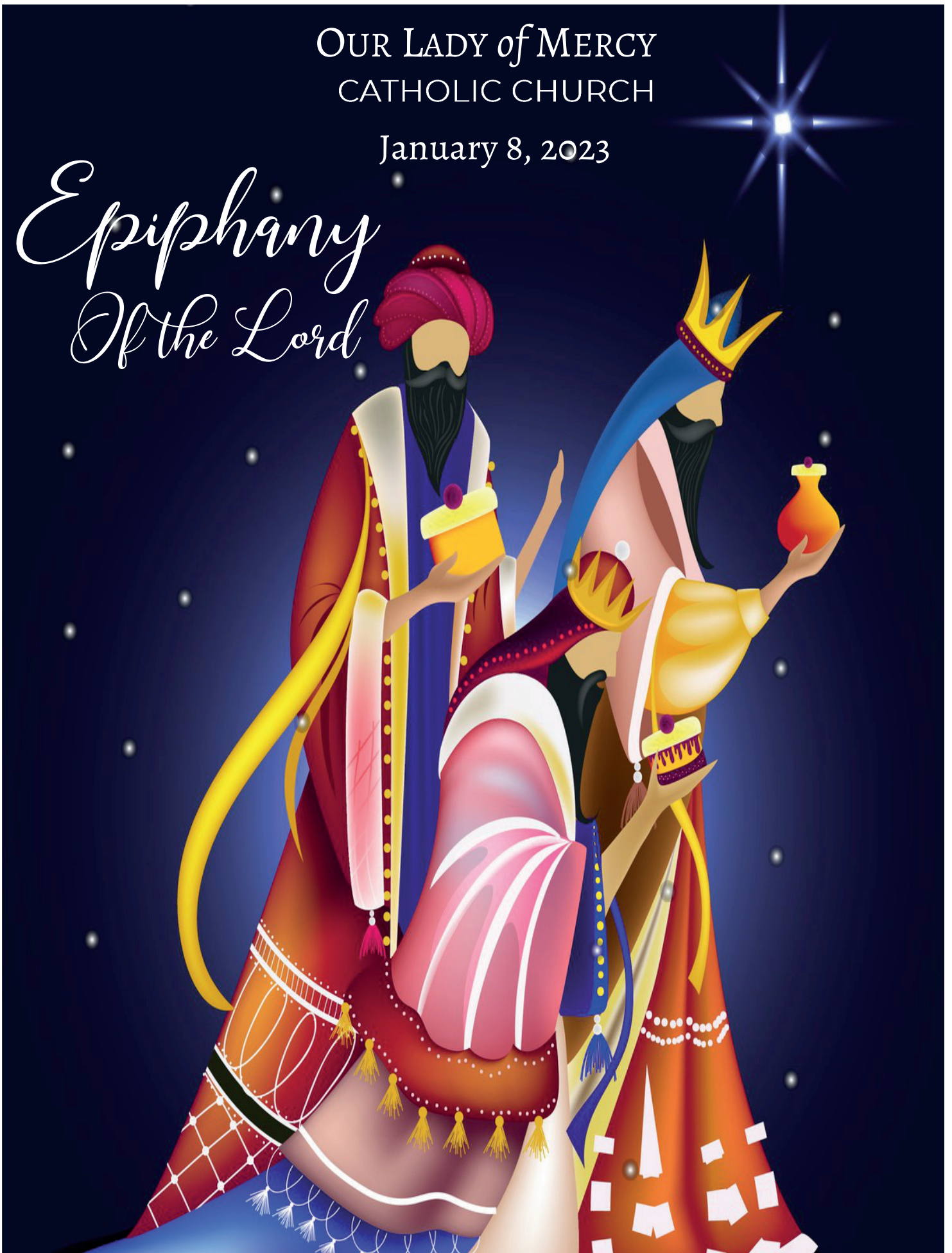


OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 8, 2023

*Epiphany  
Of the Lord*



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



The Heisman trophy is awarded to an individual college football player for his outstanding performance on the field. The trophy is a bronze figure of John Heisman with arm extended (a stiff-arm) to ward off any person getting to the football. Sometimes I think this trophy represents more than just a great football player but also a common image of how we can tend to live the Christian life.

For better or for worse, relationships have the ability to change us. For that reason, we can often carry the same stance as the Heisman trophy: a stiff-arm that wards off potentially life-changing encounters. However, the Lord is constantly inviting us to relationship—both with him and his Body, the Church. Although keeping others at arm's length can seem more comfortable, it also means that we could be keeping Our Lord at a distance as well.

The Magi offer us a good example. Instead of avoiding new relationships, they sought them out! They went on a long and arduous journey to enter into a new relationship with the King of the Jews. Unsure of what their meeting would mean, they stepped out of their comfortable lives as kings in search of something even greater. What is more, they had the humility to seek wisdom from others on their journey, leading to their eventual discovery of a little child with his mother, and a new King who was worthy of all their gifts. The last line in this narrative is subtle but profound: "They departed for their country *by another way*." Their lives were changed!

As we begin a new year, I encourage you to be open to new relationships. To put away our Heisman stance and open ourselves to the Lord and his Body at Our Lady of Mercy. May I even encourage you further by taking part in the many places of encounter especially where you haven't had a chance to take part in, here at Our Lady of Mercy. From encountering the Lord through those in need by helping out at PADS, the Mobile Food Pantry, the funeral and homebound ministries, to diving deeper into profound intimacy with the Lord through the upcoming CRHP Men's and Women's Retreats, the next Bible Study on the Chosen, or the upcoming powerful gatherings in the Rescue Project. May our encounter of the Lord, in these places of encounter or on our own seeking of Him, have the same result as it did for the Magi, that our lives be changed!

Father Michael



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am † William Gardaphe
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Special Intention, by Juliana Hepburn  
*(Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, January 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Jerry Hospodka, by Mary Nemetz
- 6:30 pm † Margaret Fountain, by Don & Eloise Andrews
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, January 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Michael Kotecki, by Family
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, January 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am Int Stefania Chase, by Bonnie Ramirez
- 8:00 am † James Weber, by The Weber Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, January 13 - St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church

- 8:00 am † Donald Nevinski, by The Guarascio Family

### Saturday, January 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Int The Bersamin Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
† George Durante, by The LoGioia Family  
† Joseph Wagner, by The Jesse Family

### Sunday, January 15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Janice Melisi, by Mike & Lori Coit
- 10:00 am † Stanley Gorski, by Helen Gorski  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm † Tanguy Torck, by The Scowins Family
- 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.***

- |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. ALR-MBF-JF Happy Healthy '23 | 9. The Feldman Family        |
| 2. NHBL-Happy Healthy 2023      | 10. Pope Benedict XVI        |
| 3. LML-Happy Healthy 2023       | 11. Special Intention-C.H.   |
| 4. First Responders             | 12. The Sick                 |
| 5. The Pluskota Family          | 13. Vocations                |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra        | 14. Anthony M. Loquercio Jr. |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye             | 15. Frank Rostan             |
| 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

**January 14 & 15**

**Father James will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio TBD
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini
	12:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Doug McIlvaine
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio TBD

## 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.*

### ***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)



El trofeo Heisman se otorga a un jugador individual de fútbol americano universitario por su destacada actuación en el campo. El trofeo es una figura de bronce de John Heisman con el brazo extendido (un brazo rígido) para evitar que cualquier persona se acerque al balón. A veces pienso que este trofeo representa más que a un gran jugador de fútbol, sino también una imagen común de cómo podemos inclinarnos a vivir la vida Cristiana.

Para bien o para mal, las relaciones tienen la capacidad de cambiarnos. Por esa razón, a menudo podemos tener la misma postura que el trofeo Heisman: un brazo rígido que evita encuentros que potencialmente pueden cambiar la vida. Sin embargo, el Señor nos invita constantemente a la relación, tanto con él como con su Cuerpo, la Iglesia. Aunque mantener a los demás a distancia puede parecer más cómodo, además significa que también podemos mantener a Nuestro Señor a distancia.

Los Reyes Magos nos ofrecen un buen ejemplo. En lugar de evitar nuevas relaciones, ¡las buscaron! Hicieron un largo y arduo viaje para entrar en una nueva relación con el Rey de los Judíos. Inseguros de lo que significaría su reunión, abandonaron sus cómodas vidas como reyes en busca de algo aún más grande. Es más, tuvieron la humildad de buscar la sabiduría de otros en su viaje, lo que los llevó a descubrir finalmente a un niño pequeño con su madre y un nuevo Rey que era digno de todos sus regalos. La última línea de esta narración es sutil pero profunda: "Partieron para su país *por otro camino*". ¡Sus vidas fueron cambiadas!

Ahora que comenzamos un nuevo año, los animo a estar abiertos a nuevas relaciones. Dejar de lado nuestra postura Heisman y abrirnos al Señor y su Cuerpo en Our Lady of Mercy y. ¡Que nuestro encuentro con el Señor tenga el mismo resultado que tuvo con los Reyes Magos, que nuestras vidas sean cambiadas!

Padre Michael



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Is 60, 1-6 ; Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12
<b>Lunes</b>	Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Hch 10, 34-38; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10; o Sal 103, 1-2a. 2b-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30; Mt 3, 13-17
<b>Martes</b>	Heb 2, 5-12; Sal 8, 2ab y 5. 6-7. 8-9; Mc 1, 21-28
<b>Miércoles</b>	Heb 2, 14-18; Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9; Mc 1, 29-39
<b>Jueves</b>	Heb 3, 7-14; Sal 94, 6-7c. 8-9. 10-11; Mc 1, 40-45
<b>Viernes</b>	Heb 4, 1-5. 11; Sal 77, 3 y 4bc. 6c-7. 8; Mc 2, 1-12
<b>Sábado</b>	Heb 4, 12-16; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15; Mc 2, 13-17
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 49, 3. 5-6; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 1, 1-3; Jn 1, 29-34



January 8, 2023

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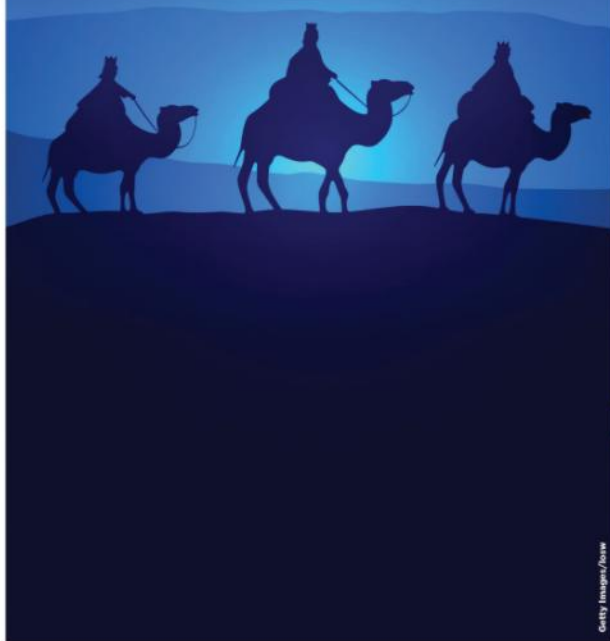
## The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

“Rise up in splendor,  
Jerusalem!

Your  
light has  
come.”

(Is 60:1)



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

It's easy to stay inside and cozy up on the couch these winter months. Having just gotten through the winter solstice, many of us crave light and warmth. The language of Isaiah may resonate with us even more deeply this time of year: "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." In today's Gospel, in the dark of night, the Magi follow a bright star to pay homage to Jesus, whom they recognize as the newborn king of the Jews. On the Epiphany, which means "manifestation," we celebrate this moment when Christ's light shone forth to the world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*: "The key point is this: The wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

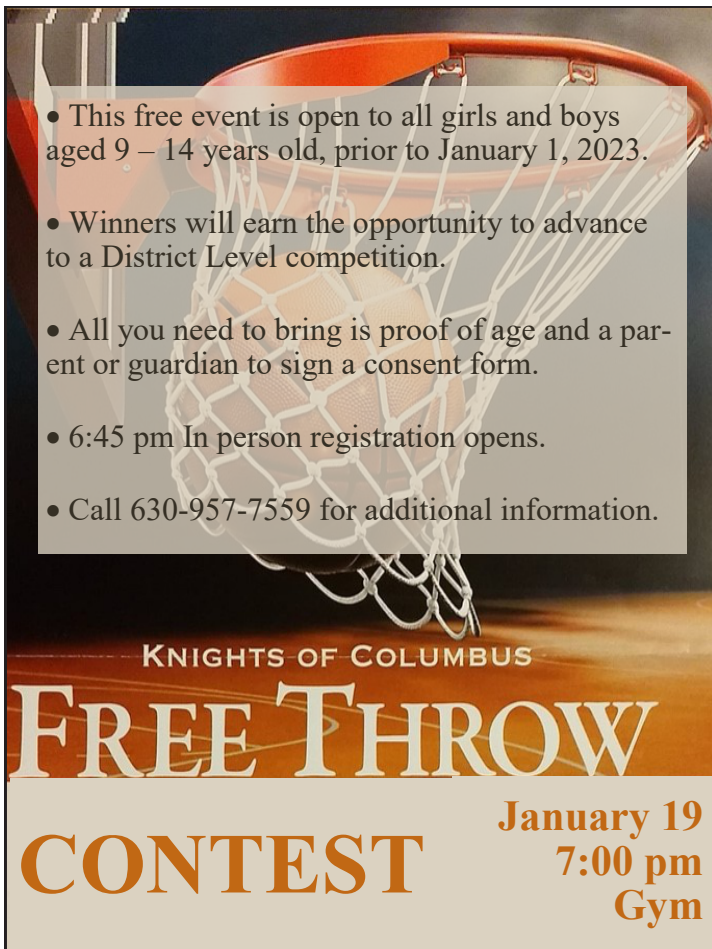
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to pay homage to the Christ Child, each of us journeys every day toward a fuller life in Christ. Just as the Magi followed the light to discover Christ, so does the light of Christ serve as our constant beacon, reorienting us toward God and his holy path. After worshipping the Christ Child at Christmas, let us move forward and pay homage to the Savior through our words and actions. Although Epiphany signifies the official "end" of the Christmas season, it is fitting that it falls at the beginning of a new calendar year because it allows us to reexamine, among our traditional "New Year's resolutions," how we live our lives in the light of Christ. "The wise men from the east are a new beginning," the pope said. May their journey and experience inspire us to "begin anew" however we must, and offer Jesus our gifts of love and devotion, considering how his light may shine through us to others.

**PRAY** "Dear Jesus, as you led the Wise Men to you by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give you when we appear before you. Amen."

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- 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  
Gym

## Knights of Columbus

**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

Pancake Breakfast



# CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND



**OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**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  
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**Registration starts January 2023**



# MEET OUR NEW SEMINARIAN Vincent Otieno



BIRTHDAY	November 4, 1987
PLACE OF BIRTH	Siaya, Kenya
GRADUATE	Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Saint Joseph's Theological Institute NPC Cedara South Africa
UNDERGRADUATE	Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Consolata Institute of Philosophy Nairobi, Kenya
LANGUAGES	English, Swahili, and Luo (Nilotic Kenyan language)
FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE	Proverbs 3:5 -trust in the Lord with all your hearts and do not lean on your own understanding.
FAVORITE QUOTE FROM JESUS	John 14:1 - Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me
FAVORITE OLD TESTAMENT FIGURE	Abraham
FAVORITE SAINT	St. Teresa of Calcutta
FAVORITE MARIAN DEVOTION	Rosary
PERSON THAT HELPED YOU DISCOVER YOUR VOCATION	My Grandmother and also Sr. Constance, a Franciscan sister in Kenya
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN	Watching wrestling, volleyball and listening to music
IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD IT BE	United States of America
FAVORITE FOOD	Pizza
ARE YOU INSPIRED BY ANY AUTHOR, ACTOR, SINGER OR ATHLETE	Eliud Kipchoge, a long distance runner from Kenya
FAVORITE BAND OR SONG	The Magnificat of Mary
WERE YOU AN ALTAR SERVER	Yes I was
PRIEST ASPIRATION	Rev. Fr. Clive Otieno
HOW CAN OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISHIONERS PRAY FOR YOU	That God help me in my vocation discernment, to become a good priest and to serve God's people faithfully.

## WHAT MADE YOU SAY "YES" TO THE CALLING OF BECOMING A PRIEST

I am the sixth born in a Catholic family of nine. My now-deceased parents played a great role in my faith formation as a Catholic. The importance of commitment to God through active participation in the Church was instilled in my siblings and me. Sunday school and youth services were compulsory at home and I picked up strong Catholic values that helped shape me from a very young age and these became part of my life. I joined various youth groups within the church such as Altar Servers, and Parish youths among others.

I had an elderly grandmother, who received her baptism as an adult on her deathbed and who had lost her vision due to her advanced age. I loved my grandma and was sympathetic to her blindness. I decided to go and live with her and help my parents take care of her. Even though young, I took the responsibility seriously becoming her guide and companion for the next two years till she passed. This whole experience taught me how to be gentle and considerate to those in need especially the destitute, the sick, the elderly, and the disabled. My closeness to a dying and blind grandmother influenced my vocation as a servant to become a priest.

After high school, I joined Oblates Missionaries and began my religious formation in March 2008 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religious Studies in 2012. I also took an introductory course in African Studies at the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies (MIASM). I completed my Novitiate year in Germiston, South Africa, and took my first temporary Vows as an Oblate Missionary in 2014. I was assigned in a parish for pastoral work experience for one year. In 2018, I completed my Theological studies and graduated with a B.A in Theology (BTH). After graduation, I discerned out of formation with the Oblates Missionaries.

Even though I discerned out from my religious community, I never gave up on my desire to pursue a religious vocation as a priest. I met Father Clive (a priest of the Diocese of Joliet who was on vacation in Kenya) and I shared with him my story and desire to become a priest. He encouraged me to keep on pursuing my vocation and invited me to consider applying to the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. After a rigorous application process through the Diocesan vocation office, I was accepted, and I am grateful to God that I am here today to journey on with my discernment.





## Justice and Peace Ministry

The Justice & Peace Ministry had a very successful growing season in the Community Garden of Hope, Love & Mercy in 2022. We were able to provide fresh produce to many who utilize the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in Aurora through the summer and fall. Next season we hope to double the number of beds and increase the produce. Much thanks to the following for their participation in building, planting, watering, weeding and delivering the produce: Ida Phillips; Kim and Tom Karas; Silverio Perez; Jacob Olef; Chris Cullen; Heather Stockley; Sabrina, Brian and Anicka Molinari; Katie Hrad; Chris Riley; Kayla Jacobs; Deacon Tim; and Len Eickhoff and Doug and Theresa Tyk for their support and lastly, thank you to Fr. Don for his support in this endeavor. If you are interested in participating in the next growing season we welcome all volunteers. Watch for start dates in April bulletins.

Recently we collected household items - Welcome to America Pack- for a refugee family due to arrive very soon. The family scheduled for last week has been delayed but they should be arriving before end of the month. Thank you to all who donated to this very worthy cause. Your generosity was overwhelming- we have all the needed items from the list supplied by Exodus World Services. And we have many items to fulfill a second Pack. If you are interested in donating contact Chris Harvey or watch for the list of needed items in an upcoming bulletin.

The ministry continues to collect toiletries, etc and assemble "Blessing Bags" for the homeless. We use hotel/travel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap; toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, floss; combs, disposable razors, washcloths, socks, and granola bars or other small snacks (peanut butter crackers, nuts). A collection bin is in the lobby near the desk. Thank you for your generosity.

Our second annual Green Fair will be held in April. More details to come. We also will be looking at ways to be a more green parish. If you are interested in joining this ministry and assisting with the various projects and/or the planning of the Green Fair please contact Chris Harvey at 631-561-9722 or chrisharvey@gmail.com

Thank you.

## Around the Parish

### *Thinking of becoming a Knight?*

We will be holding an information meeting on Sunday 1/29 after the 10:00am Mass in room 114 to explain who the Knights of Columbus are and how to become a member. We will show a short video and provide refreshments. Interested practicing Catholic Men and their families are invited to join us. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men aged 18 and up, it will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men's service organization in the world. We need you to help us make a difference! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at [jleroy53@hotmail.com](mailto:jleroy53@hotmail.com) or call 630-336-7728.



### *Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas*

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

Dcd Cardenas Family Members  
Dcd Prisco Family Members  
Ryba and Ciombor Families  
Katevie Rajendra Babu

#### **Given By:**

Rob & Georgette Prisco  
Rob & Georgette Prisco  
Richard & Marylou Ciombor  
Rozi Katuri

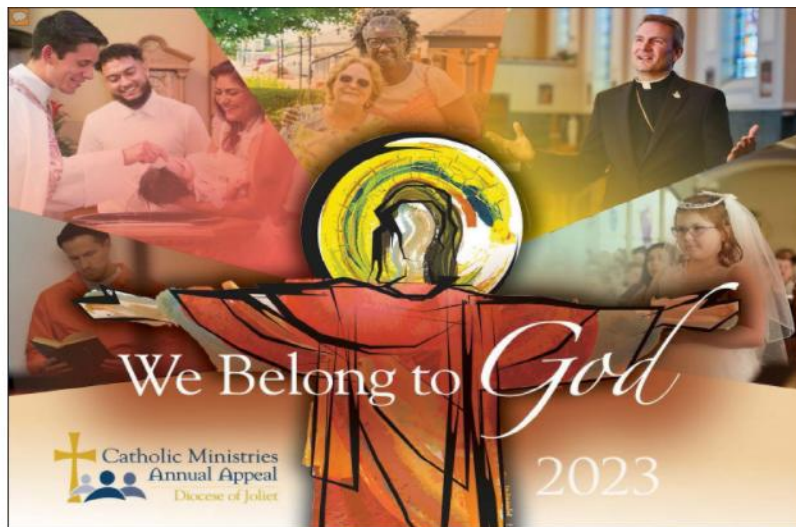


## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	735,546
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	765,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(29,454)</b>
12/25/22 Sunday Collection	\$	24,780
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(5,820)</b>
<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>		
Christmas Collection	\$	39,508
Christmas Budget	\$	64,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(24,492)</b>

## Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
November, 2022	\$	433,954
December, 2022	\$	421,834



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway. As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$141,900 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

## 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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A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

### EVENTS

- Jan. 14 Back to the '80s Trivia Night (21+)
- Jan. 16 Middle School Cheer Clinic
- Jan. 31 Middle School Math Contest
- Feb. 25 Loyal to the Royals Gala

[www.rosaryhs.com](http://www.rosaryhs.com)

### ENTRANCE EXAM

January 14 at 9 am

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# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

701 S. Eola Road † Aurora, IL 60504

www.olmercy.com

## Parish Office

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday ..... 8:30am-1:00pm

## Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) ..... 6:30pm

Tuesday ..... 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday ..... 12:00pm

Thursday ..... 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday ..... 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) ..... 4:00pm

Sunday ..... 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

## Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## Confessions

Tuesday ..... 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday ..... 9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm

1st Fridays of the Month ..... 8:30-9:15am

Or by Appointment

## Prayer Chapel

Open weekdays ..... 7:00am-8:00pm

## Adoration

Monday & Thursday ..... 8:30am-6:00pm

Wednesdays ..... 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month ..... 12:00pm

## Benediction

Monday & Thursday ..... 6:00pm

### New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com). Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

### Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

### Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

### Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

### Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

# Parish Directory

## Parish Priests

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michael Kearney  
630-851-3444, Ext. 228 .. frmichael@olmercy.com

**Parochial Vicar** ..... Fr. James Guarascio  
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## Permanent Deacons

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Dcn Tony Leazzo ..... tonyl@olmercy.com

Dcn Tony Martini ..... tonym@olmercy.com

Dcn Doug McIlvaine ..... dougm@olmercy.com

Dcn Phil Rehmer ..... deaconphil@rehmer.com

Dcn Buggy Sindac ..... bugsys@olmercy.com

Dcn Art Tiongson ..... hope2640@yahoo.com

## Pastoral Staff

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331-707-5379 ..... franks@olmercy.com

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331-707-5380 ..... jolenel@olmercy.com

**Evangelization & Communications** ..... Zara Tan  
331-707-5381 ..... zara@olmercy.com

## Family Evangelization & Catechesis

**Director (Pre K-5) & RCIC** ..... Mary Jo Trapani  
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