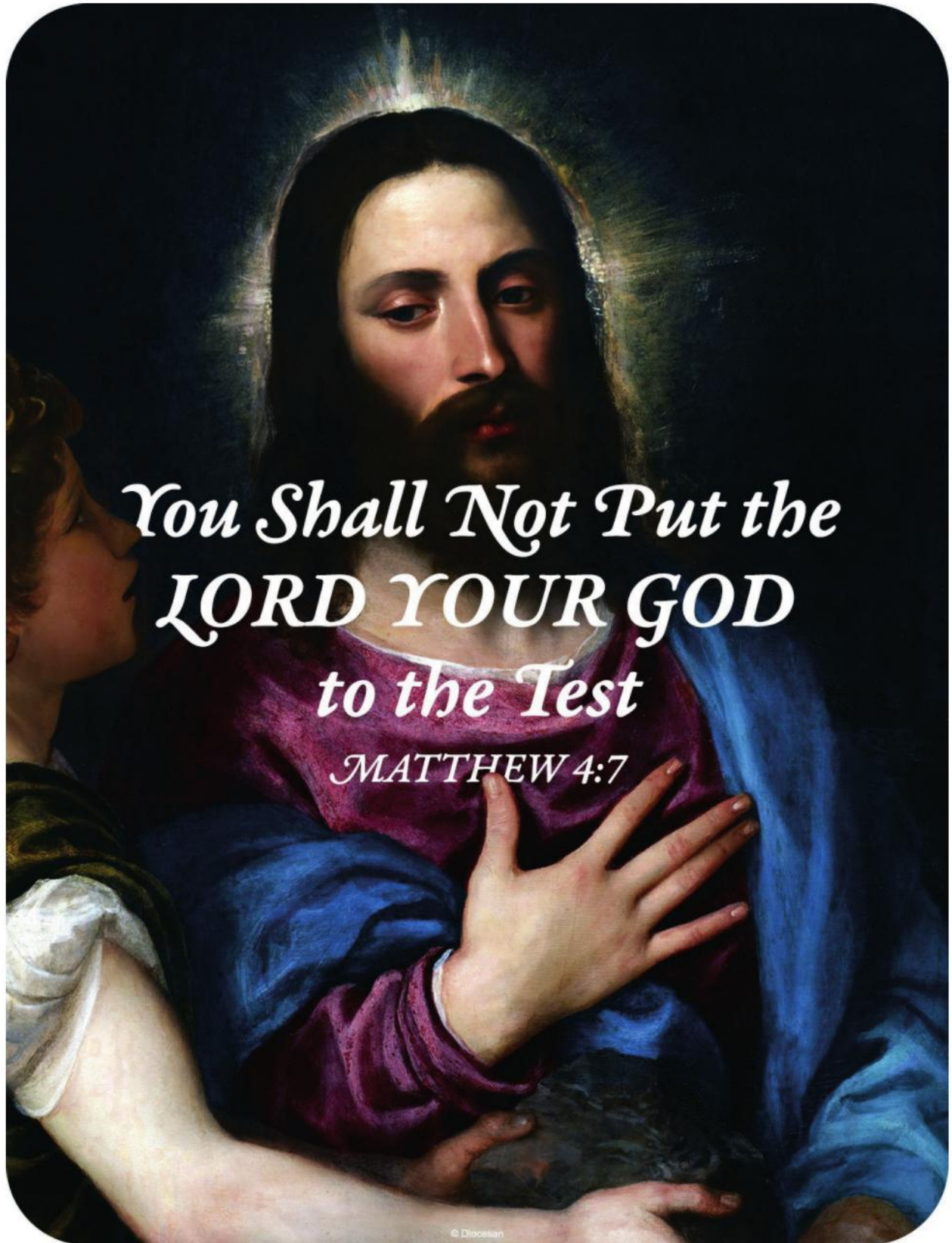




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



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



As a kid, I loved to watch the Tobey Maguire *Spiderman* with my dad and my brother. Because of this, I was dismayed when they decided to reboot the series with a new actor, Andrew Garfield, and I refused to watch it. After this, it was rebooted once again with another actor, Tom Holland. I thought, "If I didn't watch the Andrew Garfield reboot, I'm definitely not going to watch this one." But in the most recent *Spiderman* movie, *No Way Home*, something surprising happened. (This movie came out in 2021, so I don't feel guilty about giving spoilers). The filmmakers decided to bring back the two other Spiderman actors, and make them part of the story, as Spidermen from different universes. As a result, their stories continued and were even able to find satisfying conclusions.

At first glance, it seems like God is trying to reboot humanity in the Great Flood, having Noah replacing Adam in the starring role of the father of humanity. And if this were the case, it would seem to be a mistake. Noah ultimately has his own fall like Adam, and evil still persists in the heart of man. But God is not really trying to reboot humanity. If anything, He is showing us that this is impossible. In the First Reading, God renews the covenant with creation that He had created with Adam and promises never to allow a Great Flood to destroy humanity in the future. He invites Noah to remember Adam, giving him an opportunity to return to Adam's goodness while also having a chance to move beyond his mistakes.

Throughout salvation history, we see many more figures arise like Noah, receiving a chance to enter into relationship with God, but to greater or lesser degrees falling short. Finally, in the Gospel, we come to Jesus, and perhaps once again, it seems like a reboot. Like Adam, Jesus is tempted by Satan, and like Adam, Jesus lives in harmony with angels and wild beasts. But unlike Adam, Jesus conquers Satan, and as He does this, He is not trying to erase the memory of Adam. Instead, He is beginning a new chapter in the story, in fact the culmination of the story. Jesus takes up everything that has come before Him, but rather than erasing it or repeating it, He fulfills it.

As we begin Lent, it might seem like it's time for a reboot, to give up what we've done in the past and start again. As tempting as it might be, we shouldn't try to start with a blank slate. Instead, we should see it as a new chapter in our story, a chapter where we begin again, while also keeping in mind all that has gone before us to help us to avoid similar sins in the future. This Lent is the latest part of our story, and with God's help, we don't have to reboot it, but instead write the most interesting chapter so far.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Bill Jesse, by Barb Jesse
6:30 pm † Special Intention
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Victor Loteyro
6:30 pm † Joan Pauley
7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, February 21 - St Peter Damian

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 pm † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, February 22 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

6:30 am † Dcsd Members of the Booker Family
8:00 am † Christine Holbrook, by Family

Friday, February 23 - St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am † Roshney Simon, by The Abraham Family

Saturday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 am † Tony Olkewicz, by Joe & Pat Seguino
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
4:00 pm **Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent**
† George Steve Wood by Barbara Wood
† Brendan Looney & Gold Star Families
by Martin Kadziela

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Benjamin Pe Binto, by The Raiz Family
10:00 am † George Durante, by Willie Durante
(Live Streamed)
12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
5:30 pm † Villa Paz Dagang, by Family

*Silent adoration takes place in
the Adoration Chapel
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 10:00 pm.*



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 Carlson |
| 3. James Krcmarik | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention for Julie | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Special Intention-T.Z. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Anthony M. Loquercio Jr. |
| 7. Donald O'Reilly | 15. My 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

February 24 & 25

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	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
Bridget Garry
Patricia Gebhardt
Jim Gray
Kelly Greenheck
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Bob Jones
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
Jackie Schiable
Julia Schremp
Christopher Shea
Diane Singer
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Rev. Gerald Tivy
Bernice Tokarski
Jason Toledo
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.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in honor of Presidents Day.

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



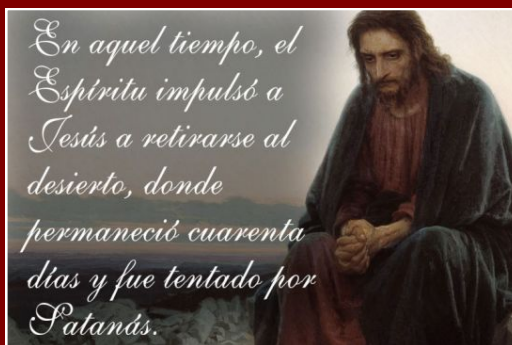
Cuando era niño, me encantaba ver el Hombre Araña con Tobey Maguire con mi papá y mi hermano. Por eso me sentí consternado cuando decidieron hacer una nueva versión de la serie con un nuevo actor, Andrew Garfield, y me negué a verla. Después de esto, se relanzó una vez más con otro actor, Tom Holland. Pensé: "Si no vi la nueva versión de Andrew Garfield, definitivamente no veré esta". Pero en la película más reciente del Hombre Araña, *No Way Home*, sucedió algo sorprendente. (Esta película salió en el 2021, así que no me siento culpable por dar previos). Los productores decidieron traer de vuelta a los otros dos actores del Hombre Araña y hacerlos

parte de la historia, como Hombres Arañas de universos diferentes. Como resultado, sus historias continuaron e incluso pudieron encontrar conclusiones satisfactorias.

A primera vista, parece que Dios está tratando de hacer una nueva versión de la humanidad en el Gran Diluvio, con Noé reemplazando a Adán en el papel protagónico del padre de la humanidad. Y si así fuera, parecería un error. En última instancia, Noé sufre su propia caída como Adán, y el mal aún persiste en el corazón del hombre. Pero Dios en realidad no está tratando de reiniciar a la humanidad. En todo caso, nos está mostrando que esto es imposible. En la Primera Lectura, Dios renueva la alianza con la creación que había creado con Adán y promete nunca permitir que un Gran Diluvio destruya a la humanidad en el futuro. Invita a Noé a recordar a Adán, dándole la oportunidad de regresar a la bondad de Adán y al mismo tiempo tener la oportunidad de ir más allá de sus errores.

A lo largo de la historia de la salvación, vemos surgir muchas más figuras como Noé, que reciben la oportunidad de entrar en relación con Dios, pero que en mayor o menor grado se quedan cortas. Finalmente, en el Evangelio llegamos a Jesús, y quizás una vez más parezca un reinicio. Como Adán, Jesús es tentado por Satanás y, como Adán, Jesús vive en armonía con los ángeles y las fieras. Pero a diferencia de Adán, Jesús vence a Satanás y, al hacerlo, Él no intenta borrar la memoria de Adán. En cambio, Él está comenzando un nuevo capítulo en la historia, de hecho, la culminación de la historia. Jesús retoma todo lo que le ha precedido, pero en lugar de borrarlo o repetirlo, lo cumple.

Al comenzar la Cuaresma, puede parecer que es hora de reiniciar, de abandonar lo que hemos hecho en el pasado y comenzar de nuevo. Por muy tentador que sea, no deberíamos intentar empezar desde cero. Más bien, deberíamos verlo como un nuevo capítulo de nuestra historia, un capítulo en el que comenzamos de nuevo, teniendo al mismo tiempo en mente todo lo que nos ha precedido para ayudarnos a evitar pecados similares en el futuro. Esta Cuaresma es la última parte de nuestra historia y, con la ayuda de Dios, no tenemos que reiniciarla, sino escribir el capítulo más interesante hasta ahora.



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Gn 9, 8-15; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; 1 Pt 3, 18-22; Mc 1, 12-15
Lunes	Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15; Mt 25, 31-46
Martes	Is 55, 10-11; Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19; Mt 6, 7-15
Miércoles	Jon 3, 1-10; Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19; Lc 11, 29-32
Jueves	1 Ped 5, 1-4; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Mt 16, 13-19
Viernes	Ez 18, 21-28; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6, 7-8; Mt 5, 20-26
Sábado	Dt 26, 16-19; Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8; Mt 5, 43-48
Domingo	Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18; Sal 115, 10 y 15. 16-17. 18-19; Rom 8, 31b-34; Mc 9, 2-10



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First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today is the first day of Lent! It is the beginning of a new liturgical season in the Church, a season of prayer, service and self-sacrifice. It is a time of preparation, culminating in the holiest day of the year: Easter. As we embark on our Lenten journey, we hear a reading from Genesis in which God makes a covenant with Noah where he promises, “the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.” The Lord has said that no matter our disobedience, sin and rebellion, he will never destroy us! Saint Peter explains how the story of Noah, “in which a few persons ... were saved through water,” prefigures baptism, and baptism, as we know, marks us as the Lord’s own forever. We are sealed with a sign that can never be relinquished. So, just as the great flood signaled a rebirth for the world, our baptism is a rebirth of our soul in Christ. We are washed clean of our original sin, and the door to salvation is opened for us. It is fitting that at the beginning of our Lenten journey we hear the story of the beginning of our eternal covenant with the Lord. Both the covenant, and Lent, will be fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As a child, Lent meant lentils for dinner, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and no TV ever. For a 10-year-old, it was a time to be endured. Now, as an adult, Lent can still be hard, but I recognize it as a time of opportunity as well. It is a chance to strip away all the excess in my life and focus on what matters most. While I am not exactly jumping for joy at the thought of fasting, I can’t deny that it is easier for me to spend time in prayer when I’m not mindlessly grazing on chips and chocolate all day long. I may grumble at times, but with God’s grace I have grown in understanding of the Church’s wisdom in encouraging us to fast, pray and give alms during Lent. All three practices invite us to reflect on the great sacrifice of the Lord and prepare our hearts to receive him each Sunday in the Eucharist, as well as on our final judgment day.

PRAY Lent is the perfect time to take stock of your current spiritual practices and add new ones to your daily routine. Remember the words we heard from Jesus today: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Start off your Lenten season right by taking time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and designating a time each day to pray. If you aren’t sure what to say to God during this time, choose a verse or two of Psalm 6 and let your heart take it from there.

What is Lent?

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- Thursday, March 28, 2024



Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**MASTERING
WHAT
MATTERS**

A HALF-DAY MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. MICHAEL - WHEATON
18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 09 MARCH 2024
A HYBRID CONFERENCE IN PARISHES NATIONWIDE

Begins with Mass at 8:00 am
Donuts and coffee/juice after Mass
Presentations begin at 9:00 am
Confessions available from 9:00-11:00
Pizza lunch provided
Conclusion at 1:00 pm

Video presentations by:
Bishop Ronald Hicks – Diocese of Joliet
Sam Blair – Former Navy Seal
Fr. Mark Bernhard – Joliet priest



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310 S. WHEATON AVENUE, WHEATON, IL 60187



Lenten Challenge 2024 Weekly Thoughts & Alternative to Plastics

During this Lenten season, the Diocesan Laudato Si' Committee will share facts about plastic pollution and offer suggestions for living more plastic-free. By changing old habits, we can all better protect our common home.

Get the six-week learning tool (*shown*) as well as information about a Lenten recycling project on the Laudato Si' section of the Diocese of Joliet's website:



[diojoliet.org/
laudato-si](http://diojoliet.org/laudato-si)

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Laudato Si'

Promoting an integral ecology
in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet



Lenten Challenge 2024 Weekly Thoughts & Alternatives to Plastics

Introduction

On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey, a time for prayer, reflection, and an opportunity to change habits that are not life-giving. During this Lent, the Diocesan Laudato Si' Committee will share facts about plastic pollution and offer suggestions for living more plastic-free by changing old habits, we can protect our common home.

Plastics are everywhere in our clothes, our phones, our food, and in numerous everyday products in the home. Using plastic-free items is a great way to reduce plastic pollution. All levels have a role to play in reducing plastic use. <https://www.epa.gov/what-is-plastic>

"On the morning of the day I had decided to go without using plastic products—or even touching plastic—I opened my eyes and the very first thing I saw was a plastic bottle. It was a type of plastic I was not familiar with, and I had already committed to a reduction."

Although being plastic-free costs for a day may be impossible, there are many ways to reduce plastic waste in our lives and in our homes that will make a positive impact on our environment.

Make your way through the weekly suggestions, finding strategies that work for your lifestyle and budget.

Week One

Reducing Personal Care Plastic Waste

Quiz Question

What happens to plastic waste when left in the environment?

a) It is a biodegradable material, so it eventually disappears.

b) It never fully goes away; it just breaks into little pieces.

c) There is no such thing as plastic waste; all plastics are recycled.

Answer: B. A year-making plastic pollution in the ocean based on an estimate of 600,000 pieces of plastic collected in samples, 55% of was still in the water.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PADS/HESED HOUSE MINISTRY



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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 March 2nd and 3rd, 2024.

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.

Around the Parish

The Rescue Project

Register now for The Rescue Project meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm is an experience of the gospel surrounded by food, conversation and prayer. It seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format. This experience is imbued with beauty, authentic humanity and accompaniment. The Rescue Project is proposing another way to see reality through biblical lenses; it's a way to make sense out of why things are going wrong when they go wrong, and why it is that even when times are tough, we don't have to be anxious or afraid.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

The Renewal Weekends are fast approaching! Men's Weekend is February 24 & 25. Women's Weekend is March 2 & 3. Contact crhpolm@gmail.com with questions or register online.

Mobile Food Pantry

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday, February 21st at 4:30 pm.

DisABILITIES Mass

Individuals with DisABILITIES/special needs are invited to join us with their friends and family for a special DisABILITIES mass on March 10th at 2:00 pm. If you know an individual with a disability that is interested in enrolling in our upcoming “Faith Buddies” gatherings this spring and/or a peer (must be 10 or older to be a peer) who might be interested in becoming a “faith buddy” to an individual with a disability, please contact Lydia at lydias@olmercy.com.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Friday Lenten Fish Dinners are back!! March 8 and March 15 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale soon!

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

It's never too early to start cleaning out your closets! The truck for the next STVP Clothing Drive will be in the church parking lot from noon on Saturday, March 23 to approximately noon on Sunday, March 24.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Volunteers are needed to answer phone requests, meet with people requesting financial assistance and help with clothing drives

Members meet as a group monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in Room 114

volunteers needed

To learn more contact the parish office at 630-851-3444 or email us at olmsvdp@gmail.com

SIGN UP NOW

SPIRITUALITY FRIENDSHIP SERVICE

We thank OLM parishioners for financial donations throughout the year and support of our clothing drives. Your donations allow us to help parishioners and neighbors in need. In 2023, we provided assistance to 79 households, helping more than 200 men, women and children.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois

Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Our Lady of Mercy Church
JOIN US FOR A

Holy Pause

A Lenten Family Reflection Time

Saturday, March 9
2:00 - 3:45 PM
Begin in Gym

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE :

- +A path of creative prayer stations created for families to lift up their own needs and the needs of others.
- +A make and take prayer bowl project
- +A small service opportunity



SCAN ME

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY
Use the QR Code to Sign Up before March 5



confession

RECONCILIATION

"Do not be afraid of Confession" -Pope Francis


SATURDAYS 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23	9AM-10AM 1:30PM-2:30PM
TUESDAYS 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26	7PM-8PM
WEDNESDAYS 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27	12:30PM-1:30PM
FIRST FRIDAY 3/1	8:30AM-9:30AM
MAGNIFY WEDNESDAY 2/28	7PM to 8:30PM
RECONCILIATION SERVICE 3/27	7PM to 8:30PM Multiple Priests Available



Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 7PM

12pm in Spanish | 7pm in English



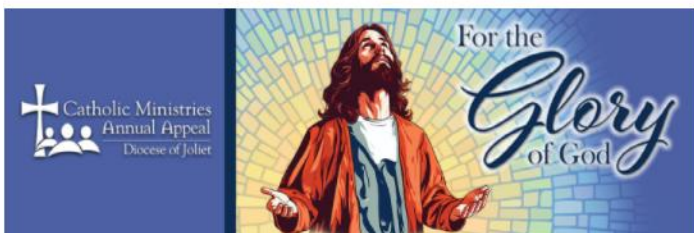

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	938,291
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	930,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	8,291
02/04/24 Sunday Collection	\$	38,758
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	7,758

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.



Pledge your gift to the CMAA! Contributing to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our parish goal of \$140,500 will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal.

Thank you!

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RESTORE

Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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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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