

of Our lady of Mercy

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



Have you ever prayed the Litany of Loreto? This litany is asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother through her various titles, which are grounded in Scripture and Tradition. These titles are beautiful because they reveal the great gift of Mary through her various names. Yet, as you look through the titles, you see that they are all given to her because of her Son, Jesus Christ.

For example, let's look at the title "Mary, Seat of Wisdom." This comes from the verse in Matthew's Gospel when the Wise Men come to seek Christ. Scripture says, "Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him" (Matthew 2:11). Jesus was on Mary's lap, hence seat, when the Wise Men worshiped the Lord. Mary is the ultimate seat of wisdom because her son, Jesus, sat on her lap!

"Mary, Mother of all Grace", is usually the title given to the image of Mary standing on the world while crushing the head of the serpent (which fulfills the prophecy in Genesis 3:15). This image is actually in our adoration chapel. In the Church's understanding and tradition, Mary is crushing the head of the serpent while Jesus is conceived in her womb. She is able to crush the head of the serpent because of her son Jesus Christ.

This leads us to our Feast Day of "Our Lady of Mercy." I'm sure our Protestant brothers and sisters in Christ will cringe hearing this title, thinking that we are worshipping Mary as God. That is not the case. Mary is given this title, as seen in the image on the wall of our parish, because Mercy itself sits on her lap. From his birth, even to his death, Jesus is depicted in Mary's arms- such as in Michelangelo's great artwork of the Pieta. Mary's mercy is founded on Christ her son, the source of love that is reaching down to save us from our sins.

One last image is seen in the book of Revelation, where there is a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelves stars (Revelation 12:1). Mary continues in the tradition of the Church to represent the moon. In darkest times, she reflects the sunlight of the true Son of God. How often do we need Mary's guidance to make our way to her Son, the Light of the World!

I believe that as we celebrate Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, we too can follow the example set forth in her titles. May we, like Mary, reflect the love of Jesus Christ, share all wisdom, grace & mercy, and reflect God's love to those that we meet!

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 23 - St. Pious of Pietrelcina

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family 6:30 pm Int Karen Bistrain, by Rosario Zuniga (Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, September 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Amerina Pieri, by Ida Phillips

6:30 pm † Rachael Adeline

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, September 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm † Stanley & Sophie Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, September 26 - Sts Cosmas & Damian

6:30 am † Jean Cheryl Bajamunde, by Ed Badillo 8:00 am † Rose Zientara, by the Skonieczny Family

Friday, September 27 - St Vincent de Paul

12:00 pm Int Jimmy & Catherine Gorman, by Ty & Cathleen Gorman

Saturday, September 28 - Sts Wenceslaus

8:30 am † Carl Poch, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
4:00 pm Vigil - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Thomas Skill, by Tom & Liane Skill

Int of The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Margaret Griffins, by Family

10:00 am + Rose Christine Sincora, by Family

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Gina Shrout, by Margaret & Steve Dodd 5:30 pm † Honery Almeida, 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.

- 1. Charlesteen Lane
- 2. Lord. Be With The Sick
- 3. Health (Louise)
- 4. Vocations
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. The Unemployed
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. Fr Don McLaughlin
- 10. Antonio
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. The Sick
- 13. Special Intention-T.Z.
- 14. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr.
- 15. Frank Rostan
- 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

September 28 & 29

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

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For our sick, confined and their families.

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Those in service to our country.

PO1 Brittney Cash, US Navy SPC Michael A. Curcio, Army National Guard TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF LT. Russell Joyce, US Navy PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy 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.



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



¿Alguna vez han rezado la Letanía de Loreto? Esta letanía pide la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre a través de sus diversos títulos, que se basan en las Escrituras y la Tradición. Estas advocaciones son hermosas porque revelan el gran don de María a través de sus diversos nombres. Sin embargo, al examinar los títulos, se ve que todos se le dan a ella por su Hijo, Jesucristo.

Por ejemplo, veamos el título "María, Trono de la Sabiduría". Esto proviene del versículo del Evangelio de Mateo cuando los Reyes Magos vienen a buscar a Cristo. La Escritura dice: "Al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose lo adoraron" (Mateo 2:11). Jesús estaba en el regazo de María, por lo tanto, asiento, cuando los Reyes Magos adoraron al Señor. ¡María es el trono máximo de la sabiduría porque su hijo, Jesús, se sentó en su regazo!

"María, Madre de la Divina Gracia", es el título que se le da habitualmente a la imagen de María parada sobre el mundo mientras aplasta la cabeza de la serpiente (lo que cumple la profecía del Génesis 3:15). Esta imagen se encuentra en nuestra capilla de adoración. En la comprensión y tradición de la Iglesia, María está aplastando la cabeza de la serpiente mientras Jesús es concebido en su vientre. Ella es capaz de aplastar la cabeza de la serpiente gracias a su hijo Jesucristo.

Esto nos lleva a nuestra Fiesta de "Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia". Estoy seguro de que nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que son protestantes se estremecerán al oír este título, pensando que estamos adorando a María como Dios. Ese no es el caso. María recibe este título, como se ve en la imagen en la pared de nuestra parroquia, porque la Misericordia misma se sienta en su regazo. Desde su nacimiento, incluso hasta su muerte, Jesús está representado en los brazos de María, como en la gran obra de arte de Miguel Ángel, la Piedad. La misericordia de María se basa en Cristo, su hijo, la fuente del amor que desciende para salvarnos de nuestros pecados.

Una última imagen se ve en el libro del Apocalipsis, donde hay una mujer vestida del sol, con la luna bajo sus pies y sobre su cabeza una corona de doce estrellas (Apocalipsis 12:1). María continúa la tradición de la Iglesia de representar a la luna. En los tiempos más oscuros, ella refleja la luz del sol del verdadero Hijo de Dios. ¡Cuántas veces necesitamos la guía de María para abrirnos camino hacia su Hijo, la Luz del Mundo!

Creo que, al celebrar a María, Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia, también nosotros podemos seguir el ejemplo establecido en sus <u>advocaciones</u>. Que, como María, reflejemos el amor de Jesucristo, compartamos toda la sabiduría, gracia y misericordia, y reflejemos el amor de Dios a quienes conocemos

Padre Michael



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo Sab 2, 12. 17-20;

Sal 53, 3-4. 5. 6 y 8; Sant 3, 16—4, 3; Mc 9, 30-37

Lunes Prv 3, 27-34;

Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5;

Lc 8, 16-18

Martes Prv 21, 1-6. 10-13;

Sal 118, 1. 27. 30. 34-35. 44;

Lc 8, 19-21

Miércoles Prv 30, 5-9;

Sal 118, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102;

Lc 9, 1-6

Jueves Ecl 1, 2-11;

Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17;

Lc 9, 7-9

Viernes Ecl 3, 1-11;

Sal 143, 1a y 2abc. 3-4;

Lc 9, 18-22

Sábado Ecl 11, 9 — 12, 8;

Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17;

Lc 9, 43-45

Domingo Num 11, 25-29;

Sal 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14;

Sant 5, 1-6;

Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48



September 22, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16-4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

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

Written by

THE FAITHFUL

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his death, and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is most important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explains. Those who follow him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross! (cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As James wrote in our second reading, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." The path of humility Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness, but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in whose image we are made. We become more like him in following his example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. "Behold, God is my helper," our responsorial psalm declares. "The Lord sustains my life." If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear?

PRAY We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace – in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

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Are you curious about becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't received all your sacraments?

There is still time to join us on Monday, September 23rd!

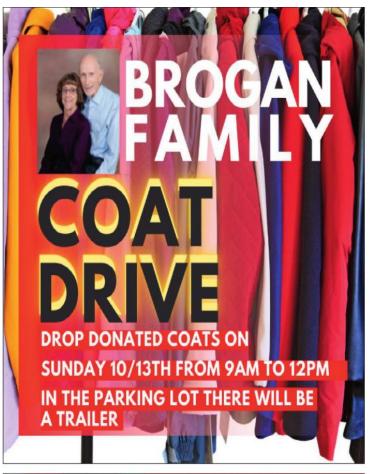
Meetings will take the form of classes on Monday evenings at 7 pm led by our pastor Fr. Michael Kearney and the parochial vicar Fr. Frank Pusateri.

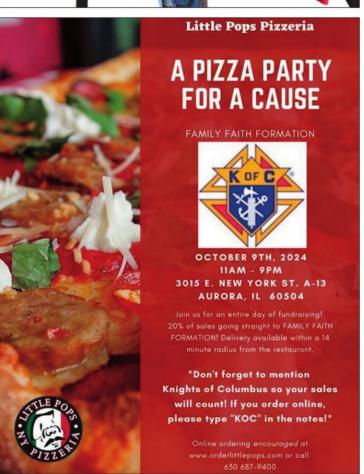
Fellowship gatherings on Sunday mornings starting with the 10 am Mass.

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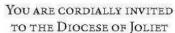












Mass for Persons with disABILITIES September 29, 2024 12:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus 604 N. Raynor Ave. Joliet, Illinois

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.







Están cordialmente invitadados a la Diócesis de Joliet

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La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks; refrescos y compañerismo a seguir. Aquellos con disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una bendición especial.

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Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	315,570
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	320,000
Amount Short of Budget		(4,430)
09/08/24 Sunday Collection	\$	32,419
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal		419

For the Budget Year 2024/25 we have increased the Weekly Sunday Goal by 3.2%, to \$32,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied ministries.

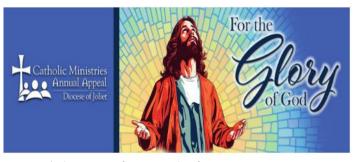
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CMAA Pledge Report for Our Lady of Mercy

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	\$ 168,938
Amount Paid	\$ 147,328
Remaining Balance	\$ 21,610
Rebate Amount	\$ 4,780
# of Families Pledged	509



Celebrate the 2024 Season of Creation with the Diocese of Joliet from September 1 through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!

Reflection on Gifts of Creation

- Attend the Season of Creation Outdoor Mass at St. Jude Catholic Church in New Lenox on September 28. Contact Mary Meyers for more details mymred@comcast.net
- Go on a Nature Walk and meditate on God's Beauty.
 Take time and listen, smell, see, taste and feel all of God's Creation. Google Nature Walks in the Diocese of Joliet for a list of trails in our diocese.

Get plugged into Diocese of Joliet Laudato Si' Ministries

- Visit the website: https://www.diojoliet.org/laudato-si
- Read our Laudato Si' Action Plan (LSAP)
- Join the email list
- Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ LaudatoSiJoliet

This prayer/reflection video may also be helpful

 "A Prayer for our Earth" by Pope Francis in Laudato Si" at https://youtube/RVQybGwS9lw? si=HOAx6aizeYzGzcNO

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

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass)	6:30pm
Tuesday	3:00am, 6:30pm
Wednesday, Friday	12:00pm
Thursday	6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday	8:30am
Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)	4:00pm
Sunday8:00am, 10:00am,12:00p	om, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

Confessions

Tuesday	7:00pm until all are heard
Wednesday	After Noon Mass until all are heard
Thursday	After 6:30am Mass until all are heard
Friday	After Noon Mass until all are heard
Saturday	9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm
Magnify	7:30-8:20pm
Or by Appointment	

Adoration

Monday - Friday8:30am-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

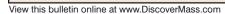
Registered parishioners wishing complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. Contact Lydia Schmitt at 331-707-5377.

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 Czaplewski at 331-707-5374.

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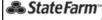
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