



**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 17, 2023  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You wicked servant! I forgive you your  
entire debt because you begged me to.  
Should you not have had pity on your  
fellow servant, as I have had pity on you?"  
Matthew 18:32-33

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



There is a story about when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, spoke to a priest about her visions. The priest did not want either one of them to be deceived, so he told her that if Jesus appeared to her again, to ask Him one question. He told her to ask Him what the last mortal sin he confessed was. When Jesus appeared to her again, Margaret Mary asked Him the question, Jesus looked at her and said, "I don't remember."

Even though God knows everything, after He has forgiven our sins, it is as if that sin never happened. It is truly forgiven. Yet in the First Reading, it says, "The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail." In order for us to be forgiven, we first need to forgive. This is what we pray in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If our hearts are not open to forgive others, how can they be open to receive forgiveness?

But how do we forgive? We have to start with what forgiveness is not. It is not saying that what the other person did to us is okay. I think that because we think that this, we end up like the unforgiving servant trying to choke his fellow servant, saying, "Pay back what you owe."

Instead, we need to acknowledge that what they did hurt us. Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, says that with Jesus, we even need to make an account of what that person did to hurt us. We do this, not to hold on to what they owe us, but instead to acknowledge the hurt we experienced. But as we do this, we also need to acknowledge that justice is most likely not possible on this earth. That other person might not even be aware that they hurt us or even be sorry.

Because justice is not possible on this earth, we know that God will bring about justice, if not in this life, in the next. Forgiveness is letting go of what they owe us, and instead giving that up to God, Who will bring about justice. Forgiveness is saying that I acknowledge that you hurt me, but I give that hurt, and you, to God.

If God forgives as if He forgets our sins, are we called to forget how that person has hurt us? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession." When we forgive, God can even transform those painful memories into sources of healing for us and the other person.

I also invite you to pray with this Forgiveness Meditation from Sister Miriam: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTDWS6V3\\_Ow&t=393s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTDWS6V3_Ow&t=393s)

Father Frank



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Mark Atwood, by Family  
*(Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, September 19 - St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 am Communion Service
- 6:30 pm † Judy Popernik, by The Freeston Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, September 20 - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm Communion Service
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

- 6:30 am † Cathy Lichay, by Family
- 8:00 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, September 22 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Lindsay Willis, by Cheryl & Ron Lohse

### Saturday, September 23 - St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
† Lindsay Willis, by Loving Friends  
Int The Wagner Family, by The Jesse Family

### Sunday, September 24 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Scott Williams, by Tammy & Dan
- 10:00 am Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm † George Durante, by Willie Durante
- 5:30 pm † Kenneth Anderson, by The Paluch Family



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth Burwell         | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin         |
| 2. Gary R. Ramsey            | 10. Richard Ciiombor         |
| 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr. | 11. Special Intention-C.H.   |
| 4. Good Health for Mike M.   | 12. The Sick                 |
| 5. The Pluskota Family       | 13. Healthcare Providers     |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra     | 14. Parishioners of OLM      |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye          | 15. Louise-Special Intention |
| 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 23 & 24**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	10:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
	5:30 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri

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

Father Michael, Father Frank and all the Priests of the Joliet Diocese will be at the Priest Convocation from Sept 18 thru Sept 21

Let's be in prayer for our Fathers & the priests of our diocese during this time

Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, upon our dear pastors, Father Michael and Father Frank, and all our priests. May they discern well together Your pathway of Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into action for Your people.

Sign up for a holy hour

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



Hay una historia sobre cuando Santa Margarita María Alacoque, quien recibió visiones del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, habló con un sacerdote sobre sus visiones. El sacerdote no quería que ninguno de los dos se engañara, así que le dijo que, si Jesús se le aparecía otra vez, le hiciera una pregunta. Él le dijo que le preguntara cuál había sido el último pecado mortal que él había confesado. Cuando Jesús se le apareció de nuevo, Margarita María le hizo la pregunta, Jesús la miró y dijo: "No lo recuerdo".

Aunque Dios lo sabe todo, después de haber perdonado nuestros pecados, es como si ese pecado nunca hubiera ocurrido. Está verdaderamente perdonado. Sin embargo, en la Primera Lectura dice: "Los vengativos sufrirán la venganza del Señor, porque él recuerda detalladamente sus pecados". Para que seamos perdonados, primero debemos perdonar. Esto es lo que rezamos en el Padre Nuestro: "Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden". Si nuestros corazones no están abiertos para perdonar a los demás, ¿cómo pueden estar abiertos para recibir el perdón?

Pero ¿cómo perdonamos? Tenemos que empezar con lo que no es el perdón. No quiere decir que lo que la otra persona nos hizo esté bien. Creo que, porque pensamos eso, terminamos como el servidor implacable que intenta estrangular a su compañero, diciéndole: "Paga lo que debes".

En cambio, debemos reconocer que lo que hicieron nos lastimó. Sor Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, dice que, con Jesús, incluso necesitamos dar cuenta de lo que esa persona hizo para lastimarnos. Hacemos esto, no para aferrarnos a lo que nos deben, sino para reconocer el dolor que experimentamos. Pero al hacerlo, también debemos reconocer que lo más probable es que la justicia no sea posible en esta tierra. Es posible que esa otra persona ni siquiera se dé cuenta de que nos lastimó o ni siquiera se arrepienta.

Debido a que la justicia no es posible en esta tierra, sabemos que Dios hará justicia, si no en esta vida, en la próxima. El perdón es dejar de lado lo que nos deben y, en cambio, entregárselo a Dios, quien hará justicia. El perdón es decir que reconozco que me lastimaste, pero entrego ese dolor, y tú, a Dios.

Si Dios perdona como si olvidara nuestros pecados, ¿estamos llamados a olvidar cómo esa persona nos ha lastimado? *El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* dice: "No está en nuestro poder no sentir u olvidar una ofensa; pero el corazón que se ofrece al Espíritu Santo convierte la herida en compasión y purifica la memoria transformando el dolor en intercesión". Cuando perdonamos, Dios puede incluso transformar esos recuerdos dolorosos en fuentes de sanación para nosotros y la otra persona.

También los invito a orar con esta Meditación del Perdón de Sor Miriam:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTDWS6V3\\_Ow&t=393s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTDWS6V3_Ow&t=393s)

Padre Frank



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Sir 27, 33—28, 9 Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12; Rom 14, 7-9; Mt 18, 21-35
<b>Lunes</b>	1 Tm 2, 1-8; Sal 27, 2. 7. 8-9; Lc 7, 1-10
<b>Martes</b>	1 Tm 3, 1-13; Sal 100, 1-2ab. 2cd-3ab. 5. 6; Lc 7, 11-17
<b>Miércoles</b>	1 Tm 3, 14-16; Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Lc 7, 31-35
<b>Jueves</b>	Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Mt 9, 9-13
<b>Viernes</b>	1 Tm 6, 2-12; Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20; Lc 8, 1-3
<b>Sábado</b>	1 Tm 6, 13-16; Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5; Lc 8, 4-15
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 55, 6-9; Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18; Fil 1, 20-24. 27; Mt 20, 1-16



*"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."*

September 17, 2023

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

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

Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple *concept*, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." *As we forgive others.* Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister *from your heart*. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Bishop Robert Barron, in his *Word on Fire Bible* on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

**PRAY** Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach:

*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*

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**SEEK is our great story of faith** that describes the stories of being **Created** in love and for love, being **Captured** by sin, **Rescued** by Jesus Christ, and our love **Response** to the Holy Spirit as builders of God's Kingdom. Both children and parents participate, enjoying their two separate learning experiences that culminate with a family prayer.

**DAY & TIME: SUNDAYS, 11:15-12:30**  
**DATES: October 1, 15, 22, & 29**



**ROOT is a learning experience about the CREED, our foundational beliefs that flow from our great story of faith.** Both children and parents gather and attend their distinct ROOT session that concludes with a family prayer. The series is comprised of seven on-site sessions, that equip parents to lead a family-centered ROOT session at home. Over time, families grow deep roots in the knowledge of our Tradition's core beliefs through family related faith conversations and meaningful activities.

**DAY & TIME: SUNDAYS, 11:15-12:30**  
**DATES: Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4**



**MEND is our First Reconciliation preparation journey for Families.** Parents and their children gather on-site with the other families enrolled in MEND to pray the Mass and fellowship together and experience enriching learning sessions that encourage parents to facilitate short but meaningful family learning experiences at home.

**DATES: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9**  
**DAY & TIME: SATURDAYS, 4:00-6:45 p.m. Includes 4:00 P.M. Mass & Family friendly dinner!**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT: SATURDAY, January 13, 2:00-3:45 P.M.**



**NOURISH is our First Communion preparation journey for Families.** Parents and their children gather on-site with other families enrolled in NOURISH to pray the Mass and fellowship together. The joy of encountering Jesus occurs as families connect the prayer of the Mass with their shared life together. Activities such as building puzzles, baking, reading Scripture, and engaging in meaningful conversation guides families to move into the mystery of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**DATES: February 10, March 9, April 13**  
**DAY & TIME: Saturdays, 4:00-6:45 P.M. Includes 4:00 P.M. Mass & Family friendly dinner!**  
**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: SATURDAY, April 27, 2:00-3:45 P.M.**



**Make a way with QUEST, an ongoing formation experience for the entire family.** Families will grow in their relationship with God as they go on an adventure of prayer through modeling, practice, and meaningful conversations. They will apply what they learn by playing a board game together. Watch the adventure of prayer take your family into a deeper relationship with the Lord using a great resource like Quest.

**Quest Schedule Option One:**  
**DAY & TIME: SUNDAYS, 8:30-9:45 A.M.**  
 Oct. 15 & 29, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4

**Quest Schedule Option Two:**  
**DAY & TIME: WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 – 7:30 P.M.**  
 Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 8 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20, Jan.10 & 24, Feb. 7



\*\*\*QR code to Registration Link and K-5 Family Formation Page.\*\*\*



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## INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

# Our Lady of Fatima PARISH VISITATION

SEPTEMBER 19	SEPTEMBER 20
8AM HOLY MASS	8AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
9:30AM 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION ROSARY	9AM PATRIOTIC ROSARY
12PM ROSARY FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE	12PM HOLY MASS
1PM PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS	1PM ROSARY FOR FAMILIES
3PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET	3PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
4PM ROSARY IN SPANISH	3:30PM FAREWELL
6:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE	
7PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	
9PM END	

For any questions, connect with Bobby & Joy DeRosario 630.995.0388

Our Lady of Mercy CATHOLIC CHURCH



**For High School teens (Grades 9-12)**  
**Chosen Confirmation Program for Teens!**

Chosen will start on Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## Feast of OUR LADY of MERCY Celebration 9/23 & 9/24



**Beer & Braais**  
OLM (Q10 BUNDLES) SEP 23 5-7PM  
Hotdogs, Burgers & Wine  
\*Generously donated by Brian and Brittany Scopio\*

Scan to RSVP -OR- email: [olmsocialcomm@gmail.com](mailto:olmsocialcomm@gmail.com)



Donut & Coffee Sunday  
IN THE PLC AFTER THE 8AM 10AM MASS

**September 24**

On Sunday 9/24 after the 8am & 10am Mass is Donuts & Coffee Sunday. Have a delicious donut, good coffee, and stay for fellowship.

*Hope to see you there!*



CHECK OUT THE PROGRESS OF THE Adoration Chapel



AND SIGN UP FOR Adoration Monday through Friday when the chapel is built.



**For middle School teens (Grades 6-8)**

**For High School teens (Grades 9-12)**

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

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## REBOOT LIVE

a life-changing event 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!**

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REGISTER NOW AT [OLMERCY.COM](https://olmercy.com)



## Join the Crafty Souls For A 12 Hour Craft Event!

**Saturday, October 7**

**9:00 am to 9:00 pm**

Bring your favorite project and spend the day crafting in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Registration deadline is September 30 and the \$25 fee includes lunch and dinner.

Contact [olmcraftysouls@gmail.com](mailto:olmcraftysouls@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PADS/HESED HOUSE MINISTRY**

The **OLM PADS/Hesed House Board** is now on display in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). The board contains a “wishlist” of items used to prepare meals for 250 guests at the Hesed House homeless shelter, on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Drop-off** for all items is **before all Masses on the weekend of September 30th and October 1st, 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.

## Around the Parish

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

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, September 19 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass (at 7pm). St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those experiencing cancer, serious illness, or chronic illness. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Bring your pet and join us at 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 7 at the circle drive for a blessing of the animals. All God’s creatures are welcome!

### **PADS/Hesed House Ministry**

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### **Undy Sunday**

Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.

Our Lady of Mercy is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households:

- Women's socks (all sizes)
- Men's boxers and boxer briefs (all sizes)

**The collection will be held Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Monetary donations can also be made online at [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community!





## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	288,232
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	310,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(21,768)</b>
09/03/23 Sunday Collection	\$	35,365
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>4,365</b>

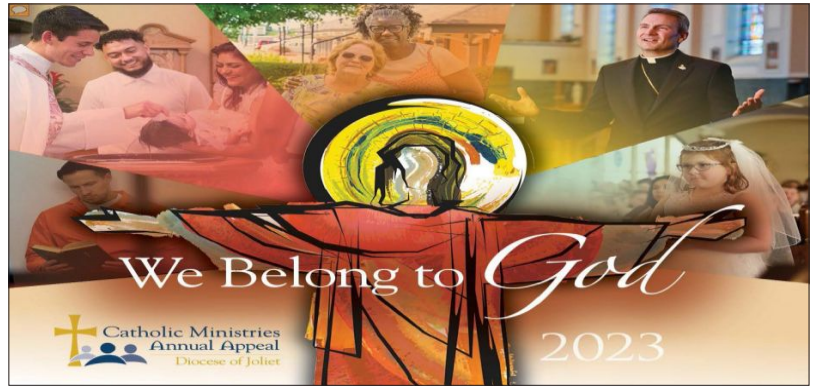
*For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.*

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

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

## Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
July, 2023	\$	343,072
August, 2023	\$	319,294



## 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.

Parish Goal	\$ 141,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 169,883
Amount Paid	\$ 155,663
Remaining Balance	\$ 14,220
Rebate Amount	\$ 9,634
# of Families Pledged	484

## 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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5 Reasons to Use...

# Online Giving

Be grateful. Give generously.

- 1. Tailor your donations**

You determine the amount of the gift, the schedule of donation, and from the source you choose
- 2. You Choose**

Give by credit card and garner the points. Give by transfer from your bank. Your funds, your choice
- 3. Consistent Support**

Be assured that Our Lady of Mercy parish received continued support even with life's interruptions
- 4. Safe and Secure**

Your online giving and credit information is safe and secure. You are in control.
- 5. Faithful Stewardship**

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## 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 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

1st Friday of the Month ..... 12:00pm

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

## Benediction

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

### New Parishioners

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