

# Third Sunday of LENT



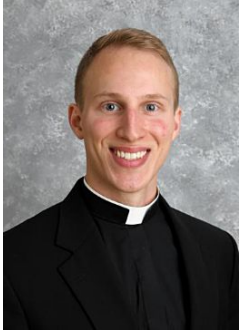
The water I shall give will  
become in him a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 12, 2023

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



With the woman at the well, it is unclear why she has had five husbands. The detail is not included because it's really not that important. Rather, we find her in the same situation that we all find ourselves: she is thirsting for authentic love—she is thirsting for God.

Unfortunately, we live in a fallen world without a lot of authentic love. In fact, cheapened love is all around us! One of its simplest and most prevalent forms is *immodesty*. Modesty keeps at the forefront that 'I am more than my body, I am more than how attractive I am to others, I am first and most importantly a beloved child of God.' *Immodesty*, on the other hand, cheapens love. For if modesty is about "protect[ing] the intimate center of the person," then *immodesty* must be the opposite. (CCC 2521) This is because *immodesty* trains us to treat others (and ourselves!) as *objects for use* rather than *persons to be sacrificed for*. Thus, the Catechism says, "Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love." (CCC 2522) It is an invitation to authentic love and to seeing the full dignity of the human person.

Matthew 5:8 reads, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Note, then, that this passage not only refers to seeing God Himself, but even seeing God in others! For, when we see others and ourselves in light of our being beloved children of God, then we can more readily treat them as such.

We can therefore see that 'purity of heart' extends to much more than just our sexuality. Soren Kierkegaard's book, *Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing* makes just this point in an interesting way: if we want heaven, if we want peace, if we want a heart that is undivided and filled, then we must give our entire hearts *to one thing and one thing alone*: God.

"You shall love the Lord your God with *ALL* your heart!" (Deut 6:5) "Whoever loves father or mother *more* than *me* is not worthy of me." (Matt 10:37) It seems harsh, it seems counterintuitive, but God *needs* to be number one—even before children and spouses, family and friends—not because *He* needs it, but because *we* need it.

Think about it. If God is my number one, I will love my spouse with the love of God. If God is my number one, I will be intimately acquainted with Beauty, Goodness, and Truth Himself and thus be able to lead my children to all those things. If God is my number one, I will know which path is best, which decision most efficacious, and which lifestyle the most meaningful.

Purity of heart is simplicity of heart—it is to will the one thing! It is the way to satisfy our thirst. The pure of heart will see God, and the pure of heart will find the fullness of love.

Father James



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Virginia Sillasen, by Jolene & Jeff Leroy
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Special Intention  
**(Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Ricardo Navas, by Elizabeth Navas
- 6:30 pm † Dolores Baur, by OLM Art & Environment
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

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

### Thursday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am † Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 am † Rick & Karen Connors, by the Guarascio Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, March 17 - St Patrick, Bishop

- 8:00 am † Elena Trinidad, by Gemma Paras

### Saturday, March 18 - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

- 8:30 am † Michael Buehrer, by Priya Thennarasu
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil — 4th Sunday of Lent**  
† James W. Ray & James W. Ray, Jr., by Helean Ray  
† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family

### Sunday, March 19 — 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Beverly Linden, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 10:00 am † **(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Rosita Dela Cruz, by 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. Louise Tounell            | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. Baby Cerina               | 10. Good Mental Health     |
| 3. Pregnancy Health & Safety | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Baby Riley Chick          | 12. The Sick               |
| 5. The Pluskota Family       | 13. Monica Cohetzaltitla   |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra     | 14. Stephanie Follin       |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye          | 15. Special Intention-A.D. |
| 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

**March 18 & 19**

**Deacons will preach at all Masses.**

|                 |          |                    |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | 4:00 pm  | Fr Michael Kearney |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 8:00 am  | Fr Michael Kearney |
|                 | 10:00 am | Fr Steven Borello  |
|                 | 12:00 pm | Fr Steven Borello  |
|                 | 5:30 pm  | Fr Michael Kearney |

## 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  
Michelle Maeirs  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Rev. Don McLaughlin

Susan Mennenga  
Bill Morse  
La Moua  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
Diane Pazos  
Valerie Plesha  
Jim Pluskota  
Jackie Schiable  
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. (Sacerdote en formación)



Con la mujer junto al pozo, no está claro por qué ha tenido cinco maridos. El detalle no está incluido porque realmente no es tan importante. Más bien, la encontramos en la misma situación en la que nos encontramos todos: tiene sed de amor auténtico, tiene sed de Dios.

Desafortunadamente, vivimos en un mundo caído sin mucho amor auténtico. De hecho, ¡el amor abarata nos rodea por todas partes! Una de sus formas más simples y predominantes es la

*inmodestia*. La modestia mantiene a la vanguardia que "Soy más que mi cuerpo, soy más que lo atractivo que soy para los demás, soy ante todo un hijo amado de Dios". La *falta de modestia*, por otro lado, abarata el amor. Porque si la modestia se trata de "proteger el centro íntimo de la persona", entonces la inmodestia debe ser lo contrario (CCC 2521). Esto se debe a que la falta de modestia nos entrena a tratar a los demás (y a nosotros mismos!) como objetos para usar en lugar de *personas por las que sacrificarse*. Así, dice el Catecismo, "La modestia protege el misterio de las personas y su amor" (CCC 2522). Es una invitación al amor auténtico y a ver la plena dignidad de la persona humana.

Mateo 5:8 dice: "Bienaventurados los limpios de corazón, porque ellos verán a Dios". Noten, entonces, que este pasaje no solo se refiere a ver a Dios Mismo, ¡sino incluso a ver a Dios en los demás! Porque, cuando vemos a los demás y a nosotros mismos a la luz de que somos hijos amados de Dios, entonces podemos tratarlos más fácilmente como tales.

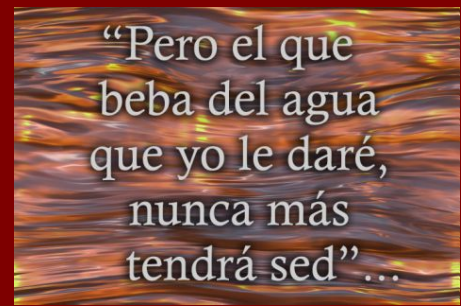
Por lo tanto, podemos ver que la "pureza de corazón" se extiende a mucho más que nuestra sexualidad. El libro de Soren Kierkegaard, *La Pureza del Corazón es Querer Una Sola Cosa*, plantea este punto de una manera interesante: si queremos el cielo, si queremos la paz, si queremos un corazón indiviso y lleno, entonces debemos dar todo nuestro *corazón a una cosa y una sola cosa: Dios*.

"¡Amarás al Señor tu Dios con TODO tu corazón!" (Deuteronomio 6:5). "El que ama a su padre o madre *más que a mí*, no es digno de mí" (Mateo 10:37). Parece duro, parece contrario a la intuición, pero Dios necesita ser el número uno, incluso antes que los hijos y los cónyuges, la familia y los amigos, no porque Él lo necesite, sino porque nosotros lo necesitamos.

Piénsalo. Si Dios es mi número uno, amaré a mi cónyuge con el amor de Dios. Si Dios es mi número uno, conoceré íntimamente la Belleza, la Bondad y la Verdad Misma y así podré guiar a mis hijos a todas esas cosas. Si Dios es mi número uno, sabré qué camino es el mejor, qué decisión es la más eficaz y qué estilo de vida es el más significativo.

La pureza del corazón es la sencillez de corazón: ¡es querer la única cosa! Es la manera de saciar nuestra sed. Los puros de corazón verán a Dios, y los puros de corazón encontrarán la plenitud del amor.

Padre James



## Lecturas de la Semana

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Domingo</b>   | Ex 17, 3-7;<br>Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9;<br>Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8;<br>Jn 4, 5-42 o<br>Jn 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39a. 40-42         |
| <b>Lunes</b>     | 2 Rey 5, 1-15;<br>Sal 41, 2. 3; 42, 3. 4;<br>Lc 4, 24-30  |
| <b>Martes</b>    | Dn 3, 25. 34-43;<br>Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9;<br>Mt 18, 21-35  |
| <b>Miércoles</b> | Dt 4, 1. 5-9;<br>Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20;<br>Mt 5, 17-19   |
| <b>Jueves</b>    | Jer 7, 23-28;<br>Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9;<br>Lc 11, 14-23   |
| <b>Viernes</b>   | Os 14, 2-10;<br>Sal 80, 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 y 17;<br>Mc 12, 28-34   |
| <b>Sábado</b>    | Os 6, 1-6;<br>Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab;<br>Lc 18, 9-14   |
| <b>Domingo</b>   | 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13a;<br>Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;<br>Ef 5, 8-14;<br>Jn 9, 1-41 o<br>Jn 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38 |



March 12, 2023

## Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Even St. Teresa of Calcutta experienced a period of “spiritual dryness.” We pray, we go to Mass faithfully, we serve others – yet at times God’s presence may seem elusive. Like the Israelites, we may ask, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” As we enter the third Sunday of Lent, today’s readings assure us that God remains with us even during those times we may feel spiritually parched. In Exodus, water flows from a rock to satisfy the people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman, a sinner and an outcast, recognizes Jesus as Messiah, and it changes her life. Even when we don’t “feel” God’s presence, we can rest assured that Jesus stands beside us. He is our redemption and our Hope, and “Hope does not disappoint.”

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus breaks with custom by talking to a woman – a Samaritan woman, no less. He “sees” her – knowing she has been married five times before and is living with a man not her husband. Yet he chooses to reveal to her his identity as the Messiah and offers her “living water.” But it doesn’t end there. The woman at the well goes forth and shares her experience with others. Many more came to believe in the Messiah based on her testimony. What an unlikely disciple! We may feel that we, too, are unlikely disciples: We are sinners, we’ve made mistakes, perhaps we feel we are unworthy to “represent” Jesus to others. But nothing is further from the truth. Jesus invites us not only to partake of the living water but to share it with others so that all may believe.

**ACTION** Put a note on your mirror or bedside: “Hope does not disappoint.” Each morning, remind yourself that Jesus is the source of our hope, and try to think of ways to share this hope with others.

**FRIDAY LENTEN**  
**FISH DINNERS**  
Our Lady of Mercy CATHOLIC CHURCH

**3/10 & 3/17**  
**5:30pm - 8pm**

FISH DINNER PLATES & PRICE  
Jumbo Shrimp (6pcs) \$15  
Cod (Fried) \$15  
Salmon (6oz) \$15

Fish dinner consists of potatoes, dinner roll, dessert, & beverage (soda or water).

This Fundraiser supports the Teen Mission Trip



Purchase tickets after Mass in PLC Lobby area, at the Parish Office, or online [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com)

*Come out and weave palms to help us decorate our church for Palm Sunday and Holy Week!*

# Palm Weaving WORKSHOP

|                                      |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Monday 3/27<br>7pm - 9pm<br>Room 114 | Wednesday 3/29<br>10am - 12pm<br>Room 114 | Thursday 3/30<br>7pm - 9pm<br>Room 114 |
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Questions? Contact Linda at 630-209-8651



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The **St. Vincent dePaul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **March 18 & 19** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon.

We will accept...

- Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc.
- Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players, etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.
- For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at: [saintvincentdonate@gmail.com](mailto:saintvincentdonate@gmail.com).

A Catholic & Evangelical College Prep High School for Young Men

## MARMION ACADEMY

**It's not too late to Become a Cadet!**


**Entrance Exam**  
SATURDAY March 25, 2023 @ 9 AM



**DON'T GET SCAMMED BY FAKE FATHERS**

# SCAM ALERT

Father Michael and Father James **DO NOT** send texts or emails asking for money or gift cards. If you receive a message appearing to be from Father Michael or Father James, please discard it and **DO NOT SEND ANY ELECTRONIC MONETARY AID.**


## catholic charities

Diocese of Joliet

VISIT [CATHOLICCHARITIESJOLIET.ORG](http://CATHOLICCHARITIESJOLIET.ORG) FOR MORE INFO  
No identification or information will be required or collected.  
This is open to anyone in-need of food!

Meat, produce, nonperishable items will be given out  
Please clear space in your trunk or backseat  
Drive thru distribution of food

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** WEDS 3/15  
4:30PM TO 6PM

 701 S. EOLA ROAD, AURORA

## The Lily



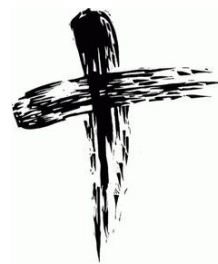
*According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden. The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame and has humbly remained so ever since.*

To dedicate one of the Easter flowers which will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please go to our website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click on "Give" to log into Online Giving and select "Flowers". If you wish to memorialize your loved ones, add their names in the Comments section.

Flowers can also be dedicated using one of the flower envelopes available in the Narthex.

The recommended donation is \$20 per intention.

Requests must be received by Monday, March 27 in order to appear in the bulletin.



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Parish Mission - March 20 & 21**  
7:00-8:30 pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
7:00-8:30 pm - March 27-31  
Magnify 7:00-8:30 pm - March 29  
Multiple priests available  
Also regular reconciliation times

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Mar. 17, 24, 31 & April 7  
12:00 pm in Spanish  
7:00 pm in English

**HOLY WEEK**  
**Holy Thursday - April 6**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Mass of Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 pm to midnight

**Good Friday - April 7**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Spanish Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm  
Living Stations by Teens 3:00pm  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday - April 8**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Blessing of Baskets 12:00 pm  
No Reconciliations  
No 4:00 pm Mass  
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday - April 9**  
Mass in Church - 8:00a, 10:00am & Noon  
Mass in the Multi-Purpose Room - 10:00 am  
No 5:30 pm Mass

hope to see you at



**OUR LADY OF MERCY 2023** MONDAY 3/20  
**PARISH MISSION** TUESDAY 3/21  
BY FR. MATTHEW ALEXANDER 7PM TO 8:30PM



**MISSION NIGHT 1**  
Your True Identity



**MISSION NIGHT 2**  
What is this thing we call the heart?

[OLMERCY.COM/LENT2023](http://OLMERCY.COM/LENT2023)

## LENTEN GUIDELINES

### Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois

#### Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on *Ash Wednesday* and all the *Fridays of Lent*.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday*.
3. On *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday*, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

## Care for Creation Corner

"We are all called to protect our common home." The Laudato Si' Action Plan in one diocese outlined steps individuals can take to protect the environment - one is to increase the tree canopy. Tree canopy refers to that part of an area or location shaded by trees. Trees have a beautiful spiritual analogy; there is an absolute beauty and wonder of creation in trees that we have been absolutely callous in appreciating and nurturing. Trees have a positive impact - create oxygen, pull in carbon dioxide, improve air quality in urban areas, clean water, reduce flooding, reduce air temperature (reducing energy bills), increase property values, slow erosion, provide habitat for wildlife, beautify neighborhoods and generally improve the overall quality of life. Think about planting a tree - in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, etc. Research the best trees native to our area because there is a very symbiotic relationship between pollinators and certain species of trees. Or donate to "One Tree Planted" which focuses on Global Reforestation. Visit: [one tree planted.org](http://one tree planted.org).

## Around the Parish

### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**

Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in the Church on Sunday, March 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Registered, participating parishioners age 16 or older who have been confirmed and attend mass regularly are eligible to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In addition, a refresher training for existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will also take place in the Church on Sunday, March 12 from 2:00-3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Harris at [kimharris73@yahoo.com](mailto:kimharris73@yahoo.com).

### **St. Peregrine Prayer Service**

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, March 14 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 with physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present to venerate after the prayer service.

### **Lenten Movie Night**

Parishioners are invited to attend a Lenten Movie Night in Room 211 on Friday, March 17th, at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the Stations of the Cross. Our evening film will be "**Love and Mercy: Saint Faustina**," which offers a great way to prepare for OLM's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th, as well as your own Lenten journey. In this movie, viewers will experience God's gentleness and clemency as they learn about Faustina's life, how the popular Divine Mercy devotion was formed by Jesus's words, and the intimacy between Jesus and Faustina as He taught her the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena. The film also includes new information from scientific analyses of the Divine Mercy Image as it compares to the Shroud of Turin, proving that Faustina did, indeed, see Christ Our Savior. For more information, call (630) 585-1865, or email: [trollerw@live.com](mailto:trollerw@live.com)

### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity**

Applications for the 2023 Robert H Weaver Knights of Columbus College Scholarship program are now being accepted through Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. A total of \$2,000 will be awarded to students graduating from High School in 2023 and attending a 2 or 4 year University program starting in the fall of 2023. Applications can be found by visiting our link on the Parish Website. Awards will be made in July. Good luck to all applicants. Questions, please reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight at [jleroy53@hotmail.com](mailto:jleroy53@hotmail.com).





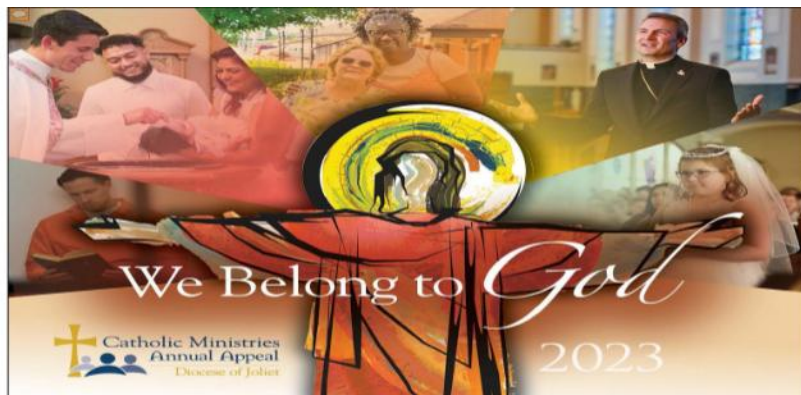
## Parish Sacrificial Giving

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|---------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Actual Year-to-Date Collections | \$ | 1,018,522       |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget      | \$ | 1,040,400       |
| <b>Amount Short of Budget</b>   | \$ | <b>(21,878)</b> |
| 02/26/23 Sunday Collection      | \$ | 25,963          |
| Weekly Sunday Goal              | \$ | 30,600          |
| <b>Amount Short of Goal</b>     | \$ | <b>(4,637)</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.*



### Your Gift to the CMAA makes a difference

Our donors help ensure the works of the Lord can continue to be made possible throughout our diocese. It's through gifts to the CMAA that our diocesan-wide ministries help feed and shelter the homeless, educate seminarians, teach our faith to children and adults through catholic schools and religious education programs, care for retired priests, and more.

Every gift—large and small—is appreciated and will help us to meet our goal. We encourage you to watch our testimonials and witness how your gifts will bless our ministries. Thank you to the many people who have demonstrated to those in need that we all belong to God through their gifts to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$141,900. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal to us. Please review this information and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

## Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

|                |    |           |
|----------------|----|-----------|
| April, 2009    | \$ | 1,950,000 |
| December, 2022 | \$ | 421,834   |
| January, 2023  | \$ | 410,545   |

## Diocese of Joliet



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16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)

March 2023

Dear Friends,

Our diocese will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 19, and it could not come at a more fortunate time.

As the arm of the Catholic Church that helps the poor and vulnerable overseas, Catholic Relief Services plays a vital role during emergencies such as the earthquakes that occurred last month in Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services immediately contacted its partners in those countries to provide safe shelter for individuals and families, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies.

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## Mass Schedule

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

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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

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

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### Baptisms

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### Weddings

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