

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen I say to you today you will be with me in

**Paradise."**

Luke 23:42, 43



OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 10, 2022

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



Due to the COVID pandemic, there has been a dispensation in the Diocese of Joliet from the obligation to attend Mass in person. Today is the effective date in which Bishop Hicks has re-instituted the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person. Of course, those who are sick, homebound, have compromised immunity,

and other illness are not required to attend Mass in person. Easter Sunday will be the last Sunday that we offer communion in the parking lot during the 10:00am livestream Mass. We will continue to livestream the Sunday 10:00am Mass and weekday Masses for the homebound. Communion can be arranged to be brought to your home. Please contact our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Jolene LeRoy, RN who will schedule a trained Minister to the Homebound to bring you communion at your home.

Sometimes I have wondered why palms are so important to people. They show up in the unlikeliest of places: behind bedroom mirrors, tucked away in taxicab visors, woven into crosses, and placed behind crucifixes and other holy pictures. A rather sarcastic view about church being fuller than usual on Palm Sunday is to say it is because we are giving something away free. But let's think about the meaning of palms, as they do tell a story. These simple palm branches remind us of The Greatest Story ever told – a story so boundless that we Christians repeat it every year and revere it as the most significant spiritual event that ever took place. But more than that, these palm branches also tell our story, the story of our own faith life. Five weeks ago, we received ashes on our foreheads and were once again reminded of our sinfulness and our need for a radical change in our lives. But those ashes did not come from the bottom of someone's fireplace. They were the result of blessed burned palms. Today we are five weeks older. The palms we now hold in our hands are new green leaves, reminding us that we are a part of this great story: that it isn't just something that took place 2,000 years ago; that this drama is ongoing; and that we are each involved in our own way in being a part of the conspiracy and the betrayal that happened that night. These palms can remind us that we have played the role of Peter in our own life by lying and denying. They can remind us that we played the role of John when we abandon others in need. They can remind us that we have played the role of Judas in betraying our commitments. But here's the good news about palms: They can also remind us of the miracle of reconciliation that can be ours. Lent begins with palms and ends with palms. The question is: What will we do with their promise and the challenge?

Have a blessed Holy Week!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 11 - Holy Week

- 8:00 am † Pradeep Koilparambil, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm No Spanish Mass

### Tuesday, April 12 - Holy Week

- 8:00 am † Stanley Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 6:30 pm Int Menardi Family, by Lozano Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, April 13 - Holy Week

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Bob Humanski, by Toni Humanski  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer *(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 7:00 pm The Lord's Supper
- 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration Until Midnight

### Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer *(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm Spanish Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion
- 7:00 pm Teen Living Stations

### Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer *(Live Streamed)*  
No Reconciliation
- 12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 4:00 pm No Mass
- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 17 - Easter

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 10:00 am *(Live Streamed)*  
Church † Christopher Ianno, by Family  
Church † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family  
PLC Int Helen Joseph, by Audrey Harris
- 12:00 pm  
Church † Cleona Weiser, by Family  
PLC † Jacqueline Rootes, by Scott Sowizrol
- 5:30 pm No Mass



## 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. Jenny Paul Family         |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Sue Paul Family           |
| 7. Mary R Behan          | 15. 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 16 & 17**

**Presider of the Mass will preach.**

<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin
		Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tom Logue
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini
		10:00 am Church
	PLC	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tom Logue
	12:00 pm Church	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
	PLC	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Leazzo
	5:00 pm	No Mass



## 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!*



Debido a la pandemia del COVID, ha habido una dispensa en la Diócesis de Joliet de la obligación de asistir a Misa en persona. Hoy es la fecha efectiva en la que el Obispo Hicks ha restablecido la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical en persona. Por supuesto, aquellos que están enfermos, confinados en casa, tienen inmunidad comprometida y otras enfermedades no están obligados a asistir a Misa en persona. El Domingo de Pascua será el último domingo en el que ofreceremos la comunión en el estacionamiento durante la Misa de las 10:00 a. m. transmitida en vivo. Continuaremos transmitiendo en vivo la Misa del domingo de las 10:00 a. m. y las Misas de la semana para los que no pueden salir de casa. La Comunión se puede arreglar para llevarla a sus casas. Comuníquese con nuestra Coordinadora de Atención Pastoral, Jolene LeRoy, RN, quien programará un Ministro capacitado para los confinados en casa para llevarles la comunión a sus hogares.

A veces me he preguntado por qué las palmas son tan importantes para la gente. Aparecen en los lugares más improbables: detrás de los espejos de los dormitorios, escondidos en las viseras de los taxis, entretejidos en cruces y colocados detrás de crucifijos y otras imágenes sagradas. Una opinión bastante sarcástica acerca de que la iglesia está más llena de lo normal el Domingo de Ramos es decir que es porque estamos regalando algo gratis. Pero pensemos en el significado de las palmas, ya que cuentan una historia. Estas sencillas ramas de palmera nos recuerdan La Gran Historia jamás contada, una historia tan ilimitada que nosotros, los Cristianos, la repetimos todos los años y la reverenciamos como el evento espiritual más importante que jamás haya tenido lugar. Pero más que eso, estas ramas de palmera también cuentan nuestra historia, la historia de nuestra propia vida de fe. Hace cinco semanas, recibimos cenizas en nuestras frentes y recordamos una vez más nuestra pecaminosidad y nuestra necesidad de un cambio radical en nuestras vidas. Pero esas cenizas no vinieron del fondo de la chimenea de alguien. Fueron el resultado de palmas quemadas bendecidas. Hoy tenemos cinco semanas más. Las palmas que ahora tenemos en nuestras manos son hojas verdes nuevas, que nos recuerdan que somos parte de esta gran historia: que no es solo algo que sucedió hace 2000 años; que este drama continúa; y que cada uno de nosotros estamos involucrados a nuestra manera en ser parte de la conspiración y la traición que sucedió esa noche. Estas palmas pueden recordarnos que hemos jugado el papel de Pedro en nuestra propia vida mintiendo y negando. Pueden recordarnos que jugamos el papel de Juan cuando abandonamos a otros en necesidad. Pueden recordarnos que hemos jugado el papel de Judas al traicionar nuestros compromisos. Pero aquí están las buenas noticias sobre las palmas: también pueden recordarnos el milagro de la reconciliación que puede ser nuestro. La Cuaresma comienza con las palmas y termina con las palmas. La pregunta es: ¿Qué haremos con su promesa y el desafío?

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¡Que tengan una bendecida Semana Santa!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	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
<b>Lunes</b>	Is 42, 1-7; Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14; Jn 12, 1-11
<b>Martes</b>	Is 49, 1-6; Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab. 15 y 17; Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38
<b>Miércoles</b>	Is 50, 4-9; Sal 68, 8-10. 21bcd-22. 31 y 33-34; Mt 26, 14-25
<b>Jueves</b>	Is 61, 1-3. 6. 8-9; Sal 88, 21-22. 25 y 27; Apoc 1, 5-8; Lc 4, 16-21 <b>Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor</b> Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14; Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18; 1 Cor 11, 23-26; Jn 13, 1-15
<b>Viernes</b>	Is 52, 13—53, 12; Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 y 25; Heb 4, 14-16; Heb 5, 7-9; Jn 18, 1—19, 42
<b>Sábado</b>	Gn 1, 1—2, 2 or Gn 1, 1. 26-31a; Sal 103, 1-2a. 5-6. 10 y 12. 13-14. 24 y 35c o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20 y 22; Gn 22, 1-18 o Gn 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18; Sal 15, 5 y 8. 9-10. 11; Ex 14, 15—15, 1; Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18; Is 54, 5-14; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11 y 12a y 13b; Is 55, 1-11; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Bar 3, 9-15. 32—4, 4; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Ez 36, 16-17a. 18-28; Sal 41, 3. bcd5; Sal 42, 3-4 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 o Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19; Rom 6, 3-11; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Lc 24, 1-12
<b>Domingo</b>	Hch 10, 34a. 37-43; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6b-8a; Jn 20, 1-9



April 10, 2022

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

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

Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

**PRAYER** Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.

## 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 at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com).

### St. Peregrine Service & 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](mailto:olsparish@ols-chicago.org). There is a St. Pere-

grine 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](mailto: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, 2022. For further information, call 708-354-7211; email 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!

### Health Awareness Topic for April

April is designated as Parkinson's Awareness Month. Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects predominately dopamine-producing neurons in a specific area of the brain called substantia nigra. Symptoms and their progress differ from one person to another. To live the best way possible with Parkinson's disease, it is important to understand the disease and its progression.

Symptoms may not appear until later in the course of the disease. Scien-

tists are exploring ways for earlier diagnosis so that tailored treatments can be provided to slow down the disease process. Ten early signs may signal that a person has Parkinson's disease. If you have more than one of these signs you should consider making an appointment to talk with a health care provider. The ten signs are: tremor, small handwriting, loss of smell, trouble sleeping, trouble moving or walking, constipation, a soft or low voice, masked face, dizziness or fainting, and stooping or hunching over.

If a person has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, creating a plan to stay healthy is important. Be examined by a neurologist who specializes in the brain. Receive care from an occupational therapist, physical therapist or speech therapist. Meet with a medical social worker to talk about how the disease will affect their life. Start a regular exercise program to delay further symptoms. Talk with family and friends who can provide support. For additional information check out the Parkinson's Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

### 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](mailto:jolenel@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!



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# Our Lady of Mercy Is Hiring!!

**Coordinator of Family & Youth Evangelization & Catechesis for Grades 6-12** - Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Aurora IL  
Youth Ministry – LIGHT & EDGE



Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a part-time Coordinator for Family and Youth Catechesis and Evangelization for Grades 6-12. The Coordinator will work with a ministry team to develop and grow disciples for Christ and send them on mission. Primary focus will be spent working with high school and middle school teens and their families in a variety of ministry settings. An applicant must have experience in youth or family ministry, have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies, or Pastoral Ministry or a related field and must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. The position is 28 hours a week with no benefits. Please submit a resume to Dave Miserendino at [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com).

**Administrative Assistant** - Our Lady of Mercy Church, Aurora, IL

The Family Faith Formation Office is hiring , an Administrative Assistant for Pre-K- Grade 12. 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. 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).

**Pray with Brother Francis  
this Lent**

EACH WEEK, PRAY THE STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS AS A FAMILY





Accompanying Jesus on His Way to Calvary

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For each week that your children followed Jesus on his Way to the Cross,  
have them color in a cross above.

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## Divine Mercy Feast Day Sunday, April 24, 2-4 pm

In celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24, Our Lady of Mercy will hold a beautiful celebratory service in the MPR at 2 p.m. Our service will include a group recitation of The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a devotion that Jesus revealed in His numerous apparitions and revelations to Saint Faustina.

***“On that (Feast) Day, the depths of My mercy will be open to all .... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”***

Our OLM observance of the Divine Mercy Feast Day will include the following:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2 to 4 p.m. (Frs. Don and James) in designated PLC rooms
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration starting at 2 p.m.
- Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- Silent Meditation and Prayer
- Taking of Personal Intentions for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Recitation of the Chaplet (at the Hour of Jesus' Death)
- Blessing of participants' Divine Mercy Images at the altar
- Benediction, closing prayers to Jesus and Mary
- Pamphlets featuring the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, as well as other resources, will be available, but participants should be sure to bring their Rosary!



**\*Also, on Good Friday morning (April 15),** immediately after an 8 a.m. prayer service in the church, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. It's a great way to start your Good Friday observance and Divine Mercy Novena, which should include your recitation of the Chaplet and a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy through April 23.

## Around the Parish

### ***Blessing of Easter Baskets***

Join Father Don on Holy Saturday, April 16 at 12:00 pm for a brief service to bless baskets of Easter foods and treats. Baskets typically contain Easter goodies for the children and food for Easter dinner such as ham, sausage, eggs, bread, butter, wine, candles, herbs and flowers.

### ***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 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 or 630-605-6038 or Chris at chrisharveyne@gmail.com or 631-561-9722. 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.

### ***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.



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,132,011
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,110,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>22,011</b>
03/20/22 Sunday Collection	\$	36,317
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>6,317</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.		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
<i>Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.</i>		



## Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - Support the works of the Lord

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).

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
January, 2022	\$	<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.

## 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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# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## Parish Office

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468

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.

# Parish Directory

## Parish Priests

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