



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2024
Lent

He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16

Jesus Casting Out the Money
Changers at the Temple
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT

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



When I was a little kid, I would watch a show called *The Big Comfy Couch*, in which most of the adventures took place on the eponymous sofa. One of my favorite segments of the show was the “Ten Second Tidy.” At the end of the show, the characters would clean up the mess they made in ten seconds by comically shoving everything into the couch cushions. Of course, this show influenced how I cleaned as a child. One day, as we were leaving a friend’s house, my mom said I had to clean up my mess really quickly before we left. “Ten second tidy?” I

said. She nodded, probably thinking I meant that I would clean really fast. When we got back home, my mom received a phone call from my friend’s mom. “We can’t find our remote control. Do you have any idea where it might be?” She looked at me for a second and replied, “Have you checked your couch cushions?”

Even now as an adult, I still do not enjoy cleaning, and much of my “tidying” probably still resembles shoving everything out of sight into the couch cushions. During this Lent, we are called to do a kind of “spring cleaning” of our souls. But left to ourselves, our cleaning might look more like a “ten second tidy,” shoving problems out of sight rather than truly removing them from our lives. So how can we truly clean our souls?

In the Gospel, where Jesus makes a whip and drives all the money changers out of the Temple. What does that have to do with us? John gives us a clue: “But he was speaking about the temple of his body.” Jesus refers to His body as a Temple, and because we are joined to His Body through Baptism, St. Paul can call our bodies Temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19).

We need to invite Jesus to cleanse the temples of our bodies and souls of any sin. We do this primarily through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but as we go to receive this sacrament during Lent, we should take Jesus as a model of the attitude we need to have toward sin. He doesn’t allow any of the money changers to remain in the Temple, but drives them completely out. In the same way, we cannot make any compromises with sin, but resolve to drive it completely out of our lives.

This driving out of the money changers isn’t without purpose. The Temple is a place of communion with God, and even more so the Temple of the Body of Christ. So we allow Jesus to cleanse the temples of our souls so that we can enter more deeply into communion with Him, especially through the Holy Eucharist. As we prepare for Easter, let’s remember that going to Confession shouldn’t be a “ten second tidy,” but a true cleansing of our sins so that Jesus can fill us with His Presence.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 4 - St Casimir

8:00 am † Lois Saraceni, by Ashley & Luchie Saraceni
6:30 pm Int Jennifer Allen (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Int Karl Bersamin, by Family
6:30 pm † John Marino, by Kathy Grannon
7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

12:00 pm † David Zwich
Int Joe Riley, by Family
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, March 7 - Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 am † Dolly Huber
8:00 am † Aley Anthony, by Sissy Roy

Friday, March 8 - St John of God, Religious

8:00 am † Paul & Angela Abuah, by Patricia Wabomnor

Saturday, March 9 - St Frances of Rome, Religious

8:30 am † Patrice Klasinski
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
4:00 pm **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Int Rick Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez
† Shirley Carpenter, by Sharon Exline

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Scott Williams, by Tammy Mores
10:00 am † David Jenkins, Jr. (*Live Streamed*)
12:00 pm † Francisco Uy, by Uy Family
5:30 pm † Daniel Kaczorowski, by Marty Kadziela
Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy

*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. Mia Beaupre | 9. Maureen Hirt |
| 2. Good Health for M.M. | 10. Matthew Carlson |
| 3. Special Intention-M.A. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. The Homeless | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Anthony M. Loquercio Jr. |
| 6. My Health-L.T. | 14. Good Health for D.M. |
| 7. Lord, Be With the Sick | 15. Kristen Manning |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Charlie Wickey |

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

March 9 & 10

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
Don O'Reilly
Tim O'Reilly
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 next
Charismatic
Healing Mass
is Saturday,
March 9th at
6:30 pm.***

***Everyone is
welcome!***

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



Cuando era pequeño, veía un programa llamado *El Gran Sofá Cómodo*, en el que la mayoría de las aventuras tenían lugar en el sofá del mismo nombre. Uno de mis segmentos favoritos del programa fue "*Ordenado en Diez Segundos*". Al final del espectáculo, los personajes limpiaban el desorden que habían hecho en diez segundos empujando todo cómicamente entre los cojines del sofá. Por supuesto, este programa influyó en mi forma de limpiar cuando era niño.

Un día, cuando salíamos de la casa de un amigo, mi mamá me dijo que tenía que limpiar mi desorden muy rápido antes de irnos. "¿Ordenado en diez segundos?" yo dije. Ella asintió, probablemente pensando que yo quería decir que limpiaría muy rápido. Cuando regresamos a casa, mi mamá recibió una llamada telefónica de la mamá de mi amigo. "No podemos encontrar nuestro control remoto. ¿Tienes alguna idea de dónde podría estar? Ella me miró por un segundo y respondió: "¿Has revisado los cojines de tu sofá?"

Incluso ahora, como adulto, todavía no disfruto el limpiar, y gran parte de mi "ordenamiento" probablemente todavía se parece a guardar todo fuera de la vista entre los cojines del sofá. Durante esta Cuaresma, estamos llamados a hacer una especie de "limpieza general" de nuestras almas. Pero si lo dejamos a nosotros mismos, nuestra limpieza podría parecer más bien un "ordenamiento de diez segundos", alejando los problemas fuera de la vista en lugar de eliminarlos realmente de nuestras vidas. Entonces, ¿cómo podemos realmente limpiar nuestras almas?

En el Evangelio, donde Jesús hace un látigo y expulsa a todos los cambistas del Templo. ¿Qué tiene eso que ver con nosotros? Juan nos da una pista: "Pero él hablaba del templo de su cuerpo". Jesús se refiere a Su cuerpo como un Templo, y debido a que estamos unidos a Su Cuerpo a través del Bautismo, San Pablo puede llamar a nuestros cuerpos Templos del Espíritu Santo (1 Cor 6:19).

Necesitamos invitar a Jesús a limpiar los templos de nuestro cuerpo y alma de cualquier pecado. Hacemos esto principalmente a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, pero a medida que vamos a recibir este sacramento durante la Cuaresma, debemos tomar a Jesús como modelo de la actitud que debemos tener hacia el pecado. No permite que ninguno de los cambistas permanezca en el Templo, sino que los expulsa por completo. De la misma manera, no podemos hacer concesiones con el pecado, sino que decidimos expulsarlo por completo de nuestras vidas.

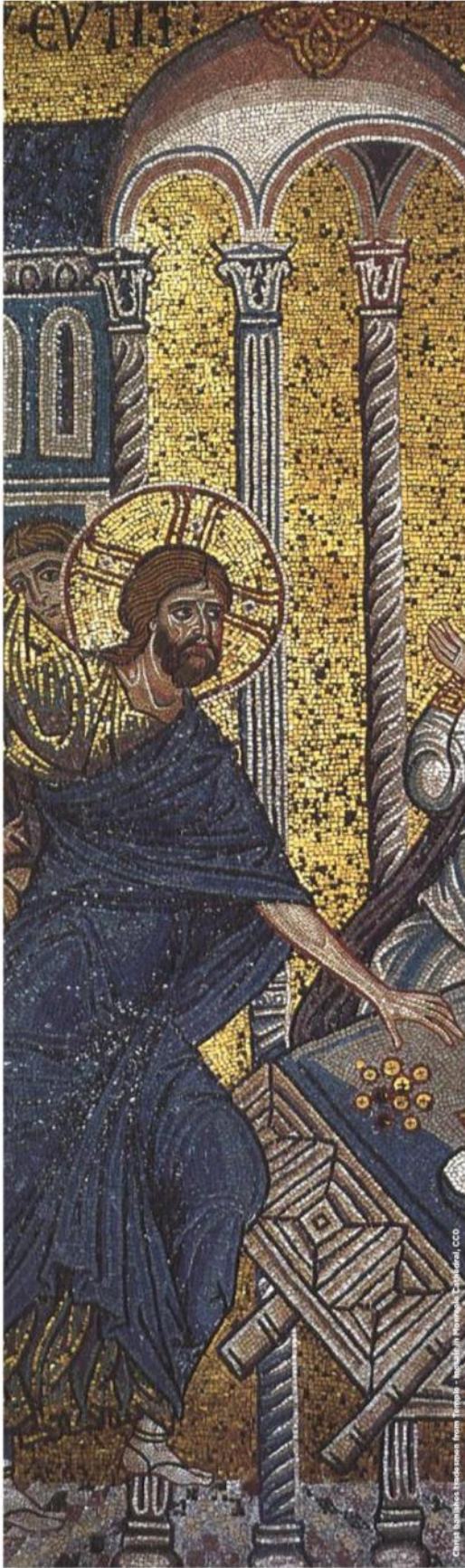
Esta expulsión de los cambistas no carece de propósito. El Templo es un lugar de comunión con Dios, y más aún el Templo del Cuerpo de Cristo. Entonces permitimos que Jesús limpie los templos de nuestras almas para que podamos entrar más profundamente en comunión con Él, especialmente a través de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Mientras nos preparamos para la Pascua, recordemos que confesarnos no debe ser un "ordenamiento de diez segundos", sino una verdadera limpieza de nuestros pecados para que Jesús pueda llenarnos con Su Presencia.

Padre Frank



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ex 17, 3-7; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8; Jn 4, 5-42 o Jn 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39a. 40-42
Lunes	2 Re 5, 1-15; Sal 41, 2. 3; 42, 3. 4; Lc 4, 24-30
Martes	Dn 3, 25. 34-43; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; Mt 18, 21-35
Miércoles	Dt 4, 1. 5-9; Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20; Mt 5, 17-19
Jueves	Jer 7, 23-28; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 11, 14-23
Viernes	Os 14, 2-10; Sal 80, 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 y 17; Mc 12, 28-34
Sábado	Os 6, 1-6; Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab; Lc 18, 9-14
Domingo	2 Cr 36, 14-16. 19-23; Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6; Ef 2, 4-10; Jn 3, 14-21



March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When I was a kid, my older siblings used to tell me what to do (no surprise there!) and often backed up their, ahem, “commands,” by saying, “Mom and Dad said so.” Interestingly, sometimes that statement was not true (!), and I would get the right information – what to do and the correct way to do it – directly from my parents. My experience is not unlike that of the Israelites in today’s first reading. As they escaped from bondage in Egypt and followed the Lord through the guidance of Moses, they developed their own ways of doing things, listened to the wrong people and acted as if they were indeed conveying truth. But the Lord steps in to correct them, and in “a direct, unmediated communication” of truth to them, gives them commandments to follow. (USCCB commentary) These instructions for how to live a moral life in relationship with God and with one another are the basis of the covenant they made there with the Lord. They are the foundation of the new covenant in which we partake through Jesus Christ, who came into our history as the perfect, unmediated communication of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do you envision Jesus? It’s easy to think of him as kind and easy-going – the type of person who never lets his feathers get ruffled, no matter how many times the Pharisees question and challenge him. However, we see a different side of Jesus today – one in which he is flipping over tables and brandishing a whip. He is driving out those who are using his Father’s house as a place to make money rather than as a place to worship. In the drama of that scene, let’s not overlook what comes next in the reading. The people there at the temple, obviously taken aback by what they have seen, ask for a sign to justify what authority Jesus has to drive people out of the temple. Jesus says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” That confused people then, but we know today that the true temple is Jesus and that his rising from the dead would be the sign they sought. Just as the commandments of God have authority, so does Jesus who came as perfect obedience to those commandments to help us follow them ourselves.

PRAY It’s easy for us to think we’re doing a good job keeping the Lord’s commandments, but at the same time the line between right and wrong can seem blurred at times and we may relax a bit on some of their finer points. Try this week to dig deep within ourselves and turn to prayer for the strength to do what is right, seeking the wisdom of God rather than relying on human wisdom.



Knights of Columbus Council 12005

Blood Drive: We were able to collect 20 units of blood at our last drive on 1/6! Thanks to all who came and gave so others can live – you saved 60 lives! Our next drive will be Saturday 5/18 from 8 – 12. Please mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for registration information.

Mobile Food Pantry: We continue to serve between 125 – 200 families each month at the Mobile Food Pantry in our parking lot. Thanks to all who volunteer. Our next pantries will be on 3/4, 4/25, 5/15 and 6/26 and will start at 4:00. If you would like to help, please plan to arrive by 3:30. Food distribution starts at 4:00.

Pancake Breakfast: Profits of \$850 were donated to Waterleaf after our November breakfast. We were able to raise \$1100 for the Mission Trip at our February breakfast. Thanks to all who came out to support these great causes. Your generous assistance makes it all possible!! Thank you!

2024 Scholarship Program: Application forms for the 2024 Scholarship Program are now available on our link in the Parish Website. A total of \$2,000 will be given out to 2024 high school graduates attending a two or four year college in the fall. Applications are due back by June 14, 2024.

Free Throw Contest: Congratulations to all of our age group winners from our January 18 contest! Good luck to all as you move on to district, regional and even state competitions. Thanks to all who came out and participated.

Easter Egg Hunt: Are you ready for the Easter Bunny? Come and enjoy our annual Easter Egg hunt open to children ages 0 – 10 in the PLC Gym on Saturday March 16 from 10 to noon. Fun for all with face painting, a balloon artist, refreshments and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny with plenty of colorful easter eggs filled with goodies to find. We will have a sensory friendly area sponsored by the Faith Buddies program.

Thinking of becoming a Knight? Are you ready to make a difference in your Parish, local community and the world, then consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We meet once a month and are involved in countless activities promoting the Catholic Faith and strong family values. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men aged 18 and up, it will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men's service organization in the world. Our guiding principle is Charity and we need you to help us make a difference! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at jleroy53@hotmail.com or call 630-336-7728.

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Individuals with DisABILITIES/special needs are invited to join us with their friends and family for a special DisABILITIES Mass!

March 10, 2024 @ 2PM
Fellowship in the MPR to Follow
701 S Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504

We look forward to welcoming you and many others from throughout the Diocese of Joliet and we hope you will join us as we celebrate the blessings of those with disABILITIES in our Church family, as well as the wonderful gifts they bring to our parish!

Scan so we can welcome you!

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
2024 PARISH MISSION
MONDAY 3/18 & TUESDAY 3/19
FROM 7PM TO 8:30PM

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

WITH FR. SEAN GRISMER

A PARISH MISSION FOR ALL AGES. Blessed with fervor for his faith, a keen sense of humor, and a way with words, Fr. Grismer compels his audiences' attention. He will dive into the great call upon each of our lives; allow the joy of the Lord to be our strength.

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.

Grief & Your Lenten Journey
With Deacon Tony Leazzo

Wednesday, March 13th 1-2:30pm
in Room 217

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



**Join Us to Celebrate
Saint Joseph's Day Feast
Sunday, March 17th 1 – 3pm
In the MPR**

BRING FOOD:

Following the Sunday, March 17th morning masses, please drop off in the Parish Life Center Gym any baked goods, breads, cakes, cookies, fruit, Italian desserts, and/or *Zeppole di San Giuseppe* breads shaped like carpentry tools in honor of this feast day.

LUNCHEON MENU:

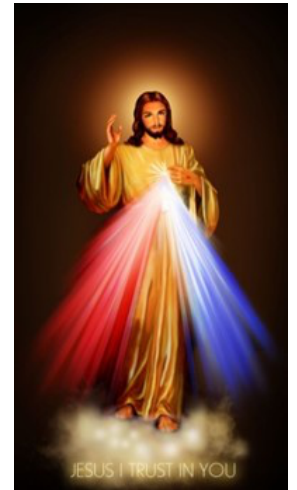
(social committee will provide)
Meatless pasta (spaghetti with marinara & pasta alfredo), salad, beverage

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY:

It is an Old-World custom to provide food for the poor this feast day, an act of almsgiving since the feast falls during Lent. Please bring non expired canned and other non-perishable foods with you to the MPR for a donation to the **Interfaith Food Pantry**

The Extraordinary Graces & Gifts of the Divine Mercy Devotion

You're invited to discover, "The Extraordinary Graces and Gifts of the Divine Mercy Devotion," in special seminars Tuesday, March 12, at 9 a.m. or Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Both seminars will be held in PLC Room 208.



After examining the relationship between the Passion of Christ and Divine Mercy, each 90-minute seminar will delve into the direct words of Jesus as our "King of Divine Mercy," as revealed in Saint Faustina's Diary, "*Divine Mercy in My Soul.*" Most prominent are the following words of Jesus, which today are revered as His Extraordinary Promise and among His greatest acts of mercy for those souls who trust in Him:

"On that (Divine Mercy) Feast Day, the depths of My mercy will be open to all...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

In addition to preparing participants for OLM's celebration of the Divine Mercy Feast Day on Sunday, April 7, in the Church, the seminars will cover many facets of Divine Mercy that Jesus, through St. Faustina, made available to us for each day of the year:

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Reciting His Novena of Chaplets
Contemplating His Divine Mercy Image
Daily Observance of the 3 p.m. Hour of Mercy
Practicing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

A highlight of each seminar will be a group recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pamphlets featuring both the Chaplet and Jesus's Novena of Chaplets will be available for all. No registration is needed, but please be sure to bring your Rosary! For more details, e-mail trollerw@live.com or call (630) 585-1865.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

March 23-24, 2024

The **St. Vincent dePaul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **March 23-24** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon. No early drop off's please.

We will accept.....

Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc,
ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED

Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TV's.**

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity.

Thanks for your generous donations!
Society of St. Vincent dePaul

FRIDAY LENTEN
FISH DINNERS
OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

This Fundraiser supports the Teen Mission Trip

3/8 & 3/15
5:30 - 8pm

FISH DINNER PLATES & PRICE
Shrimp \$15
Cod (Fried) \$15
Salmon \$15

Fish dinner consists of potatoes, dinner roll, dessert, & beverage (soda or water)

MARCH 8TH
MARCH 15TH

You can also purchase tickets after Mass in the PLC Lobby area, at the Parish Office, or online at olmercy.com

Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Mercy's Council 12005

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 0-10 on Saturday, 3/16, at 10am with the Egg Hunt starting at 10:30am. It will be held in the PLC. Please bring your Easter basket or a bag to hold all the eggs you find. Maybe even the Easter Bunny will stop in for some fun!!! We hope to see you there!

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There will be a "Sensory Friendly" egg hunt and sensory bins in a separate room with less stimuli and lower lighting

Our Lady of Mercy Church
JOIN US FOR A

Holy Pause

A Lenten Family Reflection Time
Saturday, March 9th
2:00 - 3:45 PM in the Gym

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:
+A path of creative prayer stations for families to lift up their own needs and the needs of others.
+A make and take prayer bowl project
+A small service opportunity

Use the QR Code to Sign Up Before March 5th

SCAN ME



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,008,902
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	992,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	16,902
02/18/23 Sunday Collection	\$	32,888
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	1,888

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.

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:



dijoliet.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.

Plastic is everywhere: in our clothes, our phones, our food, and in excessive floating garbage patches in the ocean. Living plastic-free means embracing A.J. Jacobs' habitually-written-in-MIT article, "100 Days, 100 Plastic-Free Habits," shared by his now-legendary TED talk.

"On the morning of the day I had decided to go without using plastic products -- or even touching plastic -- I opened my eyes and put my foot on the carpet. Which is made of nylon, a type of plastic. I was roughly 10 seconds from my apartment, and I had already committed a violation."

Although living plastic-free over 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 examples that work for your lifestyle and budget.

Week One

Reducing Personal Care Plastic Waste

Quiz Question

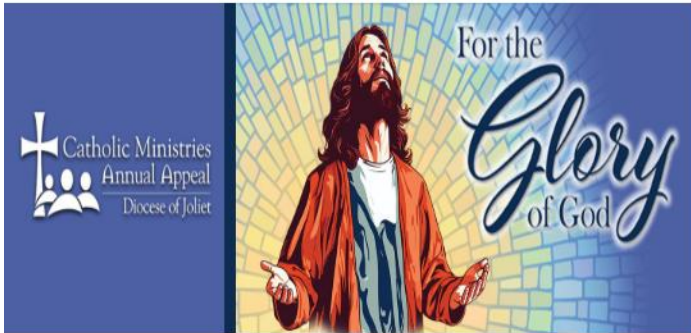
What happens to plastic waste when left in the environment?

(1) It is biodegradable material, so it eventually disappears.

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

(3) There is no recycling so plastic waste, if plastic is recycled.

Answer: B. A recent study by plastic pollution in the ocean found that out of 68,077 pieces of plastic collected in samples, 95% of it was still intact in size.



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$140,500 and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the Narthex, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!



OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

Donating Made Easy!

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

OSV is a secure online website that makes contributing to Our Lady of Mercy faster, easier, and accessible at anytime for donors.

Please visit the website at:
www.osvhub.com/olmercy
or scan the QR code to get started



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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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

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Weddings

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