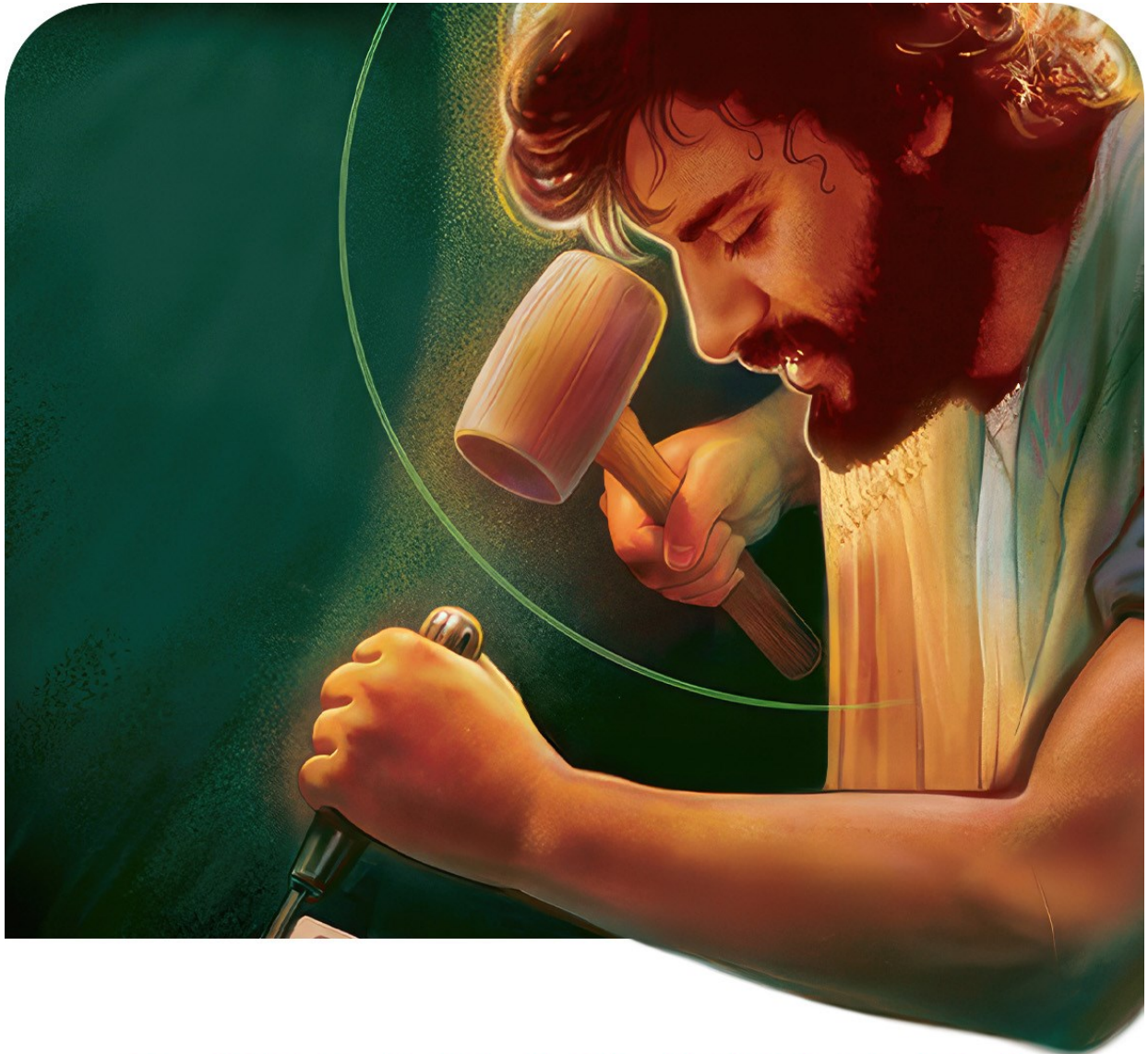


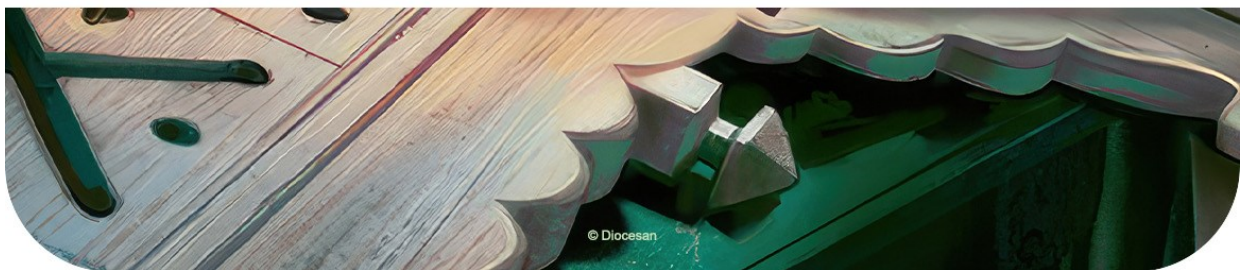


OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER
THE SON OF MARY?



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



As an adolescent, I didn't have any scruples about telling my dad exactly what I thought when I didn't like what he told me to do. Unsurprisingly, this led to arguments. Sometimes I was in the wrong, sometimes my parents were in the wrong, and more often both of us were in the wrong. But something that looms large in my memory is that when my dad saw that he was in the wrong, he would apologize to me. Even as a kid, I was impressed by my dad coming to own up to his mistakes,

and it gave me a model of how to admit my mistakes and ask forgiveness.

Our culture hates weakness. It tells us that we need to be strong and overcome our weakness at all costs. What this means in reality is that we are taught to avoid those weaknesses at all costs because we don't know how to overcome them. We need look no further than Superman. He is so powerful that the writers invented the weakness of kryptonite to make him relatable. In some comics, Superman overcomes the kryptonite, but in order to keep the comic interesting, the writers undo that so that the kryptonite does affect him. Ultimately it seems like the best way of dealing with this weakness is just to avoid it.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul begs Jesus to take a weakness away from him, but Jesus replies, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Our culture tells us we need to overcome our weakness, but Jesus tells us that it is only through our weaknesses, He can act even in us. Why? Because we are no longer blocking His action with our pride and illusion of strength. Instead, we see the truth that without Him, we can do nothing. This might seem depressing until we realize the flipside of this truth: with God, all things are possible. That is why St. Paul can say, "When I am weak, then I am strong."

We are called to this place of weakness, not to glorify the weakness, but because this is the only way for us to be able to love. Love calls us to be vulnerable, which literally means that we make ourselves able to be wounded. When we give ourselves to someone in love, we take the risk that the other person might hurt us. But we need to make ourselves vulnerable because that is the only way we can give of ourselves as we truly are.

Whenever my dad apologized to me, I caught a glimpse of this vulnerable love and was empowered to love in the same way. We see this love taken the utmost point of vulnerability every time we look at a crucifix: God loved us so much that He sent His Son to become man and die for us. By embracing our weakness and making ourselves vulnerable, we become strong by allowing that same love of Christ to work in us.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Peggy Flanigan, by Ida Phillips

6:30 pm Int Jaime

(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, July 9 - St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest

8:00 am Int Sissy Roy

6:30 pm † Alison Perry, by Margaret & Steve Dodd

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, July 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm Int Diane & David Haskins, by Mila Lanuza

12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, July 11 - St Benedict, Abbot

6:30 am † Marty Forgas, by Steve & Kathi Meier

8:00 am † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik

Friday, July 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm † Estela Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez

Saturday, July 13 - St Henry, BVM

8:30 am † Donald O'Reilly, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero

9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)

1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)

4:00 pm **Vigil - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† Jimmy & Bridget Costello, by Ty Gorman

Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, July 14 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Lillian Obrochta, by The Griffins Family

10:00 am † Ruby Ricca, by Mila Lanuza *(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm † Steven Hennin, by Carol Pilgrim

5:30 pm † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

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. James Krcmarik | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Lord, Be With The Sick | 10. Anthony M. Loquercio Jr |
| 3. Maggie & John Sullivan | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Larry Spino | 12. Roberto Melendez |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Special Intention-T.Z. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Douglas Joseph McIlraith |
| 7. Health (Louise) | 15. Noreen Thayer |
| 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

July 13 & 14

Deacon's will preach at all Masses.

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

We Pray For...

For our sick, confined and their families.

Michael Butler
Kristen Manning
Flo Paprzycki
Julia Schremp
Diane Singer
Larry Spino
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
Rev. Gerald Tivy
Kathy Walowski

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.

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

Those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
Roberto Ramos, US Army
Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
SSG Gina Maro, USAF
Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
Aaron Godinez, US Marines
LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
LTJG Marion Bautista, US Navy
SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army
PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy
LT Daniel Moran, US Army

Important Information Regarding the Active Military List

Effective August 1st the Active Military List in the bulletin will be deleted. If you wish for your loved one who is currently active in the military to remain on the list please email the Parish Office at di-aner@olmercy.com or call 630-851-3444.

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



Cuando era adolescente, nunca dudé en decirle a mi papá exactamente lo que pensaba cuando no me gustó lo que me dijo que hiciera. Como era de esperar, esto dio lugar a discusiones. A veces yo estaba equivocado, a veces mis padres estaban equivocados, y más a menudo ambos estábamos equivocados. Pero algo que queda muy presente en mi memoria es que cuando mi papá vio que estaba equivocado, me pedía disculpas. Incluso cuando era niño, me impresionó que mi padre llegara a reconocer sus errores y eso me dio un modelo de cómo admitir mis errores y pedir perdón.

Nuestra cultura odia la debilidad. Nos dice que debemos ser fuertes y superarla a toda costa. Lo que esto significa en realidad es que nos enseñan a evitar esas debilidades a toda costa porque no sabemos cómo superarlas. No necesitamos buscar más allá de Superman. Es tan poderoso que los escritores inventaron la debilidad de la kriptonita para que fuera relacionable. En algunas historietas, Superman vence la kriptonita, pero para mantener la historieta interesante, los escritores lo modifican para que la kriptonita lo afecte. En última instancia, parece que la mejor manera de abordar esta debilidad es simplemente evitarla.

En la Segunda Lectura, San Pablo le ruega a Jesús que le quite una debilidad, pero Jesús respondió: "Te basta mi gracia, porque el poder se perfecciona en la debilidad". Nuestra cultura nos dice que necesitamos superar nuestras debilidades, pero Jesús nos dice que sólo a través de nuestras debilidades Él puede actuar incluso en nosotros. ¿Por qué? Porque ya no estamos bloqueando Su acción con nuestro orgullo e ilusión de fuerza. En cambio, vemos la verdad de que sin Él no podemos hacer nada. Esto puede parecer deprimente hasta que nos damos cuenta de la otra cara de esta verdad: con Dios, todo es posible. Por eso San Pablo puede decir: "Cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte".

Estamos llamados a este lugar de debilidad, no para glorificar la debilidad, sino porque es la única manera de que podamos amar. El amor nos llama a ser vulnerables, lo que literalmente significa que nos hacemos capaces de ser heridos. Cuando nos entregamos a alguien en amor, corremos el riesgo de que la otra persona nos haga daño. Pero necesitamos ser vulnerables porque esa es la única manera en que podemos darnos como realmente somos.

Cada vez que mi padre se disculpaba conmigo, vislumbraba este amor vulnerable y sentía el poder de amar de la misma manera. Vemos este amor llevado al punto máximo de vulnerabilidad cada vez que miramos un crucifijo: Dios nos amó tanto que envió a su Hijo para hacerse hombre y morir por nosotros. Al aceptar nuestra debilidad y hacernos vulnerables, nos fortalecemos al permitir que ese mismo amor de Cristo obre en nosotros.

Padre Frank

Y ESTABA EXTRAÑADO DE LA INCREDELIDAD DE AQUELLA GENTE.

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Ez 2, 2-5; Sal 122, 1-2a. 2bcd. 3-4; 2 Cor 12, 7b-10; Mc 6, 1-6
Lunes	Os 2, 16. 17-18. 21-22; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Mt 9, 18-26
Martes	Os 8, 4-7. 11-13; Sal 113b, 3-4. 5-6. 7ab-8. 9-10; Mt 9, 32-38
Miércoles	Os 10, 1-3. 7-8. 12; Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mt 10, 1-7
Jueves	Os 11, 1-4. 8-9; Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16; Mt 10, 7-15
Viernes	Os 14, 2-10; Sal 50, 3-4. 8-9. 12-13. 14 y 17; Mt 10, 16-23
Sábado	Is 6, 1-8; Sal 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Mt 10, 24-33
Domingo	Am 7, 12-15; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Ef 1, 3-14 o 1, 3-10; Mc 6, 7-13

July 7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5 | 2 Cor 12:7-10 | Mk 6:1-6

“
A prophet is not
without honor except
in his native place and
among his own kin
and in his own house.”

(Mk 6:4)



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

The prophets of the Old Testament didn't exactly have it easy, and Ezekiel is no exception. The Lord tells him that he's being sent to the Israelites, calling them "rebels who have rebelled against me," who were "hard of face and obstinate of heart." In other words, God basically tells him that they will be a tough audience. Can you imagine how Ezekiel felt? Here, he is being dispatched to a people who will likely not welcome him in order to say things that probably no one will want to hear. And yet his work is crucial. God is sending his people a messenger, telling them he stills loves them and wants them to be his people. It should come as no surprise that we are called to do the same! Although we may not describe the people in our lives as obstinate or "a rebellious house," we know it's not always easy to share God's message. It matters that we do, though. We may not always know exactly what effects our words and actions have, but everything the Lord asks us to do has a purpose.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Rejection, apathy, complacency. Whatever name you want to give it, it's undeniable that witnessing to Christ in the world can be met with something less than pure enthusiasm. Even Jesus himself faced rejection in his own hometown, as we see in today's Gospel. But did he give up? Obviously, we know that he did not. In fact - in the very next verses of this chapter of Mark's Gospel - Jesus sends the Twelve out on mission. They are to represent him, and witness to him. Likewise, as Jesus' hands and feet in the world today, we are to be imitators of Christ (CCC 1694) and witnesses to his Good News. And, just as Jesus wasn't always welcomed by people, it shouldn't surprise us when something similar happens to us. Like Paul, however, we can be "content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ." And then we can call on him for help, because where we are weak, the Lord is strong. As in all things, his grace is sufficient for us.

ACTION We cannot control others' responses to God's gift of himself, we can only be faithful to our commitment to share it. This week, take time to think about what "thorn in your side" makes your witness difficult. What weakness do you need the Lord to enter into so that *his* power might prevail?



NEW

Friday Mass Schedule

Starting in July

- + Noon Mass
- + Followed by Confessions
- (There will no longer be 8am Mass)

Filipino Street Food Fair

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center
701 S. Eola Rd. Aurora, IL

JULY 14, 2024 (Sunday)
9 AM - 2 PM

A fundraising project of the
Simbang Gabi Ministry of
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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!!

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ANNOUNCING THE 46TH ANNUAL



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 25, 2024

2 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL

Registration Required


The 46th Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by July 28, 2024. Scan the QR code or click link below.



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All Diocese of Joliet pilgrims to the **National Eucharistic Congress** are invited to a special Mass with **Bishop Ron Hicks**



2 pm • Thursday, July 18, 2024
at St. Mary's Parish in Indianapolis



St. Mary's Parish in Indianapolis
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Please click **HERE**
or use the QR Code to RSVP



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

July 20-21, 2024



The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of July 20-21 for our Clothing Drive!!

Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until 1:00.

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 de Paul

Around the Parish

Charismatic Healing Mass

The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be Saturday, July 13th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Resumes

We are thrilled to announce the resumption of the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10am Sunday Mass, starting on July 7th, and we couldn't be more excited to have the children join us at CLOW.

What is CLOW? The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a beautiful and meaningful experience designed specifically for our young ones. Through storytelling, interactive discussions, and age-appropriate activities, children have the opportunity to deepen their connection to faith and spirituality. The scriptures are brought to life in a manner that resonates with their hearts and minds, allowing them to grasp the timeless teachings and wisdom contained within. By creating a space that is inviting and inclusive, we hope to instill a love for God's Word within each child, nurturing their spiritual growth and helping them discover the beauty and significance of their own faith journey. Sometime after the beginning of Mass, Father invites all children to participate in CLOW. The children joyfully return to rejoin their families, just before the Eucharistic Prayers take place, ensuring a shared celebration of faith for the entire congregation.

Mama's Grace Mom's Grow Group

Join Mama's Grace Grow Group for mothers with young children!

Bible Study Nights for Moms: 2nd and 4th Thursday each month

Pray and Splash Play Dates: Friday, July 12th at 10am at Prairie Point Splash Park

Connect and grow with us! Call or text Laura Reyes 904-472-0385 or Email Katelyn Wood kmisdom2@gmail.com.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,513,443
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,488,000
Amount in Excess of Budget	\$	25,443
06/23/24 Sunday Collection	\$	29,682
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(1,318)

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.

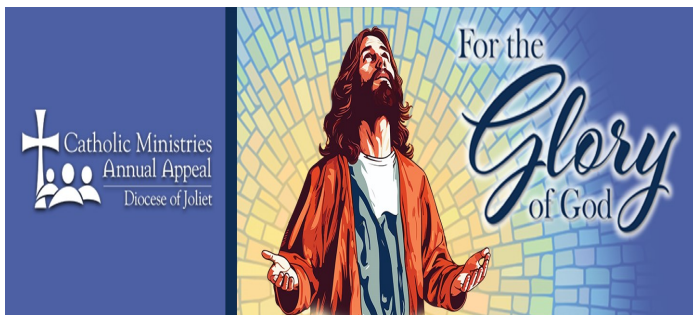
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CMAA Pledge Report for Our Lady of Mercy

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	\$	156,663
Amount Paid	\$	125,119
Remaining Balance	\$	31,544
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		501

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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

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 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.

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