



**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 5, 2023  

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The background is a large, abstract watercolor painting. It features soft, blended washes of color, including shades of blue, green, yellow, and pink. The colors are layered and blended together, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is serene and contemplative.

Whoever  
humbles himself  
will be exalted

Matthew 23:12

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



Hello! My name is Jared Beltz and I am a first year seminarian for the Diocese of Joliet. Our Lady of Mercy is my home parish, and I am very grateful to have the opportunity to come back home and share my faith journey with all of you at Mass this weekend.

I was born into a Catholic family, and we attended Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, participated in religious education, and were active at the parish. I served in many ministries at Our Lady of Mercy, ranging from altar serving and singing in the choir as a kid, to cantoring and serving as a Eucharistic Minister as an adult. Through these ministries, I gained perspective into the life of a priest, and formed personal relationships with the priests at OLM.

As I progressed through college, I began to feel more comfortable telling others about my faith in God, and found myself spending more time in prayer at church, helping at Vacation Bible School, and going on Mission Trips with OLM. I had been trying to decide what I wanted to do after college, and the thoughts of priesthood and serving the Church in this way were always in my mind. Multiple people started asking me some variation of "Have you ever considered the priesthood?" or "Have you ever thought about becoming a priest?" These encounters, along with my persistent thoughts, made me begin to seriously discern the priesthood. In addition, I felt that God was trying to speak to me last year as I listened to the readings on Holy Thursday when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and made the point of serving others before himself (John 13:1-15). I believe this was God working through the people in my life, as well as through his Word.

Since deciding to take the step to enter into seminary formation, I have had many graces come into my life. I am currently in the midst of a "Spirituality Year", a stage in formation that allows men like me to dive deeper into our Catholic faith. I have been given the opportunity to grow in my faith through reading the Bible and Catechism in a year. I have also grown in service through ministering in impoverished neighborhoods in the city of Chicago. I am so blessed to have begun this journey to the priesthood. Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers, and I ask for your prayers as I continue my seminary formation.

God bless!  
Jared Beltz



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Gus Nilles, by Mary Nemetz
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik  
*(Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, November 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Ruby Ricca, by Mila Lanuza
- 6:30 pm † Remberto Edar, by Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, November 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Delfin, Masangcay, Jr., by Shirley Staples
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 6:30 am In Thanksgiving
- 8:00 am Int Oscar Indad, by Shirley Staples
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, November 10 - St Leo the Great, Pope

- 8:00 am Int Kathleen Grannan

### Saturday, November 11 - St Martin of Tours, Bishop

- 8:30 am † Patty Cortino, by Judy Zeno
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
† Wayne Draper, by Donna Draper  
† Al & Georgetta Cabay, by Daughter

### Sunday, November 12 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Arthur Biegel, by Family
- 10:00 am † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm In Thanksgiving
- 5:30 pm Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy





## 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. Matthew C.                 |
| 3. Return to Good Health-D.R. | 11. Special Intention-C.H.     |
| 4. Special Intention –Louise  | 12. The Sick                   |
| 5. The Pluskota Family        | 13. Return to Good Health-D.R. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra      | 14. God Bless T.S.             |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye           | 15. Lillian Weaver             |
| 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 11 & 12**

**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 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  
Anna Falcon  
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 S.I.T. (Seminarista en formación)



¡Hola! Mi nombre es Jared Beltz y soy seminarista del primer año de la Diócesis de Joliet. Our Lady of Mercy es mi parroquia y estoy muy agradecido de tener la oportunidad de regresar a casa y compartir mi camino de fe con todos ustedes en la Misa de este fin de semana. Nací en una familia Católica y asistíamos a Misa todos los Domingos y los Días Santos de Precepto, participábamos en educación religiosa y éramos activos en la parroquia. Serví en muchos ministerios en Our Lady of Mercy, desde

servir en el altar y cantar en el coro cuando era niño, hasta cantar y servir como Ministro Eucarístico cuando era adulto. A través de estos ministerios, obtuve una perspectiva de la vida de un sacerdote y formé relaciones personales con los sacerdotes de OLM.

A medida que avanzaba en la universidad, comencé a sentirme más cómodo contándoles a otros acerca de mi fe en Dios y me encontré pasando más tiempo en oración en la iglesia, ayudando en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones y yendo a Viajes de Misiones con OLM. Había estado tratando de decidir qué quería hacer después de la universidad, y los pensamientos sobre el sacerdocio y el servicio a la Iglesia de esta manera siempre estuvieron en mi mente. Varias personas empezaron a preguntarme alguna variación de "¿Alguna vez has considerado el sacerdocio?" o "¿Alguna vez has pensado en convertirte en sacerdote?" Estos encuentros, junto con mis pensamientos persistentes, me hicieron comenzar a discernir seriamente el sacerdocio. Además, sentí que Dios estaba tratando de hablarme el año pasado mientras escuchaba las lecturas del Jueves Santo cuando Jesús lavó los pies de sus discípulos y se propuso servir a los demás antes que a él mismo (Juan 13:1-15). Creo que fue Dios obrando a través de las personas en mi vida, así como a través de su Palabra.

Desde que decidí dar el paso para ingresar a la formación en el seminario, muchas gracias han llegado a mi vida. Actualmente me encuentro en medio de un "Año de Espiritualidad", una etapa de formación que permite a hombres como yo profundizar en nuestra fe católica. Se me ha dado la oportunidad de crecer en mi fe leyendo la Biblia y el Catecismo en un año. También he crecido en el servicio ministrando en barrios empobrecidos de la ciudad de Chicago. Me siento muy bendecido de haber comenzado esta jornada hacia el sacerdocio. Sepan que los mantengo a todos en mis oraciones y les pido sus oraciones mientras continúo mi formación en el seminario.

¡Dios los bendiga!  
Jared Beltz



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Mal 1, 14—2, 2. 8-10; Sal 130, 1. 2. 3; 1 Tes 2, 7-9. 13; Mt 23, 1-12
<b>Lunes</b>	Rom 11, 30-36; Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36-37; Lc 14, 12-14
<b>Martes</b>	Rom 12, 5-16a; Sal 130, 1. 2. 3; Lc 14, 15-24
<b>Miércoles</b>	Rom 13, 8-10; Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9; Lc 14, 25-33
<b>Jueves</b>	Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; 1 Cor 3, 9-11. 16-17; Jn 2, 13-22
<b>Viernes</b>	Rom 15, 14-21; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4; Lc 16, 1-8
<b>Sábado</b>	Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11; Lc 16, 9-15
<b>Domingo</b>	Sab 6, 12-16; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8; 1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 1 Tes 4, 13-14; Mt 25, 1-13



November 5, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

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

We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises "your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: "All their works are performed to be seen," Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are "wonderfully made" by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves - that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails "[giving] thanks to God unceasingly," as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

### **PRAY** The *Catechism* calls humility the "foundation of prayer."

(CCC 2559) Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.

“  
The greatest  
among you  
must be your  
servant.”

(Mt 23:11)

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75th Anniversary Series

# Faith into Action

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## Podcast

The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023.

Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



Faith Into Action YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)



## Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 1 P.M.**

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, 2023, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nine-day novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

### DAY 1 NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

### DAY 2 NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 3 NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

### DAY 4 NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 5 NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

### DAY 6 NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

### DAY 7 DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

### DAY 8 DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

### DAY 9 DECEMBER 3

God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier  
The Novena of Grace

Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full novena, which includes excerpts from the letters of St. Francis Xavier



## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast  
Sunday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to Noon  
in the PLC Gym.

### Menu:

Pancakes  
Eggs  
Sausage  
Fruit Cup  
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:

## Waterleaf Woman's Center



for High School teens (Grades 9-12)

LIGHT webpage here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

**Congratulations to the 75 high school teens who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 29<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Conlon presiding! Our prayers and support are with you!**

### Chosen Confirmation Program Update

Sessions in November will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday sessions are from 8:30-10:00am and 6:45-8:15pm in the PLC. The deadline to enroll for this year's Chosen program is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office with questions.

**Teen Mission Trip 2024** is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13 is FILLING FAST!. Please sign-up quick to get your spot! More information and to sign-up for the trip can be found on our website.

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

## Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf  
Fall into giving

**Saturday  
November**

# 11

8:00am - 12:00pm

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12005 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Located at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Catholic Church in Rooms 114 & 110, 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!  
To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

EVERY DONOR WILL  
SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!



Give blood, get noodles! Receive a coupon for a buy one, get one half off an entrée from Noodles & Company, while supplies last. -PLUS- All attempting donors will be entered for a chance to win 1 of 3 DIY project prizes valued at \$2500.\*

\*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 11/16/23. One drawing; three (3) winners. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at [versiti.org/DOY](http://versiti.org/DOY). Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.



Middle School  
Youth Ministry

for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

**EDGE Nights** meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm.  
November EDGE Nights: 11/6 & 11/20.

November's Social/Service Event: **Friendsgiving & Christmas Ornament Craft**, 11/13 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Kindly RSVP no later than 11/8 to [joanal@olmercy.com](mailto:joanal@olmercy.com)

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

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](mailto:lydias@olmercy.com)



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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](mailto:lydias@olmercy.com) if you are interested in volunteering this spring!




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.

Thanks for your generous donations!

## Around the Parish

### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**

Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in the Church on Sunday, November 12 from 3:30-4:30pm. Registered, participating parishioners age 16 or older who have been confirmed and attend mass regularly are eligible to become an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Harris at [kimharris73@yahoo.com](mailto:kimharris73@yahoo.com).

### **Mobile Food Pantry**

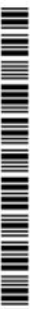
Please spread the word that the next Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the OLM parking lot.

JOIN US FOR

# DONUT SUNDAY

ENJOY COFFEE & DONUT AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 26, 2023  
AFTER THE 8 & 10AM MASSES  
OLM PARISH LIFE CENTER  
HOSTS: SOCIAL COMMITTEE



## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	451,065
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	496,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(44,935)</b>
10/22/23 Sunday Collection	\$	25,020
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(5,980)</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.*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ON UNDY SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

I am writing to express gratitude for your participation in Undy Sunday 2023. Your generous contributions were pivotal in making this event a success.

Most of us don't give a second thought to essentials like new underwear, warm socks, and fresh diapers in our daily lives. However, these items are simply out of reach for many families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes. This can impact someone's dignity, health, and confidence. Your kindness has directly impacted the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors.

On behalf of everyone we serve at Catholic Charities, thank you for your support. We are distributing Undy Sunday items to children, families, and seniors who turn to us for assistance. The collective effort will help us provide these items through the coming year.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing generosity and compassion. May God bless you and all those you love, always.

Kathleen Langdon  
Executive Director



### 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	\$	175,045
Amount Paid	\$	166,965
Remaining Balance	\$	8,080
Rebate Amount	\$	17,546
# of Families Pledged		485

## Donate Online Through OSV

Whether you are a registered parishioner with us or visiting, we are set up to receive donations online!



OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

OSV is an online website that makes contributions faster, easier, and accessible at anytime for donors.

Website

[www.osvhub.com/olmercy](http://www.osvhub.com/olmercy)



Scan this code to start donating online!

# 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

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