, the only acceptable form in which God dare appear is food.”

Become more personally aware and act - in small steps- to make a difference in the lives of those who hunger, realizing that there are many forms of hunger in our world today. Here are suggestions for living this theme of Catholic Social Teaching.

- Visit these websites to learn more about the hunger crisis in our world: [bread.org](http://bread.org) and [feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org).
- Donate food to a food pantry.
- Donate food or cash to PADS at Hesed House - OLM has a day each month when we are responsible for the meals.
- Support clothing drives sponsored by SVDP at OLM three times a year.
- Fast an extra day during Lent and donate the cost of a meal to Rice Bowl this Lent (sponsored by Catholic Relief Services).
- Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, Habitat For Humanity or donate to an organization that helps feed, clothe or, provide shelter for those in need.

## Around the Parish

### **OLM Community Garden**

The Justice & Peace Ministry is planning a community garden at Our Lady of Mercy. With the knowledgeable assistance of Laudato Sí Ministry at the Diocese of Joliet we will erect garden beds, plant vegetables and share the produce with local organizations like Hesed House and local food pantries - Aurora Interfaith Pantry, Marie Wilkinson Pantry, etc. Individuals, families and parish groups/ministries are welcome to participate. Do you enjoy gardening; are you interested in building; do you enjoy watering and/or weeding? There will be a need for your time and talent. If you are interested, please contact Ida at [idamphillips@gmail.com](mailto:idamphillips@gmail.com) or 630-605-6038 or Chris at [chrisharveyne@gmail.com](mailto:chrisharveyne@gmail.com) or 630-561-9722. We will be forming a committee to organize and care for the community garden. Let us know if you can help. Do you have experience? topsoil? Other materials or related skills? Let us know. Thank you

### **Save the Date**

Celebrate Earth Day 2022 with a Green Fair on Saturday April 23, 2022 from 9 am to 3 pm. Lots of organizations, displays, important information on how to be a greener household, community, world and more. Details to follow. Tell your friends and neighbors.

### **Friday Family Feast is Back!**

Friday, April 1st from 5:30pm to 8pm with the following choices Jumbo Shrimp (6 pieces) \$12, Cod (choice of baked or fried) \$11, or Salmon \$12. All plates include coleslaw, tator-tots, dinner roll, chocolate brownie and beverage (soda or water). Ticket sales will be held the weekend of March 26 & 27 after all masses and in the Parish Office during the week of March 28-April 1. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

### **Youth Alpha**

Any high school teen who is interested in learning more about Christianity is welcome to attend! Alpha gives teens the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once a week for 9 weeks, sometimes in a church, a home, or a restaurant. Sessions begin with food, followed by a short video/talk, and time to discuss the topic. Our Spring Session will begin April 3rd, so please **go to our Youth Alpha page** to get all the details and then sign-up if you would like to attend. Please note this session of Alpha is for High School age teens. Please contact Dave if you have questions at [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com).



## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,071,058
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,050,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>21,058</b>
03/06/22 Sunday Collection	\$	45,162
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>15,162</b>

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.

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

*Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.*

## Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
January, 2021	\$	<b>598,885</b>
February, 2022	\$	<b>537,667</b>

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.olmercy.com). Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

### Sick and Homebound

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

### Hospitalization

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

### Baptisms

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

### Weddings

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

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