



*Christ Is Born*

*December 25, 2022*

**OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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



I'm very competitive. I may or may not "talk smack" if you try to take me on in card games or sports...especially when I'm good at them—that includes bowling, by the way, so watch out OLM bowling league. As I reflect, I can see that this competitive spirit began in grade school, carried into high school, and has even continued into college and priestly ministry!

Competition is a good thing (*and I'm not just saying that because I'm biased*). It is something that reminds us of the need to put in the necessary effort and discipline if we want to succeed. St. Paul writes, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize!" (1 Cor 9:24) St. Paul desires that people put the same effort they put into sports into growing their faith.

Still, there is one area of our lives where competition should have no place: our relationship with God. This is because God is not in competition with us. What we learn as children and adults—namely, "if somebody else wins, I lose"—doesn't translate in our relationship with God. When God wins, we win. He's on our side, and He's one heck of a teammate!

When my nephew was a tiny infant, it was a joy just to be able to hold him. I didn't challenge him to a competition, or question who was winning out the most in our relationship. I just wanted to be with him—to hold him and to rejoice in him. The Lord desires the same kind of relationship with us. He wants to be with us! He wants to be held close to our hearts, just as He holds us close to His own heart.

This shows us one of the reasons why God chose to become an infant. He wants to break through our imagined competition with Him, and show us that fighting against Him is just about as unreasonable as fighting against a helpless infant. When God wins, we win. Let's be thankful this Christmas for our God who is so powerful and majestic that He's not afraid to become a helpless tiny infant, showing us just how much He wants to be with us, and just how far He is willing to go *for us!*

Father Michael



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 26 - St Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 am † Mary Cullotta, by Family  
8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm Benediction  
6:30 pm † Telias Genjee  
**(Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, December 27 - St John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 am † Ron Stone, by Sharon Fernandez & Family  
6:30 pm † Dear Grandmother, by Family  
7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration  
12:00 pm † James Weber, by Mr & Mrs R Prah  
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, December 29 - 5th Day within Octave of Nativity

6:30 am Int Fr Don McLaughlin, by Tom & Liane Skill  
8:00 am † James Weber, by The Weber Family  
8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, December 30 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, December 31 - 7th Day within Octave of Nativity

8:30 am † Barbara Masters, by Jolene LeRoy  
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)  
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)  
4:00 pm **Vigil - Solemnity of Mary**  
† Anthony M Loquerico, Jr by Family  
† Kathleen O'Grady by Stan, Beth, Lydia & Mitchell

### Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
10:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo  
**(Live Streamed)**  
12:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory  
5:30 pm † Paula Couch, by Marty Kadziela



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Charlie Damore            | 9. The Reid Family         |
| 2. Caron & Thompson Families | 10. Charles E Thompson     |
| 3. Whalen & Jirasek Families | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Baby Riley Chick          | 12. The Sick               |
| 5. The Pluskota Family       | 13. Edwin Garcia           |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra     | 14. Helen O'Brien          |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye          | 15. Glenn L Heywood        |
| 8. The Deceased              | 16. Pierson Radek          |

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

***December 31 & January 1***

**Deacon's will preach at all Masses.**

|                 |          |                                          |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | 4:00 pm  | Benedictine<br>Dcn Buggy Sindac          |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 8:00 am  | Fr Michael Kearney<br>Dcn Tony Martini   |
|                 | 10:00 am | Fr Michael Kearney<br>Dcn Art Tiongson   |
|                 | 12:00 pm | Fr Michael Kearney<br>Dcn Doug McIlvaine |
|                 | 5:30 pm  | Fr Michael Kearney<br>Dcn Phil Rehmer    |

## 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  
Alfredo Chavez  
Baby Riley Chick  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Mary Dunbar  
Bridget Garry  
Connie Hegg  
Jim Hegg  
Nancy Higgins  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Cera Horste  
Antoinette Humanski  
Steve Johnson  
Helen Joseph  
Baby Penelope Keene  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Rev. Don McLaughlin  
Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse  
La Moua  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
Diane Pazos  
Valerie Plesha  
Jim Pluskota  
Julia Schremp  
Diane Singer  
Hedy Sterling  
Thomas F. Sterling  
John Swanston  
Rev. Gerald Tivy  
Bernice Tokarski  
Kathy Walowski  
Judy Wiltgen

***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.



*The Parish Offices  
will be closed  
Friday, December 23  
and reopen  
Tuesday, January 3.*

*Have a blessed  
Christmas Season!*



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



Soy muy competitivo. Puedo o no "hablar mal" si tratan de enfrentarme en juegos de cartas o deportes... especialmente cuando soy bueno en ellos, eso incluye boliche, por cierto, así que tengan cuidado con la liga de boliche de OLM. Mientras reflexiono, ¡puedo ver que este espíritu competitivo comenzó en la escuela primaria, continuó en la escuela secundaria e incluso ha continuado en la universidad y el ministerio sacerdotal!

La competencia es algo bueno (*y no lo digo solo porque soy parcial*). Es algo que nos recuerda la necesidad de poner el esfuerzo y la disciplina necesarios si queremos triunfar. San Pablo escribe: "¿No saben que en una carrera todos los corredores corren, pero sólo uno obtiene el premio? ¡Corre de tal manera que obtengas el premio!" (1 Corintios 9:24). San Pablo desea que las personas pongan el mismo esfuerzo que ponen en los deportes para hacer crecer su fe.

Aún así, hay un área de nuestras vidas donde la competencia no debería tener lugar: nuestra relación con Dios. Esto se debe a que Dios no está en competencia con nosotros. Lo que aprendemos de niños y adultos—a saber, "si otro gana, yo pierdo"—no se traduce en nuestra relación con Dios. Cuando Dios gana, nosotros ganamos. ¡Él está de nuestro lado y El es un gran compañero de equipo!

Cuando mi sobrino era un bebé pequeño, era un placer poder cargarlo. No lo reté a una competencia, ni cuestioné quién estaba ganando más en nuestra relación. Solo quería estar con él, abrazarlo y regocijarme en él. El Señor desea el mismo tipo de relación con nosotros. ¡Él quiere estar con nosotros! Él quiere estar cerca de nuestros corazones, así como nos tiene cerca de Su propio corazón.

Esto nos muestra una de las razones por las que Dios eligió convertirse en un bebé. Él quiere romper nuestra competencia imaginaria con Él y mostrarnos que pelear contra Él es tan irrazonable como pelear contra un bebé indefenso. Cuando Dios gana, nosotros ganamos. ¡Agradecemos esta Navidad a nuestro Dios, que es tan poderoso y majestuoso que no tiene miedo de convertirse en un niño pequeño e indefenso, mostrándonos cuánto El quiere estar con nosotros y cuán lejos está dispuesto a llegar *por nosotros*!

Padre Michael



## Lecturas de la Semana

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Domingo</b>   | <b>Vigilia:</b> Is 62, 1-5; Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29; Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25; Mt 1, 1-25 o Mt 1, 18-25<br><b>Medianoche:</b> Is 9, 1-3. 5-6; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13; Ti 2, 11-14; Lc 2, 1-14<br><b>Aurora:</b> Is 62, 11-12; Sal 96, 1 y 6. 11-12; Ti 3, 4-7; Lc 2, 15-20<br><b>Día:</b> Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Hb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14 |
| <b>Lunes</b>     | Hch 6, 8-10; Hch 7, 54-60; Sal 30, 3cd-4. 6 y 8ab. 16bc y 17; Mt 10, 17-22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Martes</b>    | 1 Jn 1, 1-4; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20, 2-9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Miércoles</b> | 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2; Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8; Mt 2, 13-18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Jueves</b>    | 1 Jn 2, 3-11; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6; Lc 2, 22-35                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Viernes</b>   | Ec (Sir) 3, 3-7. 14-17a o Col 3, 12-21 o Col 3, 12-17; Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5; Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sábado</b>    | 1 Jn 2, 18-21; Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13; Jn 1, 1-18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Domingo</b>   | Nm 6, 22-27; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8; Gal 4, 4-7; Lc 2, 16-21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



December 25, 2022

## The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

The day we have been awaiting has arrived: Christ is born! All of our Christmas preparations – wrapping gifts and preparing holiday meals to be shared among family and friends – are meant to glorify and reflect God’s own work for and in us. That is, God’s greatest gift of himself, clothed in mortal flesh, who would one day offer himself as the bread of life: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” Jesus came to the world in the form of the most helpless of us all, a newborn infant, so that through him we would be reconciled to the Father, for “to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.” We celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, for Christ is our salvation! It is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God’s family and receive the fullness of his grace. The fullness of God’s truth is revealed in Jesus Christ. “The Lord has made his salvation known”; “he has spoken to us through the Son.” Let us give thanks and rejoice this day!

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that John the Baptist testified to the light of Christ before Christ had yet publicly appeared. Sharing the Good News is not optional! Even the earth proclaims the Good News in Isaiah, “announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” Indeed, Christ the King – God in human flesh – has arrived. Just as John was sent before the Lord to proclaim his coming, so are we charged: Sent out to the world to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, “so that all might believe.”

**WITNESS** How might you go out and proclaim the coming of the Lord? Don’t forget: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ isn’t limited just to speaking to others. It includes *living* as Christ did – feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and the poor, defending the helpless – because we are Christ’s body in the world.

## All Are Welcome in this Place

I love Jesus! And it is always a source of joy and honor to offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass whenever and wherever I am asked to do so. So when I received a request to celebrate a diocesan-wide Mass for individuals with special needs or disabilities and their families and friends, without hesitation, I responded, "Yes!"

On September 18, we gathered as a family of God with our brothers and sisters living with Down syndrome, deafness, amputations and other challenges. The Mass was beautiful. After being nourished by Word and sacrament, I enjoyed a post-Mass gathering with attendees, posing for photographs and engaging in conversation. During these delightful interactions, just about everyone expressed gratitude for the Mass and the fellowship. However, I was also struck by a common theme of their not feeling welcomed – not only in many parts of our society, but also in some of our churches. Participants shared experiences of not being acknowledged or recognized, and even feelings of invisibility.

I was surprised, and probably more accurately, shocked by their comments. Honestly, my heart broke and sank as I reflected on some of their experiences of rejection and isolation. As I drove away from our time together, I wondered, "How is it possible that people with disabilities have experienced exclusion in our Catholic churches, where for decades we have sung an entrance hymn with the lyrics, "All are welcome in this place."

Hopefully, it goes without saying that the Church should be a community in which all people experience an unconditional love that reflects God's love. I am sure that most of us never intentionally intend to be noninclusive. Yet during this month when we celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, let me take this opportunity to challenge all of us to reflect on some of our unintentional attitudes and actions, and look for ways to see, welcome and include all of our sisters and brothers with disabilities or special needs.

For we should always strive to be a church that lives the words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians 3:26-28: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

As baptized Christians, we are all constantly called to a personal conversion that reflects the love of Christ. But it does not end with our own individual attitudes and actions. As an institution, we as the Church also need to embrace persons with disabilities or special needs concretely with our ministries, policies and programs. I am proud to highlight that in the Diocese of Joliet, Renata Cichowicz is providing the lead for pastoral outreach for such ministries through the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization. The diocese also acts as an affiliate of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Additionally, St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville and several other parishes intentionally serve these communities with programs like REACH: Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped. REACH provides simplified religious education lessons at a slower pace using a smaller student

-to-catechist ratio. This program also prepares students for the sacraments of reconciliation, the Eucharist and confirmation.

I look forward to whenever I have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and gather with our beautiful community of individuals living with deafness, disabilities or special needs. Until then, I enthusiastically echo our Holy Father's words from his 2021 message for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities: "I would like to speak to all of you who live with any condition of disability, to tell you the Church loves you and needs each of you for the fulfillment of her mission." †

### Prayer to Foster Belonging

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in You, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with disabilities.

We pray that every man, woman and child may develop their potential and meet You in themselves and in one another.

May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with You as our center, joined hand in hand with our sisters and brothers. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*From the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and based on the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities.*





## *Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas*

*Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became poinsettias. From the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents the blood sacrifice of Jesus's crucifixion. During the Christmas Season, we honor and remember loved ones with poinsettias decorating the sanctuary and halls of Our Lady of Mercy Church.*

***In Memory/Honor of:***

Dec'd Kinney Family Members  
 Dec'd Campion Family Members  
 Marian & Wayne Leckey  
 Ralph & Jean Scott  
 Al & Lena Yannuzzo  
 Ruth & Tom Walsh  
 Robert Klemaszewski  
 Joseph & Louise Landino  
 Edwin & Virginia Biegon  
 Sophie & Stan Kerkla  
 The Joe Dyja Family  
 Charlie Damore  
 Camille Damore  
 Rosanne Krevitt Damore  
 Robert F. Kahlfeldt  
 Carol A. Kahlfeldt  
 Frank Rostan  
 Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.  
 George Gatto, Jr.  
 Sergio Noyola  
 Sarro & Trusiak Families  
 John Deane  
 Gordon Deane  
 Mark Oosman  
 Cathy Grodsky  
 David Griesbaum  
 Ross & Cleona Weiser  
 Mike Prokell  
 Barnes & Macek Families  
 Scott Davidson  
 Phyllis O'Bryan  
 Joseph P. O'Bryan  
 Loretta Jakebowski  
 Joseph D. O'Bryan  
 George Durante  
 Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Durante  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Durante  
 Fr. Don McLaughlin  
 All Family & Friends  
 Samuel Basillote  
 Xavier & Annie Thyvelikakath

***Given By:***

Tom & Joan Campion  
 Tom & Joan Campion  
 Children  
 Sharon & Al  
 The Fishers  
 The Fishers  
 Helen Keene  
 Helen Keene  
 Audrey Biegon  
 Carolyn Kerkla  
  
 The Damore Family  
 The Damore Family  
 The Damore Family  
 Michael Kahlfeldt  
 Michael Kahlfeldt  
 Donna Loquercio  
 Donna Loquercio  
 Denise Gatto  
 Elizabeth Dior  
 Peter & Virginia Trusiak  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Pazos  
 Amy Griesbaum  
 Patricia Peterson  
 Erin Stanford  
 Tami Barnes  
 Dor Davidson  
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 Dor Davidson  
 Willie Durante  
 Willie Durnate  
 Willie Durante  
 Willie Durante  
 Bill & Barb Jesse  
 Rochelle B. Cabang  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thyvelikakath

***In Memory/Honor of:***

Daniel Cordero  
 Alejandro Giannattascio  
 Anne Heckel  
 Alice Toschak  
 Joseph Salata  
 Virginia Salata-Sillasen  
 Milton LeRoy  
 Jeanne LeRoy  
 Our Beloved Deceased  
 Wayne Draper  
 Lofstrom & Tracey Families  
 Rose Guarascio  
 Mary Guarascio  
 Irene Perosky  
 Nancy Basten  
 Rick Villiger  
 Cheryl Levin  
 Raymond & Mary Jane Kirchner  
 Dave & Judy Cluver  
 Joy Rinon  
 Betty Ann Parisi  
 Deceased Family Members  
 Florence Bingert  
 DeYoung & White Family  
 Leon Weiss  
 Brod K  
 Heneghan & Weber Families  
 Ramos & Pacheco Families  
 Joseph Pratip Bunyanan  
 Scott Williams  
 Anna Mussari  
 Cosme O. Lozano, Sr.  
 Paul Walen Decon  
 Pacana & Salvador Families  
 Cathy Dodd  
 Al & Barb Hammon  
 Jim Touvell  
 Ken & Shirley Wagner  
 Str. M. Carolyn & Str. Constance  
 Joyce Wegener

***Given By:***

Manuel & Brenda Cordero  
 Manuel & Brenda Cordero  
 The Conover Family  
 Her Girls  
 Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
 Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
 Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
 Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
 The Griffins Family  
 Donna Draper  
 Judy Lofstrom  
 Herb Guarascio  
 Herb Guarascio  
 Herb Guarascio  
 Rick Basten  
 The Villiger Family  
 Corinne Haraburda  
 Mike & Mary Cluver Family  
 Mike & Mary Cluver Family  
 Mike & Mary Cluver Family  
 Patricia Leatherwood  
 Alesia Lachat  
 The Beltz Family  
 Rachel Weiss  
 Wendy Jo Burnett  
 Jim & Annette Heneghan  
 Diana & Joel Pacheco  
 O'Dell Family  
 Tammy Mores  
 The Lozano Family  
 The Lozano Family  
 Mary Mattered  
 Susana & Eligio Salvador  
 The Dodd Family  
 Louise Touvell  
 Louise Touvell  
 AnnMary Wagner  
 AnnMary Wagner  
 The Leslie Family



**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH  
RENEWAL WEEKEND** 

**Men's Weekend  
Feb 25 - Feb 26**  
Jeff Daley  
708-705-3590  
jeffdaley83@gmail.com

**Women's Weekend  
Mar 4 - Mar 5**  
Women's Contact  
Ida Phillips @ (630)605-6038  
crhpolm@gmail.com

 Or email us at CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM

**Registration starts January 2023**



## Around the Parish

### **PADS/Hesed House**

The OLM PADS/Hesed House Board is now on display in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). The board contains a "wishlist" of items used to prepare meals for 235 guests at the Hesed House homeless shelter, on the first Tuesday of each month. Drop-off for all items are before all Masses on the weekend of December 31st and January 1st.

Monetary donations can be made via the OLM Online Giving Portal (please specify donation is for Hesed House), or make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church, and write on the memo "Hesed House-PADS".

Thank you for supporting our mission of mercy.

### **Respect Life**

You are invited to join us Friday, January 6, 2023 to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or call Lisa at (630) 236-3310. Please spread the word to your family, friends and ministry. Prayer is our most powerful weapon in this battle for life!

**Knights of Columbus  
Pancake  
Breakfast**




**Sunday, January 15  
8:00 am to Noon  
In the Multi-Purpose Room**

Tickets sold at the door  
Adults: \$6.00  
Children: \$3.00 (12 & under)  
Children under 3 no charge

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

Profits will support:  
Teen Mission Trip

**NATIONAL  
BLOOD  
DONOR  
MONTH** 

**Saturday  
January  
7**  
8:00am - 12:00pm



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12005  
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Located at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Catholic Church in Rooms 114 & 110, 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.  
Photo ID is required.

Call (630) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.



- This free event is open to all girls and boys aged 9 – 14 years old, prior to January 1, 2023.
- Winners will earn the opportunity to advance to a District Level competition.
- All you need to bring is proof of age and a parent or guardian to sign a consent form.
- 6:45 pm In person registration opens.
- Call 630-957-7559 for additional information.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FREE THROW  
CONTEST**

**January 19  
7:00 pm**





## Parish Sacrificial Giving

|                                 |    |                 |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Actual Year-to-Date Collections | \$ | 676,058         |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget      | \$ | 703,800         |
| <b>Amount Short of Budget</b>   | \$ | <b>(27,742)</b> |
| 12/11/22 Sunday Collection      | \$ | 36,147          |
| Weekly Sunday Goal              | \$ | 30,600          |
| <b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b> | \$ | <b>5,547</b>    |

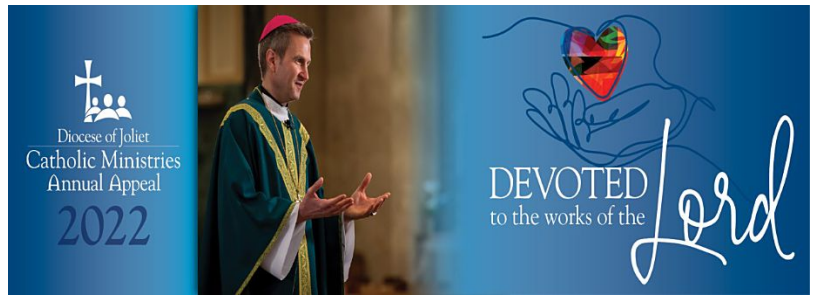
*For the Budget Year 2022/23 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 2%, to \$30,600/week, to help expand our various Ministries.*

*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      |
| October, 2022  | \$ | <b>445,954</b> |
| November, 2022 | \$ | <b>433,954</b> |



## CMAA Pledge Report

We are excited to share that Our Lady of Mercy will receive \$11,700 for achieving our goal for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

***Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.***

Thank you for being so generous with the gifts God has bestowed upon you and entrusting them to us. We, too, promise to be good stewards of these gifts.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you continue to be *devoted to the works of the Lord* through all you do in His name.

## 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](http://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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Text App to phone number 88202 or visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) to download.




# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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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

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### Sick and Homebound

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### 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.

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