OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH JULY 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27



News from P.I.T (Pastor in Training)



Every relationship I have encountered in my life has been broken and messy, even my own relationship with God. I know this is due to my own faults. The most profound and absolute truth of our Catholic faith is that we are made for a relationship with God and with one another. We are made for communion. However, the devil is cunning!

The spiritual battle is real and some have been convinced to give up relationships in order to avoid the brokenness and messiness of life.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan. This story reveals real love, real mercy, and what our faith actually requires. Even though the victim is ignored by others, specifically by the leadership of the faith, the true neighbor is one who sees what is happening and is moved with compassion to encounter the wounded and actually enter into their brokenness to bring healing.

This isn't a nice narrative story that Jesus Christ gives to the man wanting to live his faith, but one Jesus Christ actually lives out by his very life. What does Jesus do throughout the Scriptures? Jesus enters the world, has compassion, takes on humanity's brokenness and mess, and ultimately through his death and resurrection, brings peace and healing through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus continues to do the same thing for you and me today. He sees us in his love, has compassion, encounters and enters into our brokenness, and brings healing to us through our encounter with him. Every time we look at the cross we should be reminded of the beautiful relationship being freely offered to us and how we are called to live. So, do not be afraid of the brokenness and messiness of relationships, but without fear enter into a deep relationship with God, and as Christ did, into the lives of others!

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 11 - St Benedict, Abbot

8:00 am † Ann Borberg, Friends at MTH

(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm + Special Intention

(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, July 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Ben Orig, Jr., by Luchie Saraceni

(Live Streamed)

6:30 pm + Mary Coats Carroll, by Carrol Children

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

Wednesday, July 13 - St Henry

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Anna & Tom Wartowski,

by Marie Sokolowski (Live Streamed)

Thursday, July 14 - St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:30 am + Ruby Ricca, by Family

8:00 am + Angelo Lau, by Family

(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, July 15 - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 am Int Carmen Talaway, by Family

(Live Streamed)

Saturday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mr Carmel; BVM

8:30 am † Steve Bodda, by Marcia, Ryan, Tyler Family

(Live Streamed)

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

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

4:00 pm Vigil - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr

By Helean M Ray

† Jacqueline Rootes, by Scott Sowizrol

Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Dc'd Waszak Family, by Carolyn Kerkla

10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Mario Uy, by The Uy Family

5:30 pm + Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions.

- The Poor
- 2. The Sick
- 3. Ailani Banuelos
- 4. Jim Weber
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. George Durante
- 8. The Deceased

- The Feldman Family
- 10. Charles E Thompson
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty
- 13. Edwin Garcia
- 14. Penelope Keene
- 15. Bernice Tokarski
- 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

July 16 & 17

Persio	der will prea	ch at all Masses.
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
Sunday	8:00 am	TBD
	10:00 am	TBD Dcn Art Tiongson
	12:00 pm	TBD
	5:30 pm	TBD Dcn Tony Leazzo



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

Alfredo Chavez

Robert Ciulla

Michael Dandan

Mary Dunbar

Bridget Garry

Connie Hegg

Jim Hegg

Nancy Higgins

Eric Hoerdemann

Antoinette Humanski

Steve Johnson

Helen Joseph

Michael Kuchinski

Theresa Kuchinski

Patricia Kramer Daugherty

Nancy Luna

Kristen Manning

Susan Massett **Holly Masters**

Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse

La Moua

Charlene Oates

Ruth Olek

Flo Paprzycki

Diane Pazos

Valerie Plesha

Jim Pluskota

Julia Schremp

Diane Singer

Hedy Sterling

Thomas F. Sterling

John Swanston

Rev. Gerald Tivy

Kathy Walowski

Jim Weber

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

Noticias del P.I.T. (Párroco en Formación)



Cada relación que he encontrado en mi vida ha sido dañada y complicada, incluso mi propia relación con Dios. Sé que esto se debe a mis propias faltas. La verdad más profunda y absoluta de nuestra fe Católica es que estamos hechos para una relación con Dios y con los demás. Estamos hechos para la comunión. Sin embargo, jel diablo es astuto! La batalla

espiritual es real y algunos han sido convencidos de abandonar las relaciones para evitar el quebrantamiento y lo desagradable de la vida.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús cuenta la hermosa historia del Buen Samaritano. Esta historia revela amor real, misericordia real y lo que realmente requiere nuestra fe. Aunque la víctima sea ignorada por los demás, específicamente por el liderazgo de la fe, el verdadero prójimo es aquel que ve lo que está sucediendo y es movido con compasión para encontrarse con los heridos y realmente entrar en su quebrantamiento para sanarlos.

Esta no es una bonita historia narrativa que Jesucristo le da al hombre que quiere vivir su fe, pero una que Jesucristo realmente vive en su propia vida. ¿Qué hace Jesús a lo largo de las Escrituras? Jesús entra en el mundo, tiene compasión, se hace cargo del quebrantamiento y lo desagradable de la humanidad y, en última instancia, a través de su muerte y resurrección, trae paz y sanación a través del Espíritu Santo.

Jesús hoy continúa haciendo lo mismo por ti y por mí. Él nos ve en su amor, tiene compasión, nos encuentra y entra en nuestro quebrantamiento, y nos trae sanación a través de nuestro encuentro con él. Cada vez que miramos la cruz debemos recordar la hermosa relación que se nos ofrece gratuitamente y cómo estamos llamados a vivir. Por lo tanto, no tengan miedo al abatimiento y lo desagradable de las relaciones, pero sin miedo entren en una relación profunda con Dios, y como lo hizo Cristo, jen la vida de los demás!

Padre Michael



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo Deut 30, 10-14;

Sal 68, 14 y 17. 30-31. 33-34.

36ab y 37; Col 1, 15-20; Lc 10, 25-37

Lunes Is 1, 10-17;

Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23;

Mt 10, 34—11, 1

Martes Is 7, 1-9;

Sal 47, 2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 7-8;

Mt 11, 20-24

Miércoles Is 10, 5-7. 13-16;

Sal 93, 5-6. 7-8. 9-10. 14-15;

Mt 11, 25-27

Jueves Is 26, 7-9. 12. 16-19;

Sal 101, 13-14ab y 15. 16-18. 19-21;

Mt 11, 28-30

Viernes Is 38, 1-6. 21-22. 7-8;

Is 38, 10. 11. 12abcd. 16;

Mt 12, 1-8

Sábado Miq 2, 1-5;

Sal 10, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 14;

Mt 12, 14-21

Domingo Gen 18, 1-10a;

Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5;

Col 1, 24-28; Lc 10, 38-42



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Dt 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

My favorite line in "The Wizard of Oz," in the climactic scene when Dorothy realizes "there's no place like home," comes from Glinda: "You've always had the power to go back to Kansas." she tells Dorothy. In the first reading today, Moses tells the Israelites something similar about wisdom and power. He tells them the secret to peace and prosperity isn't "mysterious" or "remote." He says "it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts." In the Gospel, when the scholar asks Jesus about the secret to eternal life, he answers his own question by reciting the two great commandments: love God with all your heart, being, strength, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. "You have answered correctly," Jesus tells him. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit placed the wisdom and power to have the fullness of life in our hearts. The key is to "carry it out," as Moses advises the Israelites. Jesus echoes this message: We must "do this" - love God and our neighbor - to enjoy the life God wants for us today and eternal life with him in the future.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One of the most heartbreaking things about being a parent is seeing children set limits for who's in and who's out. My daughter was in Kindergarten when she came home in tears, excluded from playing with her friends because she didn't color a picture exactly as directed by another classmate. Our loving Father also sees our pain when we are excluded from being loved, and so when the scholar asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus refuses to set boundaries for who to include and who to exclude. In using the parable about the Samaritan, Jesus tells us that we are to treat everyone as neighbor, even our enemies. The Samaritans were enemies of the Jews, and those listening to Jesus would have been shocked that a Samaritan was the compassionate hero. This parable challenges us to consider the boundaries we set for who we consider neighbors - those worthy of our compassion and help, and perhaps those we consider "other," or whom we feel we can ignore or reject. And to recognize how the boundaries we set prevent us from sharing the Good News of God's mercy to those he seeks to heal.

PRAY Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to discern who you may be excluding as a neighbor. Pray these words from Dorothy Day: "Dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend."

Pastoral Care

Healing Hearts Ministry

All of us have experienced joys and sorrows, ups and downs, accomplishments and disappointments in our lives. There may have been times that resulted in brokenness or heavy hearts that have affected our attitude and way of living. The Open HEARTS Ministry has changed its name to the Healing Hearts Ministry as it is a ministry for anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to practice self-care for their own health and wellness and would also like to reach out to others to offer healing and hope.

The ministry is also a source of support, resources, education and advocacy for mental health concerns in the parish and community. As we gather to learn and participate in an activity that promotes healing and assists with stress management – we will be in a safe, sacred space to share stories and pray together.

The next gathering is on Monday, July 18 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The participants are planning a game night and refreshments to share. Bring your competitive spirit for an evening of fun and relaxation! If you would like to be put on the ministry email list so that you may receive information about gatherings, if you have questions, need resources or support or would like to learn more about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at olimopenhearts@yahoo.com.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service and Ministry

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, July 19 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and 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. There will be time after the service to venerate the relic of St. Peregrine and pray for your personal

need or intentions.

It is important to know that you are not alone in your journey of faith as you experience illness or are a caregiver. The National Shrine of St. Peregrine is the Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Parish in Chicago. 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 on the website. If you would like information about the St. Peregrine Ministry, please provide your email at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Grief Support

If you are experiencing grief and would like to join others for a time of sharing stories, tears and laughter, prayer and moving forward in hope – please come on Monday, July 25 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Ministry Room located in the church. There is no registration. This is an opportunity to meet monthly to receive support and understanding.

A weekly support group will be offered in the next month or so in the evening. If you would like to join the weekly group or would like resources, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com.

The Diocese of Joliet website has a list of support groups within the diocese on the family ministry page. The Fox Valley Hands of Hope is a nonprofit organization that provides compassionate guidance and support for the grieving at no cost to clients. Check out their website at fvhh.net or call 630-232-2233 for assistance.

Resource for Seniors

A resource for adults on Medicare is in the area. The Oak Street Health center is located at 1022 N. Farnsworth Avenue in Aurora. Every visit with your doctor is twenty minutes or more. The health teams personalize your care plan to your exact needs. There are experts that support you with your Medicare plan. There is 24/7 telephone support. There are same-day and next-day appointments available. If needed, transportation is available to and from your

Oak Street Health appointments. Oak Street Health is more than a doctor's office – it is a community center. For more information about Oak Street Health call 630-358-9232 or check out the website at oakstreethealth.com.

The 27th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo is on August 23 and 24 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Tickets are \$5.00 (cash only). The theme is *Celebrating the Aging Journey*. For more information, call 800-528-2000 or visit www.ageguide.org/seniorlifestyleexpo.

Be Aware of Sugary Drinks

During the warm weather, we tend to drink more to quench our thirst and to stay hydrated. It is important to know that sugary drinks may be harmful to your health. The American Heart Association suggests no more than 25 grams of added sugar a day for women and no more than 36 grams of added sugar a day for men. Did you know how many grams of sugar are in what you choose to drink?

An 18-ounce sports drink has 31 grams of sugar. An 18-ounce smoothie has 36 grams of sugar. 18-ounces of sweet tea has 44 grams of sugar. 18ounces of cola has 59 grams of sugar. 18ounces of lemonade has 60 grams of sugar. Make it a habit to read the label to see how many grams of sugar are in what you are drinking. A sugary beverage now and then is okay. Some ways to cut back on the sugar in drinks: drink sparkling water instead of sugary soda; brew your own iced tea; flavor your water with sliced fruit; snack on fruit. Sugary drinks may increase the risk of breast cancer and heart disease. Drinking water is the best choice for your health!

Pastoral Care Needs

If you are homebound and unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion brought to you by a trained Minister of Care or if someone has physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. God bless you and keep you in His care!



IN HONOR OF OUR NEW PASTOR, FATHER MICHAEL...

WE'RE HAVING A PIG ROAST!

Sunday, August 7 2:00 - 6:00 pm on the parish grounds Tickets \$2 per person Children 3 and under are free

PURCHASE TICKETS AFTER MASS JULY 16 & 17, 23 & 24 30 & 31 OR IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK

It's Vacation Bible School Season!!!

Monday, August 1— Friday, August 5 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Go to: olmercy.com

Click on the "Monumental"

button to register K—5 campers

or to volunteer

Hey Kids!!!

You're doing great! So far we have met our bible buddy friends Miley,

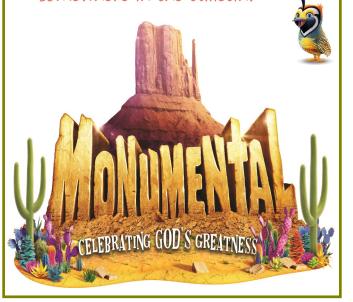
Howell,





And Jett!

This week can you find Quincy hiding somewhere in the bulletin?



Around the Parish

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday July 24th from 8:00am to Noon in the PLC Gym. Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00 (10 and under) Children under 3 no charge.

Dine in the PLC or Take Out Available. Profits will support Coats for Kids.



Menu includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Cup Coffee, Tea & Juice

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of July 23 and 24 for our Clothing Drive!! Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon.

We will accept clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk. ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS or baby equipment.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance. Thanks for your generous donations!

Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 1,513,227 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 1,500,000 \$ **Amount in Excess of Budget** 13,227 \$ 24,013 06/26/22 Sunday Collection \$ 30,000 Weekly Sunday Goal **Amount Short of Goal** (5,987)

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
May, 2022	\$	503,647
June, 2022	\$	491,712





CMAA Pledge Report

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$ 152,000
Amount Pledged	\$ 162,436
Amount Paid	\$ 123,291
Remaining Balance	\$ 39,145
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	490

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.

Look for this icon



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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	, Friday8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass)	6:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am, 6:30pm
Wednesday	12:00pm
Thursday	6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday	8:30am
Saturday (Anticipated for Su	nday)4:00pm
Sunday8:0	0am, 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.

scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirement Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

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

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