



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 29, 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38**

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



A day I will never forget is when I walked in on my parents watching a movie about St. Thérèse of Lisieux. That movie begins with a simple line, taken from Thérèse's writings: "I want to be a saint." I didn't know that you could want that, but now that I knew, I wanted it! The problem was that I had unusual ways of pursuing that desire. For example, St. Thérèse died at the age of twenty-four of tuberculosis. As a result, every time I left a physical, I would leave disappointed because my tuberculosis test would come back negative. Long before I

turned twenty-four, I realized that my life would look different, but that did not mean that I gave up my desire to become a saint.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes, "And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers." We are called to imitate the saints and Jesus so that we can become a model for others.

It does not mean we have to imitate the concrete details of every saint's life. As we approach the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st, we have different opportunities to enter into the lives of the saints, such as the Saints Around the World event on October 28th. As we look at all these saints, we see how different their lives are, but also how they all have one thing in common: love of God and love of neighbor.

In each of the saints, this love shone out in ways as unique as each one of them, and that is what we are called to imitate. Just as they made Jesus' commandment to love take flesh amid the concrete details of their lives, so are we called to love amid the concrete details of our lives. But we can't keep this to ourselves.

In the Gospel, Jesus says the greatest commandment of the law is to love God and to love our neighbors. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes this even further by giving us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Because we have received the love of Jesus that led Him to the Cross, we are called to love others with that same love. This might seem daunting, but when we look at the saints, we see that it has been done thousands of times and thousands of different ways.

Loving as Christ loves does not necessarily mean dying of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, but it means taking the love we have received from Christ and making it present to others. Pope Francis wrote in *C'est la Confiance*, his Apostolic Exhortation on St. Thérèse, "In the heart of Therese, the grace of baptism became this impetuous torrent flowing into the ocean of Christ's love and dragging in its wake a multitude of brothers and sisters."

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, October 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Miles Small
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Ruben Manzaneras, Jr., by Family
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, October 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † James Krcmarick, by Herb & Renee Guarascio
- 6:30 pm † Lucila Agustin, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints Day

- 8:00 am Int The Hapke Family, by Tim & Diane Reiter
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)
- 6:30 pm † Dionicia Reyrao, by Family

Thursday, November 2 - All Soul's Day

- 6:30 am † Maureen Lestourgeon, by Jud & Bernadine Lestourgeon
- 8:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Angelo Lau, by Family

Friday, November 3 - St Martin de Porres, Religious

- 8:00 am † Lauren Zink, by Mom & Dad
- 12:00 am † Pablo Rodriguez, by Family

Saturday, November 4 - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 8:30 am † Joanne Mumenthaler, by Carole Heying
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† James W. Ray & James W. Ray, Jr., by Helean Ray
Int Donna Wawrzyniakowski, by Cheryl Miceli

Sunday, November 5 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Scott Williams, by Tammy & Dan
- 10:00 am † Timothy Savoie, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Frank Glowaty, by Mary & Kevin Nemetz
- 5:30 pm † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



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. Good Health for M.M. | 10. Peace |
| 3. Return to Good Health-D.R. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention-L.T. | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Lillian Weaver |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Diane Pazos |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Joan Seifrid |
| 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

November 4 & 5

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	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
Michael Butler
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
Nina Keehn
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 P.I.T. (Sacerdote en formación)



Un día que nunca olvidaré es cuando encontré a mis padres viendo una película sobre Santa Teresa de Lisieux. Esa película comienza con una frase simple, tomada de los escritos de Teresa: “Quiero ser santa”. No sabía que podría querer eso, pero ahora que lo sabía, ¡lo quería! El problema era que tenía formas inusuales de perseguir ese deseo. Por ejemplo, Santa Teresa murió a la edad de veinticuatro años de tuberculosis. Como resultado, cada vez que salía de un examen anual médico, salía decepcionado porque mi prueba de tuberculosis salía negativa. Mucho

antes de cumplir veinticuatro años, me di cuenta de que mi vida sería diferente, pero eso no significó que renunciara a mi deseo de convertirme en santo.

En la Segunda Lectura, San Pablo escribe: “Y ustedes se hicieron imitadores nuestros y del Señor, pues en medio de muchas tribulaciones y con la alegría que da el Espíritu Santo, han aceptado la palabra de Dios en tal forma, que han llegado a ser ejemplo para todos los creyentes”. Estamos llamados a imitar a los santos y a Jesús para poder convertirnos en modelo para los demás.

No significa que tengamos que imitar los detalles concretos de la vida de cada santo. A medida que nos acercamos a la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre, tenemos diferentes oportunidades para entrar en la vida de los santos, como el evento de los Santos Alrededor del Mundo el 28 de octubre. Al mirar a todos estos santos, vemos cuán diferentes son sus vidas, pero también cómo todos tienen una cosa en común: el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo.

En cada uno de los santos este amor brilló de maneras tan únicas como cada uno de ellos, y eso es lo que estamos llamados a imitar. Así como ellos hicieron que el mandamiento de Jesús de amar se hiciera realidad en los detalles concretos de sus vidas, así nosotros estamos llamados a amar en los detalles concretos de nuestras vidas. Pero no podemos guardarnos esto para nosotros mismos.

En el Evangelio, Jesús dice que el mayor mandamiento de la ley es amar a Dios y amar a nuestro prójimo. En la Última Cena, Jesús va aún más lejos al darnos un nuevo mandamiento: “Amaos unos a otros como yo os he amado”. Porque hemos recibido el amor de Jesús que lo llevó a la Cruz, estamos llamados a amar a los demás con ese mismo amor. Esto puede parecer desalentador, pero cuando miramos a los santos, vemos que se ha hecho miles de veces y de miles de maneras diferentes.

Amar como ama Cristo no significa necesariamente morir de tuberculosis a los veinticuatro años, sino que significa tomar el amor que hemos recibido de Cristo y hacerlo presente a los demás. El Papa Francisco escribió en *C'est la Confiance*, su Exhortación Apostólica sobre Santa Teresa: “En el corazón de Teresa, la gracia del bautismo se convirtió en un torrente impetuoso que desemboca en el océano del amor de Cristo, arrastrando consigo una multitud de hermanos y hermanas”.

Padre Frank



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ex 22, 20-26; Sal 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab; 1 Tes 1, 5-10; Mt 22, 34-40
Lunes	Rom 8, 12-17; Sal 67, 2 y 4. 6-7ab. 20-21; Lc 13, 10-17
Martes	Rom 8, 18-25; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Lc 13, 18-21
Miércoles	Apoc 7, 2-4. 9-14; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; 1 Jn 3, 1-3; Mt 5, 1-12
Jueves	Sab 3, 1-9; Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6; Rom 5, 5-11 o Rom 6, 3-9; Jn 6, 37-40
Viernes	Rom 9, 1-5; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Lc 14, 1-6
Sábado	Rom 11, 1-2. 11-12. 25-29; Sal 93, 12-13a. 14-15. 17-18; Lc 14, 1. 7-11
Domingo	Mal 1, 14—2, 2. 8-10; Sal 130, 1. 2. 3; 1 Tes 2, 7-9. 13; Mt 23, 1-12



October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Sometimes I stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. I've even stopped using social media, which at least made me smile when seeing photos of friends and family welcoming little ones or celebrating big milestones. Which brings me to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and I feel that there's little, if anything, I can do for people outside of my social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of my struggles with compassion fatigue, a friend recently reminded me of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more - whatever that may be.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your *neighbor*..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" - and what he asks of us is to love our *neighbor*. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us - our neighbor and community - because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

MEDITATE When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.

Bishop Hicks' Column

October 2023

CONTEMPLATING THE CONVOCAATION



View a convocation photo at diojoliet.org

BESIDES CELEBRATING MASS ON SUNDAYS, a question people frequently ask me is, "What do priests do during the week?" My initial response is that priesthood is so much more than a 9-to-5 job—it is more like a 24/7 vocation.

A priest is called to serve God and His people, and to assist his bishop by governing, teaching, and sanctifying. In modern times, it may seem like a priest is expected to be able to administer with an MBA, counsel with the spirituality of the saints, offer a love for the poor of Saint Mother Teresa, maintain the constant energy of a newly ordained priest, and resolve issues with the wisdom of a seasoned pastor.

While it is virtually impossible to embody all those expectations, leading a parish with a wide variety of ministries and missions in the Catholic Church has become more complicated and challenging. Therefore, there is a growing need to attend to the professional development and spiritual growth of priests. In the Diocese of Joliet, we are blessed to have a director of on-going formation for priests, Father Sunny Castillo, who currently also serves as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.

Besides coordinating a variety of programs for spiritual, educational, and professional growth, Father Sunny and a dedicated team of priests, staff, and volunteers also organize a bi-annual convocation. This September, the priests of the diocese all gathered at our four-day convocation to pray, grow in camaraderie, and learn from a series of talks presented by Sister Miriam James Heidland from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Miriam's daily topics highlighted our theme, *The Journey of the Priestly Heart: Building a Eucharistic Legacy in the Priesthood*. At the very beginning, she said that one of the greatest dangers to priests is "a hardening of heart." Using a powerful example, she explained that after the child Jesus was found in the temple, the Gospel says that the Holy Family returned home, and Jesus *grew*.

She warned us, "Woe is the day you stop *growing* as priests." This stirring advice is good not only for priests, but also to anyone, especially when it comes to the spiritual life.

I wish space allowed me to share all her many other valuable teachings. Towards the end of the convocation, after Sister Miriam had departed, I pointed out to everyone that she has a true and deep respect for priests. I was moved to say, "I hope you love your priesthood as much as she does."

Besides listening to Sister Miriam's presentations, we also celebrated daily Mass, prayed the Liturgy of the Hours, and had the opportunity to pray a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily holy hour with adoration and benediction. And between the prayers and talks, the priests shared with each other their struggles, their triumphs, and their leadership insights.

Evenings were spent enjoying rare social time with brother priests. At one dinner, we honored those marking a special jubilee year of their priesthood. The next evening, we celebrated our upcoming 75th anniversary as a diocese. Not only did we enjoy good food and conversation, but we competed in a friendly trivia game to see who knew the most about the history of the Diocese of Joliet. What a joy to learn more about the deep roots and richness of our diocese!

The last day of the convocation allowed me the opportunity to give a "state of the union" presentation in which I shared a good deal of information and issues, including a Q-and-A session and groupwide dialogue. Appropriately, before departing, we gathered for Mass one more time to thank God for all the blessings and fruits of the convocation.

I left the convocation with a smile on my face, deeply grateful to God for the time and space to renew our minds, bodies, and souls as a presbyterate. My gratitude bubbled over for our priests, and all the clergy, religious, and laity who make this Church so vibrant and wonderful.

May we all continue to *grow* in the knowledge, love, and service of the Lord and each other.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET





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

MAKE IT MARMION

SUNDAY November 5 at 1:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy Church invites you to learn more about a new program for children with Special Needs!


Faith Buddies

This spring, children with disabilities are invited to meet with a typical peer on the 1st Sunday of the month after 10AM or 12:30PM Mass to grow together in friendship and faith! At each gathering our "Faith Buddies" connect at the mass, followed by a social gathering or service project on-site with their "Faith Buddies!"

All who are interested in becoming a peer "Faith Buddy" or enrolling a child with disabilities, please contact Lydia Schmitt at Lydias@olmercy.com



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

November 18 & 19

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

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

We will accept...

- Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable items generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.
- ALL BABY CLOTHES. No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc.
- Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players, etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.
- For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date.

Thanks for your generous donations!

Do you have a gift for teaching? Fluent in American Sign Language? A desire to serve individuals with disabilities and their families? Any of the above?

We are seeking adult volunteers for our "Faith Buddies" Program

"Faith Buddies" connects children with disabilities with a typical peer in our parish! "Faith Buddies" meet the 1st Sunday of the month after 10AM or 12:30PM mass, followed by a social gathering or service project on-site.

Contact Lydia Schmitt at Lydias@olmercy.com if you are interested in volunteering this spring!




OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PADS/HESD HOUSE MINISTRY



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH



HESED HOUSE
BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY

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.

DAY OF THE DEAD

ALTAR

Join us to pray and to remember our loved ones who have passed away.



Día de los Muertos

We will once again be celebrating Día de los Muertos this year from October 31st to November 2nd! One of the most beautiful traditions is the Altar of the Dead in the Narthex with photos of our loved ones to remind us to pray for them. If you would like to place a photo of one of your loved ones who has died on the altar, please bring the photo, with your name and phone number clearly labeled on the back, to the box on the brown desk in the lobby of the PLC. After the celebration is over, we will use the names on the back to return your photos to you. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Manzanares at verojuarez72@hotmail.com or at 630-210-6143.

Around the Parish

Brogan Family Coat Drive

This Sunday, October 29th will be the Brogan Family Coat Drive at the trailer in the OLM parking lot from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please drop off new or gently used coats, hats, boots and gloves to be donated to Mutual Ground and Breaking Free.

All Saints Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 1 at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

All Souls Day Mass

Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 am, 8:00 am and the Mass of Remembrance at 6:30 pm.

Holy Hour Devotion

You are invited to the Holy Hour Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month at 10:30 am in English (crying room) and Spanish. The Holy Hour is an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to offer in reparation for sins and which had its origin in the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial in France.

Charismatic Healing Mass

The next Charismatic Healing Mass is Saturday, November 4 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

For every person who donates blood up to three lives are saved! Sign up at www.versiti.org/IL or call 800-7TO-GIVE to donate blood on Saturday, November 11 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 114.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join the Knights for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 12 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm in the MPR. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Mobile Food Pantry

Please spread the word that the next Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the OLM parking lot.



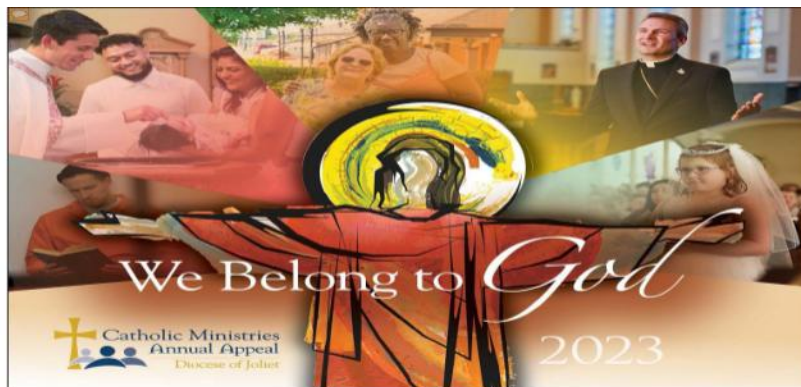
Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	426,045
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	465,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(38,955)
10/15/23 Sunday Collection	\$	30,038
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(962)

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.

Parish Goal	\$ 141,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 173,600
Amount Paid	\$ 163,805
Remaining Balance	\$ 9,795
Rebate Amount	\$ 15,333
# of Families Pledged	484

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!

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

Donate Online Through OSV

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OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

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Website
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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

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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