

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2022

Accept

LENT WEEK 5

For his sake I have accepted the loss
of all things... that I may gain Christ

Phil 3:8

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Bishop Hicks has re-instated the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person effective April 10 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

Catholics in the Diocese of Joliet received, from the bishop, a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person during the COVID pandemic. Now that the State has removed the mask mandate, bishop feels it is time to remove the dispensation. Those with underlying health concerns, those who are ill and not feeling well, those with compromised immunity may use their conscience on deciding to attend Mass in person. We will continue to livestream the Sunday 10:00am Mass and our weekday Masses. **Easter Sunday will be the last Sunday that communion will be distributed in the parking lot.**

Those who are ill or infirmed who wish to receive communion, please contact our Pastoral Care Coordinator Jolene LeRoy, RN and she will arrange a trained Eucharist Minister to the homebound to bring you communion at home. We look forward to seeing and celebrating the Mass with all who are able to attend.

Now that four months have passed since we made our new year's resolutions, some of us can look back and lament our weaknesses. We try, we fail and sometimes we prevail. We may console ourselves by shrugging, "We're only human," as others condemn us with their eyes. We may feel shame because we are all the woman brought before Jesus in today's gospel story. But no matter how many times or how hard we fall, Jesus says to us the words that close today's Gospel reading: "Neither do I condemn you." And in that hope, we can claim our salvation and walk in his grace.

Have a blessed final week of Lent!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 4 - St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 am † Abramo Lucchesi, by Ida Phillips
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Ashley Marie Sanchez, by Jolene LeRoy
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, April 5 - St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:00 am † Larry Craven, by Family & Friends
(Live Streamed)

6:30 pm † Joy Rinon, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

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

Wednesday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Robert Kranz, by Warren & Anne Boley
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, April 7 - St John Baptist, Priest

6:30 am Int Paula Staub, by Matthew & Mary

8:00 am † Irene Perosky, by Herb Guarascio
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Rozando Aguilar, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Int Miroslava Manzaneras, by Family
(Live Streamed)

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - Palm Sunday**

The People of Our Lady of Mercy
† James M Ray & James M Ray, Jr
By Helean M Ray

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
Int Sibin & Gail Marattil, by Family

10:00 am † Michael Piatek, by D'Alessio Family
(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Samantha Campion, by Family

5:30 pm † N.A. Philip 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. Charles E Thompson |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Betty Szott |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Peace |
| 7. George Durante | 15. The People of Ukraine |
| 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

April 9 & 10

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

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

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
Theresa 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
PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy
LT Daniel Moran, US Army

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



El obispo Hicks ha restablecido la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical en persona a partir del 10 de abril, Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor.

Los católicos de la Diócesis de Joliet recibieron del obispo una dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical en persona durante la pandemia del COVID. Ahora que el Estado ha eliminado el mandato de la máscara, el obispo siente que es tiempo de eliminar la dispensa. Aquellos con problemas de salud subyacentes, aquellos que están enfermos y no se sienten bien, y aquellos con inmunidad comprometida pueden usar su conciencia para decidir asistir a Misa en persona. Continuaremos transmitiendo en vivo la Misa del domingo a las 10:00 a.m. y nuestras Misas entre semana. **El Domingo de Pascua será el último domingo que se distribuirá la comunión en el estacionamiento.**

Aquellos que estén enfermos o discapacitados que deseen recibir la comunión, comuníquese con nuestra Coordinadora de Atención Pastoral, Jolene LeRoy, RN y ella organizará un Ministro de Eucaristía capacitado para los confinados en su casa y poder llevarles la comunión a su hogar. Esperamos verlos y celebrar la Misa con todos los que puedan asistir.

Ahora que han pasado cuatro meses desde que hicimos nuestras resoluciones de año nuevo, algunos de nosotros podemos mirar hacia atrás y lamentar nuestras debilidades. Lo intentamos, fallamos y a veces prevalecemos. Podemos consolarnos encogiéndonos de hombros, "Solo somos humanos", mientras otros nos condenan con sus ojos. Podemos sentir vergüenza porque todos somos la mujer traída ante Jesús en la historia del evangelio de hoy. Pero no importa cuántas veces o cuán fuerte caigamos, Jesús nos dice las palabras que cierran la lectura del Evangelio de hoy: "Tampoco yo te condeno". Y en esa esperanza, podemos reclamar nuestra salvación y caminar en su gracia.

¡Que tengan una bendecida última semana de Cuaresma!

Padre Don



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 43, 16-21 Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6 Fil 3, 8-14 Jn 8, 1-11
Lunes	Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or Dn 13, 41-62; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5-6; Jn 8, 12-20
Martes	Nm 21, 4-9; Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8, 21-30
Miércoles	Dn 3, 14-20. 49-50. 91-92. 95; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; Jn 8, 31-42
Jueves	Gn 17, 3-9; Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Jn 8, 51-59
Viernes	Jer 20, 10-13; Sal 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7; Jn 10, 31-42
Sábado	Ez 37, 21-28; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13; Jn 11, 45-56
Domingo	Lc 19, 28-40; Is 50, 4-7; Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24; Flp 2, 6-11; Lc 22, 14-23, 56 o Lc 23, 1-49



April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

During Lent, we hear familiar stories: the event of Jesus' transfiguration, the prodigal son, and today the woman caught in adultery. Each reveals an aspect of God's perfect love for us and a glimpse of how we can reflect that love toward others. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees once again are testing Jesus, saying the law demands that the woman caught in adultery be stoned. Jesus responds, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." What a perfect response to the Pharisees, and to each one of us when we focus on the faults of another. Jesus' words teach and challenge us to look more closely at the ways we judge others – by appearance, a social media post, political party, for example – and ask ourselves whether we are truly doing so out of love. Closer to home, we may be quick to point out our spouse or children's perceived faults, without acknowledging our own. Jesus invites us to look at others – and ourselves – with the eyes of mercy.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Every time we go out to dinner, my son makes fun of me for agonizing over the menu: "You always regret what you pick!" Indeed, regret can be a powerful emotion. Fortunately, the dinner dilemma requires only that I mooch off of my son's entrée. However, deeper regrets can bog us down and prevent us from moving forward in faith. Today's readings challenge us not to wallow in past mistakes, preconceptions, or bad habits. As we hear in Isaiah, "The things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" We hear this idea again from St. Paul, who writes of "forgetting what lies behind" and straining forward toward "the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't dwell on the past sins of the adulterous woman other than to say, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Fortunately, our Church offers an antidote to regret and sin in the sacrament of reconciliation. Whether it's been a month or a decade, what better time than Lent to return to this sacrament and experience God's mercy and forgiveness?

ACT Take advantage of the additional opportunities many churches offer for the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Rusty? Check out this excellent guide for adults and children: thelightson.org/guide-to-confession.

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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 and in the community. The next gathering is Monday, April 11 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The topic we will be discussing is coping with stress in healthy ways with a focus on faith. 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 olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

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. 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 feast day of St. Peregrine is May 4. The National Shrine of St. Peregrine is the Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Parish. For information about the shrine and ways to connect with it go to olsparish@ols-chicago.org. There is a St. Peregrine newsletter, Compassionate Companions available at <https://servict.org/category/stpne>. If you would like to receive information about the St. Peregrine Ministry, please provide your email to Jolene at jolenel@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, For further information, call 708-354-7211; email at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com; check the website at www.joyfulagain.org. With the support and care of others, you can experience joy in your life again!

Coping with Stress

Since 1992 the month of April has been recognized as *Stress Awareness Month*. If you want to live a healthy and positive life, it is important to learn to cope with stress in healthy ways. Everyone experiences stress in different ways. The most common explanation of stress is a physical, mental, or emotional strain

or tension where a person feels anxious or threatened.

Common reactions to a stressful event may include: disbelief, shock and numbness; feeling sad, frustrated and helpless; difficulty concentrating and making decisions; headaches, back pains and stomach problems; smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs.

Ways to feel less stressed are as follows. Guided meditation to provide centered relaxation can distract you from stress. Deep breathing can help activate the parasympathetic nervous system that helps reduce overall stress and anxiety. Physical exercise relieves stress. The body can be depleted of vitamins such as A, B complex, C, and E. Proper nutrition will help the body deal with stress. It is important to limit social media time as social media sites can be stressful and it takes time away from being with others, being in nature or reading a book. Connecting with others helps foster relationships that can be supportive in difficult and stressful times. It is important to recognize when you may need more help and would benefit from talking with a psychologist, social worker or counselor.

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 jolenel@olmercy.com.

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.



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Visit & Discover **THE DIFFERENCE**

- SHADOW VISIT**
"Shadow" a current SFHS student for a day to see what life is like as a Spartan.
- TALK & TOUR**
Parents are invited for a tour while school is in session Monday through Friday at a variety of convenient times.
- 7th GRADE NIGHT**
Friday, April 28, 2022
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- ART SHOWCASE**
Thursday, April 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- INFORMATION SESSION**
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- BOYS VOLLEYBALL**
Thursday, May 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. Spaylans Athletic Center vs. Hinsdale South
**Free admission for middle school students*

Register For All Events At: SFHSCOLLEGEPREP.ORG

13:1 Student:Teacher Ratio

Microsoft Showcase School

27 Average ACT score

96% of students participate in school-sponsored activities

15 HOURS of Christian service required per year

Activity Period Get involved from 2:30 p.m.-3:10 p.m.

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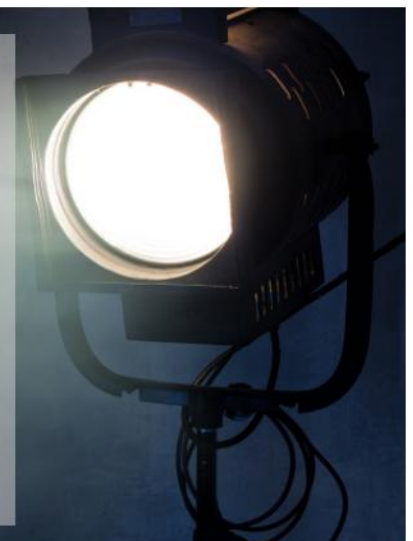
Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local business that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book please email Marsha Garrigan at marshagarrigan@gmail.com.

Ministry Spotlight

Loving Hands Ministry is an opportunity for people of all ages to reach out to others by making items such as blankets, hats, scarves, and baby apparel with prayerful intentions. An important part of this is the prayer blanket ministry. The materials are provided for you to sew the blankets at home. These prayer blankets are given to those who need to be covered in prayer and love during life's challenges. We pray for those who receive prayer blankets and other items. Donations of yarn, fabric, ribbon and sewing notions are appreciated.

To be a part of this beautiful ministry please contact Cheryl Hartnett at barnboss@sbcglobal.net or Carolyn Kerkla at kerkla@sbcglobal.net.



Blessing of Easter Baskets

You and your family are invited to bring your family Easter basket to church on Holy Saturday, April 16 at noon in the Church for a brief service.

The blessing of the Easter Basket, containing the food for the first meal of Easter, has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. This tradition has since been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds, who enjoy its rich symbolism. On Holy Saturday families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to church to be blessed during a short service.

The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the items used and foods chosen for this special Easter tradition. Baskets are frequently lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and, of course, the Resurrection of Jesus.

Traditionally, the baskets are filled with:

Decorated hard boiled eggs: Representing Christ's Resurrection.

Lamb-shaped butter or sugar: Representing Christ as the "Lamb of God."

Bread: Reminding us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

Meats: Ham is symbolic of great joy and abundance. Sausage is symbolic of God's favor and generosity. Smoked bacon is symbolic of God's mercy. Lamb represents Christ as the "Lamb of God."

Salt: Symbolic of prosperity and justice, and reminding us that we are "the salt of the earth."

Wine: Symbolic of the Blood of the Lord.

Horseradish, pepper, oil and vinegar: Symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover.

The food and other items contained in the basket can be easily personalized, even including a sampling of any foods given up for Lent.

A white candle is often inserted in the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World."

Lastly, the basket is covered with white linen to symbolize the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped.

Around the Parish

Knights of Columbus College Scholarship

The Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Council 12005 here at Our Lady of Mercy, is pleased to announce our College Scholarship Program for 2022. This program is open to any High School Senior that will be attending either a Community College or 4 year College Institution starting with the fall 2022 semester and is a parishioner of OLM. Application forms and information on this program can be found using the link on the Parish Website for the Knights of Columbus Council 12005 site. A total of \$2,000 will be offered this year and we look forward to awarding these funds to another group of dedicated students.

Donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry

Please consider donating nonperishable items to the Interfaith Food Pantry. The collection is the first weekend of the month. Our next collection is April 2nd and 3rd. The collection bin will be located in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). This collection is **separate** from the collection for PADS that supports Hesus House Homeless Shelter.

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. 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. Please contact Dave if you have questions at DaveM@olmercy.com

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.

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 Hesus 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 idadphillips@gmail.com or 630-605-6038 or Chris at chrisharvey@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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,095,694
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,080,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	15,694
03/13/22 Sunday Collection	\$	24,636
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(5,364)
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.



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.

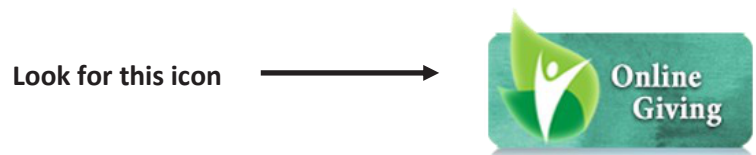
This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the 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.



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) 6:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday 12:00pm

Thursday 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

Confessions

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm

1st Fridays of the Month 8:30-9:15am

Or by Appointment

Prayer Chapel

Open weekdays 7:00am-8:00pm

Adoration

Monday & Thursday 8:30am-6:00pm

Wednesdays 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month 12:00pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

New Parishioners

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

Sick and Homebound

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

Hospitalization

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

Baptisms

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

Weddings

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

Parish Directory

Parish Priests

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