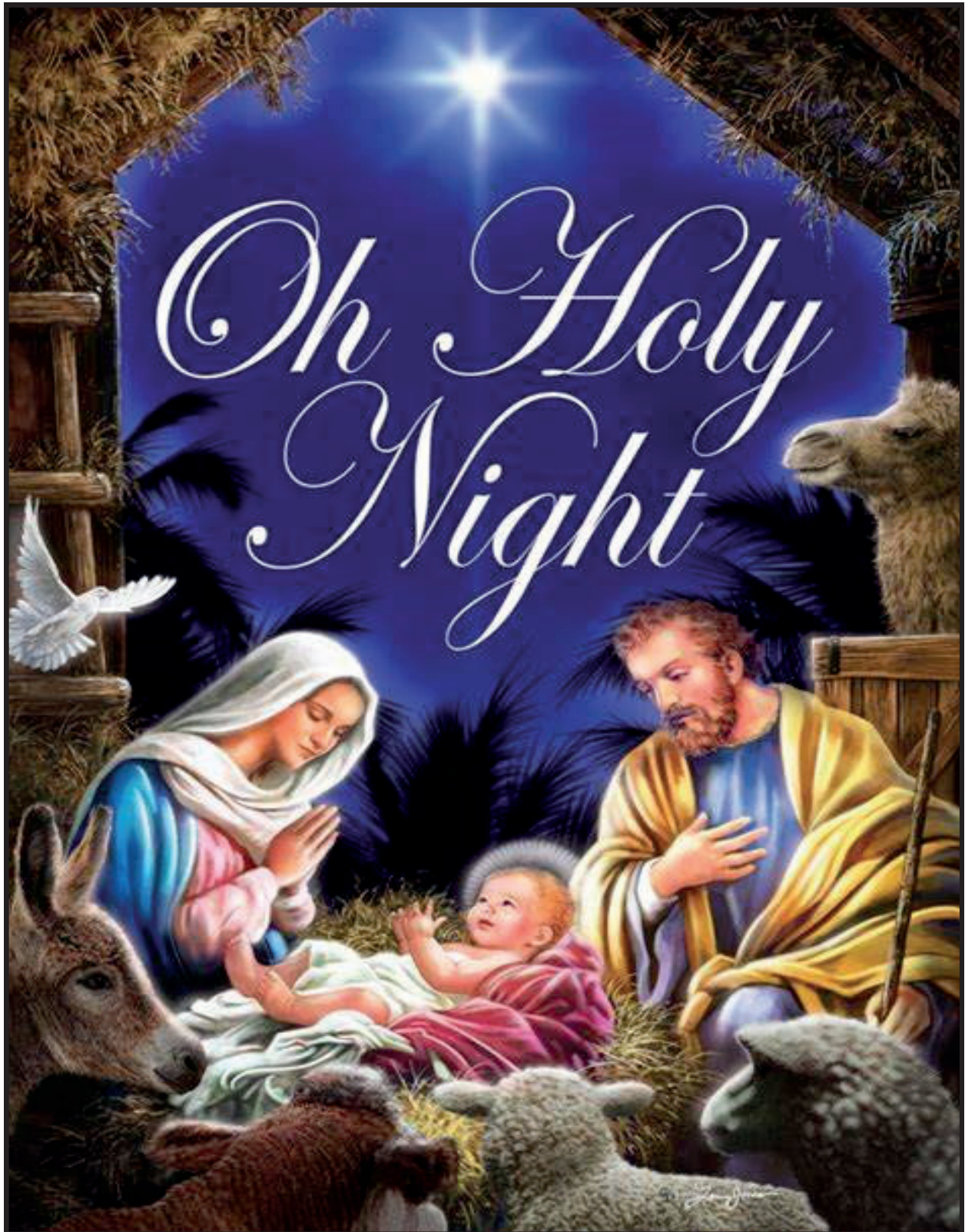




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023
Christmas



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



Every year, my family tries to guess when the local radio station would begin playing Christmas music. This music forms the background of our festive activities from decorating the Christmas tree to baking cookies. For the last couple years, the song “Last Christmas” by Wham! has been particularly popular, being covered by so many different singers that it feels like every other song is some iteration of “Last Christmas.” Now, don’t get me wrong, it’s a catchy song, but to hear it that often tends to wear out its novelty.

The Psalm for Christmas Day proclaims, “Sing to the LORD a new song!” We are called to sing a new song because God is doing something completely new in history in the Christmas story.

For many of us, the story of Christmas is nothing new. We have our traditions such as our favorite Mass time to attend and our usual family gathering. And so when we hear the Christmas Gospel, it feels as old and comfortable as Linus proclaiming this same Gospel in the Peanuts Christmas special. But as we settle into what is old and comfortable and familiar about Christmas, we run the risk of missing what is new and unsettling and strange about Christmas.

Perhaps what is most strange about this Gospel is what is most familiar to us today: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” God has become a baby in order to save the world, and He is currently lying in a feeding trough. When we think about the literal meaning of those words, they become almost ridiculous. But this strangeness isn’t just strangeness for its own sake. It points to the newness of what God is doing, perhaps the only truly new thing in history: God has become man in Jesus Christ in order to save us from our sins.

We cannot afford to let Christmas become something familiar and boring. Otherwise, it will have no effect on our lives. We instead need to receive this news like the shepherds, who are first “struck with great fear,” but after they go to see the baby in the manger, they return “glorifying and praising God.”

We are also called to encounter the baby Jesus this Christmas, and to allow His newness to make us new, so that we don’t go back to our old way of life. This new way of life might seem as strange and unsettling as the Christmas story, but as the shepherds and the saints throughout the ages show us, it is also a way of life filled with joy. When we have allowed this joy to fill our hearts, then we will want to sing a new song with the angels at the birth of Christ, even if the song we choose to sing is “Last Christmas.”

On behalf of Fr. Michael and all the staff at Our Lady of Mercy, we would like to wish you a blessed Christmas season!

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 am † Joseph Cartolano, by Rich & Theresa Kobal
† Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo
- 10:00 am † Joseph “Shorty” Hamilton, by Eloise Andrews
- 12:00 pm † Rev Don McLaughlin, by Tim & Diane Reiter
- 6:30 pm **No Spanish Mass**

Tuesday, December 26 - St Stephen, The First Martyr

- 8:00 am † Mary Cullotta, by Family
- 6:30 pm Int The McHugh Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, December 27 - St John, Apostle & Evangelist

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Patricia Madden Dressel, by Susan & Jude Zwick
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 6:30 am † Sr Mary Balkus SSC, by Peter & Virginia Trusiak
- 8:00 am † Karen Loback, by Emily & Mary Wojtolewicz
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, December 29 - St Thomas Becket, Bishop

- 8:00 am † Marcjanna Rutka, by J.E. Rutka

Saturday, December 30 - 6th Day of the Octave of Nativity

- 8:30 am † Hermenegildo Fertig, by Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - The Holy Family**
† James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr. by Helean Ray
Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Pedro Luna, by Jim & Jean Lazowski
- 10:00 am † David Jenkis, Jr. by Family (**Live Streamed**)
- 12:00 pm † Richard Ciombor, by Ida Phillips
- 5:30 pm † Scott Davidson, by Dor Davidson



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. Lillian Weaver | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Good Health for M.M. | 10. Matthew C. |
| 3. Anthony M Loquercio, Jr. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Leo & Karen Simaro | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Linda Atko |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Good Health for D.R. |
| 7. Micah Ginsberg | 15. Good Health—L.T. |
| 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 30 & 31

Father Frank will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	5:30 pm	Fr M.M. Cerna



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 Kehn
- 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

Merry Christmas!

**The Parish Offices
will be closed
Fri. December 22nd
and reopen
Tues. January 2nd.**

Noticias del P.I.T. (Sacerdote en formación)



Cada año, mi familia intenta adivinar cuándo la estación de radio local comenzaría a transmitir música Navideña. Esta música forma el fondo de nuestras actividades festivas, desde decorar el árbol de Navidad hasta hornear galletas. Durante los últimos años, ¡la canción “La Navidad Pasada” de Wham! ha sido particularmente popular, ya que ha sido versionada por tantos cantantes diferentes que parece que cualquier otra canción es una versión de “La Navidad Pasada”. Ahora, no me malinterpreten, es una canción pegajosa, pero escucharla a menudo tiende a desgastar su novedad.

El Salmo del día de Navidad proclama: “¡Canten al SEÑOR un canto nuevo!” Estamos llamados a cantar un canto nuevo porque Dios está haciendo algo completamente nuevo en la historia del relato de Navidad.

Para muchos de nosotros, la historia de la Navidad no es nada nuevo. Tenemos nuestras tradiciones, como nuestro horario favorito para asistir a Misa y nuestra reunión familiar habitual. Y entonces, cuando escuchamos el Evangelio de Navidad, se siente tan viejo y cómodo como si Linus proclamara este mismo Evangelio en el especial de Navidad de Peanuts. Pero a medida que nos acomodamos en lo viejo, cómodo y familiar de la Navidad, corremos el riesgo de perdernos lo nuevo, inquietante y extraño de la Navidad.

Quizás lo más extraño de este Evangelio sea lo que hoy nos resulta más familiar: “Encontrarán a un niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre”. Dios se ha hecho un bebé para salvar al mundo y actualmente El yace en un comedero. Cuando pensamos en el significado literal de esas palabras, se vuelven casi ridículas. Pero esta extrañeza no es sólo extrañeza por sí misma. Señala la novedad de lo que Dios está haciendo, quizás la única cosa verdaderamente nueva en la historia: Dios se ha hecho hombre en Jesucristo para salvarnos de nuestros pecados.

No podemos permitir que la Navidad se convierta en algo familiar y aburrido. De lo contrario, no tendrá ningún efecto en nuestras vidas. En lugar de eso, necesitamos recibir esta noticia como los pastores, quienes al principio “sienten gran temor”, pero después de ir a ver al bebé en el pesebre, regresan “glorificando y alabando a Dios”.

También estamos llamados a encontrarnos con el niño Jesús esta Navidad y a permitir que su novedad nos haga nuevos, para no volver a nuestra antigua forma de vida. Esta nueva forma de vida puede parecer tan extraña e inquietante como la historia de Navidad, pero como nos muestran los pastores y los santos a lo largo de los tiempos, también es una forma de vida llena de alegría. Cuando hayamos permitido que este gozo llene nuestros corazones, entonces queremos cantar un canto nuevo con los ángeles en el nacimiento de Cristo, incluso si la canción que elegimos cantar es “La Navidad Pasada”.

En nombre del Padre Michael y todo el personal de Our Lady of Mercy, ¡les deseamos una bendecida temporada de Navidad!

Padre Frank

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 16, 25-27; Lc 1, 26-38
Lunes	<i>Misa de la Vigilia:</i> Is 62, 1-5; Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27 y 29; Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25; Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 <i>Misa de Medianoche:</i> Is 9, 1-3. 5-6; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13; Ti 2, 11-14; Lc 2, 1-14 <i>Misa de la Aurora:</i> Is 62, 11-12; Sal 96, 1 y 6. 11-12; Ti 3, 4-7; Lc 2, 15-20 <i>Misa del Día:</i> Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Hb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14
Martes	Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-60; Sal 30, 3cd-4. 6 y 8ab. 16bc y 17; Mt 10, 17-22
Miércoles	1 Jn 1, 1-4; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20, 2-9
Jueves	1 Jn 1, 5-----2, 2; Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8; Mt 2, 13-18
Viernes	1 Jn 2, 3-11; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6; Lc 2, 22-35
Sábado	1 Jn 2, 12-17; Sal 95, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Lc 2, 36-40
Domingo	Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3; Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o Sal 104, 1b- 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Hb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19; Lc 2, 22-40 o Lc 2, 22. 39-40



December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn’t be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God’s call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God’s will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say “yes” in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off “the most wonderful time of year” beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn’t say “may it be done to me” only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that *our* Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth*

Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming

With the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Bishop Hicks' Column

December 2023

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AND SYNODALITY, TOGETHER



ARE YOU A CUBS FAN? OR ARE YOU A WHITE SOX FAN? If you have any roots in Chicagoland, you instinctively understand that you must declare one or the other. It is common practice to choose one team — one is never a fan of both!

During these past two years, throughout our country and within the Catholic Church, that same principle seems to have been applied to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. As you know, the Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative of the Church to enkindle a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist. The Synod on Synodality is an international, multiyear undertaking during which Catholics give feedback and deeply listen to each other — so, as a Church, we can all discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Curiously, many people seem to be taking sides; they are in favor of one, but not the other.

The week before Thanksgiving, I joined over 250 bishops in Baltimore for a week of meetings hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We began the meetings with prayer, adoration, benediction, and Mass. The first address to the assembly was given by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Papal Nuncio. When it comes to the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod, he encouraged us to move away from an “either/or” approach, and to instead embrace and promote both. The special connections between the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod prevailed through our week of meetings.

At one point, Cardinal Pierre beautifully reflected on the road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke (24: 13–35). Along their journey, the disciples debated their theological points of view while Jesus listened to them. “Listening, corresponds to the humble style of God,” said the cardinal, quoting Pope Francis. “God loves humanity: that is why he addresses his word to them, and why he ‘inclines his ear’ to listen to them.”

You see, *listening* is essential for a synodal Church because it is a dimension of love. Through this Emmaus moment, Jesus accompanies, listens, and discerns with His disciples. Then, their hearts were set on fire because they recognized His true presence in the Eucharist. After this Eucharistic encounter, they go

back to the other disciples and proclaim that Jesus is alive and — with missionary zeal — are committed to sharing the risen Christ with the world.

Cardinal Pierre concluded his presentation with these moving insights: “Our people need us to be adventurers for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love.”

Most of us can agree we are a stronger Church when we both listen *and* keep the Eucharist as our source and summit. Let’s look for ways to stay united with each other and with Christ.

From the onset, I announced that the Diocese of Joliet was going to participate in both the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Walking in numerous Eucharistic processions and attending many talks about the Eucharist, I am proud of how robustly our clergy and parishioners have promoted and embraced this Eucharistic Revival. I look forward to participating in our continued celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Joliet, and will joyfully attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. That event will launch us into the next phase of the revival by enthusiastically taking the Eucharistic Lord into the world and putting our faith into action as missionary disciples.

At the same time, I am also proud of how we have participated in the Synod on Synodality. For over six months, groups gathered throughout every deanery of our diocese to listen intently to each other. The themes from these listening sessions were gathered and compiled into a report sent to Rome. The first half of the synod concluded in the Vatican this October. With faithful hope, we await the next steps for the second half next October.

As a baseball fan, I am fiercely loyal to my team, while politely ignoring the other. Gratefully, that’s not what our Church does when it comes to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Like you, I love Jesus so much — especially in the Eucharist — *and* at the same time — through Him, with Him, and in Him — I desire a *listening* Church that calls us to be on mission! With faith and trust in God, I look forward to walking on this all-connected journey with you ahead.

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OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Living With Grief

Experiencing the loss of a loved one is a difficult journey. Our Lady of Mercy is offering a supportive place for participants ages 18 and older living with grief to be together in a faith community to find healing and hope.

Grief topics will vary each month. Come to the one that would be of support to you.

New Year, New Hope While Grieving

Tuesday, January 9th 1-2:30pm in Room 208

REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED- CONNECT WITH JOLENE LEROY AT 331-707-5380 TO RSVP OR FOR QUESTIONS

Family Faith Formation News

Epiphany Gospel Story Enactment

Calling ALL Kindergarten - through Grade 5 students of Our Lady of Mercy Parish! Hold fast to the meaning of the Christmas season and come to enact this beautiful story of the three kings visiting the King of Kings, on Epiphany Sunday, January 7, following the 10:00 am Mass. Rehearsal will take place in the church on Saturday, January 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For more info or to sign-up, email maryjot@olmercy.com by Mon. January 1!

OLMERCY.COM/THERESCUEPROJECT  STARTS FEBRUARY 14, 2024

We live our lives according to the stories we believe....What if there is a different story?

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR the **RESCUE project**

TOGETHER WE CAN DISCOVER THE STORY

 MEAL  EPISODE  DISCUSSION **THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM** 

LIGHT High School teens (Grades 9-12)

<https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Chosen Confirmation Program Update

The next Chosen Sunday session for Teens will be on January 7th! Please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office with questions.

Teen Mission Trip 2024 Update:

Our trip is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13! We still have a few open spots for teens—please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office for information.

Teen Mission Trip Parent and Teen Meeting is TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH at 7pm in the PLC. All high school teens and at least 1 parent are asked to attend this very important kick-off meeting.

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

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

MEN'S RENEWAL WEEKEND FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2024

WOMEN'S RENEWAL WEEKEND MARCH 2 & 3, 2024

REGISTER AT OLMERCY.COM

 OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EDGE for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

EDGE Nights meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. in the Parish Life Center. To register for EDGE and for more information go to <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

Giving

WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Saturday January 6

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, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

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Around the Parish

Christmas Flower Memorials

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.

PADS/Hesed House

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 December 30th and 31st, 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.


Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1st Mass honoring Mary, Mother of God will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Free Throw Championship

On Saturday 1/18/2024 at 7pm is the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 6:45pm. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of 1/1/2024, are invited to participate, please present proof of age during registration with written parental consent. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to the district, region, and state competitions. The District competition will take place in February at a to be determined location. For more information call (630) 957-7559.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, January 14th from 8:00 am to Noon in the Gym.

Ticket Prices (at the door-no advance sales)	Menu:
Adults: \$6.00	Pancakes
Children: \$3.00 (12 & under)	Eggs
Children under 3 no charge	Sausage
Dine in MPR or Take Out Available	Fruit Cup
	Coffee, Tea & Juice

All Profits will support:
OLM's Teen Mission Trip

PURCHASE TICKETS AT OLMERCY.COM

ROLLING IN THE NEW YEAR

Fundraiser for Friends of Inharrime

SUNDAY 7 JAN 1:30PM

PARKSIDE LANES
3450 S. MONTICOMERY RD.
AURORA, IL 60504

***FUNDRAISER FEE**
\$25 from 12/3 - 12/17
\$35 from 12/18 - 12/31
\$45 from 1/1 - 1/6
\$50 at the door
Includes bowling, shoes, large pizza and a pitcher of beverage.

For any questions connect with Mary Kubanda rysavyme@gmail.com

*The ticket proceeds will go towards the charitable organization "Friends of Inharrime." They work to improve the lives of children and families in Mozambique through projects in education, nutrition and health.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	678,788
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	713,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(34,222)
12/10/23 Sunday Collection	\$	36,045
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	5,045

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.

Christmas/Year End Donations

It is a great blessing that all of the funds donated as part of the Christmas Collection stay with Our Lady of Mercy and will help us meet our Sunday Collection. If you wish to donate to the Christmas Collection, please use one of the following three methods:

1. Give online using the QR code in the box below or at www.olmercy.com/give look for the online giving portal and use the drop-down arrow to select "Christmas".
2. Give during Mass using your Christmas envelope, by putting cash or a check.
3. Give during Mass using a blank envelope labeled "Christmas Collection," also include "Christmas Collection" on the memo line of your check.

PLEASE NOTE: Only donations received (or postmarked) on or before December 31 will appear on your 2023 giving statement that will be sent out by the end of January 2024.



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	\$	182,982
Amount Paid	\$	178,885
Remaining Balance	\$	4,097
Rebate Amount	\$	25,889
# of Families Pledged		505

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



Scan this code to start donating online!

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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

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