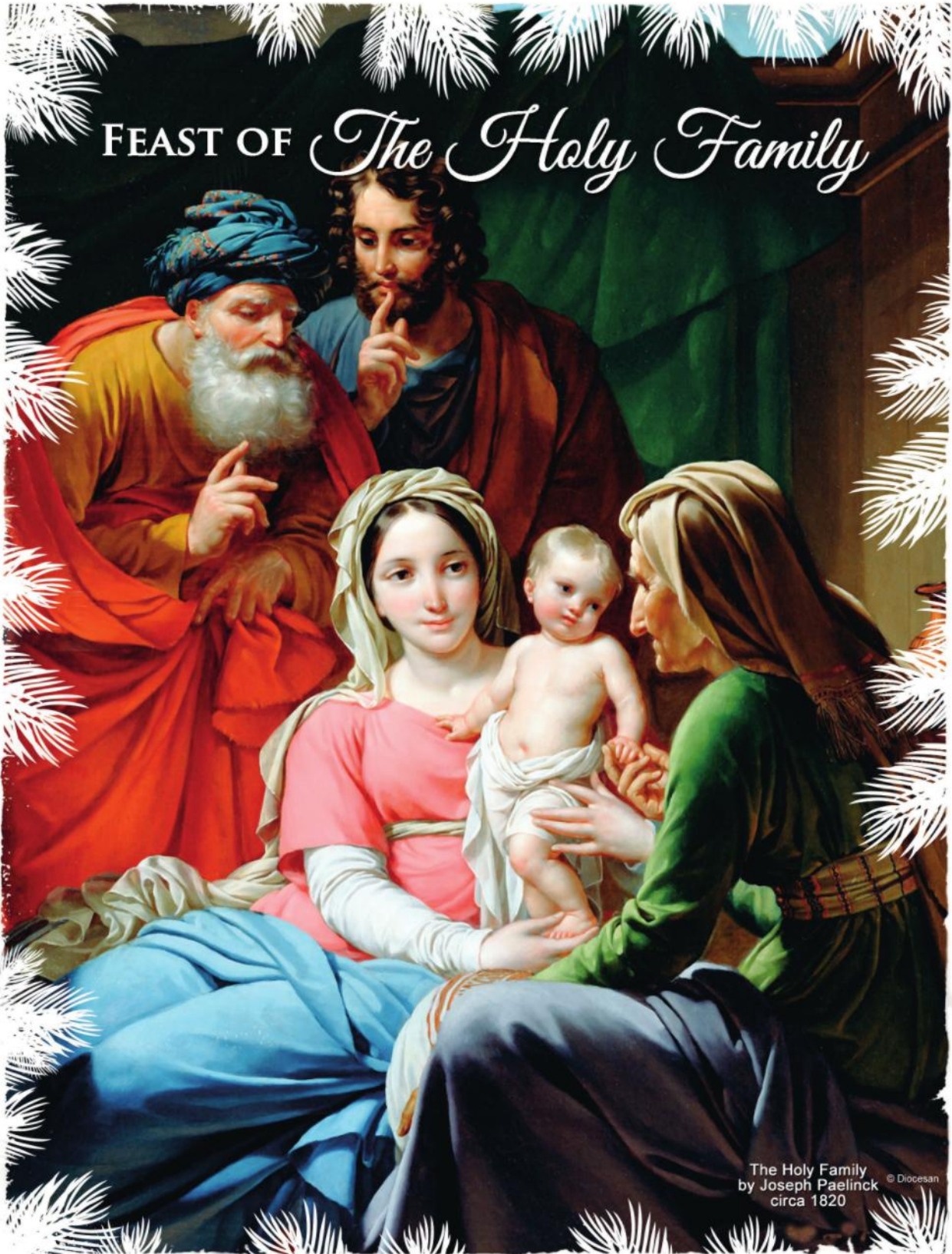




**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2023  
Feast of the Holy Family



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



Because my dad's name is Joseph and my mom's name is Maria, they would always joke that we were the "holy family." This joke developed over time. Because Jesus is God and Mary is without sin, if there were any problems, she would joke that it was St. Joseph's fault. In the same way, since my dad is a permanent deacon and I am a priest, if there were any problems, it was her fault. Of course, she was joking, but as we see in the Gospel, the suffering that affects the Holy Family is not all caused by St. Joseph.

Very often, we are tempted to see the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as distant from us. If they are so holy, how can they possibly relate to the problems that take place in our family? But this attitude is the exact opposite of the purpose of the Holy Family.

The Word became flesh and dwelt in a human family, not in order to distance Himself, but to draw closer to us. During the thirty years of His hidden life, Jesus chose to live as part of a family in order to show us how important the family is, and in order to make it holy.

But the fact that the life of this family was holy doesn't mean that they got a free pass from everyday human life or even from suffering. At what should have been a joyful celebration of the birth of her son, Mary hears these words that no mother wants to hear, first, that her son will be a sign of contradiction, and second, that a sword will pierce her soul.

So why does the Holy Family still experience suffering? They do it for us. In all our sufferings, we can turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, knowing that they know what it's like. They are the Holy Family not in spite of their family life, but because of it.

At this time of year, we often experience both the joys and the sufferings of family life. And maybe we feel that because our families aren't perfect, because there are family members who have strayed from the faith, family members who like to fight, family members who won't speak to us, that this disqualifies us from being a holy family. But far from being obstacles to this, they can be opportunities for us to become holy families.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced the sufferings of family life, so we can turn to them for help and companionship. They did this for the sanctification of the family and the world, so when we unite our sufferings to Christ's, it can make us—and the world—holy. We shouldn't worry about being the "St. Joseph" of the family, but should instead strive to be like him in always being attentive to God's plan for his family even though he isn't perfect.

Father Frank



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

- 9:00 am † Marie Klasinski  
No Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm † Shirley Carpenter, by Sharon Exline  
† Simplicio Naguit, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

### Tuesday, January 2 - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

- 8:00 am † Joel Moen
- 6:30 pm † Jean Kittoe, by Booker Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Alice Toschak, by Daughters
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, January 4 - St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 6:30 am Int Miraculous Gorman, by Ty & Kathleen
- 8:00 am Int Lois Jeppson, by Bonnie Ramirez
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, January 5 - St John Neumann, Bishop

- 8:00 am † James Pe, by The Cuarteros
- 12:00 pm † Alberto Llanes, Jr., by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

### Saturday, January 6 - St Andre Bessette, Religious

- 8:30 am Int Giorgio Reyes, by Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy  
† James W. Ray Family, by Nancy Ray

### Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† David Jenkins, Jr., by Family
- 10:00 am Int Brian & Kim Cancio, by OLM CRHP  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Johnny Joseph Riley, by Ty & Kathleen
- 5:30 pm † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. George Durante        | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin         |
| 2. Good Health for M.M.  | 10. Matthew C.               |
| 3. The Family of A.P.    | 11. Special Intention-C.H.   |
| 4. The People of OLM     | 12. The Sick                 |
| 5. The Pluskota Family   | 13. James Krcmarik           |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Anthony M Loquericio, Jr |
| 7. Reunite Family        | 15. Frank Rostan             |
| 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

**January 6 & 7**

**Father Michael will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney

## We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

### **For our sick, confined and their families.**

David Bakke  
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

**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)



Como mi papá se llama José y mi mamá se llama María, siempre bromeaban diciendo que éramos la “sagrada familia”. Esta broma se desarrolló con el tiempo. Como Jesús es Dios y María no tiene pecado, si hubiera algún problema, ella bromeaba diciendo que era culpa de San José. De la misma manera, como mi papá es diácono permanente y yo soy sacerdote, si había algún problema era culpa de ella. Por supuesto, ella estaba bromeando, pero como vemos en el Evangelio, el sufrimiento que afecta a la Sagrada Familia no es todo causado por San José.

Muy a menudo nos sentimos tentados a ver a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José como distante de nosotros. Si son tan santos, ¿cómo es posible que se relacionen con los problemas que ocurren en nuestra familia? Pero esta actitud es exactamente lo contrario del propósito de la Sagrada Familia.

El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó en una familia humana, no para distanciarse, sino para acercarse a nosotros. Durante los treinta años de su vida oculta, Jesús eligió vivir como parte de una familia para mostrarnos cuán importante es la familia y para santificarla.

Pero el hecho de que la vida de esta familia fuera santa no significa que tuvieran una excepción de la vida humana cotidiana o incluso del sufrimiento. En lo que debería haber sido una alegre celebración del nacimiento de su hijo, María escucha estas palabras que ninguna madre quiere escuchar: primero, que su hijo será un signo de contradicción, y segundo, que una espada traspasará su alma.

Entonces, ¿por qué la Sagrada Familia sigue sufriendo? Lo hacen por nosotros. En todos nuestros sufrimientos, podemos recurrir a Jesús, María y José, sabiendo que ellos saben cómo es. Son la Sagrada Familia no a pesar de su vida familiar, sino por ella.

En esta época del año, a menudo experimentamos tanto las alegrías como los sufrimientos de la vida familiar. Y tal vez sentimos que porque nuestras familias no son perfectas, porque hay familiares que se han desviado de la fe, familiares a los que les gusta pelear, familiares que no nos hablan, que eso nos descalifica para ser una familia santa. Pero lejos de ser obstáculos para ello, pueden ser oportunidades para que nos convirtamos en familias santas.

Jesús, María y José experimentaron los sufrimientos de la vida familiar, por eso podemos acudir a ellos en busca de ayuda y compañía. Hicieron esto para la santificación de la familia y del mundo, de modo que cuando unimos nuestros sufrimientos a los de Cristo, podamos hacernos santos a nosotros y al mundo. No deberíamos preocuparnos por ser el “San José” de la familia, sino que debemos esforzarnos por ser como él y estar siempre atentos al plan de Dios para su familia, aunque él no sea perfecto.

Padre Frank



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a o Gn 15, 1-6; Gn 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 Col 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19 o Lc 2, 22-40 o Lc 2, 22. 39-40
<b>Lunes</b>	Nm 6, 22-27; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Gal 4, 4-7; Lc 2, 16-21
<b>Martes</b>	1 Jn 2, 22-28; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 1, 19-28 o Jn 2, 22. 39-40
<b>Miércoles</b>	1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6; Sal 97, 1. 3cd-4. 5-6; Jn 1, 29-34
<b>Jueves</b>	1 Jn 3, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9; Jn 1, 35-42
<b>Viernes</b>	1 Jn 3, 11-21; Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5; Jn 1, 43-51
<b>Sábado</b>	1 Jn 5, 5-13; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Mc 1, 7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o Lc 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 60, 1-6; Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12



December 31, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or  
Lk 2:22, 39-40

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world." In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it's tempting to think, "well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?" let's remember we are celebrating the Feast of the **HOLY** Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were *holy*. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first - in today's Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was "filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a *holy* family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth." (2001) In other words, God's will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let's make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let's try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

**PRAY** Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

# 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.



\*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 1/16/24. Two separate weekly drawings. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules at [versiti.org/winssuv](http://versiti.org/winssuv) for details. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

**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!

Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win an SUV!\*




### **Tutor Volunteers Needed**

The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora, celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year, has just received The Best Practices Award from the National Library of Congress. The Center will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in January. Female volunteers (with high school diploma) are trained to help women students learn to read, write, and speak English. Tutoring sessions are 90 minutes, once a week, from Sept. to May, at 260 Vermont St., Aurora (behind St. Therese Church). Tutors do not need to speak Spanish or have teaching experience, but all volunteers must attend 7 hours of training in addition to viewing several training videos online. The next training date is Saturday, January 20, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Tutors will begin with their new student the following week. To volunteer, email Alison Brzezinski at [Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org](mailto:Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org).

For more information, visit [www.dominicanliteracycenter.org](http://www.dominicanliteracycenter.org) or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.

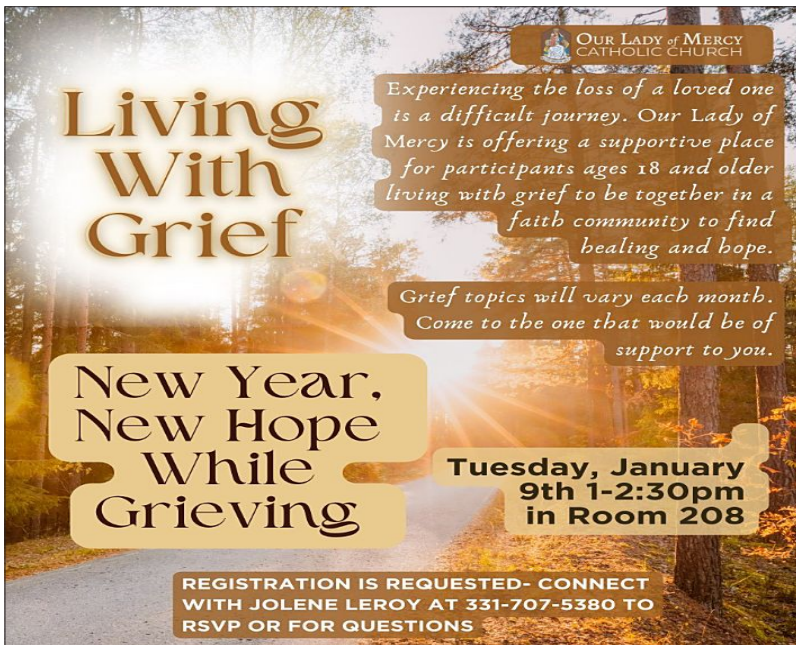
## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



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

<b>Ticket Prices</b> (at the door-no advance sales)	<b>Menu:</b>
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



**OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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.

**Living With Grief**

**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

## 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](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com) by Mon. January 1!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>! 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 9<sup>TH</sup> 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/>

## 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/>



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TOGETHER WE CAN DISCOVER THE STORY

MEAL EPISODE DISCUSSION THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM



**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**

## Around the Parish

### ***Solemnity of Mary***

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

### ***St. Peregrine Prayer Service***

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, January 16 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass (at 7pm). St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those experiencing cancer, serious illness, or chronic illness. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present.

### ***Mobile Food Pantry***

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be in the OLM parking lot Wednesday, January 17 at 4:30pm to distribute meat, produce and nonperishable items. Please share this information with those who may be in need.



### **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	\$	171,280
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	744,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(26,720)</b>
12/17/23 Sunday Collection	\$	38,492
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>7,492</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.*

## 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](http://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 post-marked) on or before December 31 will appear on your 2023 tax 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	\$	183,199
Amount Paid	\$	179,352
Remaining Balance	\$	3,847
Rebate Amount	\$	26,216
# 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](http://www.osvhub.com/olmercy)



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# 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

Monday & Thursday ..... 6:00pm

### New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at [www.olmercy.com](http://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

## Parish Priests

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michael Kearney  
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**Parochial Vicar** ..... Fr. Frank Pusateri  
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## Permanent Deacons

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Dcn Art Tiongson ..... [hope2640@yahoo.com](mailto:hope2640@yahoo.com)

## Pastoral Staff

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331-707-5379 ..... [franks@olmercy.com](mailto:franks@olmercy.com)

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