

News from S.I.T. (Seminarian in Training)



It is with great sadness, that I must say my goodbye to Our Lady of Mercy. I have been at OLM for two years, and this experience has been beautiful. I shared my sentiments at some of the Masses last week, but not fully at all of them. This was because during the first two times I said goodbye at Mass I was extremely emotional. I could hardly say anything at the 4pm Mass on Saturday.

What I truly wanted to share was that when I first came to the parish I had completed four years of college seminary. I completed these first four years in Minnesota at St. John Vianney Seminary. I am extremely grateful for this time because I grew tremendously. However, absent from the experience in Minnesota was a connection to the diocese that I was studying for and preparing myself to serve. During my time of discernment, one of the things that filled my heart as I considered the priesthood was my desire for parish life. Thus, leaving the parish to study for four years in Minnesota was extremely tough for me! Although it was, in my opinion, a necessary step for me. Many of you may have heard the phrase, "healed people heal people". When I entered seminary, I didn't think that the Lord needed to do any healing in my life. However, during my time there The Lord pointed out places where he invited me to experience greater joy, peace, and love, even if I didn't realize it at first because I was not bleeding out or suffering excruciatingly. In many ways, he used my time in Minnesota to prepare me to be sent out into parish life.

Thus, getting the opportunity to serve you at the parish and share in your times of joy, suffering, and grief has been a privilege. Know that during my time here you have been loved, and know that during my time here I have felt loved. I will keep you in my prayers, especially during the upcoming summer program that I am doing in Mexico City. If the Lord allows it and if you are able, it would be a wonderful thing to see you all at my deaconate and priesthood ordinations.

Please keep me in your prayers and don't be a stranger if you ever see me around!

Jonathan Hernandez



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

9:00 am † Fallen Soldiers 6:30 pm No Spanish Mass

Tuesday, May 28 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Peggy Flanigan, by Cheryl Dewitt 6:30 pm † Eileen Vong, by the Degang Family 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, May 29 - St Paul VI, Pope

12:00 pm † Carmelita Redoredo, by The Reis Family 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, May 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik 8:00 am † Devin Pittges, by The Llanes Family

Friday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am † Laura Flagg-Pitts, by Carl & Mary Anne Marker

Saturday, June 1 - St Justin, Martyr

8:30 am Int Anthony Roy, by Sissy Roy 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM) 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)

4:00 pm Vigil - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

† Honorata Tanquilut, by Family

† Steven Henning, by Bernadine & Julia Gonda

Sunday, June 2 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† David Jenkins, Jr. by Family

10:00 am † Shelly Maiers, by Patsy Peterson

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Steven Henning, by Carol Pilgrim

5:30 pm † Sue Chan, by The Patrick Young Family

The Advantion Chapel will be open for silent prayer on Memorial Day, however, the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed.

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.

- 1. Jonathan Hernandez
- 2. Lord. Be With The Sick
- 3. Safe Travel
- 4. Alison Perry
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Vocations
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.
- 10. Frank Rostan
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. Graduates
- 13. Maria Ramirez
- 14. Maria DeJesus Torres
- 15. Noreen Thayer
- 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

June 1 & 2

Father M	lichael will p	reach 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.

Caroline Allen
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
Anya Horste

Cera Horste

Helen Joseph

Nina Keehn

Keith Kuchinski

Baby Penelope Keene

Bob Jones

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 Carmella Sezdeja **Christopher Shea** Diane Singer **Hedy Sterling** Thomas F. Sterling John Swanston Rev. Gerald Tivv 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.



In Honor of Memorial Day the Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 27.



Noticias del S.I.T. (Seminarista en formación)



Con gran tristeza debo despedirme de Our Lady of Mercy. Llevo dos años en OLM y esta experiencia ha sido hermosa. Compartí mis sentimientos en algunas de las Misas de la semana pasada, pero no completamente en todas. Esto se debió a que durante las dos primeras veces que me despedí en Misa estaba extremadamente emocional. Casi no pude decir nada en la Misa de las 4 de la tarde del sábado.

Lo que realmente quería compartir era que cuando llegué por primera vez a la parroquia había completado cuatro años de seminario universitario. Completé estos primeros cuatro años en Minnesota en el Seminario St. John Vianney. Estoy sumamente agradecida por este tiempo porque crecí enormemente. Sin embargo, en la experiencia en Minnesota estuvo ausente una conexión con la diócesis para la que estaba estudiando y preparándome para servir. Durante mi tiempo de discernimiento, una de las cosas que llenó mi corazón al considerar el sacerdocio fue mi deseo de vivir la vida parroquial. Por lo tanto, ¡dejar la parroquia para estudiar durante cuatro años en Minnesota fue extremadamente difícil para mí! Aunque fue, en mi opinión, un paso necesario para mí. Es posible que muchos de ustedes hayan escuchado la frase "las personas sanadas sanan a las personas". Cuando entré al seminario, no pensé que el Señor necesitaba hacer alguna sanación en mi vida. Sin embargo, durante mi estancia allí, el Señor señaló lugares donde me invitó a experimentar mayor gozo, paz y amor, aunque al principio no me di cuenta porque no me desangraba ni sufría insoportablemente. En muchos sentidos, él utilizó mi tiempo en Minnesota para prepararme para ser enviado a la vida parroquial.

Por lo tanto, ha sido un privilegio tener la oportunidad de servirles en la parroquia y compartir sus momentos de alegría, sufrimiento y dolor. Sepan que durante mi estancia aquí han sido queridos, y sepan que durante mi estancia aquí me he sentido querido. Los mantendré en mis oraciones, especialmente durante el próximo programa de verano que estoy realizando en la Ciudad de México. Si el Señor lo permite y si pueden, sería maravilloso verlos a todos en mis ordenaciones de diaconado y sacerdocio.

¡Por favor manténganme en sus oraciones y no sean un extraño si alguna vez me ven por ahí!

Jonathan Hernandez



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo Dt 4, 32-34. 39-40;

Sal 32, 4-5. 6 y 9. 18-19. 20 y 22;

Rom 8, 14-17; Mt 28, 16-20

Lunes 1 Ped 1, 3-9;

Sal 110, 1. 2. 4-5. 9 y 10c;

Mc 10, 17-27

Martes 1 Ped 1, 10-16;

Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4;

Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles 1 Ped 1, 18-25;

Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20;

Mc 10, 32-45

Jueves 1 Ped 2, 2-5. 9-12;

Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5; Mc 10, 46-52

Viernes Sof 3, 14-18 o Rom 12, 9-16;

Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6;

Lc 1, 39-56

Sábado Jud 17, 20-25;

Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9;

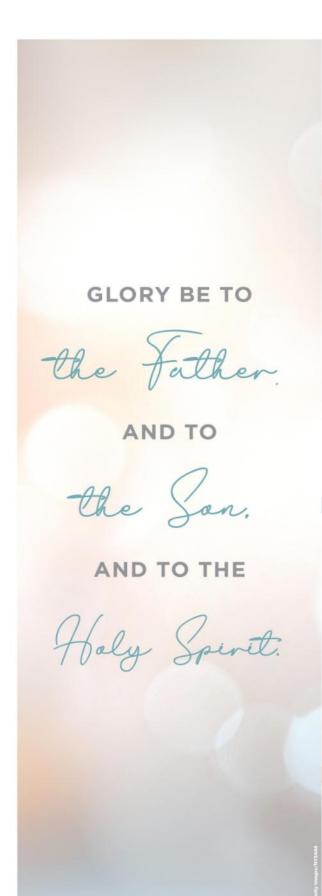
Mc 11, 27-33

Domingo Ex 24, 3-8;

Sal 115, 12-13. 15 y 16bc. 17-18;

Heb 9, 11-15;

Mc 14, 12-16. 22-26



May 26, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Written by

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Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

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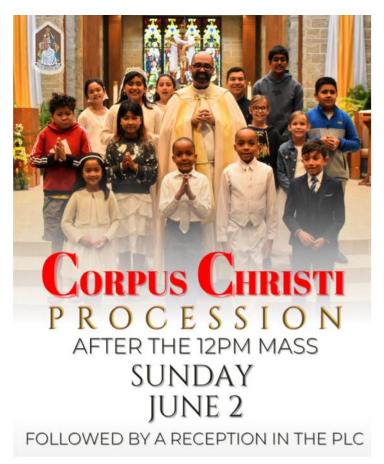
Today is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity: One God, two natures (Jesus is fully human and fully divine), and three divine persons. Whenever I think about this feast, I am reminded of some wise words I heard once from a professor, although I am paraphrasing: It's not necessary to try to describe in theological terms what God is, for no matter what we say it will be inadequate to the reality of the ultimate grandeur of God. What is important, and what affects people day to day, is talking about who God is, and how God is. And so this Trinity Sunday is a day to reiterate that which is most fundamental to our understanding and belief: God is love. Not just God is loving, or God loves, but God is love itself. He is a continual outpouring of selfless love - agape is the Greek word - which brought forth creation, and all creatures to share in it. It is a communion of love by which and for which we were created; we are meant to emulate and live that same relational communion of love with one another.

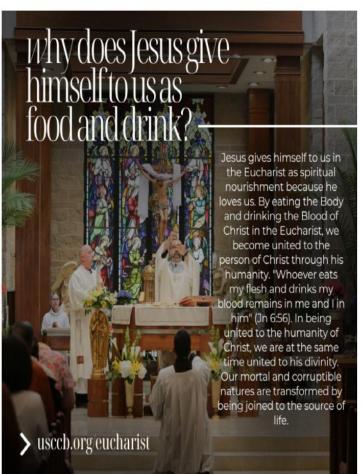
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As human beings, we simply do not have the ability to live our baptismal call perfectly – to love one another as God loves us. What we do have is our Triune God who gives us the grace to strive for perfection as in Christ, but who, in the end, is the one who perfects us in him. "[We] must keep his statutes and commandments," Moses has said. And Paul gives us hope in doing so as he tells us that "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." The Lord is here with us, helping us and advocating for us. And in our mission of discipleship, we have the promise from Jesus, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." We give thanks and praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for all these gifts and so much more.

PRAY All Christian prayer is Trinitarian in nature: we pray to the Father, through the Son, in/by the power of the Spirit. Some prayers are very specifically written to include the Trinity/Godhead by name. The most recognizable one is this doxology, or the Glory Be: Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Add it to your daily prayers.









"Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40

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.

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".

Kindly drop-off all donated items BEFORE ALL WEEKEND MASSES on June 1st and 2nd, 2024. Since our ministry volunteers are only available to secure/put away items during this designated time, we ask that you please refrain from dropping-off items unattended, outside this time-frame.

Thank you for supporting our mission of mercy.

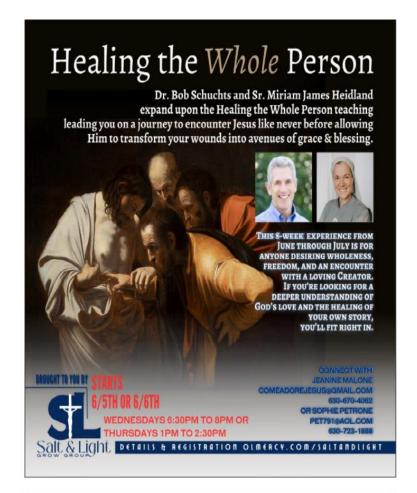
Come join us in the OLM Mixed Bowling League!

You need not be a good bowler. You only need to come out and enjoy some safe time out with fellow parishioners for one Friday a month. If you have thought about joining a league, now is the time to give it a try.

There are 4 players to a team, but we will build a team for <4 players who wish to join. Fees are \$20/person per month.

The league will be one Friday/month from August through May, skipping December. If you have questions and/or would like to join the league, please contact Dan Panozzo at tanddpanozzo@comcast.net or call at 815-302-4111.

Come on out and join the fun!







Our Lady of Mercy Youth Ministry presents its 13th annual...



CAN YOU HELP????

DONATIONS: Getting rid of stuff around the house? Please consider donating to our Rummage Sale!

Donated Items can be dropped off: Sat/Sun June 1/2 Before or After Masses in Rm 124. Mon/Tue/Wed June3-5 from 11am-7pm in the MPR. No items accepted Thurs June 6 or during the sale.

Donations Requested:
•All items must be in GOOD condition.

- •Clothing must have no stains or holes (Please safety pin outfits together!!)
- •All electrical/battery operated items must be in working condition.
- We'll take books, clothing, household items, small appliances, knick-knacks, toys, bikes (no flat tires), puzzles, etc.
 - •PLEASE do not send things that are in disrepair and unusable.

No mattresses, TVs old computers or Monitors will be accepted.

Items not sold will be donated to the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

The Sale is:
Friday, June 7; 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday, June 8; 9:00am-5:30pm
Sunday, June 9; 8:00am-2:00pm
(After Masses)





Parish Sacrificial Giving Actual Year-to-Date Collections 1,356,282 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 1,333,000 \$ **Amount in Excess of Budget** 23,282 \$ 05/12/24 Sunday Collection 31,833 \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 31,000 \$ Amount in Excess of Goal 833

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!!

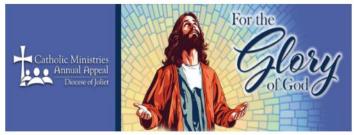
Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

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Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Mercy!!





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. Each 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. 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.

Parish Goal	\$ 140,500
Amount Pledged	\$ 150,484
Amount Paid	\$ 112,948
Remaining Balance	\$ 37,536
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	489



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Monday-Thursday	8:30am-4:00pm
Friday	8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thur	sday, 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	or 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 Ma	gnify7:30-8:20pm
Or by Appointment	

Adoration

Monday - Friday	8:30am-10:00pm
Silent adoration takes place during	non-mass times

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at their child baptized must 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 may be scheduled no less than 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 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 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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