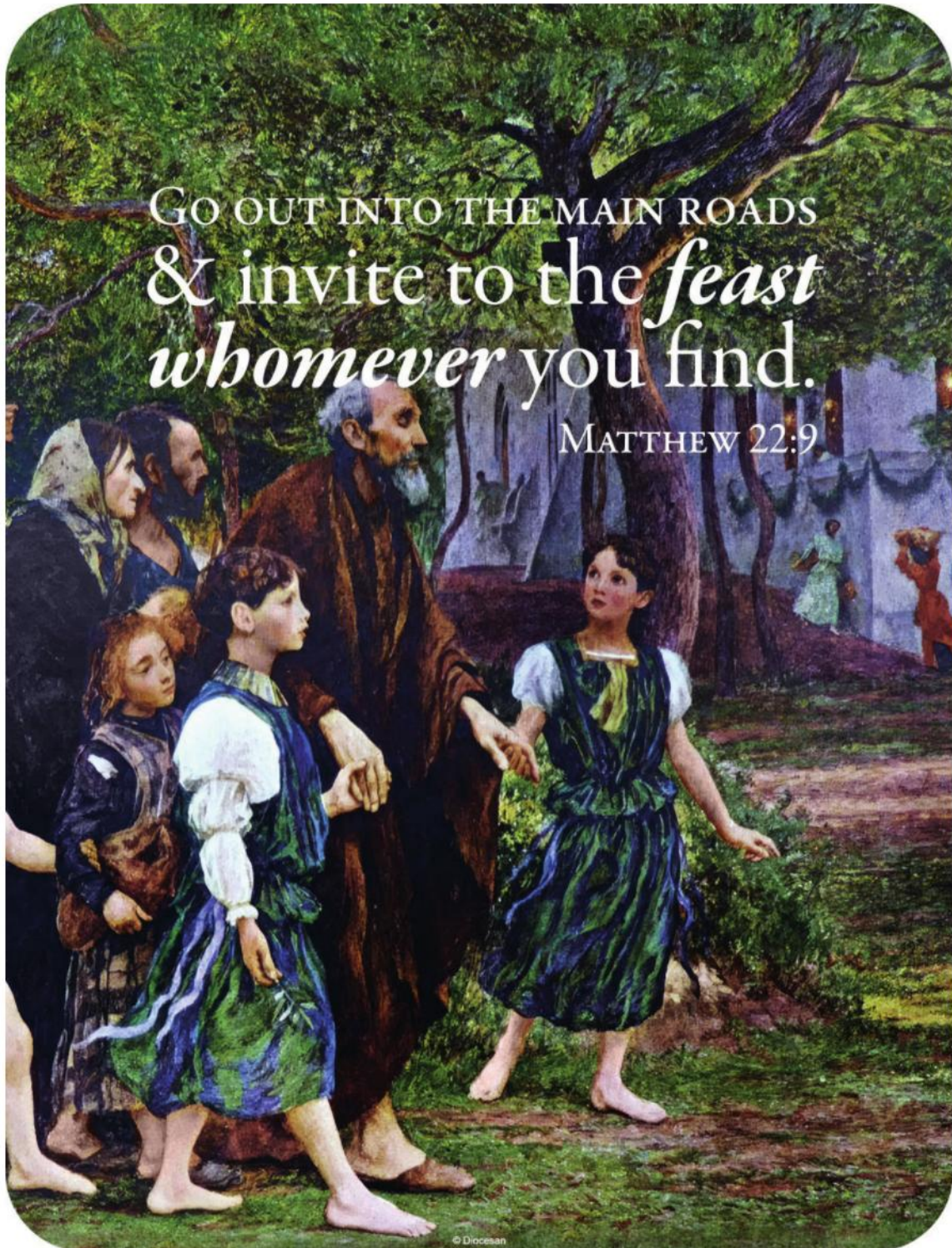




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 15, 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Hello! I am so grateful to have gotten the chance to meet many of you at the parish. For those that I have not gotten the chance to meet, my name is Jonathan Hernandez. I am the seminarian assigned to Our Lady of Mercy by the Diocese. Perhaps you may have noticed that during the summer months this year I was absent. I was asked by my vocations director to stay at our cathedral and do a program called CPE (Clinical Pastoral Experience). This program was extremely helpful for my vocation. Through that experience I received the opportunity to serve at a hospice center, a homeless shelter, and bring communion to the sick on a consistent basis. I was able to encounter others' sufferings in different forms and was in a privileged place where I was often let into places of deep suffering. Often faced with a loss of words this summer, I felt the Holy Spirit guiding me in how he wanted me to minister to each person I was with. I felt Christ wanting to heal his sons and daughters.

This summer experience made me realize that I too was suffering in ways that I didn't acknowledge. As a seminarian, I experience a constantly shifting environment. Often, I am bombarded with activities, homework, and responsibilities. This can all be very tiring. While praying with the suffering of Christ, I realized at a heartfelt level that suffering should point outwards. Suffering is part of the human experience, and we weren't meant to take it on all by ourselves. At the minimum, it should be given to Christ. Furthermore, it is when our suffering points outwards that we realize our suffering has a greater meaning. For example, we are called to love our neighbor even though this isn't the easiest thing to do. Our neighbors often hurt us in words and deeds. Scarred by their actions, we can wallow in the injustice, or we can allow ourselves to feel the hurt, bring it to Christ, and try our best to treat them with the love and respect they deserve as people made in the image of God. Even if they do not reciprocate, we are loving as Christ loved.

What I have just described, is made possible only through a life anchored in Christ. It is his grace and his strength that allow us to abide in his vineyard. We hear St. Paul affirm this in the second reading: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). When we refuse to give our sufferings to God, we are pointed inwards, and this can become a truly dangerous place to be. In the Gospel reading today Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. As the King came in to meet the guests, there was one who was not dressed properly: "...how is that you came in here without a wedding garment?" (Mt 22:12) May this remind us to put on the life of Christ, configure and unite our thoughts, words, and actions to him. Give him your sufferings, and live for others, so that you might not be caught without a wedding garment!

God bless you, Jonathan



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, October 16 - St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque

- 8:00 am † Francis X. Mediola, by Family
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Angel Valverde, by Family
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, October 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch

- 8:00 am † Nancy Basten, by Katherine & Robert Vail
- 6:30 pm † Manuel Abaa, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, October 18 - St Luke, Evangelist

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Bryant Lange, by Tim & Diane Reiter
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, October 19 - Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

- 6:30 am † Tom Moran, by Mary & Kevin Nemetz
- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, October 20 - St Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:00 am † James Krcmarik

Saturday, October 21 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Emilia Reformina Loteyro
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† James W. Ray & James W. Ray, Jr.,
by Helean Ray

Sunday, October 22 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Dennis Coit, by Family
- 10:00 am † Delfin Masangcay, by Shirley Staples
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Donald Hutchison, by Jim & Jean Lazowski



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. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Linda Boime | 10. Vocations |
| 3. The Lonely | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Louise - Special Intention | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Gary Ramsey |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Anthony M. Loquercio Sr. |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Peace |
| 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

October 21 & 22

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

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
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

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
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.I.T. (Seminarista en formación)

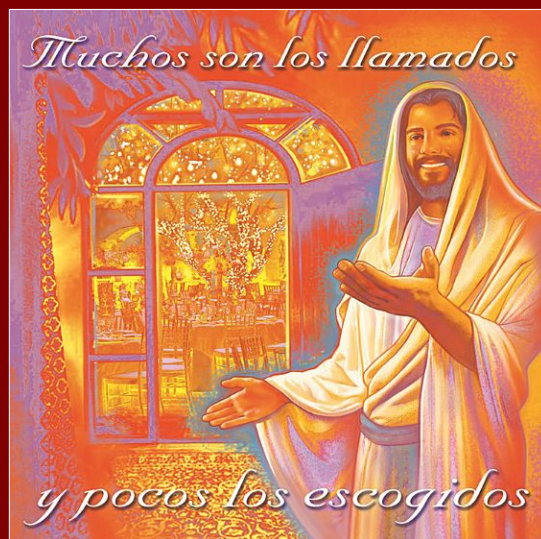


¡Hola! Estoy muy agradecido de haber tenido la oportunidad de conocer a muchos de ustedes en la parroquia. Para aquellos que no he tenido la oportunidad de conocerlos, mi nombre es Jonathan Hernandez. Soy el seminarista asignado a Our Lady of Mercy por la Diócesis. Quizás hayan notado que durante los meses de verano de este año estuve ausente. Mi director de vocaciones me pidió que me quedara en nuestra catedral e hiciera un programa llamado EPC (Experiencia Pastoral Clínica). Este programa fue de gran ayuda para mi vocación. A través de esa experiencia recibí la oportunidad de servir en un centro para enfermos terminales, un refugio para personas sin hogar y llevar la comunión a los enfermos de manera constante. Pude encontrar el sufrimiento de los demás en diferentes formas y estaba en un lugar privilegiado donde a menudo me dejaban entrar en lugares de profundo sufrimiento. Este verano, a menudo me he enfrentado con la pérdida de palabras, sentí que el Espíritu Santo me guiaba en cómo quería que yo ministrara a cada persona con la que estaba. Sentí a Cristo queriendo sanar a sus hijos e hijas.

Esta experiencia del verano me hizo darme cuenta de que yo también estaba sufriendo de maneras que no reconocía. Como seminarista, experimento un entorno en constante cambio. A menudo me bombardean con actividades, tareas y responsabilidades. Todo esto puede resultar muy agotador. Mientras oraba con el sufrimiento de Cristo, me di cuenta en un nivel más profundo de que el sufrimiento debe apuntar hacia afuera. El sufrimiento es parte de la experiencia humana y no estamos destinados a afrontarlo solos. Como mínimo, debería dársele a Cristo. Además, es cuando nuestro sufrimiento apunta hacia afuera cuando nos damos cuenta de que nuestro sufrimiento tiene un significado mayor. Por ejemplo, estamos llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo, aunque esto no sea lo más fácil de hacer. Nuestros vecinos a menudo nos lastiman con palabras y hechos. Marcados por sus acciones, podemos hundirnos en la injusticia, o podemos permitirnos sentir el dolor, llevárselo a Cristo y hacer todo lo posible para tratarlos con el amor y el respeto que merecen como personas hechas a imagen de Dios. Incluso si no nos corresponden, estamos amando como Cristo amó.

Lo que acabo de describir es posible sólo a través de una vida anclada en Cristo. Es su gracia y su fuerza las que nos permiten permanecer en su viña. Escuchamos a San Pablo afirmar esto en la segunda lectura: "Todo lo puedo unido a aquel que me da fuerza" (Filipenses 4:13). Cuando nos negamos a entregarle nuestros sufrimientos a Dios, nos dirigimos hacia adentro, y esto puede convertirse en un lugar verdaderamente peligroso. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús compara el Reino de los Cielos con un banquete de bodas. Cuando el Rey entró a saludar a los invitados, había uno que no estaba vestido adecuadamente: "... ¿cómo has entrado aquí sin traje de boda?" (Mateo 22:12). Que esto nos recuerde revestirnos de la vida de Cristo, configurar y unir nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones a él. ¡Entrégale tus sufrimientos y vive para los demás, para que no te sorprendan sin traje de boda!

Que Dios les bendiga, Jonathan



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 25, 6-10; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Fil 4, 12-14. 19-20; Mt 22, 1-14 o Mt 22, 1-10
Lunes	Rom 1, 1-7; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Lc 11, 29-32
Martes	Rom 1, 16-25; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Lc 11, 37-41
Miércoles	2 Tm 4, 9-17; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18; Lc 10, 1-9
Jueves	Rom 3, 21-30; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4b. 4c-6; Lc 11, 47-54
Viernes	Rom 4, 1-8; Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11; Lc 12, 1-7
Sábado	Rom 4, 13. 16-18; Sal 104, 6-7. 8-9. 42-43; Lc 12, 8-12
Domingo	Is 45, 1. 4-6; Sal 95, 1 y 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a y c; 1 Tes 1, 1-5; Mt 22, 15-21



October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of *God’s* love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

ACTION When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Jesus

SUNDAY 10/15

AFTER THE 10AM MASS

All are welcome to attend a prayer service for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on Saturday, 10/15th following the 4pm mass in the garden area outside the narthex by the memorial. Join us as we pray, reflect, and honor our littlest ones in heaven.

Safe in the loving arms of

THE LORD OF THE RINGS

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
701 S. EOLA ROAD, AURORA

Led by Fr. Andy Davy, MIC

TWO EVENINGS OF RETREAT

Fri, Oct 27th & Sat, Oct 28th
7-8:30PM EACH NIGHT @ THE PARISH CENTER

HOSTED BY THE
Consuming Fire
YOUNG ADULT GROW GROUP

Night 1: "IMAGINATIVE APOLOGETICS: A DECISIVE BATTLEGROUND FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION"

Night 2: "PRIEST, PROPHET, AND KING: RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL CALL THROUGH THE LORD OF THE RINGS"

All Ages Welcome!

HAVE A MINISTER OF CARE BRING JESUS TO YOUR LOVED ONE AT HOME

DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE THAT IS HOMEBOUND?

Ministers of Care are trained in the ministry and commissioned by the parish to visit those unable to come to Church to receive Holy Communion. Ministers visit the homebound, those in hospitals, and other care facilities to pray with them, bring the Eucharist and serve as a caring, listening presence. The Ministers of Care Ministry is a visible sign of the presence of the Church in our lives and continues the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

If you know someone in the parish who is unable to come to church and wishes to receive Holy Communion in the home, please contact the parish office at 630-851-3444 and arrangements will be made. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." —John 6:35

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH To make the arrangement, contact the Parish Office 630-851-3444 or parishoffice@olmercy.com

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.

The **Joyful Again!** Program is a unique retreat/workshop 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: November 4 & 5 (2-day program – overnight only)
Where: Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, IL

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
 e-mail us at: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
 website: www.joyfulagain.org

You are invited



to pray an
International Rosary
For the needs of our Church
and World!!!



Who: All are welcome!
What: An evening of prayer in various languages
When: October 18, 2023
at 7:00PM
Where: McSherry Hall at
All Saints Catholic Academy
1155 Aurora Avenue, Naperville 60540



for High School teens (Grades 9-12)
LIGHT webpage here:
<https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Chosen Confirmation Program for Teens!

High school teens are invited to participate in the sacrament of Confirmation program at OLM. Chosen meets twice a month for formation. October sessions are 10/1 and 10/15. Go to the LIGHT webpage to sign-up. We will accept teens in this year's group up until November 15th.

Annual Holiday Pie Sale is coming in October!
Pickup of pies will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving!

 Middle School
Youth Ministry
for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Nights meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. October EDGE Nights are 10/2 and 10/16.

The middle school youth also have the opportunity to participate in a social or service event once a month. The October Social/ Service Event: Feed My Starving Children Packing Session, 10/23 from 7:00 PM – 8:45pm.

To register for EDGE and for more information go to <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA®

Please join us for a Rosary Rally on Saturday, **October 15, 2022, at 12:00 noon** outside in front of Our Lady of Mercy. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join us and other Catholics on that very important day?

— MAKE IT
MARMION
✝
OPEN HOUSE

All 5th-8th grade boys and their families are invited!

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18
6:30 PM

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5
1:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PADS/HESED HOUSE MINISTRY



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 are **before all Masses** on the **weekend of November 4th and 5th, 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 St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 17 in the church following 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.

Mobile Food Pantry

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on October 18th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the OLM parking lot. The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non-perishable items) to people in need. No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in need of food! Mobile Food Pantries use a “drive-thru” method to distribute food. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. Mobile Food Pantries take place snow, rain, or shine!

Charismatic Healing Mass

The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be in the church on October 21st at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Magnify

Please join us for Magnify in the church on October 25th at 7:00 pm.

Brogan Family Coat Drive

Mike and Carole Brogan were icons at Our Lady of Mercy. Both passed away in 2019. One of the ways they supported our parish was a yearly coat drive. They would literally pack up their car with donations to the point that they could barely see out of their car windows. Their family and our church would like to continue this mission by asking for donations of new and gently used coats, hats, boots, and gloves. The donations for women and children will benefit Mutual Ground and the donations for men's items will benefit Breaking Free. On Sunday, October 29th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm a trailer will be in the OLM parking lot accepting the donations. Please support this mission to carry on this tradition that is near and dear to our hearts.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	400,519
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	434,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(33,481)
10/01/23 Sunday Collection	\$	35,002
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	4,002

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.

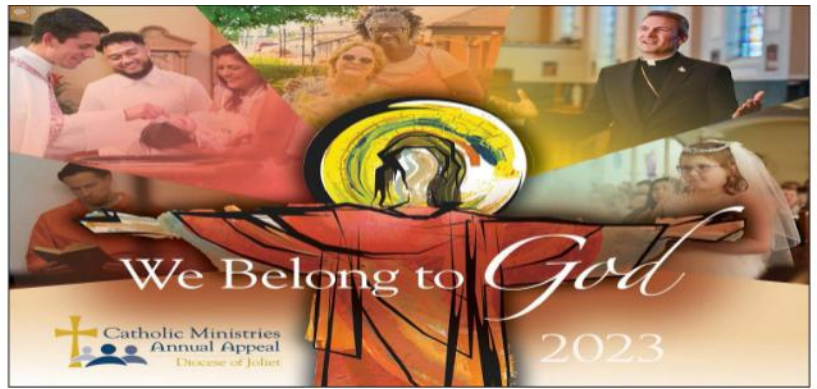
Thank you for your generosity!!

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

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
August, 2023	\$	331,509
September, 2023	\$	0

Thanks to your support and sound stewardship Our Lady of Mercy was able to pay off the loan on the Parish Life Center!





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	\$ 171,903
Amount Paid	\$ 161,378
Remaining Balance	\$ 10,525
Rebate Amount	\$ 13,635
# of Families Pledged	484


Aurora Central Catholic

Open House

Thursday, October 26
5:30 - 7:00PM

Sunday, November 5
12:30 - 2:00PM



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE PREPARATORY



16:1 Student/Teacher Ratio

100% College Acceptance

97% of Students Participate in SFHS Activities

29 Average ACT Score Class of 2023 Top 10%

60 Hours of Christian Service

Microsoft Showcase School

OPEN HOUSE



RSVP and enter a drawing to win a \$500 tuition credit!
*one tuition credit per family

REGISTER TODAY!

RSVP AT www.sfhscollegeprep.org/visit

Thursday, October 19, 2023 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:00 p.m.

2130 W. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 668-5800 sfhscollegeprep.org

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

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

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

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