

OUR LADY *of* MERCY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 16, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7



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



"The desire to see God is what urges us to love solitude and silence. For silence is where God dwells. He drapes Himself in silence." ~ Robert Cardinal Sarah in Power of Silence

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus challenges his disciples "to pray without becoming weary." He uses an example of a widow appealing to a dishonest judge to give right judgement. It seems like nagging but Jesus is asking his disciples to have the same perseverance as the widow. Now this example could be easily misunderstood because the widow's actions are all external. However, prayer which may have external actions, begins with an internal movement of the heart. It is where the Lord resides, hence, silence is a necessity to prayer!

The problem is that we have come to find comfort in the noise and the chaos. Even though God is draped in silence, as shared by Cardinal Sarah, we choose to turn away from silence because we are afraid what it might reveal. We have been forming our lives on things other than God. From our phones, computers, TVs, we bombard ourselves with distractions from entertainment to work. Even I, as a priest, struggle to separate myself from screen time. Currently, I have my laptop open typing the bulletin, I have my iPad pro open with the Sunday readings, and my phone playing music! And let's not talk about the feelings when I don't know where my phone is. Lord, have Mercy!

When asked about what virtues are needed to help grow in silence and prayer, Cardinal Sarah suggests that we ask for the virtues of hope and courage. With hope we can trust that the Lord will satisfy in silence and with courage we can overcome our fears and have the strength to turn away from things not from the Lord.

If I can offer a challenge to myself and you, let us make a substantial effort through the week to take a morning or afternoon away from our phones, computers and TVs, and when the desire strikes to avoid silence, let us actually enter into a conversation with the Lord.

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, October 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch

- 8:00 am † Mary Coats Carroll, by Carroll Children
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Armando Jimenez, by Guadalupe Jimenez
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, October 18 - St Luke, Evangelist

- 8:00 am † Nellie Murinka, by Her Son
- 6:30 pm † Bryan Lange, by Tim & Diane Reiter
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, October 19 - Sts John deBerebeuf & Isaac Jogues

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, October 20 - St Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 6:30 am Int Catherine Bonsol, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
- 8:00 am † Delfin Masangcay, Sr by Shirley Staples
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, October 21 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Emilia Reformina-Loteyro by Ross Rina

Saturday, October 22 - St John Paul II, Pope

- 8:30 am † Gina Giancola, by Renee Guarascio
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 - † Mark Chapas, Jr
 - † Geraldine Nemeth, by Fernandez Family

Sunday, October 23 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 10:00 am † Timothy Klamer, by Rose Zahn
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Paul Sampson, by Tim & Diane Reiter
- 5:30 pm † Aley Kutty, 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. Special Intention—T.S. |
| 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. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. The Sick |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 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

October 22 & 23

Father James will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Buggy Sindac
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Art Tiongson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Doug McIlvaine
	12:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney 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
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

Rev. Don McLaughlin
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

Can you have too many Deacons? Gratitude for Dcn. Lupe

My brother priests are quite jealous when I tell them that I have 8 permanent deacons. The question may be asked, can you have too many deacons? The answer of course is no! And I would love to keep all my deacons, however, as much as I would like to keep all the deacons that come my way, I understand the need to sharing the wonderful fruit we have at Our Lady of Mercy.

With that being said, I'm sad to announce Deacon Lupe (Guadalupe Villarreal) has been reassigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Darien, Illinois. Please join in praying and thanking Deacon Lupe's for his service to the Church and to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry!



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



"El deseo de ver a Dios es lo que nos impulsa a amar la soledad y el silencio. Porque el silencio es donde mora Dios. Él se viste de silencio". ~ Cardenal Robert Sarah en El Poder del Silencio

En nuestro Evangelio de este fin de semana, Jesús desafía a sus discípulos a "orar sin cansarse". Usa el ejemplo de una viuda que apela a un juez deshonesto para que dicte un juicio justo. Parece una molestia, pero Jesús les pide a sus discípulos que tengan la misma perseverancia que la viuda. Ahora bien, este ejemplo podría malinterpretarse fácilmente porque las acciones de la viuda son todas externas. Sin embargo, la oración que puede tener acciones externas, comienza con un movimiento interno del corazón. ¡Es donde reside el Señor, por lo tanto, el silencio es una necesidad para la oración!

El problema es que hemos llegado a encontrar comodidad en el ruido y el caos. Aunque Dios está envuelto en el silencio, como lo comparte el Cardenal Sarah, elegimos alejarnos del silencio porque tenemos miedo de lo que pueda revelar. Hemos estado formando nuestras vidas en cosas distintas a Dios. Desde nuestros teléfonos, computadoras y televisores, nos bombardeamos con distracciones desde el entretenimiento hasta el trabajo. Incluso yo, como sacerdote, lucho por separarme del tiempo frente a la pantalla. ¡Actualmente, tengo mi computadora portátil abierta escribiendo el boletín, tengo mi iPad pro abierto con las lecturas del domingo y mi teléfono reproduciendo música! Y no hablemos de los sentimientos cuando no sé dónde está mi teléfono. ¡Señor ten Piedad!

Cuando se le preguntó qué virtudes se necesitan para ayudar a crecer en el silencio y la oración, el Cardenal Sarah sugiere que pidamos las virtudes de la esperanza y la valentía. Con la esperanza podemos confiar en que el Señor satisfará en el silencio y con la valentía podemos vencer nuestros miedos y tener la fortaleza para alejarnos de las cosas que no son del Señor.

Si puedo ofrecer un desafío para mí y para ti, hagamos un esfuerzo sustancial durante la semana para tomarnos una mañana o una tarde lejos de nuestros teléfonos, computadoras y televisores, y cuando llegue el deseo de evitar el silencio, entremos realmente en una conversación con el Señor.

Padre Michael



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ex 17, 8-13; Sal 120, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8; 2 Tm 3, 14—4, 2; Lc 18, 1-8
Lunes	Ef 2, 1-10; Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5; Lc 12, 13-21
Martes	2 Tm 4, 9-17; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18; Lc 10, 1-9
Miércoles	Ef 3, 2-12; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Lc 12, 39-48
Jueves	Ef 3, 14-21; Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19; Lc 12, 49-53
Viernes	Ef 4, 1-6; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 12, 54-59
Sábado	Ef 4, 7. 11-16; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5; Lc 13, 1-9
Domingo	Ecl 35, 12-14. 16-18; Sal 33, 2-3. 17-18. 19 y 23; 2 Tm 4, 6-8. 16-18; Lc 18, 9-14



October 16, 2022

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply *do*, it is something we *live*.

PRAY Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray - something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.);" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" - and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.

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Pastoral Care

St. Peregrine Prayer Service & Ministry

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 18 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN, Director of Pastoral Care. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those experiencing cancer, serious illness or chronic illness. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. 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, October 24 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Ministry Room located in the church. There is no registration.

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 Minis-

try 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, October 24 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The topic of discussion and self-care activity will focus on music.

If you would like to be put on the ministry email list so that you may receive information 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.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

During October there is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. You will see people wearing pink ribbons and other pink items to bring attention to the importance of having knowledge about breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States except for skin cancer. It occurs mainly in middle-aged and older women. There is a one in eight chance that a woman will develop breast cancer in her life.

There are risk factors that can be controlled that may help to decrease the risk of breast cancer. Drinking alcohol is linked to an increased risk of breast cancer. It is best not to drink alcohol or have no more than one drink of alcohol a day. Being overweight or obese after menopause increases breast cancer risk. The American Cancer Society

recommends staying at a healthy weight throughout life. Regular physical activity reduces breast cancer risk. It is recommended adults get 150 to 300 minutes of moderate intensity or 75 to 150 minutes of vigorous activity each week.

Regular breast cancer screening is important for early diagnosis and treatment. For screening guidelines, additional information on risk factors and prevention, information on the types and treatment of breast cancer and resources, go to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or call the Cancer Helpline at 800-227-2345. The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. at www.nationalbreastcancer.org is an additional resource for information and resources.

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 jolene@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380. If care is needed in an emergency after office hours, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency line and talk with the priest on call. God bless you and keep you in His care!





Bishop Hicks' Column

October, 2022

Pruning our diocesan tree so that we may thrive and grow.

For anyone who lives in the Midwest or northern regions of the United States, news of consolidations, mergers and closings of Catholic parishes and schools has become a frequent reality. Across the country, Catholic dioceses and archdioceses are implementing or have completed restructuring processes, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Closer to home, our neighbors on our diocesan borders also have begun or have been attending to these same issues. Specifically, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been engaged in a seven-year, proactive process of structural and spiritual renewal known as "Renew My Church." Also, just recently, the Diocese of Peoria announced its two-year process of pastoral planning called "Growing Disciples."

When I was installed as the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet two years ago, I was immediately inundated with statistics of too few pastors to cover too many parishes, especially as we project the numbers into the near future. I was also confronted with declining Mass attendance and budgetary issues, all exacerbated by the pandemic.

Many people have continued to ask me, "Bishop, are you planning on running a 'Renew My Church' in our diocese?" My answer has been consistent and constant: "Our parishes and schools will need to be looked at. However, before that, I need to get my own house in order." "My own house" refers to the diocesan offices and the Catholic Schools Office, which are housed in the Blanchette Catholic Center (BCC.)

To do so, I hired consultants known as The Reid Group. They are practicing Catholics who know and love the Church. They are also excellent at intensive listening, identifying issues and making recommendations to help dioceses change in order to thrive. Following their recommendations, we have streamlined the BCC's staffing from 99 to 70 employees and updated our organizational chart to reflect an approach that is outward-focused, effective and efficient. While this change has been successful in reducing our operating deficit and achieving a balanced budget, I am also keenly aware of the real-life impact of this process. Severance packages and an extremely healthy job market may have eased the transition for the affected individuals, yet this type of change is never easy. Please join me in my continuing prayers for the individuals impacted by the changes.

The Reid Group also recommended that after getting "my house in order," we should embark on a second phase to review diocesan parishes and schools. They emphasized that if we are going to ensure continued vitality in our diocese, then we would need to consider possible mergers, consolidations, or closures.

To begin this process, since July, I have gathered my senior staff at the BCC with the eight pastors who serve as deans -- or leaders -- of the eight deaneries -- geographic regions -- of the diocese. So far, we have met to listen to facts and trends, and have had discussions about potential parishes and schools that may need to merge, consolidate or close. At these initial meetings, I have been clear that I will NOT ask all our parishes and schools to participate in this process. Instead, we will focus on specific areas in the Diocese of Joliet to address specific situations. To reiterate, phase two will NOT be a diocesan-wide process. Instead, it will occur over the next two to three years in what I am calling a targeted restructuring.

Some people have already asked me -- some jokingly and some seriously -- if I already have a secret list in a vault in my office containing the names of the parishes and schools that will be affected. The answer to that question is an emphatic "No!" My senior staff and the deans will discern and collaborate to create a list of parishes and schools whose futures will need to be addressed in three stages: urgent; in the next year; and in two to three years. When we have reached consensus on what parishes and schools will be affected by this targeted restructuring process, we will continue to share and publish the information through various channels, including our diocesan website.

Once specific parishes and schools are informed they will be engaged in targeted restructuring, they will begin a process of preparation, assessment and discernment before final decisions are made or changes implemented. Please know we are committed to actively listening to the voices of the pastors, principals, parishioners, parish employees and volunteers.

During these past two years, you have often heard me praise the Diocese of Joliet. We are a great diocese filled with amazing laity, religious and priests. We are experiencing so much success implementing my vision of catechesis, evangelization and faith into action. Why, then, am I leading us into this targeted restructuring? It is because most of us want to see a Church that is focused on the mission of Jesus Christ and not on the preservation of our buildings. As missionary disciples, we should all desire a Church that is thriving, growing and following the Gospel. In other words, everything we do as a Church needs to be about the salvation of souls.

At the end of the day, I do not want us to be viewed as a diocese that buried its head in the sand or kicked the can down the road. Instead, with deep faith in God, we need to prune some of the structural branches, so that our Church can continue to produce great fruit.

Soon, we will announce which parishes and schools in our diocese will participate in the urgent phase of the targeted restructuring process. We ask that you receive this news with an open, collaborative heart focused on the common good of our diocese. Please join me in praying for this process so that we all may seek and hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin this journey together. †

Justice & Peace Ministry

The *Season of Creation* may have come to an end but in reality it continues on since we are called to continually renew our relationship with God our Creator and all creation through celebration and commitment. We have opportunities everyday to reflect on the wonderful and awesome work of God, the Creator of all things - maybe when we see the sunrise or sunset, beautiful flowers, a rainbow, the change of seasons, a newborn baby, hear a beautiful story or song.... And hopefully we then take time to recognize the need for our cooperation in the care of our natural resources, our world and the universe.

With God's help we have made use of the resources for life giving and life saving inventions but we have also contributed to the negative impact on the environment that we see around us - on the vegetation, the water, the air, etc. Scientists, clergy and many caring lay people have been warning the world about climate change, global warming, the effects of pollution, the accumulation of massive amounts of discarded trash that mounts in landfills and will take more years than a person's lifetime to decompose. It is time to seriously address these issues and do our part to improve the situation. Every little bit helps.

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, encourage us to try to take time to evaluate our efforts to reduce, reuse/repurpose, recycle and recover.

Pope Francis has offered a powerful encyclical on the environment, ***Laudato Si'***, which not only addresses the effects of the misuse of the resources of the earth on our environment but how this affects the poorest and most vulnerable of peoples on the globe.

The theme of the Season of Creation was **Listen to the Voice of Creation** and Pope Francis said in his recent message on the Season of Creation, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

Let us pray and work together to care for our common home. Each person can do a little and that will amount to much good. Recycle - check the Groot website for a list of what should be recycled; reduce - take an inventory of where you can cut down on what gets discarded and ends up in landfills - maybe buying in bulk, fresh produce that is not packaged, conserving water by timing showers or using less water when washing dishes or brushing teeth; reuse or repurpose - find ideas for reusing items rather than discarding them - recently a local bagel shop had a display of bird baths made from old vases, bowls/serving dishes etc. Some organizations like SCARCE recycle, reuse, repurpose and renew in an effort to teach about conservation and provide teachers with needed materials etc. for helping educate young people about saving our planet. Coming next - some more practical ideas. And if you have suggestions, we will include them. Please send them to chrisharvey@live.com

Thank you.

Around the Parish

Calligrapher Needed

OLM is looking for a talented calligrapher to write the names of the deceased parishioners in our Book of the Dead. These names are of those who's funerals took place at Our Lady of Mercy this past year. Please email a sample of your work to parishoffice@olmercy.com.

Trunk-or-Treat

On Saturday, October 29 from 2-3:45 pm you are invited to bring your children to OLM's parking lot for "Trunk-or-Treat with the Saints!" We are in need of volunteers to decorate the trunk of your car to represent a different saint as well as provide 150 treats to hand out to the trunk-or-treaters! Decorate your trunk in a way that reflects the life of the saint you sign up for so that our parish trick-or-treaters can have some fun and collect a treat, all while learning about the saints! Please register with the Family Faith Formation Office with Karen at karens@olmercy.com or by calling 331-707-5369.



Divine Mercy

Parishioners are invited to discover, "The Extraordinary Graces and Gifts of the Divine Mercy devotion," in a special seminar at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18, in PLC, Room 208. After examining the relationship between the Passion of Christ and Divine Mercy, our 90-minute seminar will delve into the direct words of Jesus as revealed by Saint Maria Faustina in her Diary entitled, "Divine Mercy in My Soul." A closing highlight will be a group recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pamphlets featuring the Chaplet and Novena, as well as lovely Divine Mercy Images, will be available. No registration needed, but participants should be sure to bring their Rosary! Call Bill Troller at (630) 585-1865 or e-mail trollerw@live.com for more information.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	373,916
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	397,800
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(23,994)
10/02/22 Sunday Collection	\$	34,249
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	3,649
<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	\$ 170,843
Amount Paid	\$ 151,171
Remaining Balance	\$ 19,672
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	507

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
August, 2022	\$	468,359
September, 2022	\$	456,948

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.

Aurora Central Catholic Open Houses

Oct. 27, 2022 5:30-7:30 PM	Nov. 6, 2022 12:30-2:30 PM
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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.

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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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