

OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 19, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Lent

News from S.I.T. (Seminarian in Training)



WHY GIVE ATTENTION TO LENT!

As a Seminarian, I consider the Lenten period a great opportunity to show my appreciation for Christ's sacrifice and show that He did not die in vain. The Lenten period allows us Christians to grow closer to God, to the church and our families.

Every Lenten period, I ask myself a question: **What strength did we receive during baptism?** My first thought is the baptismal font: Whenever I pass near the baptismal font, I profess that were it not for the font, I would not be the way I am. Had I not been washed and thus placed on the way to Eternal Salvation, I would not be a Christian or even a Seminarian. Each year the Church uses this Lenten period to take us back to the baptismal font. This is to remind us from where our lives in Christ started. Therefore, during Lent we are invited to recall our relationship with Christ. We are reminded how to walk with God.

We use the Lenten period to work on our sinful desires and do all we can to be closer to God. During Lent, the main purpose of fasting in my view, is to deny or deprive ourselves of something tasty or delicious. This cultivates in us the self-control that is necessary for overcoming sinful tendencies. In short, as Christians, we deprive ourselves of something pleasurable so as to attune ourselves and bring our bodily senses under control for the sake of higher spiritual good. This is the idea of fasting from meat! It is not a time to relish the best fish or go for costly sea foods! We should deny ourselves something we value (meat, beer, wine, sodas, sweets, lifestyles) and provide for others what they value, as a sign of love. For fasting to be Salvific, it must hurt! The church also teaches us to set aside the proceeds from our fasting and give them out to the most vulnerable. Look into your wardrobe and shoe rack and see what you can share with the less fortunate.

As we journey closer to God, let us thank God for granting us this Lenten period as a chance to repent and renew our lives. May God help us as a community of OLM to align our choices to His Word through His Divine Grace. Amen.

Vincent



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20 - St Joseph, Spouse of Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am † Monica Thomas
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Special Intention
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Bruce Butowski, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 6:30 pm † Imelda Brink, by Maribeth Bolger
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 23 - St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 6:30 am † Laverne White, by Cece White
- 8:00 am † Joe & Nellie Podwojski, by Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Alice Toshak, by Al & Pat Pate

Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:30 am Int Campbell Family, by Barbara Wourms
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 5th Sunday of Lent**
 - † Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr., by Family
 - † Jim & Jane Darby, by Mary Campos

Sunday, March 26 - 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 - † Arthur Biegel, by Family
- 10:00 am † *(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Paulus Chua, 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. Joseph Kubicki | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. Joan Kubicki | 10. Baby Elijah Hammes |
| 3. Spiritual Needs of E-S Family | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Baby Riley Chick | 12. The Sick |
| 5. Safe & Healthy Pregnancy | 13. Fr. Michael |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. The Pluskota Family |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Vocations |
| 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 25 & 26

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
	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 S.E.F. (Seminarista en Formación)



¡POR QUÉ PRESTAR ATENCIÓN A LA CUARESMA!
Como seminarista, considero que el período de Cuaresma es una gran oportunidad para mostrar mi aprecio por el sacrificio de Cristo y mostrar que Él no murió en vano. El período de Cuaresma nos permite a los Cristianos acercarnos más a Dios, a la iglesia y a nuestras familias.

Cada período de Cuaresma, me hago una pregunta: **¿Qué fuerza recibimos durante el bautismo?** Mi primer pensamiento es la pila bautismal: Siempre que paso cerca de la pila bautismal, confieso que si no fuera por la pila bautismal, no sería como soy. Si no hubiera sido lavado y puesto así en el camino de la Salvación Eterna, no sería un Cristiano o ni siquiera un seminarista. Cada año la Iglesia utiliza este período de Cuaresma para llevarnos de vuelta a la pila bautismal. Esto es para recordarnos de dónde comenzó nuestra vida en Cristo. Por eso, durante la Cuaresma estamos invitados a recordar nuestra relación con Cristo. Se nos recuerda cómo caminar con Dios.

Usamos el período de Cuaresma para trabajar en nuestros deseos pecaminosos y hacer todo lo posible para estar más cerca de Dios. Durante la Cuaresma, el propósito principal del ayuno, en mi opinión, es negarnos o privarnos de algo sabroso o delicioso. Esto cultiva en nosotros el dominio propio que es necesario para vencer las tendencias pecaminosas. En resumen, como Cristianos, nos privamos de algo placentero para sintonizarnos y controlar nuestros sentidos corporales en aras de un bien espiritual superior. ¡Esta es la idea de ayunar de carne! ¡No es momento de deleitarse con el mejor pescado ni ir por costosos mariscos! Debemos negarnos algo que valoramos (carne, cerveza, vino, gaseosas, dulces, estilos de vida) y proveer a los demás lo que ellos valoran, como muestra de amor. Para que el ayuno sea Salvífico, ¡debe doler! La iglesia también nos enseña a apartar las ganancias de nuestro ayuno y dárselas a los más vulnerables. Miren en su guardarropa y zapatero y vean qué pueden compartir con los menos afortunados.

A medida que nos acercamos más a Dios, agradezcamos a Dios por concedernos este período de Cuaresma como una oportunidad para arrepentirnos y renovar nuestras vidas. Que Dios nos ayude como comunidad de OLM a alinear nuestras elecciones con Su Palabra a través de Su Divina Gracia. Amén.

Vincent



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13a; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Ef 5, 8-14; Jn 9, 1-41 o Jn 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38
Lunes	2 Sm 7, 4-5, 12-14. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22; Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51
Martes	Ez 47, 1-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 5, 1-16
Miércoles	Is 49, 8-15; Sal 144, 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18; Jn 5, 17-30
Jueves	Ex 32, 7-14; Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23; Jn 5, 31-47
Viernes	Sab 2, 1. 12-22; Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23; Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30
Sábado	Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10; Sal 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11; Heb 10, 4-10; Lc 1, 26-38
Domingo	Ez 37, 12-14; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8; Rom 8, 8-11; Jn 11, 1-45 o Jn 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33b-45

March 19, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day – in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.*



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Bishop Hicks' Column



March 2023: Journeying 10 years with Pope Francis

It is a common practice to give a gift made of silver for a 25th anniversary and something of gold for a 50th. However, I was wondering, what do you give for a 10th anniversary? After some research, there seems to be some consensus that either tin or aluminum is meant to commemorate a decade. Perhaps these metals make an appropriate gift since they are known for their strength and resilience.

On March 13, our Holy Father will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pope. As we have watched our pontiff lead, guide and shepherd the Church, few would argue that he has done so with great strength and resilience. I am truly amazed by his vigor, perseverance and tenacity. Sometimes I wonder if I reach his age, God willing, will I still have that type of energy?

Pope Francis, like his predecessors, is so much more than a CEO of a worldwide organization. He is the apostolic successor to St. Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church is built. Just like the apostle, he has his own personality. Some people focus on his warm smile or infectious laugh, while others notice his ability to listen and engage in conversation. Even the name he chose as pope, Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, is a nod to his humility.

I am a bishop ordained under Pope Francis in 2018 and then installed in 2020 for the Diocese of Joliet. I have tried to emulate his famous advice that a bishop and priest should strive to be a good shepherd with "the smell of the sheep." In other words, the Church is better off with leaders who spend time among the people of God. Pope Francis continues to give us an example of how to be and do just that.

I have a beautifully framed photo of Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and myself taken in Rome in December 2019 during an ad limina meeting. I love the photo because we are all laughing out loud. This snapshot was captured when Cardinal Cupich, one by one, was introducing the 26 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to the Holy Father. While introducing the bishop standing in front of me, Cardinal Cupich said to the pope, "He is one of my retired bishops." The pope looked at him and said, "You look much too young to be retired." Then it was my turn. The pope firmly took my

hand to shake it, and Cardinal Cupich said to him, "And this is Bishop Ron Hicks. He is my vicar general." The pope then broke into a big smile, looked at me and said, "You are a vicar general *and* a bishop? You look like you are still in high school!" It was a beautiful moment to share in that laughter and joy, and I am glad it was immortalized in a photo, which I treasure.

No matter how you describe Pope Francis, his 10th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank him for his faith, leadership and prayers. That's in addition to all of the work he has accomplished, which includes three encyclicals, four synods, countless homilies, extensive travel, innumerable audiences and the canonization of more than 900 new saints, chief among which are Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, along with the 813 martyrs of Otranto.

He has also given us several exhortations over these 10 years, from which there are many things to learn and ponder. His first such document in 2013 was "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel), and I appreciate that he began his pontificate proclaiming, "joy" – namely the joy that comes from an encounter with the risen Lord, Jesus. The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and lives because of the salvation brought through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, which sets us free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

As I write this, I realize it would take volumes to capture what the pope has done and accomplished over 10 years. And even though his achievements are vast, I cannot help but think of all of the pressure he endures and the burdens he carries daily. Leading the Church amid today's complexities, polarization and challenges is not easy. Therefore, I thank God that our pope wakes up each day and leads with gospel joy, faith and zeal.

Every day at Masses across the globe, we as a Church rightfully unite our voices in the Eucharistic Prayer as we ask God to "be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant, Francis, our Pope." As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Holy Father, let us in a special way pray for his continued strength and resilience, as together we wish Pope Francis, "Ad multos Annos!"

**Gave up sweets
for Lent?
Have a bagel instead**

Bagel Sunday
March 26th after the 8 & 10 am
masses in the MPR

Hosts: Women's CRHP VI
Team



hope to see you at


OUR LADY OF MERCY 2023 **PARISH MISSION** BY FR. MATTHEW ALEXANDER

MONDAY 3/20
TUESDAY 3/21
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*Come out and
weave palms
to help us decorate
our church
for Palm Sunday
and Holy Week!*

**Palm Weaving
WORKSHOP**

Monday 3/27
7pm - 9pm
in Room 114

Wednesday 3/29
10am - 12pm
in Room 114

Thursday 3/30
7pm - 9pm
in Room 114




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. 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



The Extraordinary Graces and Gifts of the Divine Mercy Devotion

You're invited to discover, "The Extraordinary Graces and Gifts of the Divine Mercy devotion," by attending either of our special Divine Mercy seminars Tuesday, March 28, at 9 a.m. or Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Both seminars will be held in PLC 208.

After examining the relationship between the Passion of Christ and Divine Mercy, both 90-minute seminars will delve into the direct words of Jesus as "King of Divine Mercy" as revealed by Saint Faustina in her Diary entitled, "Divine Mercy in My Soul." Most prominent will be these profound words of Jesus, which today are revered as His Extraordinary Promise and among His greatest acts of mercy for souls who trust in Him:

"On that (Divine Mercy) Feast Day, the depths of My mercy will be open to all...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

In addition to previewing OLM's celebration of the Divine Mercy Feast Day on Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m., the seminars will explore the many facets of the Divine Mercy devotion that Jesus, through St. Faustina, made available for us each day of the year:

- Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Reciting His Novena of Chaplets
- Contemplating the Divine Mercy Image
- Daily Observance of the 3 p.m. Hour of Mercy.
- Practicing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

A closing highlight will be a group recitation of the Chaplet. Pamphlets with the Chaplet and Novena will be available. No registration needed, but be sure to bring your Rosary!

Call Bill Troller at (630) 585-1865 or e-mail trollerw@live.com for more information.

Care for Creation Corner

Plastic pollution is a global problem. The UN Environment Programme states, "Plastic pollution can alter habitats and natural processes, reducing ecosystems' ability to adapt to climate change, directly affecting millions of people's livelihoods, food production capabilities and social well-being." Consider ways to help - shop sustainably- choose food with no plastic packaging, carry reusable bags, buy local products and refill containers to reduce your plastic waste, invest in sustainable, ocean-friendly products, such as reusable coffee mugs, water bottles, and food wraps and other options like bamboo toothbrushes, shampoo bars, menstrual cups, laundry detergent sheets, compostable dryer sheets and trash bags and more. Visit this website and learn ways to repurpose plastic containers: almostzerowaste.com/repurposing-plastic-ideas/ These are some charities that fight to end plastic pollution. Take time this week to check out these resources and read about the work they are doing: Surfrider Foundation, 5 Gyres Institute, The Story of Stuff Project, Plastic Oceans, Plastic Free Restaurants, Upstream, Greenpeace International, Think Beyond Plastic, Plastic Tides. Find ways you can repurpose plastic containers and reduce plastic use.

Around the Parish

Bagel Sunday

Did you give up sweets for Lent? Have a bagel instead! The Women's CRHP VI Team is hosting Bagel Sunday on Sunday, March 26th after the 8 & 10 am masses in the MPR.

PADS/Hesed House

The board is now on display in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). It 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 April 1st and 2nd, 2023.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for kids 0-10 on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 am in the PLC. Grab your basket, hop on over and join us. The Easter Bunny might even make an appearance!

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 17th 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.

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 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 to appear in the bulletin.



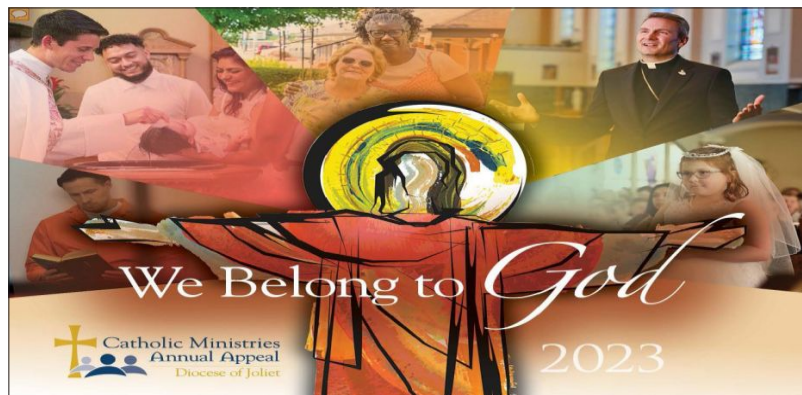
Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,058,754
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,071,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(12,246)
03/05/23 Sunday Collection	\$	40,232
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	9,632

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.



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$141,900. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that *we belong to God*. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
December, 2022	\$	421,834
January, 2023	\$	410,545
February, 2023	\$	400,049

Wide variety of camps available for students entering grades 1-12

ATHLETICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball Basketball Cheer Football Golf Lacrosse Running Soccer Softball Strength & Conditioning Swim Tennis Track Volleyball Wrestling 	BAND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Drumline Guitar/Ukelele (Beginner) Instrumental Private Lessons Jazz Band Marching Band (Camp) Marching Band (Wheaton Memorial Day Parade) Music Ensemble (aka Rock Band) Orchestra 	ART <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing & Painting Mixed Media CHOIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RockAppella IMEA Choral Vocal Arts ENGLISH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun with Grammar 	TECHNOLOGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spartan Tech Entry Program (STEP) THEATRE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Musical Young Spartan Showcase Stage Crew
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Join the All Saints Family



Have you ever dreamed about working in an environment where you are excited to go to work each day? A place where you are able to be authentic in living your Catholic faith every minute of every day, and where you can share and celebrate that faith with others? A place where your work is truly a vocation and making a difference in the lives of children and their families? A place where you will be supported in your work, and find true camaraderie, collaboration, friendship and family among faculty and staff?

Now is the time to bring your experience and passion to the students at All Saints this coming 2023-2024 school year. We currently have full time openings in kindergarten, 4th grade and in our STEAM Lab, along with a part time (two days per week) school nurse position that coordinates with our current nurse, Mrs. Fuller.

To find out more about these job opportunities and how you can join Team All Saints, go to <https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefojoliet/onlineapp/>, or contact Principal Margie Marshall at mmarshall@ascacademy.org or (630) 961-6125. Let's start the conversation to see if we can make a match made in heaven.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. Join the already 50+ newly enrolled students for this coming fall in preschool through grade 8. Go to ascacademy.org to find out more and make an appointment for a tour today!

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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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

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