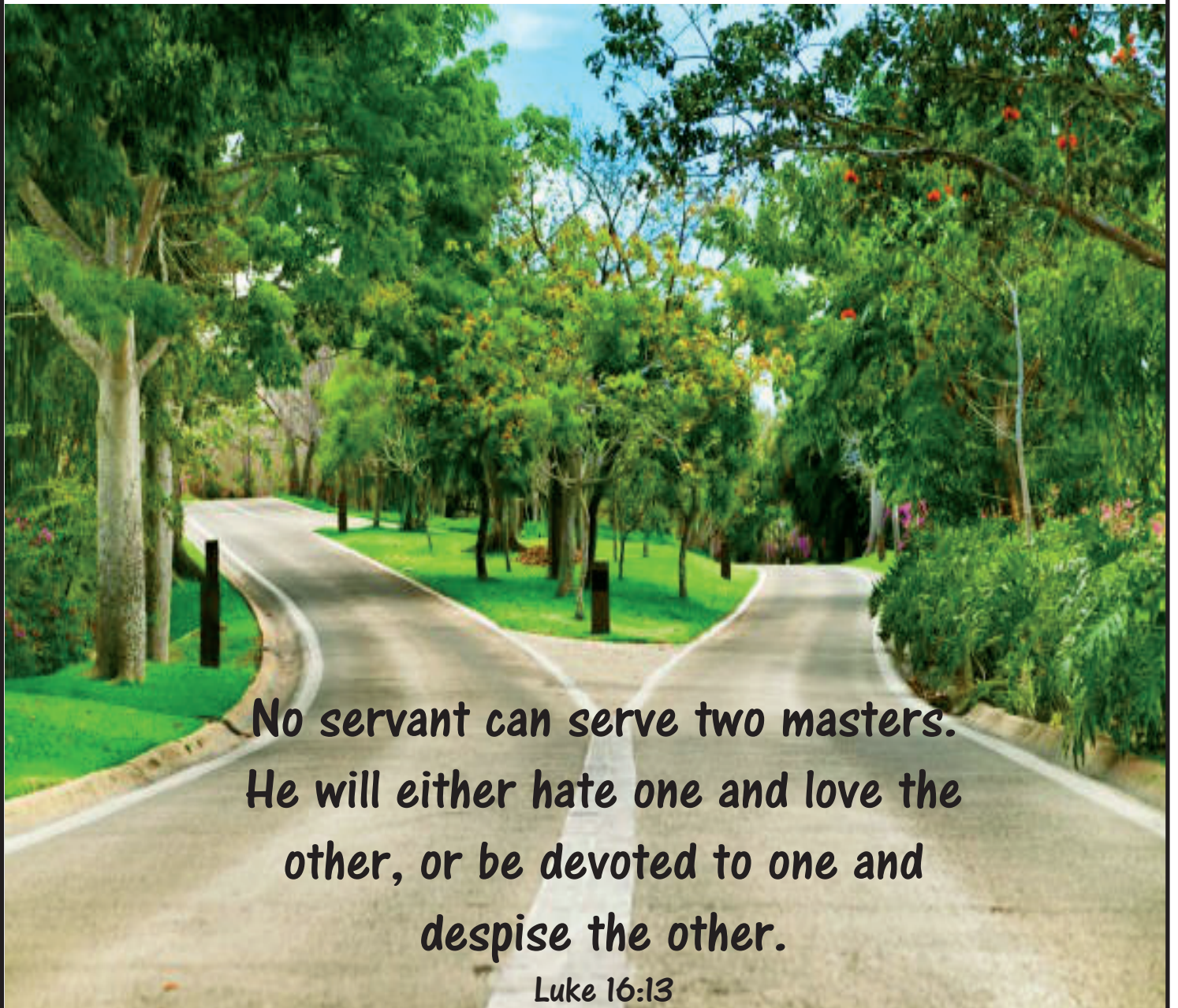




OUR LADY *of* MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

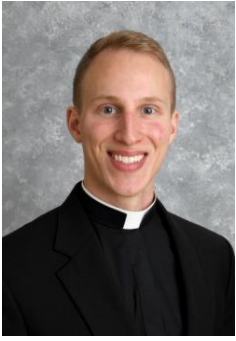
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



**No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the
other, or be devoted to one and
despise the other.**

Luke 16:13

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



Recently I learned another little factoid about the Mass that I wanted to share with all of you. Have you ever noticed that the priest bows slightly right before saying the words of consecration? This is first of all because the big red book called the *Roman Missal* tells the priest not only what to say, but also what to do while saying it. At the most important point of the Mass, the Missal instructs the priest with these simple words, “He bows slightly,” and then, in all caps, tells him to repeat the words of Christ, “TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU...”

Why bow? On the one hand, we may be tempted to think that the priest should simply be looking at the people and saying these words standing straight up because, in a certain way, he is re-enacting the scene of the Last Supper where Jesus said this to the disciples. However, the Mass is so much more than a re-enactment. If that were all it is, I’m sure you could find much better actors and singers at the Paramount Theatre! Something substantial and miraculous is happening when we follow the Lord’s command to “do this in memory of me.”

In medieval times, kings would send messengers on their behalf to share a message. In order to make clear that what they were saying was from their lord and not from them, the messenger would bow while pronouncing their king’s words. Not only would this convey a certain reverence for their king’s words, it would also be a simple way to distinguish between who was saying what. During the Mass, the priest does much the same. He takes the words of Jesus as his own because of his ordination into the priesthood of Jesus Christ—“THIS IS MY BODY...THIS IS MY BLOOD”. This is an amazing and beautiful moment for priests, as it reminds us to give up our own bodies, to give up our own blood in service to our people. But the priest also bows while saying these words to show that he is merely a servant of the True Priest, a messenger of the High King.

At Mass we not only remember what Our Lord did for us, we encounter His very self—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—offered to us, and for us. May we, at each and every Mass, keep our gaze fixed not simply on the messenger, but on the True High King and His good news of great joy.

Father James



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 19 - St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Felipe Galvez, by Maria Arroyo
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, September 20 - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chon Ha-sang

- 8:00 am † Acela Henson, by Purita Angeles
- 6:30 pm † Romeo Pantaleon, by Rey Bernales
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, September 21 - St Matthew, Apostle

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Patricia Feeley, by Friends
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, September 22 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am † Karen Loback, by Jim & Patti Robertson
- 8:00 am Int Carl & Mary Anne Marker, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, September 23 - St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:00 am † Robert Kranz, by Doug & Nancy Seeman

Saturday, September 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am In Thanksgiving, by Purita Angeles
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Joyce Markus, by Family
† Amerina Pieri, by Ida Phillips

Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Stanley & Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 10:00 am † Patricia Feeley, by Mary & Luke Kelly
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Arlene Havlicek, by Dawn Moran
- 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. Ann Rigby | 9. Happy Birthday Shirl |
| 2. Caron & Thompson Families | 10. Charles E Thompson |
| 3. Whalen & Jirasek Families | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Baby Riley Chick | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Edwin Garcia |
| 6. Lindsay Willis | 14. The Sick |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Special Intention |
| 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 24 & 25

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Tony Martini
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
	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.

Bettye Abbott
David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Alfredo Chavez
Baby Riley Chick
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

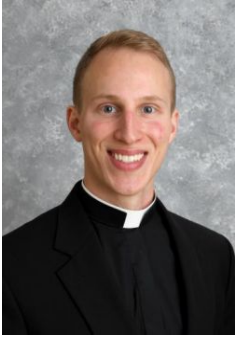
Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

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. (Sacerdote en Formación)



Recientemente aprendí otro pequeño dato sobre la Misa que quería compartir con todos ustedes. ¿Alguna vez han notado que el sacerdote se inclina un poco justo antes de decir las palabras de la consagración? Esto se debe en primer lugar a que el gran libro rojo llamado *Misal Romano* le dice al sacerdote no solo qué decir, sino también qué hacer mientras lo dice. En el punto más importante de la Misa, el Misal instruye al sacerdote con estas sencillas palabras: “Se inclina un poco”, y luego, en mayúsculas, le dice que repita las palabras de Cristo: “TOMEN Y COMAN TODOS...”

¿Por qué inclinarse? Por un lado, podemos estar tentados a pensar que el sacerdote simplemente debe estar mirando a la gente y diciendo estas palabras de pie porque, en cierto modo, está recreando la escena de la Última Cena donde Jesús dijo esto a los discípulos. Sin embargo, la Misa es mucho más que una recreación. Si eso fuera todo, ¡estoy seguro de que podrías encontrar actores y cantantes mucho mejores en el Teatro Paramount! Algo sustancial y milagroso está sucediendo cuando seguimos el mandato del Señor de “hacer esto en memoria mía”.

En la época medieval, los reyes enviaban mensajeros en su nombre para compartir un mensaje. Para dejar claro que lo que decían era de su señor y no de ellos, el mensajero se inclinaba mientras pronunciaba las palabras de su rey. Esto no solo transmitiría cierta reverencia por las palabras de su rey, sino que también sería una forma sencilla de distinguir entre quién decía qué. Durante la Misa, el sacerdote hace lo mismo. Él toma las palabras de Jesús como propias debido a su ordenación al sacerdocio de Jesucristo: “ESTE ES MI CUERPO...ESTA ES MI SANGRE”. Este es un momento asombroso y hermoso para los sacerdotes, ya que nos recuerda entregar nuestros propios cuerpos, entregar nuestra propia sangre al servicio de nuestro pueblo. Pero el sacerdote también se inclina mientras dice estas palabras para mostrar que él es simplemente un sirviente del Verdadero Sacerdote, un mensajero del Gran Rey.

En la Misa no solo recordamos lo que Nuestro Señor hizo por nosotros, sino que nos encontramos con Su propio ser—Cuerpo y Sangre, Alma y Divinidad—ofrecido a nosotros y por nosotros. Que nosotros, en todas y cada una de las Misas, mantengamos nuestra mirada fija no solo en el mensajero, sino en el Verdadero Gran Rey y Sus buenas nuevas de gran alegría.

Padre James



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Am 8, 4-7; Sal 112, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8; 1 Tm 2, 1-8; Lc 16, 1-13 o Lc 16, 10-13
Lunes	Prv 3, 27-34; Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5; Lc 8, 16-18
Martes	Prv 21, 1-6. 10-13; Sal 118, 1. 27. 30. 34-35. 44; Lc 8, 19-21
Miércoles	Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Mt 9, 9-13
Jueves	Ecl 1, 2-11; Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17; Lc 9, 7-9
Viernes	Ecl 3, 1-11; Sal 143, 1a y 2abc. 3-4; Lc 9, 18-22
Sábado	Ecl 11, 9—12, 8; Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17; Lc 9, 43-45
Domingo	Am 6, 1. 4-7; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; 1 Tm 6, 11-16; Lc 16, 19-31



September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

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

Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

ACT Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.

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 need or intentions. St. Peregrine, pray for us!

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 registration. Father Michael Kearney, our pastor will be with us to answer our questions about how grief impacts our faith and living a life of hope.

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.

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 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. Father Michael Kearney, our pastor will be joining us for our discussion and self-care activity.

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.

FLU SHOTS ARE FREE AT OLM THIS YEAR!

Flu shot clinics have been held at Our Lady of Mercy in the past years. This year our parish will host the flu shot clinic on Sunday October 2 from 8a to noon in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center for those 18 years and older. The clinic is sponsored by Ascension Mercy and there is **NO COST for the flu shot**. There will be no billing to Medicare or any other payor source.

Please come before or after Mass to Room 114 for a free flu shot to prevent the flu from getting to you! If you are going to come to get your flu shot, please let Jolene know at 331-707-5380 for planning purposes. No appointments are necessary – this is a walk-in clinic. Thank you to Ascension Mercy!

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Are you aware of the following facts? Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death overall in the U.S. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-14 and the third leading cause of death among people aged 15-24 in the U.S. 79% of all people who die by suicide are male. Many people know someone who has had thoughts of suicide or have died by suicide.

As a faith community, we need to be a safe and sacred place that talks about mental health concerns to reduce the stigma of talking about mental illness and suicide. It is important for everyone to know that they are not alone! Suicide is preventable. Let's work together to raise awareness about suicide prevention.

The warning signs that someone is at risk for suicide are: feeling extreme depression, guilt or shame; feeling hopeless; talking about, or preoccupation with, death or suicide; preparing for death; exhibiting a dramatic change in behavior.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call or text 988 immediately. If you are uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can chat the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988lifeline.org. You can text NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line. The goal is that any person experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviors knows a number to call or a system to turn to so that they can be connected to the treatment and support that they need.

A Health Update From Fr. Don.....

Since the beginning of the year, I have been battling two health concerns: 1. Anemia and 2. Metastasized kidney cancer of six years ago that has gone to my lungs. This past Wednesday I had another test for the anemia problem that came back negative. So, now we are going to go with 5 iron infusion treatments beginning 9/8 and continuing, on 9/12, 9/14, 9/16, and 9/20. Hopefully this will take care of anemia issue as I have felt weak and in a brain fog for a terrible long time!

Regarding the cancer, the last 2 scans have shown no need to begin treatment yet. The next scan is on September 28 and an appointment with my oncologist on September 30.

I did have a new experience the evening of September 7th—I took an ambulance ride! After talking to my doctor because I was feeling very weak, it was decided that I could use a pint of blood, so off to the hospital I went. I did receive my first iron infusion with additional infusions scheduled soon. Hopefully that will start me on the road to feeling better.

Thank you for your continued prayers! Fr. Don

UNDY SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 16, 2022

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”. ~ Matthew 25:40

Did you know that NEW underwear and socks are the most-requested, but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic needs items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.

Our Lady of Mercy Church is helping **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet** and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following **NEW** items for children and adults living in low-income households:

- **Boy's underwear in sizes between 2T and XL (boxer briefs preferred)**
- **Diapers (boys and girls) in sizes 5, 6, and 7**
- **Men's warm winter socks (wool, if possible)**

Collection Boxes will be placed in the Narthex at all weekend masses on **Saturday, October 15th** and **Sunday, October 16th, 2022**.

You can also purchase items to donate through the **Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List**, using the link or scan QR code:
<https://amzn.to/3cvDpL2>

Items purchased via the Wish List will be sent directly to Catholic Charities.

If you'd prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to:
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Monetary donations can also be made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community. For questions on Undy Sunday, contact Maybird D'Silva at maydsilva@aol.com.



The graphic features a purple background. At the top left, the text 'UNDY SUNDAY' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is the message: 'WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES' CLIENTS BY COLLECTING BASIC NEEDS ITEMS.' To the right of this text is a circular inset image showing a person's hands holding a cardboard box with 'DONATION' written on it and a smiley face. In the top right corner, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet logo is displayed, consisting of a blue cross-like symbol and the text 'catholic charities Diocese of Joliet'. At the bottom of the graphic, the question 'Can you help?' is written in large, bold, white letters.



MEET OUR SEMINARIAN



Hi! My name is Jonathan Hernandez, and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Joliet. I wanted to take some time to introduce myself to the parish as I will be around for a period of 2 years. I just started my first year of theology at Mundelein Seminary and they have what is called the teaching parish program. What the program aims at achieving is giving the seminarian more exposure to the different programs that are present at parishes, as well as giving the seminarian a feel of what parish life is like on the priestly side.

That being said, I am thankful to have been assigned to Our Lady of Mercy and to have Fr. Michael as the pastor I will be learning from. I am already familiar with Fr. Michael as prior to becoming pastor at OLM he was a formator at my prior seminary Saint John Vianney in Minnesota. I spent 3 of my 4 years there with Fr. Michael, and well aware of how great of a priest he is. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you after introducing myself at the various masses.

Many of you have asked me how many years of formation I still have. The answer is that, including this year, 4. I entered seminary immediately out of high school, and thus, I am on an 8-year track for formation. Regarding the frequency with which you might see me, the answer would be one day of the week landing on either Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. This frequency will stay stable for about a year and a half and for my last 6 months I will be residing at the rectory and will be around the whole week. This frequency is due to having to balance my studies and time between being at the parish and staying committed to my studies and formation. That being said, I am open to any invitations regarding dinner and getting to know individual families. It would make me happy to get to know more people at the parish. Please keep me in your prayers and know of mine. I always pray daily for my future parishioners as well as those I encounter in my day-to-day life and those in need of prayers. God Bless.

Around the Parish

Save the Date—An Hour with Jesus

During the first week in October Eucharistic Adoration days and hours will be extended. We will begin and end this special week of adoration with Mass. Our opening Mass will be First Saturday, October 1st during the 4 pm Vigil Mass and the closing Mass will be First Friday, October 7th during the 12:00 pm Noon Mass. More details on the exact Eucharistic Adoration schedule will follow as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions please contact Shirley Staples at 630-815-5799. Encounter Jesus in Adoration; which day and hour will you sign up for? *“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”—Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday October 9th from 8:00am to Noon in the PLC Gym. Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00 (12 and under)

Children under 3 no charge.

Dine in the PLC or Take Out Available.

Profits will support Waterleaf



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

I run on
donuts
and
Jesus

Join us for donuts and coffee, and stay a while for great fellowship after the 8am and 10am masses on Sunday October 9, in the PLC Gym

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	295,650
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	306,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(10,350)
09/04/22 Sunday Collection	\$	34,503
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	3,903
<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>		
Thank you for your generosity!!		
<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.

Parish Goal	\$ 152,000
Amount Pledged	\$ 169,770
Amount Paid	\$ 143,137
Remaining Balance	\$ 26,633
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	507

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
July, 2022	\$	491,712
August, 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.

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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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

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Dcn Bugsy Sindac

Dcn Art Tionson hope2640@yahoo.com

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