

AUGUST 28, 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,
do not recline at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him..."

Luke 14:8



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



"Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others." ~ St. Augustine

I am always drawn to this quote by St. Augustine, because it points to the fact without seeking God's mercy and growing in humility, we end up falling into pride and judgment of others. Have you ever noticed when you push down on an object, you in return push yourself up? I don't know if we subconsciously know this or just out of our brokenness and sinfulness, but we love to pass judgment on others. When we judge others or when we gossip about others faults, we lift ourselves up in our pride and we glorify in the fact that at least we are not like them.

Clearly this is sinful and we need to reject this inclination because this is contrary to the life and mission of Jesus Christ. Jesus, who is the Son of God, had every right, as God, to push down through judgement, but he doesn't. From the power of his infancy narrative where Jesus comes not in majesty and power, but in simplicity and poverty. Jesus enters into the midst of our lives not to push us down, but by his life, death, and resurrection, lift us up in his mercy and love!

That is what our readings are encouraging us to do; to continue to grow in humility. By doing so, we not only find favor with God, as our first reading says, we act more and more like Christ. When we humble ourselves, we allow God to exalt us. May we be strengthened by our readings and the Eucharist to always seek to grow in humility, seek God's endless mercy, and lift those around us up.

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29 - The Passion of St John the Baptist

- 9:00 am † Kenneth Hickey, by Karen Hickey
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Josantonio Juarez, by Veronica
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, August 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Stephen Murinka, by His Son
- 6:30 pm † Virginia Sillasen, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Antony & Aley Kurian, by Ida Phillips

Thursday, September 1 - World Day of Prayer

- 6:30 am † Steven H. Madsen, by The Kraehmer Family
- 8:00 am † Barry & Karen Basten, by Rick & Nancy Basten
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, September 2 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Coats Carroll, by The Carroll Children
- 12:00 pm Int Penelope Keene, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

Saturday, September 3 - St Gregory the Great, Pope

- 8:30 am † Romeo Pantaleon, by Justin & Erlina Hertado
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Lou Skonieczny, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
† George Durante, by Jodi Brisson

Sunday, September 4 - 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 10:00 am † Diane Colson, by Edgar Badillo
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm Int Jimmy Uy, by The Uy Family
- 5:30 pm † Sister Scholastica, 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. Edwin Garcia |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Carol Black |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Elaine Nichols |
| 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

September 3 & 4

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm | Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Leazzo |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Art Tionson |
| | 10:00 am | Fr James Guarascio Dcn Doug McIlvaine |
| | 12:00 pm | Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Phil Rehmer |
| | 5:30 pm | Fr James Guarascio |

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

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)



"Nunca asumamos que si vivimos vidas buenas estaremos sin pecado; nuestras vidas deben ser elogiadas solo cuando seguimos pidiendo perdón. Pero los hombres son criaturas sin esperanza, y cuanto menos se concentran en sus propios pecados, más interesados se vuelven en los pecados de los demás. Buscan criticar, no corregir. Incapaces de excusarse, están listos para acusar a los demás". ~ San Agustín

Siempre me atrae esta cita de San Agustín, porque señala el hecho de que sin buscar la misericordia de Dios y crecer en la humildad, terminamos cayendo en el orgullo y el juicio de los demás. ¿Alguna vez has notado que cuando empujas un objeto hacia abajo, a cambio te empujas hacia arriba? No sé si lo sabemos inconscientemente o simplemente por nuestro quebrantamiento y pecaminosidad, pero nos encanta juzgar a los demás. Cuando juzgamos a los demás o cuando chismeamos sobre las faltas de los demás, nos enorgullecemos y nos gloriamos en el hecho de que al menos no somos como ellos.

Claramente esto es pecaminoso y debemos rechazar esta inclinación porque es contraria a la vida y misión de Jesucristo. Jesús, quien es el Hijo de Dios, tenía todo el derecho, como Dios, de presionar a través del juicio, pero no lo hace. De la narración del poder de su infancia donde Jesús viene no en majestad y poder, sino en sencillez y pobreza; ¡Jesús entra en medio de nuestras vidas no para hundirnos, sino por su vida, muerte y resurrección, para levantarnos en su misericordia y amor!

Eso es lo que nuestras lecturas nos animan a hacer; para seguir creciendo en humildad. Al hacerlo, no sólo hallamos el favor de Dios, como dice nuestra primera lectura, sino que actuamos cada vez más como Cristo. Cuando nos humillamos, permitimos que Dios nos exalte. Que nuestras lecturas y la Eucaristía nos fortalezcan para buscar siempre crecer en humildad, buscar la misericordia infinita de Dios y levantar a quienes nos rodean.

Padra Michael

Clases de Ciudadanía

Clases de Ciudadanía empiezan el diez y nueve de septiembre en el Centro Parroquial de la Iglesia Santa Maria en el 432 E. Downer Place Aurora, IL. Las clases te ayudaran a prepararte para pasar tu examen de ciudadanía y la entrevista. Las clases son los Lunes y Miercoles por las noches de 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. y los Martes y Jueves por las mañanas de 9:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. Llame al 630-898-4636 para registrarse en la clase. La clase es gratis. Una donacion de \$10.00 es requerida por los materiales.

Lecturas de la Semana

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| Domingo | Sir 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29; Sal 67, 4-5ac. 6-7ab. 10-11; Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24a; Lc 14, 1. 7-14 |
| Lunes | 1 Cor 2, 1-5; Sal 118, 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102; Mc 6, 17-29 |
| Martes | 1 Cor 2, 10-16; Sal 144, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13ab. 13cd-14; Lc 4, 31-37 |
| Miércoles | 1 Cor 3, 1-9; Sal 32, 12-13. 14-15. 20-21; Lc 4, 38-44 |
| Jueves | 1 Cor 3, 18-23; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 5, 1-11 |
| Viernes | 1 Cor 4, 1-5; Sal 36, 3-4. 5-6. 27-28. 39-40; Lc 5, 33-39 |
| Sábado | 1 Cor 4, 6-15; Sal 144, 17-18. 19-20. 21; Lc 6, 1-5 |
| Domingo | Sab 9, 13-19; Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17; Fmn 9-10; 12-17; Lc 14, 25-33 |



August 28, 2022

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a |
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

Pope St. John XXIII, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, had a wonderful sense of humor. In stories recalled by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, Good Pope John would say, "God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn't God have made me more handsome?" He also had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. In his writings, he talks about the humble and overlooked role that Joseph played in the life of Christ. He promoted an increased devotion to the humble, loyal saint who stayed quietly in the background and provided a home for Christ and his mother. St. Joseph is a model for the humility that our readings speak of today. Being humble doesn't mean being embarrassed or ashamed of the talents and abilities we have. It means acknowledging that these are gifts from God. God does not give us these gifts so we can place ourselves above others, as Jesus observed people doing at the home of the Pharisee. They are to be used to glorify God. By being humble, we "will be loved more than a giver of gifts ... and find favor with God."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I always remember what I was told in a volunteer training when preparing to serve hospice patients and their families: sit at eye level or lower when meeting with the patient or their family members. Being "at the same level" not only "lifted up" the patient but also brought the volunteer "down" to their level. This not only made listening easier and showed respect for the dignity of the patient; it also helped the volunteer see things from the patient's perspective. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that being his disciples is not about elevating ourselves, but about lowering ourselves. He calls us to invite, welcome, and accept those who are least able to repay us. When we forget about ourselves and our place in the world and instead lift up others, he tells us we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

ACT One of the greatest acts of humility is to acknowledge when we are wrong, apologize, and ask forgiveness. Is there someone you can reconcile with by admitting you were wrong? Allowing God to forgive you in the sacrament of reconciliation will help you grow in humility.

Pastoral Care

St. Peregrine Prayer Service & Ministry

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, September 20 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass with Deacon Tony Leazzo. 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 needs or intentions.

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 next gathering is on Monday, September 26 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The topic of discussion and self-care activity will be determined in the next bulletin article.

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 olmopenhearts@yahoo.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, September 26 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Ministry Room located in the church. There is no regis-

tration. This is an opportunity to meet monthly to receive support and understanding.

If you have lost your spouse and would like to join a weekly support group please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.

August is National Make-A-Will Month

No one wants to think about making a will but when someone dies without a will, it may turn out to be a difficult time for the surviving loved ones. Take this as a reminder to update your will if you have completed a will or use it as a motivation to create one's last will and testament. Consider these three reasons to motivate you to write your will this August.

The first reason to complete a will is that it is an important legal document that everyone should have. A will is a powerful document that all adults should have that lets you distribute your property and protect your loved ones after you pass away.

The second reason to make a will is that it provides peace of mind to you and your family. A will will help loved ones know what to do with your property. It will prevent family conflict, eliminates confusion, and ensures your assets go to the people you most want to have them. A will allows you to plan ahead for those who are in your care.

The third reason to create a will is that it lets you create a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime. If you would like to make a positive impact on the world after your death, donate to a charity in your will. Consider leaving a gift for a nonprofit such as the church that you belong to or to the Diocese of Joliet designated to causes close to your heart.

If you would like a free resource to make a will, Relevant Radio partnered with Free Will to provide an easy and intuitive online service to create your will at no cost. You can find the instructions to make a will on relevantradio.com or freewill.com. Take the time to make a will that will give you peace of mind today and give your loved ones peace of mind tomorrow.

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 RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. If care is needed in an emergency after office hours, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency line and talk with a priest on call. God bless you and keep you in His care!

I FEEL THE NEED ... THE NEED TO SUCCEED!

GO CADETS

MARMION ACADEMY

ALL 5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS ARE INVITED TO

GO CADETS NIGHT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

Sophomore Football Game 5:00 PM | Varsity Football Game 7:30 PM

Register online at www.marmion.org/GoCadets

FREE admission & t-shirt for 5th-8th grade boys who pre-register online or sign in at the Go Cadets table upon arrival.

LOVE TO SING?

Join the Choir!

Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 7th
in Room 119.

YOUTH CHOIR

Grades 3 - 8 meet from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Parents, to help prepare for how many children will be attending, please email Frank Sauter at franks@olmercy.com with your child(rens) name, grade and phone number. Thank you!

ADULT CHOIR

Grade 9 - Adult meet from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**COME SING AND
HAVE FUN WITH US!**

Around the Parish

Alpha

If you've been thinking of going or wanting to invite someone to Alpha, now is a perfect time. If you're unsure, just come and see for yourself on Thursday evenings beginning on September 8th at 6:30pm in the MPR. There is a group for Young Adults, Families, All-Ages Groups, and an awesome Spanish Group! We all know people who are far away from the Lord, who may be asking questions about whether or not God even exists. To register or for more information please visit <https://olmercy.com/alpha/>

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry

The next collection for the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry will be September 3 & 4. Please put your non-perishable items in the collections bins located in the Atrium near Door B.

Family Faith Formation

Registration for Religious Education, EDGE and LIGHT are now open. Parents of children K thru 12, we look forward to growing in faith with you and your children. Visit the website at www.olmercy.com and click on the Formation tab. For questions regarding grades K—5 contact Mary Jo Trapani at 331-707-5378. For questions about grades 6—12 contact Dave Miserendino at 331-707-5371.

Catechist's Needed

Do you have a heart to help out with our Middle School youth? Connect with Dave Miserendino at davem@olmercy.com to help out as an EDGE Catechist for Grades 6, 7, & 8.

Undone

Immerse yourself in a conference of truth and transformation as the knots of Eve, in us, are undone by Mary's example of radical receptivity. Through a series of talks, teachings and prayer experiences, you will be invited to become Undone in God's presence while deeply receiving the truth of your authentic identity. It will run Thursday evening, Friday evening and all day Saturday (September 22-24). Please go to www.olmercy.com to purchase tickets and for additional details. Tickets are \$150 which includes lunch on Saturday or \$119 for remote access.

New

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Beginning September 1st the Parish
Office will be closed for lunch between
12:00 pm and 1:00 pm.

Friday
8:30 am to 1:00 pm.



thank you!

From: The OLM Social Committee—Diane Brotto, Len Eickhoff, Carmen & Bryan Summers

We couldn't have done it without your help! Please accept our heartfelt "Thank You" for helping us make Father Michael welcome at Our Lady of Mercy. We are so grateful for each of you and the time and effort you all put forth to make this a welcoming day for him.

Now, here are some Shout Outs....

Set-up Team: Mila L, Phil Z, Brian & Annicka S, Jim J, Arthur & Melissa G, Robert D, Sharon S, Ed B, - Thank you for being **so flexible** with us as we had to decide to execute on Plan A (no rain) or Plan B (rain and move event indoor) at the last minute and the execution was quick, efficient, and completed before the start time!

Ticket Collectors: Linda Eickhoff and Phyllis Anderson – Thank you for your time and effort and thank you for setting the “welcome theme” to all attendees! They certainly carried that throughout the event.

Servers: Marty K, Mary G, Toni P, Gloria M, Doree P, Audrey B, Geri C, Natalie B, Mary L, Jeff Y, Grace W, Colleen, Gerri F – Wow!! Thank You so much for moving that serving line to serve 500 people!! You all did an awesome job in serving a hungry crowd! We are so grateful for you and for volunteering your time and effort in helping to make this day a great time for everyone! LOVED the “Serving Dancers!” As did a lot of guests seeing that! You were the talk of the event!! 😊

Photographers: Darwin L, Maybird D – Thank you so much for taking your time to snap pictures during the reception! The pictures capture the sentiment of the day! We are so thankful!

Runners: Sofia & Santine S – Thank you so much for helping us set up and replenish the dessert table throughout the day! This was definitely an important task! Everyone LOVES dessert!!!

Good Humor Ice Cream Man – You ROCKED IT!! Everyone will remember you! Thank you for putting smiles on everyone's faces as you rang your bells and offered ice cream sandwiches!! Your welcoming and friendly self has secured you a new job!! 😊 Double D's will probably never eat another ice cream sandwich again!! Hahaha!

Tear Down/Clean Up Team: Adriana R, Fince & Paul C, Lopez Fam, Max & Shirley S, Phil Z, Sara Carroll, Avila Fam, - Thank you so much for helping us break down and clean up in RECORD time!!! Wow!!! The MRP and Kitchen were all cleaned up before the 5:30pm mass ended!! Not sure how you all did it, but so thankful!

Volunteers: Tom C, Sharon S, - Thank you for helping the elderly with their plates and drinks, thank you for helping to clear off tables as people left and others came, and thank you for welcoming guests as they walked in the doors and directing them to the food lines! Guests were feeling welcomed!

Ticket Sales: Lopez Fam, Gloria M, Angie B, Rose R, Karen S, Lydia S, Chris R, Therese R, Maybird D – Thank you for kicking off this event with your welcoming enthusiasm!

Creative Design: Diane R, Marty K – Thank you for the creative ad and the ticket design! So cute!

Dessert Contributors: Sara Carroll/Anderson, Doree P, Chris R, Lisa S, Shirley S, Sharon S, Carol M, Jill S, Melissa G, Isabelle O, Robert D, Kate O - Thank you for your generosity and effort! Thank you for bringing desserts that were gobbled up by the end of the night and put the finishing touch on a tasty meal!

We are so blessed to have a wonderful community of people such as yourselves! If we missed anyone, please know that we could not have had a successful event without your help. We cannot say “Thank You” enough, but please know that we are sincerely thankful for each one of you!

God Bless, *The OLM Social Committee*

| Parish Sacrificial Giving | | |
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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections | \$ | 204,842 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget | \$ | 214,200 |
| Amount Short of Budget | \$ | (9,358) |
| 08/14/22 Sunday Collection | \$ | 32,355 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal | \$ | 30,600 |
| Amount in Excess of Goal | \$ | 1,755 |
| <i>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.</i> | | |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i> | | |
| <i>Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.</i> | | |



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.

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| Parish Goal | \$ 152,000 |
| Amount Pledged | \$ 168,502 |
| Amount Paid | \$ 137,558 |
| Remaining Balance | \$ 30,944 |
| Rebate Amount | \$ 0 |
| # of Families Pledged | 505 |

| Parish Life Center (Construction Loan) | | |
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| April, 2009 | \$ | 1,950,000 |
| June, 2022 | \$ | 491,712 |
| July, 2022 | \$ | 468,359 |

Here at Our Lady of Mercy our Vision is to offer every person a life-changing encounter with Jesus, grow disciples, and send them on mission.

Creation Care Corner

Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. **It starts September 1 and ends October 4th.** It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creature inhabiting it. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...".

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that "we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation". Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (LS 139). Advocating for Creation Care helps safeguard the inheritance the Creator has given us, ... an inheritance essential to our well-being. Pope Benedict XVI told us that protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation.

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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Dcn Art Tiongson hope2640@yahoo.com

Dcn Lupe Villarreal lupev@olmercy.com

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