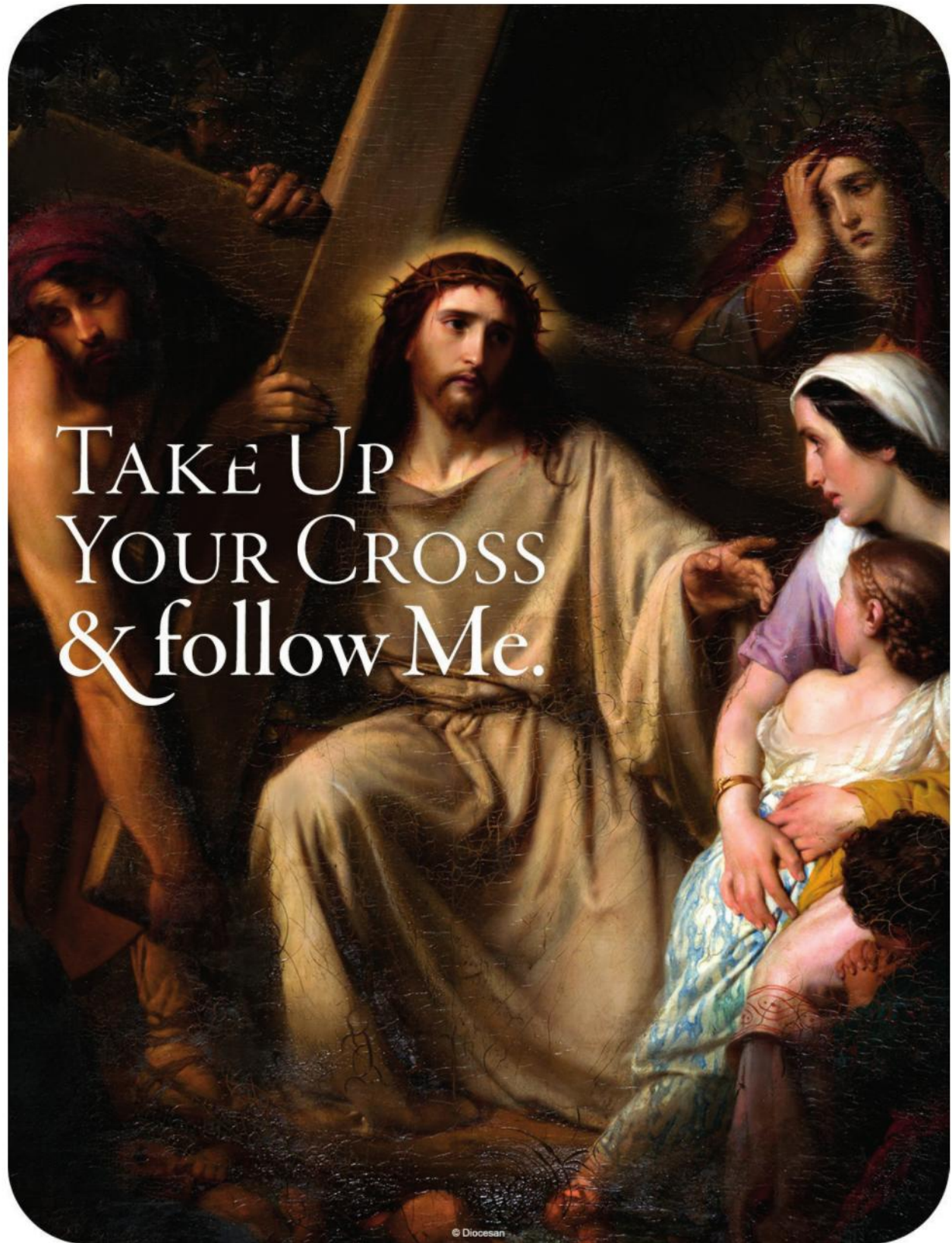




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



I hate vocation stories...or at least I used to. I always struggle with the fact that so many of these stories, after dealing with the twists and turns of that person's vocational journey, seemed to end with seminary as if it were the solution to all their problems. But I have to tell you that that is not the case, as I learned the hard way.

As I entered seminary, I believed that it would be like my past experiences of college, but when I tried to joke and be myself, it was badly received, so I pulled back and was quiet. I was told that my theology degree would help me get out of introductory classes, but I found myself fighting tooth and nail to prove that I knew anything. And an irrational fear of the human pillar of seminary formation—of being told I wasn't human enough—was quickly realized in my first formation meeting. I felt like Jeremiah in the First Reading, who said, "You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped."

In a similar way, in the Gospel we heard last week, Peter has just heard that Jesus would "give [him] the keys to the kingdom of heaven." But then in today's Gospel, Jesus turns around and predicts His Passion, which seems to go completely counter to what Jesus had just said to him about the Kingdom of God. So it's no wonder that he says, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

As I continued through seminary, I continued to feel this heaviness, and whenever it became too overwhelming, I would find myself saying to myself: "I don't want to be here." The last time I preached, I talked about listening for God's voice in the silence. But when we listen for God's voice, there is the risk also of hearing our own or the enemy's voice. When I brought the situation to my spiritual director, he very simply and bluntly said, "And whose voice do you think that is?"

When I was able to recognize that that voice was not from God, this did not remove the sufferings, but allowed me to see this as part of God's Plan. Instead of being a passive participant in my life, I felt God calling me to take an active role in my spiritual life. Jesus tells us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

We are also called to take an active role in our spiritual lives, taking up the crosses that God allows to come into our lives. However, as we carry our crosses, we do not do this alone, but always following after Jesus. I don't hate vocation stories anymore because I know that it's only part of the story, that discerning our vocation is part of the Cross, but a Cross that ultimately leads to the Resurrection.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

- 9:00 am Int Jimmy Uy, by Uy Family
No Eucharistic Adoration
No Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, September 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † James Krcmarik, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
- 6:30 pm † Jim Weber, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, September 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Lindsay Willis, by Jenni Sirios
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, September 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am † Lucila Agustin, by Family
- 8:00 am † Rose Carto, by Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, September 8 - Nativity of Mary

- 8:00 am † Anita Chua, by Neeny & Nicky Marquez

Saturday, September 9 - St Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:30 am † Maria Hames, by Guarascio Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Int Fr. Lad, by Ida Phillips
† Stephanie Follin, by Crowe Family

Sunday, September 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Lindsay Willis, by Diane & Tim Reiter
- 10:00 am † Timothy Savoie, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Bobby Casteneda, by Neeny & Nicky Marquez



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. George Durante | 9. Lindsey Donlan |
| 2. Tom & Janice Grady | 10. Mary Couri |
| 3. James Krcmarik | 11. Special Intention - C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention - K.S. | 12. Ss. Grace Ann Kalafut SSC |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Louise -Special Intention |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Anthony M Loquercio Jr |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Gary Ramsey |
| 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

September 9 & 10

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm | Fr Michael Kearney |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Fr Frank Pusateri |
| | 10:00 am | Fr Michael Kearney |
| | 12:00 pm | Fr Frank Pusateri |
| | 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
Patricia Gebhardt
Jim Gray
David Griffins
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph
Baby Penelope Keene
Michelle Maeirs
Kristen Manning
Susan Massett
Susan Mennenga

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



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day.

Noticias del P.I.T. (Sacerdote en formación)



Odio las historias de vocaciones... o al menos antes lo hacía. Siempre lucho con el hecho de que muchas de estas historias, después de abordar los giros y vueltas del camino vocacional de esa persona, parecían terminar en el seminario como si fuera la solución a todos sus problemas. Pero tengo que decirles que ese no es el caso, como aprendí por las malas.

Cuando entré al seminario, creí que sería como mis experiencias pasadas en la universidad, pero cuando intenté bromear y ser yo mismo, fue mal recibido, así que me aparté y me quedé callado. Me dijeron que mi título en teología me ayudaría a salir de las clases de introducción, pero me encontré luchando con uñas y dientes para demostrar que sabía algo. Y un miedo irracional al pilar humano de la formación en el seminario (a que me dijeran que no era lo suficientemente humano) se hizo realidad rápidamente en mi primera reunión de formación. Me sentí como Jeremías en la Primera Lectura, quien dijo: "Tú me engañaste, OH SEÑOR, y yo me dejé engañar".

De manera similar, en el Evangelio que escuchamos la semana pasada, Pedro acaba de escuchar que Jesús "le daría las llaves del reino de los cielos". Pero luego, en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se da vuelta y predica Su Pasión, lo que parece ir completamente en contra de lo que Jesús acababa de decirle sobre el Reino de Dios. Por eso no es de extrañar que él diga: "¡Dios no lo permita, Señor! Nunca te sucederá tal cosa".

A medida que avanzaba en el seminario, seguí sintiendo esta pesadez, y cada vez que se volvía demasiado abrumadora, me encontraba diciéndome a mí mismo: "No quiero estar aquí". La última vez que prediqué, hablé de escuchar la voz de Dios en el silencio. Pero cuando escuchamos la voz de Dios, existe el riesgo de escuchar también la nuestra o la del enemigo. Cuando le comenté la situación a mi director espiritual, él muy simple y sin rodeos me dijo: "¿Y de quién crees que es esa voz?"

Cuando pude reconocer que esa voz no era de Dios, eso no me quitó los sufrimientos, pero me permitió ver esto como parte del Plan de Dios. En lugar de ser un participante pasivo en mi vida, sentí que Dios me llamaba a tomar un papel activo en mi vida espiritual. Jesús nos dice: "El que quiera venir en pos de mí, debe negarse a sí mismo, tomar su cruz y seguirme".

También estamos llamados a tomar un papel activo en nuestra vida espiritual, tomando las cruces que Dios permite que vengan en nuestras vidas. Sin embargo, al cargar nuestras cruces, no lo hacemos solos, sino siempre siguiendo a Jesús. Ya no odio las historias de vocaciones porque sé que es sólo una parte de la historia, que discernir nuestra vocación es parte de la Cruz, pero una Cruz que finalmente conduce a la Resurrección.

Padre Frank



Lecturas de la Semana

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| Domingo | Jer 20, 7-9; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Rom 12, 1-2; Mt 16, 21-27 |
| Lunes | 1 Tes 4, 13-18; Sal 95, 1 y 3. 4-5. 11-12. 13; Lc 4, 16-30 |
| Martes | 1 Tes 5, 1-6. 9-11; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Lc 4, 31-37 |
| Miércoles | Col 1, 1-8; Sal 51, 10. 11; Lc 4, 38-44 |
| Jueves | Col 1, 9-14; Sal 97, 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Lc 5, 1-11 |
| Viernes | Miq 5, 1-4 o Rom 8, 28-30; Sal 12, 6ab. 6cd; Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o Mt 1, 18-23 |
| Sábado | Col 1, 21-23; Sal 53, 3-4. 6 y 8; Lc 6, 1-5 |
| Domingo | Ez 33, 7-9; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Rom 13, 8-10; Mt 18, 15-20 |

JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

Season of Creation 2023

The *Season of Creation* began on September 1 and ends on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4. We are called to continually renew our relationship with God our Creator and all creation through celebration and commitment. We have opportunities everyday to reflect on the wonderful and awesome work of God, the Creator of all things - when we see the sunrise or sunset, beautiful flowers, a rainbow, the change of seasons, a newborn baby, hear a beautiful story or song.... And hopefully we then take time to recognize the need for our cooperation in the care of our natural resources, our world and the universe.

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

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

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

"Let Justice and Peace Flow", the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness, as water is essential for our physical survival.

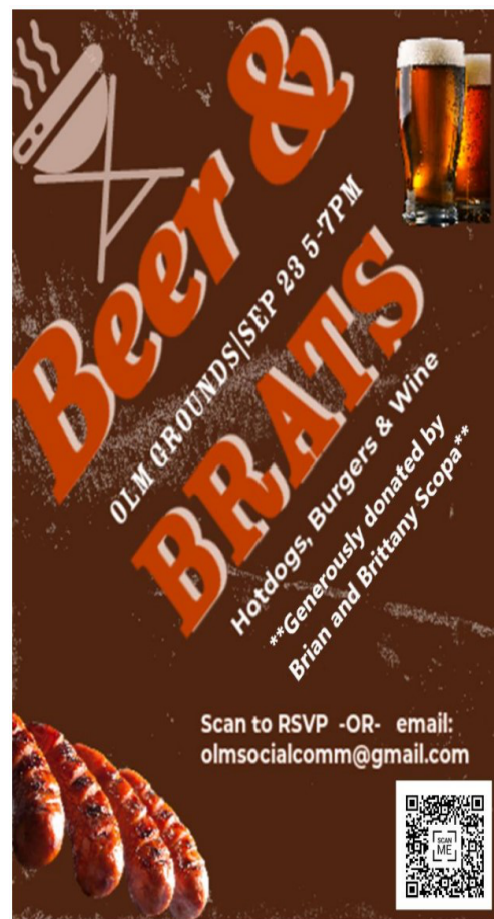
How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christians, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We can do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator.

Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Pope Francis stated: "let us repent of our "ecological sins", as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive - our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well."

Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice.

Coming next - some practical ideas. And if you have suggestions, we will include them. Please send them to chrisharveyny@gmail.com Thank you.



WALKING WITH Moms In Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND GIFTS TO HELP MOTHERS IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY??

September- Volunteer for this year's Waterleaf "Run for Life" on 9/9/23

November- Volunteer for the Kid-Friendly Pop-Up Food Pantry on 11/3/23

January- Help host a breakfast for clients assisted by Waterleaf Women's Center

March - Assemble "Care Kits" for Waterleaf's clients

May- Distribute "Baby Bottles for Life"

AND MORE!!!

CONTACT LYDIA @ LYDIAS@OLMERCY.COM
Our Lady of Mercy CATHOLIC CHURCH

Interested in Becoming a Baptism Minister?

What do Baptism Ministers do?

- Arrive 30 minutes before the start of the Baptism ceremony to set-up the materials for the celebrant (priest or deacon)
- Prepare a gift bag for the child to be baptized
- Greet the families and their guests and direct them to their seats
- Pass out activity bags for young children
- Assist the celebrant during the ceremony

Join us for a training on September 14 in the Church at 6:30PM!
Contact Lydia @ lydias@olmercy.com

Office of Catechesis and Evangelization | DIOCESE OF JOLIET

1ST ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

There will be TWO sessions from which to choose. Registration is required; space is limited.

SEPTEMBER 23 | OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
8404 SOUTH CASS AVENUE
DARIEN, IL 60561

- 1 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. BEGINNING WITH 9 A.M. MASS
- 2 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. ENDING WITH MASS AT 4:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER — DR. MARY KEEN
SHARING JOHN PAUL II'S APOSTOLIC LETTER, SALVIFICI DOLORIS, ON THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING

REGISTER NOW  **SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Questions? Contact Renata Cichowicz, 815-221-6245
rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org

ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE IN ENGLISH

olmercy.com/alpha

Join the adventure



alpha soundbites

How can I resist evil?

Oscar Wilde said, "I can resist everything except temptation!" Where does temptation come from? What about addictions-where do they come from? Can we be set free? What about all we read in the news and on social media? Do we just accept it or is this just how life is? Or is there anything we can do to make a difference. Want to find out? Consider Alpha. Reach out to Zara for more information at 331-707-5381 or zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha.

Meet new people & explore faith together.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA

IN PERSON in English & Spanish
THURSDAYS/6:30PM
STARTS 9/7

OLMERCY.COM/ALPHA
OUR LADY OF MERCY
701 SOUTH EOLA ROAD, AUBORA
CONTACT ZARA@OLMERCY.COM FOR DETAILS & QUESTIONS

CONNECT WITH NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA
WATCH AN EPISODE ON A TOPIC OF FAITH
ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

No matter how much you're hurting

No Marriage is Beyond Hope

RETROUVAILLE OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

#blessedinRETROspect
#RetrouvailleJoliet

Retrouvaille is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouvaille helps couples learn to communicate on a deeper level, and has helped thousands of couples return to a healthy, God-centered marriage.

>>> Our next weekend will be held September 8th - 10th, 2023 <<<

For information please contact:
Retrouvaille of Joliet - 1-815-246-2080



REBOOT
a life-changing event **LIVE**
with Chris Stefanick

LIVE THE LIFE YOU WERE MADE FOR

Reboot! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life.

Join Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and TV host, for a life-changing evening. Hear the Good News that the Lord has for ALL of us, and learn how to live out this JOY in your everyday life.

Whether you're a lifelong Church goer, just rediscovering your faith, or have never heard of Jesus before, this is THE event for you!

Make the **commitment** to have more **JOY** in your life today.

Grab a ticket for yourself, your friends, your family.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9/27th @ 7pm!

 **OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
701 S. EOLA RD, AURORA, IL

REGISTER NOW AT
OLMERCY.COM



for High School teens (Grades 9-12)

Chosen Confirmation Program for Teens!

Chosen will start on Sunday, Sept 17th from 7-8pm in the Church with a Parent/Teen Kick-Off Night. All teens who have registered for the program should attend this night. Go here for Information and Online Sign-up: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Teen Mission Trip 2024 is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13. More information & sign-up will be coming soon!

Teens can Sign-up for Service and Discipleship opportunities here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/service-discipleship-projects/>



Middle School Youth Ministry

For middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Nights meet twice a month on Monday evenings for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Please sign-up for EDGE & get additional information by going to our webpage here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

O CIA BECOMING CATHOLIC

STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

Meetings will take the form of

- Classes on Monday evenings at 7pm led by our pastor Fr. Michael Kearney and parochial vicar Fr. Frank Pusateri
- As well as fellowship gatherings on Sunday mornings starting with the 10am Mass

*Are you curious about becoming Catholic?
Are you Catholic but haven't yet received all your sacraments?*

Sign up now at bit.ly/ocia2023



PRESENTING THE OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

TALENT SHOW

COME WATCH AND/OR PERFORM

SEPTEMBER 16th
After the 4pm Mass

5:30 - 7:15PM IN THE GYM

TACO BAR SUPPER FOR EVERYONE!

RSVP FOR DINNER:  SIGN UP AN ACT: 

ALL are welcome to dinner! Acts must be children ages 4-12, and their parents/family can perform with them

THE LOVELIEST MASTERPIECE OF THE HEART OF GOD IS THE LOVE OF A MOTHER

YOU'RE INVITED!

A Mother's Heart is a group for Catholic mothers with children ages 0-11 who are seeking to journey with other like-minded women of faith.

Following the example of St. Therese of Lisieux, we strive to imitate her "little way" of growing in holiness through the lenses of motherhood and family.



Join us at this month's gatherings

Wine & Witness Continues!

Join us for wine, fellowship & a witness talk given by a different mother at each gathering! We meet at a local parishioner's home!

Stories of the Saints on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Mothers and their children (6 and under) are invited! We'll begin with an opening song, a short video about a Saint and the letter of the day! Kids will participate in a craft and service project that reflects the life of our weekly Saint!

Join us for:

- book chats
- podcast discussions
- "Mom's Night Out"
- community service projects
- fellowship
- play groups
- prayer

JOIN US FOR GROW GROUP

September 7th and September 21st @ 7PM!
September 6th and 20th @ 9:15AM

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ANY EVENTS AT LYDIADSCHMITT@GMAIL.COM
AHEAD OF TIME SO WE CAN PLAN TO WELCOME YOU!

WWW.OLMERCY.COM/AMOTHERSHEART

Around the Parish

Altar Server Training

Training for boys and girls who wish to become Altar Servers will take place in the Church on Sunday, September 10 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Boys and girls that are registered in the parish and are in 5th grade or higher are eligible to become Altar Servers. Training for current Altar Servers who wish to become Senior Servers will take place in the Church on Sunday, September 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Current Altar Servers that are in 8th grade or higher are eligible to move to Senior Server. Any current server who would like a "refresher course" on Altar Serving is encouraged to attend as well. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office or Pat Heraty at pat.heraty@opcpolymers.com.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast
Sunday Sept. 17th from 8:00am to Noon
in the PLC Gym.



Menu:

Pancakes
Eggs
Sausage
Fruit Cocktail
Coffee, Tea & Juice

Ticket Prices (at the door – no advanced sales)

Adults: \$6.00
Children: \$3.00 (12 and under)
Children under 3 no charge

Dine in the PLC or Take Out Available

All Profits will support:
Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids"
Charity Campaign

Donations Gladly Accepted



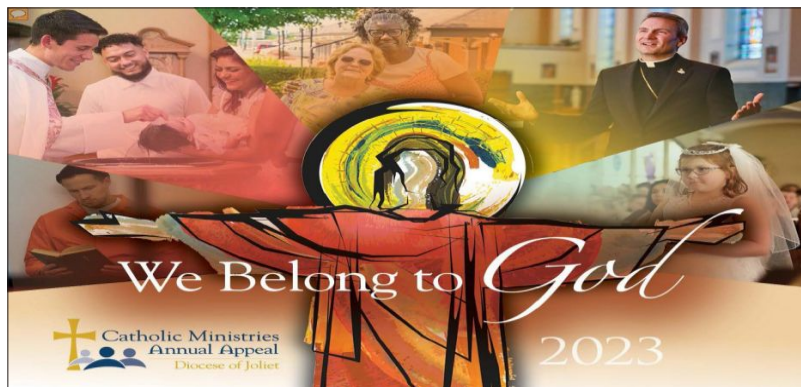
Parish Sacrificial Giving

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| Actual Year-to-Date Collections | \$ | 230,068 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget | \$ | 248,000 |
| Amount Short of Budget | \$ | (17,932) |
| 08/20/23 Sunday Collection | \$ | 29,381 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal | \$ | 31,000 |
| Amount Short of Goal | \$ | (1,619) |

For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.



CMAA Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

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| Parish Goal | \$ 141,900 |
| Amount Pledged | \$ 169,051 |
| Amount Paid | \$ 153,516 |
| Remaining Balance | \$ 15,535 |
| Rebate Amount | \$ 8,131 |
| # of Families Pledged | 484 |

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

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| April, 2009 | \$ | 1,950,000 |
| July, 2023 | \$ | 331,183 |
| August, 2023 | \$ | 319,294 |

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. The **Joyful Again!** program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: Sept. 20 & 21, 2023

(2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.



Online Giving

Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at www.olmercy.com and click "Give" located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

Note: *If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.*

Look for this icon



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 Friday of the Month 8:30-9:15am

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:30-8:20pm

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

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:00-8:30pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

New Parishioners

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

Sick and Homebound

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

Hospitalization

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

Baptisms

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

Weddings

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

Parish Directory

Parish Priests

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Dcn Tony Leazzo tonyl@olmercy.com

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