



# OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather division."*

Luke 12:51



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



Sometimes I fall into my autopilot responses. When I am in conversation with my family such as my parents, sister, aunts and uncles, I can find myself ending our conversations with "Okay. Love you, Goodbye." But you have to be careful with these responses, as they can possibly get you into trouble. A few years ago, at my previous parish, the church secretary reached out to me about an upcoming funeral. As we worked out the details and we were coming to the end of our conversation, I went into my autopilot response. "Okay. Love you, Goodbye." I hung up the phone and then I realized I had just professed my love to my church secretary. What I learned that day: going into autopilot responses can be dangerous.

I hope after the reading of our Gospel this weekend you didn't just go into autopilot and say, "Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ." Jesus in the Gospel brings a difficult truth to the Gospel: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Did you pause to reflect on how this is in the Gospel? How is this Good news?

What we need to come to realize is the division isn't from God, the division lies in our own hearts. None of us is perfect and we all need God's mercy. But, to receive that mercy, we need to acknowledge the need to change. Change can be difficult and painful. Hence, people's rejection of change leading to division.

Why should we truly say "Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ" for this Gospel? We should claim it all the more because the Lord loves us so much. God desires to not leave us where we are at. He desires to draw us to Himself. He calls us to become a new creation in him. Let us ask God for the grace, as St. Paul says to "rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Father Michael



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Int Helen Joseph, by Audrey Harris

*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

7:00 pm Int Penelope Keene, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

*(Live Streamed • English Mass)*

### Tuesday, August 16 - St Stephen of Hungary

8:00 am † Wayne Leckey, by Children

*(Live Streamed)*

6:30 pm † Mylva Magbanua Morones, by Hasel Roxas

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

### Wednesday, August 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Terry Richman, by Patsy Peterson

*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, August 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Int Ted Popernik, by Freeston Family

8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, August 19 - St John Eudes, Priest

8:00 am † Jakob Salzig, by Jolene LeRoy

*(Live Streamed)*

### Saturday, August 20 - St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of Church

8:30 am † Eva Bartgen, by Fr Don McLaughlin

*(Live Streamed)*

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† Joyce Markus, by Family

† Janice Melisi, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer

### Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Bill Daumen, by Pocht

10:00 am † Mary Sedlacek, by The D'Alessio Family

*(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm † Elizabeth Marston, by Patricia Feinberg

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. 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. Edwin Garcia               |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Jeff & Shirley Anniversary |
| 7. Penelope Keene        | 15. George Durante             |
| 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

**August 20 & 21**

**Deacons will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Doug McIlvaine
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Bugsy Sindac
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney 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.**

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  
Baby Penelope Keene  
Patricia Kramer Daugherty  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
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)



A veces caigo en mis respuestas de piloto automático. Cuando estoy conversando con mi familia, como mis padres, hermana, tías y tíos, puedo terminar nuestras conversaciones con "Está bien. Te quiero, Adiós". Pero debes tener cuidado con estas respuestas, ya que posiblemente te puedan meter en problemas. Hace unos años, en mi parroquia anterior, la secretaria de la iglesia me contactó sobre un próximo funeral. Mientras resolvíamos los detalles y es-

tábamos llegando al final de nuestra conversación, entré en mi respuesta de piloto automático. "Está bien. Te quiero, Adiós". Colgué el teléfono y luego me di cuenta de que acababa de declararle mi amor a la secretaria de mi iglesia. Lo que aprendí ese día: entrar en respuestas de piloto automático puede ser peligroso.

Espero que después de la lectura de nuestro Evangelio este fin de semana no hayas entrado en piloto automático y dicho: "Alabado seas Señor, Jesucristo". Jesús en el Evangelio trae una verdad difícil al Evangelio: "¿Piensan acaso que he venido a establecer paz en la tierra? De ningún modo. No he venido a traer la paz, sino la división". ¿Te detuviste a reflexionar en cómo es esto en el Evangelio? ¿Cómo es esto una Buena noticia?

Lo que debemos darnos cuenta es que la división no proviene de Dios, la división se encuentra en nuestros propios corazones. Ninguno de nosotros es perfecto y todos necesitamos la misericordia de Dios. Pero, para recibir esa misericordia, necesitamos reconocer la necesidad de cambiar. El cambio puede ser difícil y doloroso. Por lo tanto, el rechazo de la gente al cambio conduce a la división.

¿Por qué deberíamos decir verdaderamente "Alabado seas Señor, Jesucristo" por este Evangelio? Debemos afirmarlo aún más porque el Señor nos ama tanto. Dios desea no dejarnos donde estamos. Él desea atraernos hacia Él. Nos llama a convertirnos en una nueva creación en él. Pidamos a Dios la gracia, como dice San Pablo para "dejar todo lo que nos estorba y librarnos del pecado que nos ata, para correr con perseverancia la carrera que tenemos por delante, manteniendo fija la mirada en Jesús".

Padre Michael

## Invitamos Mujeres Para Las Clases de Inglés

The Dominican Literacy Center en Aurora esta registrando mujeres que tengan la vacuna del Covid-19 y que quieran aprender a leer, escribir y hablar Inglés. Cada persona se le darán clases individuales desde septiembre hasta mayo por un costo de \$25.00 por año. Por favor llame ahora al 630-898-4636 para obtener información. Deje un mensaje de voz con su nombre y número de teléfono en inglés o español y le devolvemos la llamada.

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Jer 38, 4-6. 8-10; Sal 39, 2. 3. 4. 18; Heb 12, 1-4; Lc 12, 49-53
<b>Lunes</b>	Apoc 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10; Sal 44, 10bc. 11. 12ab. 16; 1 Co 15, 20-27; Lc 1, 39-56
<b>Martes</b>	Ez 28, 1-10; Dt 32, 26-27ab. 27cd-28. 30. 35cd-36ab; Mt 19, 23-30
<b>Miércoles</b>	Ez 34, 1-11; Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6; Mt 20, 1-16
<b>Jueves</b>	Ez 36, 23-28; Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19; Mt 22, 1-14
<b>Viernes</b>	Ez 37, 1-14; Sal 106, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Mt 22, 34-40
<b>Sábado</b>	Ez 43:1-7; Sal 84, 9ab y 10. 11-12. 13-14; Mt 23, 1-12
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 66, 18-21; Sal 116, 1. 2; Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13; Lc 13, 22-30





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Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

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

My mom loved her Nintendo 64. We especially enjoyed “Paperboy,” a video game where a paperboy riding a bicycle attempts to deliver newspapers along Easy Street, Middle Road, or Hard Way. He has to avoid obstacles that pop up along the way – barking dogs, mailboxes, skateboarders, trash cans, you name it! Sometimes life can seem that way. We can’t predict which obstacles will pop up, but the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to persevere, “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Whether we’re riding along “Easy Street” or “Hard Way,” we can look to Jesus to help us overcome the hardships that may come our way because we are his followers. As Jesus tells the disciples, following him will not always be easy and may even result in conflicts within our families. When that happens, we can look to the example of Jesus and the great “cloud of witnesses” to whom the Letter to the Hebrews refers, knowing that peace and reconciliation await us at the finish line.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I used to have great fun watching my boys at our neighborhood swim meets. Even as my then-7-year-old zig-zagged into the lane lines during the backstroke, I would yell “Go! Go! Go! You’ve got this.” (And, please, someone catch his head at the finish!) He couldn’t hear a word I said. I wonder if it’s a bit like this when it comes to the “cloud of witnesses” – the saints, known and unknown, who encourage us in our faith. We can’t see them or hear them, but we know they are there. In turn, we can become cheerleaders for others running the race alongside us: offering encouragement, prayers, and reminding one another of the joy that awaits us. Spoken or silent, our prayers can help us and others persevere in our faith and place our trust in Jesus when times are tough.

**STUDY** The *catechism* chapter 3, The Characteristics of Faith (153-165), references this passage from Hebrews on being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Read especially #165.

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## Bishop Hicks' Column

August, 2022

### Marking 20 Years of Reforms to Protect Children

During a recent conversation with a longtime friend, she mentioned she had just signed up to volunteer at her parish by teaching religious education to fifth- and sixth- graders. I was overjoyed to hear that she was going to use her talent and time to pass on our faith to our youth.

When my friend told me of the multi-step process she had to go through to be approved as a volunteer, I nodded my head in understanding – and waited for a complaint. Instead, she said she was impressed by and proud of her Church for its commitment to keeping children safe.

As a bishop, I was heartened to hear her words, especially when we in the Catholic Church are this year marking the 20th anniversary of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Known as the Charter, this document sets out a mandated blueprint for dioceses to follow to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools and activities.

My friend, like all other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults in the Catholic Church, had to submit to a criminal background check. She also created an account with the parish administrator of a national training program that combats child sexual abuse. She then took the training class, followed by a class on mandated reporting of child abuse or neglect required by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). She also was required to read the Diocese of Joliet's policy regarding sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults, in addition to the diocesan standards of behavior for those working with minors and vulnerable adults. She signed and dated forms stating she had read these policies and standards.

She also filled out a volunteer application.

None of these steps is intended to discourage volunteers, but the Catholic Church is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for minors in all situations. All diocesan clergy and employees follow the same process, with the addition of reading monthly continuing education materials.

The Charter also puts in place a transparent and supportive process to receive and respond to allegations of sexual abuse by clergy of individuals when they were minors. The Catholic Church takes seriously every allegation that is brought forth, be it reported by an individual who suffered abuse or a third party. The first step is always the same: All allegations of abuse and/or neglect of minors are encouraged to be reported to the state child welfare agency – the DCFS hotline (1-800-25- ABUSE) here in Illinois – and the local civil authorities.

Dioceses also report the allegation to these agencies, and offer the help of a victim assistance coordinator to the individual who suffered the abuse. The victim assistance coordinator listens to, affirms and connects the individual with the appropriate services. This same pastoral care is offered when the alleged abuser is deceased.

Dioceses then undertake an investigation into the abuse allegation. The same investigative process is followed when the accused priest or deacon is deceased or already listed on the diocesan list of credible allegations of sexual misconduct with minors. If the priest or deacon is in active ministry, he is removed while the investigation is ongoing and advised of his right to counsel. If public authorities conduct a criminal investigation against the cleric, the diocese defers its own investigation until that public inquiry is concluded, and cooperates fully with civil authorities.

Following the diocesan investigation, allegations against clergy not on the diocesan public list go before the diocesan review board. The Char-

ter requires this panel to be composed of a majority of lay people not employed by the diocese and to include a pastor and a person with expertise in the treatment of minors who have been sexually abused.

The review board advises the bishop in his assessment of the allegations and the cleric's suitability for ministry. Priests or deacons determined to have credible allegations are permanently removed from ministry and placed on the diocesan list, which is published on the diocesan website. When the allegation is found to be unsubstantiated, the cleric is returned to active ministry.

The most recent report on the implementation of the Charter – dated May 2022 – shows the impact of the Catholic Church's commitment to protecting minors and vulnerable adults. The number of credible allegations reported against clergy nationwide has decreased from a high of 162 in the five-year period from 1970-1974 to four in 2021. I encourage you to read the report at the following link:

[www.usccb.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/audits](http://www.usccb.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/audits)

Policies, procedures and data inform our vigilance against abuse, yet we must always keep sight of the victim/survivors. Thankfully, no new credible allegations have surfaced during my time in the Diocese of Joliet, yet I hold in my heart a mantra I learned while serving as vicar general of the Archdiocese of Chicago: "Any decision we make should be made as if the child were in the center of the room." †





# Family Faith Formation/Religious Education

At Our Lady of Mercy Parish, we accompany and equip parents to embrace their call to raise their children as life-long disciples of Jesus. We do this in four life-changing ways. We come to be transformed by Jesus in community and through the celebration of the Sacraments, where we are inspired to use our God-given gifts to serve one another as His beloved children. In a warm and welcoming environment, Parents explore and reflect on God's Story of Love while the children are led in their experience of faith. Families receive a blessed, Jesus Storybook Bible, that allows everyone in the family to deepen their knowledge and personal experience of God's saving love. With the blessing and the unique gifts of the families gathered, and the guidance of table leaders and classroom catechists, we encounter Jesus in each other, His Word, and our living Tradition. These encounters empower us to witness our Catholic faith and live the Good News of Jesus, within and beyond, our households of faith. Visit [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) "Formation" "Children K-Grade 5".

**SEEK** is our great story of faith. It is the Biblical texts that describe the stories of being created in love (and for love), being captured by sin, rescued by Jesus Christ, and our response to the Holy Spirit as builders of the kingdom of God. Both children and parents enroll in SEEK, enjoying their two separate learning experiences, culminating with a family prayer. The series is comprised of four, on-site sessions - a journey to discover anew the good news of our faith.

## **What is SEEK FOR PARENTS?**

Seek for Parents is a small group experience designed just for parents. Throughout the SEEK journey you are guided through discussions, activities, reflections, plus video witness talks and teachings intended to lead each participant to know and grow in relationship with our God of love. As parents, you are given a shared vocabulary to begin conversations of faith with your children at home.

## **What is SEEK FOR CHILDREN?**

Seek for Children is a VBS style experience designed for children in grades K-5. Through songs, activities, and video teachings, your children will get to know a God who is love and be given a shared vocabulary to begin to discuss and ask questions about their faith, with you, their parents.

**ROOT** follows the SEEK series and begins in the month of November. ROOT is a learning experience of our foundational beliefs that we recite in the Creed at every Mass. Both children and parents attend each of the ROOT gatherings. Parents and children explore their faith in distinct learning experiences, culminating with a family prayer. The series is comprised of six, on-site sessions, equipping parents to lead a relatable family faith experience at home, allowing the family to discover meaning and grow deep roots in the knowledge and practice of our core beliefs.

## **What is ROOT FOR PARENTS?**

Root for parents is designed to guide parents to know the Trinity and the essential teachings of our faith contained in the Creed. Parents are given a vocabulary of faith and empowered with the knowledge to share the faith with their families.

## **What is ROOT FOR CHILDREN?**

In grade level groups, children come to know the Trinity and the essential teachings of our faith contained in the Creed through the guidance of trained catechists.

**MEND** is a First Reconciliation family learning experience. Families will encounter Jesus and discover the beauty of Reconciliation as it connects to daily life through innovative faith activities such as forming clay, making field goals, reading Scripture, engaging in meaningful conversation, and much more.

MEND is designed to equip parents to teach, share faith, and pray with their children through both on-site participation in community with other families as well as taking the lead with a few at-home MEND meetings. This combination of on-site and at-home gatherings provide a life-giving partnership between the parish community and each household of faith.

**NOURISH** is a First Communion family experience designed to equip parents to teach, share faith, and pray with their children as they participate on-site and lead at-home family meetings through a variety of hands-on and innovative activities. A total of ten themes of family life connected to the prayer of the Mass will be experienced deepening a family's awareness of God's real presence of love at home in the celebration of the Eucharist at every Mass.

Families will encounter Jesus and experience the beauty of the Mass as it connects to daily family life by building puzzles, baking, reading Scripture, engaging in meaningful conversation, and much more. Sacramental preparation is enhanced by parent and family participation.

Connect with Joe Wiacek 630.240.6993  
joewiacek@gmail.com for any questions.  
Please don't forget to register so we can  
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August 20 @ 2 - 4 pm  
Rm 217 Parish Life Center  
Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
701 S. Eola Rd. Aurora, IL 60504  
Call Lisa for details : 630-236-3310

## Around the Parish

### **St. Peregrine Prayer Service**

Come feel the healing strength of Saint Peregrine in a prayer service on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 pm in the church. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of people suffering with cancer and other serious or chronic illnesses. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending. There will be time after the service to venerate the relic of St. Peregrine and pray for your personal needs or intentions.

### **Mobile Food Pantry**

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday, August 17 in the church parking lot from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm or until they run out of supplies.

### **Healing Hearts Ministry**

Everyone experiences joys and sorrows, ups and downs, accomplishments and disappointments in our lives. The Healing Hearts Ministry is a source of support, resources, education and advocacy for mental health concerns. Anyone 18 years or older, who would like to practice self-care for their own health and wellness, are invited to attend the next gathering for the Healing Hearts Ministry on Monday, August 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 218.

### **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, August 22 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.

### **Bible Studies**

#### **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**

You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

#### **The Mass by Bishop Barron**

Walk through the liturgy and be transformed through insights on the most intimate encounter with our Lord. The Mass will help you understand how to fully and actively participate in the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

For details contact Zara Tan at 331-707-5381 or Joe Wiacek at [joewiacek@gmail.com](mailto:joewiacek@gmail.com) or [www.olmercy.com/biblestudy/](http://www.olmercy.com/biblestudy/)



## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	139,576
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	153,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(13,424)</b>
07/31/22 Sunday Collection	\$	24,408
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(6,192)</b>

*For the Budget Year 2022/23 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 2%, to \$30,600/week, to help expand our various Ministries.*

***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
June, 2022	\$	<b>491,712</b>
July, 2022	\$	<b>480,695</b>



## 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	\$	167,984
Amount Paid	\$	134,200
Remaining Balance	\$	33,784
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		504

**Catholic Life Every Day**  
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# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

701 S. Eola Road † Aurora, IL 60504

www.olmercy.com

## 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

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michael Kearney  
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