



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023



Advent
FIRST WEEK

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



To be attentive and to stay attentive is very hard. It takes a significant effort to stay focused on the task at hand. And yet, this is what the Lord is asking of us in our 1st Sunday of Advent readings. As much as we like to think we can multi-task, it has been proven that it's better to focus on one thing at a time than to try to juggle multiple activities at once. How many of us try to juggle prayer with our daily activities, only to come to the conclusion that we are failing to pray as we ought? Currently, I'm thinking of all the things I need to do to get ready for Christmas, from liturgical duties like extra confessions and Masses to buying Christmas presents for my niece and nephews so that I can keep the title of "Coolest Uncle." Yet, in all these tasks that need to be done, the most important task should be preparing my heart for the Lord and his coming.

The Advent season begins a new liturgical year for the Church. Similar to the resolutions we make for our calendar New Year, the Church is asking us to make a resolution now. In the Gospel today, the Lord is asking his disciples, which include us, to keep watch for his coming. We need to recommit to being attentive, and to preparing our hearts to receive the Lord. Isn't that much easier said than done?

The winter season naturally is a perfect time for refocusing. As the sun sets earlier each day, nights come sooner and the temperature begins to drop. Have you ever walked outside on a crisp cold night? I feel that during these late night walks my thoughts become clearer and prayer becomes easier. Maybe it's the cold waking me up, the silence as nature is hibernating in the darkness, or maybe it's the awe of looking up at the stars on a clear night. The Advent season seems to help us turn even more towards reflective prayer, just as the Lord has asked it of us.

I'd encourage you to take advantage of this Advent season. Don't get up caught up so easily in the noise and distractions of preparing for Christmas, or in the busyness of daily life. Instead, take the time to pull away and be attentive to the longings of your heart for our Lord who has come, is coming, and will come again.

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4 - St John Damascene, Priest

- 8:00 am † Joan Nilles, by Mary Nemetz
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Ryan Joseph Ziols, by Judy Zeno
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

- 8:00 am Int Marty Carto, by Family
- 6:30 pm † Fr Don McLaughlin, by Louise & Joanne
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Jose Carlos Vega, by Sharon Fernandez
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop

- 6:30 am † Erlinda De Lose Reyes, by The Buado Family
- 8:00 am † William Jesse, by Chris & Dan Harvey
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 7:00 pm **Vigil - Immaculate Conception**
† Greg Alexander, by Family

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

- 8:00 am † Michael Prasse, by Family
- 7:00 pm † Lois Mattison, by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Saturday, December 9 - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 8:30 am † Patrice Klasinski
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent**
† David Jenkins, Jr
† Ronald Popernik, by Kevin & Mary Nemetz

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Jim Hartnett, by Family
- 10:00 am † Rose Christine Sincora, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm Int Special Intention
- 5:30 pm 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. Peace | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Return to Good Health-L.T. | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Successful Green Card |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Reunite Family |
| 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

December 9 & 10

Father Frank 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 Michael Kearney
	5:30 pm	Fr Chris Langkford



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
- Kelly Greenwood
- David Griffins
- Nancy Higgins
- Eric Hoerdemann
- Cera Horste
- Helen Joseph
- Baby Penelope Keene
- Nina Keehn
- Keith Kuchinski

- 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

**OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Christmas
FLOWER MEMORIALS
Memorialize a poinsettia around the altar

THIS CHRISTMAS WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH POINSETTIAS AROUND THE ALTAR. FLOWERS CAN ALSO BE MEMORIALIZED BY USING ONE OF THE FLOWER ENVELOPES FOUND IN THE NARTHEX. THE RECOMMENDED DONATION IS \$20.

Noticias del P.I.T. (Párroco en Formación)



Estar atento y permanecer atento es muy difícil. Se necesita un esfuerzo significativo para mantenerse concentrado en la tarea en cuestión. Y, sin embargo, esto es lo que el Señor nos pide en nuestras lecturas del primer domingo de Adviento. Por mucho que nos guste pensar que podemos realizar múltiples tareas, se ha demostrado que es mejor concentrarse en una cosa a la vez que intentar hacer malabares con varias actividades a la

vez. ¿Cuántos de nosotros tratamos de hacer malabares con la oración en nuestras actividades diarias, sólo para llegar a la conclusión de que no estamos orando como deberíamos? Actualmente, estoy pensando en todas las cosas que necesito hacer para prepararme para la Navidad, desde las responsabilidades litúrgicas como confesiones y Misas adicionales hasta comprar regalos de Navidad para mi sobrina y sobrinos para poder conservar el título del "Tío más Genial". Sin embargo, en todas estas tareas que hay que hacer, la tarea más importante debe ser preparar mi corazón para el Señor y su venida.

La temporada de Adviento inicia un nuevo año litúrgico para la Iglesia. De manera similar a las resoluciones que hacemos para nuestro calendario del Año Nuevo, la Iglesia nos pide que hagamos una resolución ahora. En el Evangelio de hoy, el Señor pide a sus discípulos, entre los que nos incluye a nosotros, que estemos atentos a su venida. Necesitamos volver a comprometernos a estar atentos y preparar nuestros corazones para recibir al Señor. ¿No es mucho más fácil decirlo que hacerlo?

Naturalmente, la temporada de invierno es un tiempo perfecto para reenfocarse. Como el sol se pone más temprano cada día, las noches llegan más temprano y la temperatura comienza a bajar. ¿Alguna vez han caminado afuera en una noche fría y fresca? Siento que durante estos paseos nocturnos mis pensamientos se vuelven más claros y la oración se vuelve más fácil. Tal vez sea el frío que me despierta, el silencio mientras la naturaleza hiberna en la oscuridad, o tal vez sea el asombro de mirar las estrellas en una noche despejada. La temporada de Adviento parece ayudarnos a volvernos aún más hacia la oración reflexiva, tal como el Señor nos lo ha pedido.

Los animo a que aprovechen esta temporada de Adviento. No se dejen atrapar tan fácilmente por el ruido y las distracciones de los preparativos para la Navidad, o por el ajetreo de la vida diaria. En lugar de eso, tómense el tiempo para alejarse y estar atentos a los anhelos de su corazón por nuestro Señor que ha venido, viene y vendrá nuevamente.

Padre Michael



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 63, 16b-17. 19b; 64, 2b-7; Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19; 1 Co 1, 3-9; Mc 13, 33-37
Lunes	Is 2, 1-5; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4a (4b-5. 6-7) 8-9; Mt 8, 5-11
Martes	Is 11, 1-10; Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17; Lc 10, 21-24
Miércoles	Is 25, 6-10; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b. 4. 5. 6; Mt 15, 29-37
Jueves	Is 26, 1-6; Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a; Mt 7, 21. 24-27
Viernes	Gn 3, 9-15. 20; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4; Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12; Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado	Is 30, 19-21. 23-26; Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 6-8
Domingo	Is 40, 1-5. 9-11; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; 2 Pd 3, 8-14; Mc 1, 1-8



December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

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

In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

SING *People, look east. The time is near*

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

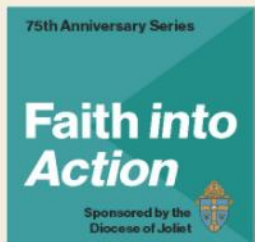
Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.



Podcast

The 75th Anniversary podcast series launched in November; new episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform (search "Faith Into Action"):



Faith Into Action YouTube (video)




Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

75th Anniversary Timeline

Visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS	
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul	
November 25–December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	diojoliet.org/75th	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/reflections	
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948	
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier	
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	<p>The St. Francis Xavier statue that will be dedicated on December 3 is modeled after the patron of the diocese in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus</p> 	
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD		
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: https://bit.ly/3N44OTB		
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill		Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee		For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County	
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties	
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service		
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks	
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Any kindergarten through grade 5 student from our parish wishing to participate in our Epiphany story enactment needs to be accompanied by a parent and attend an hour rehearsal (possible shorter) in our church starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 6th.

There are grade specific roles. Thank you for reading the below information carefully. For a handful of particular roles, names will be drawn, and parents will be contacted prior to our January 6 rehearsal. It is our hope that if your child(ren)'s name(s) are not drawn for one of the designated Bible characters, he/she will still choose to be part of the choir of angels, become a shepherd or shepherdess, or sheep!

Biblical Characters Needed:

- Mary (5th grade girl)
- Joseph (5th grade boy)
- Angel Gabriel (4th grade girl)
- Epiphany Star (3rd grade girl)
- Three Kings (3rd, 4th, or 5th grade boy)

Names will not need to be drawn for the choir of Angels and may include all grades, boys and girls. Our Shepherds, Shepherdesses represent boys and girls in grades 3-5, and the sheep boys and girls in K-2. Please indicate in your Email if one of these roles is your child's first or second choice.

Gospel Enactment Attire/ "Costumes"

We provide simple costume attire to share with the children and work out fitting details at rehearsal.

Please email Mary Jo by Monday, January 1 maryjot@olmercy.com to let her know your children's wish to participate as well as their first and second choice of characters for each child. God bless and thank you for sharing in this special parish family faith event!!!



Advent Reflection

for liturgical ministers

Saturday, December 9th

11am-noon

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN FR. MICHAEL AND SEMINARIAN JONATHAN HERNANDEZ IN THE CHURCH FOR AN ADVENT REFLECTION



OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception

Vigil: Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
Friday, December 8 at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm



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HELP US DECORATE THE NARTHEX FOR CHRISTMAS

+ TAKE A BIRCHWOOD DISK STARTING THE WEEKEND OF NOV 18/19TH (ONE PER FAMILY).
+ DECORATE & RETURN IT BY THE WEEKEND OF DEC 9/10TH

+ A DROP OFF TABLE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OR YOU MAY DROP IT OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK

+ IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING IT FROM THE NARTHEX AFTER WEEKEND MASSES ON JAN 13/14

+ PLACEMENT WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS? PLEASE REACH OUT TO AANDEOLM@GMAIL.COM



Around the Parish

Spanish Ministry

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Dec. 12 - 6:30 pm Mass in Church & 7:30 pm Hospitality in the Multi-Purpose Room

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass is Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. The Masses for Immaculate Conception will be Friday, December 8 at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Simbang Gabi

Please save the date for the annual Simbang Gabi Filipino tradition of celebrating devotional Mass on Saturday, December 16 at 6pm. Registration is taking place now. The Simbang Gabi Committee is also looking for volunteers – singers, dancers, performers, DJ, hosts, etc. Please contact Edna Santig (331) 588-5556 if interested.

Christmas Masses

Mass times on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, will be at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Christmas Day Masses will be on Monday, December 25 at 12:00 am (Midnight), 8:00 am, 10:00 am and Noon. There will NOT be a Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm.

Solemnity of Mary

Mass times on Monday, January 1 honoring the Solemnity of Mary will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

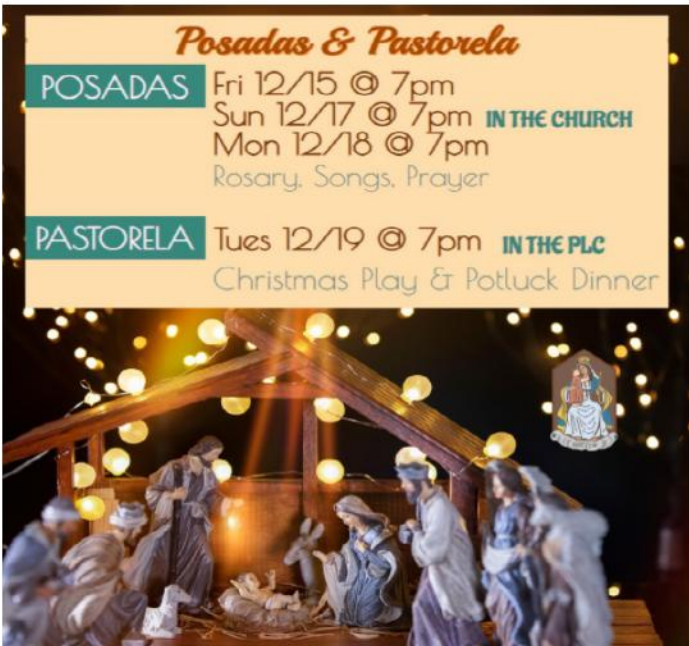


Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2024, are invited to participate in the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship. This local event will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00pm in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 6:45pm

Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to district, region and state competitions. All contestants at this local event will be recognized for their participation. The District competition will take place in February at to be determined location.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent on the registration form available at the event. For additional information call (630) 957-7559.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	74,654
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	620,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(45,346)
11/19/23 Sunday Collection	\$	29,531
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(1,469)

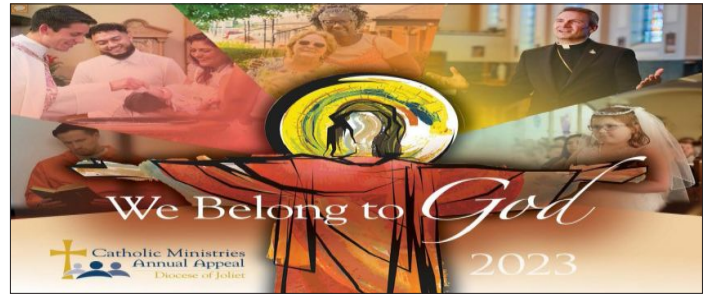
For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

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

be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36



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	\$	177,177
Amount Paid	\$	170,622
Remaining Balance	\$	6,555
Rebate Amount	\$	20,106
# of Families Pledged		489

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection December 9/10 provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities.

Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings.

The 2022 appeal demonstrated Catholics' tremendous generosity by raising \$27.6 million. Diocese of Joliet parishioners contributed \$286,788.25 to the collection.

The senior religious in our diocese never retire from their vows, and they play a crucial role in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry as ongoing witnesses to the Gospel. Others are frail and need assistance, yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations by embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As I remain – Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

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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. Contact Lydia Schmitt at 331-707-5377.

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 Theresa Simeo at 331-707-5374.

Parish Directory

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