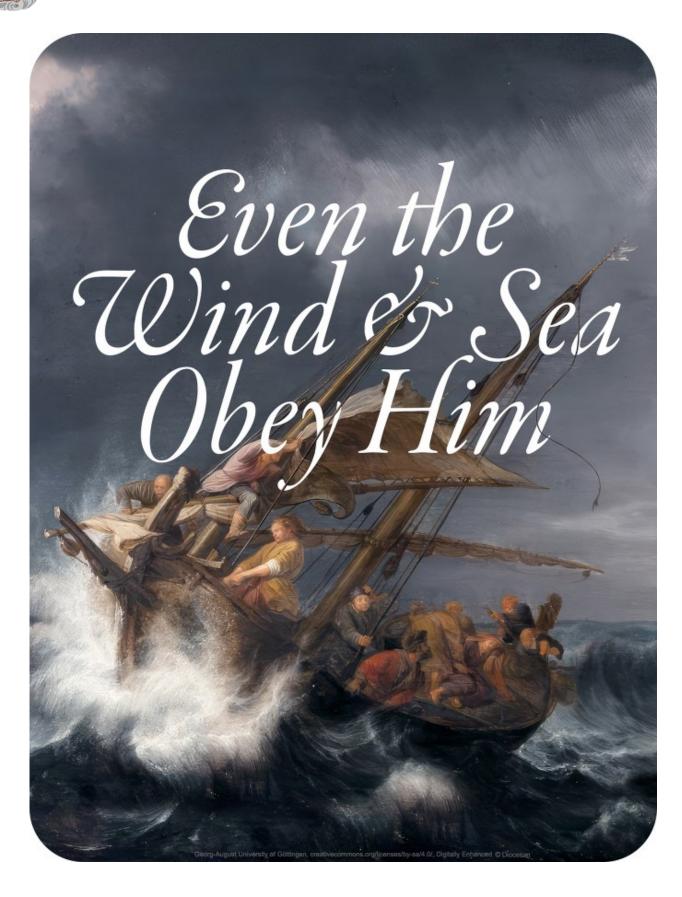


12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Reincarnation is the belief that people after death will be brought back into the world, but with a different body and a new life. I'm so glad that as Catholics, who have the fullness of faith, we know this not to be true. This isn't an attack on those who believe in reincarnation, but as I like to point out when it comes to a tenant of our faith, what loving God would allow someone to go through

middle school more than once?

I have to say, growing up as a middle school student, I was definitely driven by emotions and struggled with things of the heart and mind. I believe that everyone has experienced this in some way or another. Additionally, I believe most modern-day psychologists would call it healthy, and a time of self-discovery. However, I would argue that one other step that is necessary in our self-discovery, but typically missed, is knowledge that we are grounded in our identity as a son or daughter of God and awareness of the Lord's presence in our lives.

I believe my greatest struggles in middle school, high school, and beyond would have subsided if I only extended my trust in the Lord and truly understood his care for me. In our Gospel we hear that the disciples are in a boat with the Lord. A huge storm comes while Christ is sleeping in the stern of the boat. On a side note, the stern is usually the place where one steers the boat. The disciples are afraid and they wake up our Lord saying, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" The Lord wakes up and says to the wind and sea, "Quiet, Be Still!" (Mark :38-39)

Even though the command is directed at the wind and the sea, I'd argue that we need to ask the Lord to give the same command to our head and heart: "Quiet! Be Still!" How often we get caught up in the emotions of the heart, or in our heads, and it feels like everything is falling apart; we are terrified not knowing what is beyond the horizon.

The Lord is a loving God; He desires for us to trust in him with faith, and rest in the knowledge that ultimately, he is in control and always in our midst. What a beautiful gift to have this confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ who continues to reveal himself to us, especially in the gift of the Eucharist. May we walk away as the disciples did after he calmed the storms: with great awe.

Father Michael



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

## Monday, June 24 - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

8:00 am † Alfredo Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez 6:30 pm † Yelitza Ibarra, by Hepburn Family (Spanish Mass)

## Tuesday, June 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik 6:30 pm † Daniel Cordero, by Family

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

## Wednesday, June 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm Int of Nemetz Family 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

## Thursday, June 27 - St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

6:30 am † Annie Joseph, by Marattil Family 8:00 am Int Luke Marks, by Family

Friday, June 28 - St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr 8:00 am Int Jacob Abraham, by Abraham Family

## Saturday, June 29 - Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30 am † Pablito Rubin, by Wife & Children
 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
 4:00 pm Vigil - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 † Steven Henning, by Carol Pilgrim
 † Delfina Bernucca, by Soto Family

## Sunday, June 30 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
Int Jude Popernik, by Freeston Family
10:00 am † Helen Krebel, by Toschak Girls
(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy 5:30 pm † James B. Cavelle, 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.

- 1. James Krcmarik
- 2. Thanksgiving
- 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.
- 4. Alison Perry
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Frank Rostan
- 8. 5th Anniversary-A.M.

- 9. Fr Don McLaughlin
- 10. Ana Maria Martinez
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. Marco Martinez
- 13. Special Intention-T.Z.
- 14. Douglas Joseph Mcllraith
- 15. Noreen Thayer
- 16. Health-L.T.

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 29 & 30

Father Frank will preach at all Masses.		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr. Frank Pusateri
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr. Michael Kearney
	10:00 am	Fr. Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney
	5:30 pm	Fr. Frank Pusateri



## 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 Bob Jones Helen Joseph Baby Penelope Keene Niná Keehn 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 Carmella Sezdeja Christopher Shéa Diane Singer **Hedy Sterling** Thomas F. Sterling John Swanston Rev. Gerald Tivy Bernice Tokarski Jason Toledo Kathy Walowski Judy Wiltgen

# **Important Information Regarding the Sick List**

Effective July 1st the names on the Sick List in the Bulletin will be deleted. If you wish to remain on the Sick List please email the Parish Office at dianer@olmercy.com or call 630-851-3444.

Please Remember: Due to 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.

# Noticias del P.I.T. (Párroco en Formación)



La reencarnación es la creencia de que las personas después de la muerte volverán al mundo, pero con un cuerpo diferente y una nueva vida. Me alegra mucho que, como los Católicos, que tenemos la plenitud de la fe, sepamos que esto no es verdad. No es un ataque a quienes creen en la reencarnación, pero, como me gusta señalar cuando se trata de un tema de nuestra fe, ¿qué Dios amoroso permitiría que alguien pasara

por la escuela intermedia más de una vez?

Debo decir que, cuando era estudiante de la escuela intermedia, definitivamente me dejaba llevar por las emociones y luchaba con cuestiones del corazón y la mente. Creo que todos hemos experimentado esto de una forma u otra. Además, creo que la mayoría de los psicólogos modernos lo llamarían saludable y un momento de autodescubrimiento. Sin embargo, yo diría que otro paso que es necesario en nuestro autodescubrimiento, pero que normalmente se pasa por alto, es el conocimiento de que estamos arraigados en nuestra identidad como hijos o hijas de Dios y la conciencia de la presencia del Señor en nuestras vidas.

Creo que mis mayores luchas en la escuela intermedia, en la escuela preparatoria, y más allá se habrían calmado si tan solo hubiera extendido mi confianza en el Señor y realmente hubiera entendido su cuidado por mí. En nuestro Evangelio escuchamos que los discípulos están en una barca con el Señor. Una gran tormenta viene mientras Cristo está durmiendo en la popa de la barca. Como nota al margen, la popa es generalmente el lugar donde uno dirige la barca. Los discípulos tienen miedo y despiertan a nuestro Señor diciendo: "Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos hundamos?" El Señor se despierta y dice al viento y al mar: "¡Callen, estense quietos!" (Marcos 38-39).

Aunque la orden está dirigida al viento y al mar, yo diría que debemos pedirle al Señor que dé la misma orden a nuestra cabeza y corazón: "¡Callen, estense quietos!" ¡Con cuánta frecuencia nos dejamos atrapar por las emociones del corazón o de nuestra cabeza, y sentimos que todo se está desmoronando; estamos aterrorizados por no saber qué hay más allá del horizonte!

El Señor es un Dios amoroso. Él desea que confiemos en él con fe y descansemos en el conocimiento de que, en última instancia, él tiene el control y siempre está en medio de nosotros. Qué hermoso regalo es tener esta confianza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que continúa revelándose a nosotros, especialmente en el regalo de la Eucaristía. Que salgamos como lo hicieron los discípulos después de que él calmó las tormentas: con gran asombro.

Padre Michael



## Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo** Jb 38, 1. 8-11;

Sal 106, 23-24. 25-26. 28-29. 30-31;

2 Cor 5, 14-17; Mc 4, 35-41

**Lunes** Is 49, 1-6;

Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14ab. 14c-15;

Hch 13, 22-26; Lc 1, 57-66. 80

**Martes** 2 Rey 19, 9-11. 14-21. 31-35. 36;

Sal 47, 2-3a. 3b-4. 9. 10-11;

Mt 7, 6. 12-14

**Miércoles** 2 Rey 22, 8-13; 23, 1-3;

Sal 118, 33. 34-35. 36. 37. 40;

Mt 7, 15-20

**Jueves** 2 Rey 24, 8-17;

Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9;

Mt 7, 21-29

**Viernes** 2 Rey 25, 1-12;

Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6;

Mt 8, 1-4

Sábado Misa de la Vigilia: Hch 3, 1-10;

Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Gal 1, 11-20; Jn 21, 15-19

Misa del Día: Hch 12, 1-11; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; 2 Tm 4, 6-8. 17-18;

Mt 16, 13-19

**Domingo** Sb 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24;

Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11 y 12a y 13b;

2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15;

Mc 5, 21-43 o Mc 5, 21-24. 35-43

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

June 23, 2024

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11 | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41

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

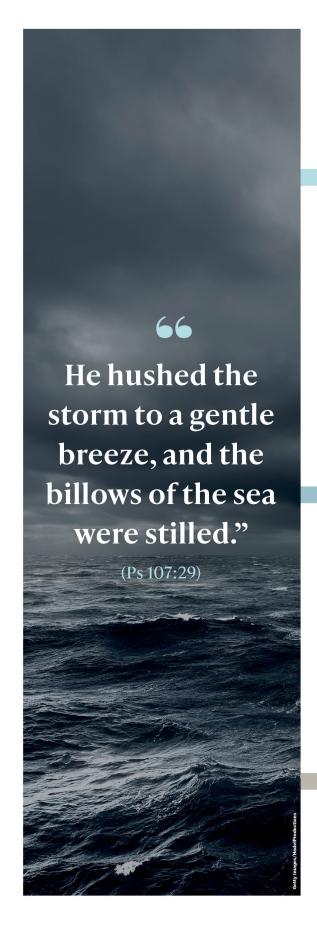
St. Boniface, an English Benedictine monk who died in the 8th century, wrote in a letter: "In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course." Oceans and seas, lakes and rivers, baptism. The role of water in daily life and its use as a metaphor are woven throughout our Scriptures. In today's readings, we hear two references to the sea. First, we have God talking to Job out of a storm, reminding the prophet that he - the Lord - is the one who created the seas and keeps them firmly in their place. The Gospel passage provides us with a stark reminder of that truth. As the disciples and Jesus cross the sea, a storm crops up and threatens to sink their boat. But one command from Jesus and the water is still. St. Boniface had it right. We really all are on that ship with Jesus on its voyage across the ocean of this world, and trusting in him to keep us on course and safe from harm ensures we reach the destinations he intends for us.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How to do our part to keep this great ship that is the Church on course? Trust in Christ, trust that he is present within us and guiding us each day. No one is immune from stormy seas, and like the disciples, we can turn to Jesus in times of peril. He asked the disciples: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Like the disciples, we must experience the change of heart that is necessary to place complete trust in Jesus to replace our fear and anxiety. God has things under control. Of course, that is what can be so scary sometimes. I know God will take care of everything, but what if I don't like how he does it? What if I want him to answer my prayers one way and he answers them a different way? This is where Jesus might ask me: "Do you not yet have faith?" And I would have to reply, "I'm working on it."

PRAY We are assured throughout Scripture that God loves us, cares for us, and sustains us. But how do we move from knowing that in our heads to feeling it in our hearts? Prayer. If we center our life on Jesus and his commands, trusting in him will become second nature. Take some time this week and pray with today's Psalm (107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31), which praises God for his love for us and gives voice to trusting in his providence.





# **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast
Sunday, June 23

8:00 am to Noon in the Gym

## **Ticket Prices:**

(at the door-no advance sales)

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00 (12 & under)

Children under 3 no charge

Dine in MPR or Take Out Available

Menu:

Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Fruit Cup Coffee, Tea

& Juice

All Profits will support:
OLM REACH Formation Program
for students with special needs



# Vacation Bible School at Our Lady of Mercy!

August 5-8, 9:00-12:00 & Friday, August 9, 9:00-12:30, Picnic with Parents!!

Dive Deep into an Amazing Undersea Adventure of GOD's NEVER-ENDING LOVE!!!

**REGISTER TODAY!** 











## **Women Volunteers Needed**

The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora, 2023 winner of a National Library of Congress Literacy Award, will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in August.

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 3 training sessions in addition to viewing several training videos online.

The next training dates are August 15, 20 and 22, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. To volunteer, email Alison Brzezinski at Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org.

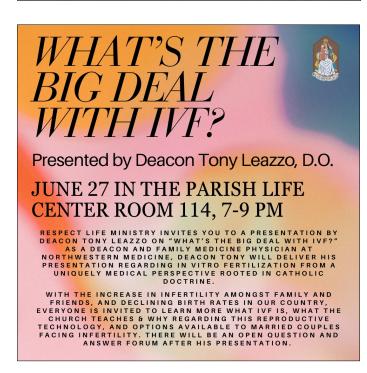
For more information, please visit www.dominicanliteracycenter.org or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.











## Around the Parish

## **Justice and Peace Ministry**

World Refugee Day is June 20. Refugee Sunday is celebrated June 16 or 23 this year. A representative from Exodus World Services will say a few words before Mass this weekend and be available to answer questions after Mass. We will also have lists of items needed to welcome new families resettling in the U.S. Over the past months we have seen many refugee families coming from various parts of the world and resettled in the Chicago land area. Many ask what can we do to help. First pray for refugees who have had to leave their homeland and await the opportunity for a new start in a strange land. Let us pray for their safety, resettlement, and for those coming to the U.S., their journey to citizenship. Then consider donating an item from the list of household goods needed for a family to begin life in an apartment - the Welcome to America Pack. If you did not have a chance to sign up this weekend check then parish updates for a link to the sign up list. Thank you.

## Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in front of Waterleaf Women's Center on Friday, July 5, 2024. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Our peaceful prayerful public witness is needed now more than ever with the influx of abortion bound women coming from out of state into Illinois as the abortion capital of the Midwest. Please prayerfully consider signing up via https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2 or call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.





"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 29th and 30th, 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.

#### Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 1,452,458 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 1,426,000 \$ **Amount in Excess of Budget** 26.458 \$ 06/09/24 Sunday Collection 28,464 \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 31,000 \$ **Amount Short of Goal** (2,536)

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.

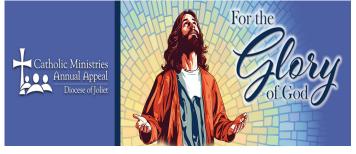
Thank you for your generosity!!

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

Thank you to everyone who celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with us!

The Corpus Christi Team





CMAA Pledge Report for Our Lady of Mercy

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.

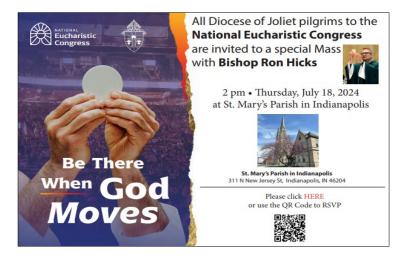
Parish Goal	\$ 140,500
Amount Pledged	\$ 154,928
Amount Paid	\$ 121,677
Remaining Balance	\$ 33,251
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	499

# **Donating Made Easy!**



Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Mercy!!





The Diocese of Joliet welcomes and includes people of all abilities. The disABILITIES Ministry provides sacramental preparation, faith formation, special events and liturgical celebrations. The Deaf Ministry provides the same for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals by utilizing American Sign Language (ASL).



## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursda	y, 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 S	unday) 4:00pm
	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 durin	g 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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