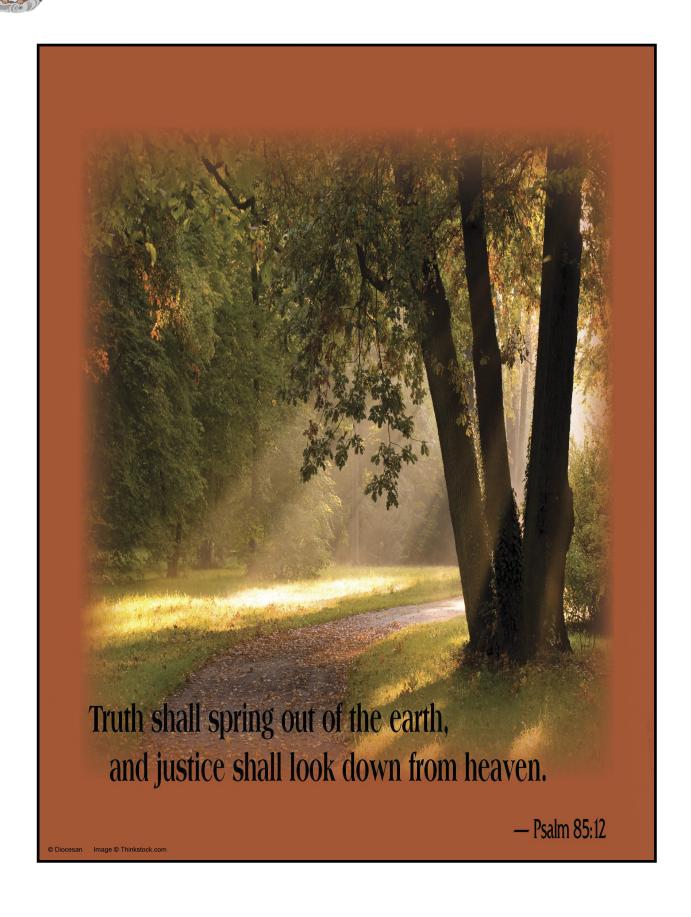


15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



"Parting is such sweet sorrow", a quote from one of William Shakespear's Masterpiece, *Romeo and Juliet*. I dread being away from Our Lady Mercy, a bosom of love and affection, friendship and communion – this is the sorrowful part. But on the flip side of it all, I know that time away will produce more longing and anticipation and more love and this is the sweet part. Our Lady of Mercy remains my home parish and I will always come back whenever I feel "home-sick". But where did

it all start from? Sometime last year (2023), while I was still in Kenya, I received an email from Fr. Michael Kearney, letting me know that once I get to the United States I will be staying at OLM as I prepare to join the Seminary in Mundelein. He described the parish community as welcoming, warm and vibrant. True to his words, when I got here, I was welcomed warmly and the vibrancy of the parish made me feel like I am in one of the parishes in Nairobi, Kenya. I felt at home right away. I remember when Bishop Hicks visited the parish in February, I could not hide my joy, I expressed my feelings of appreciation and affection to the parish and told him that being at OLM feels like home away from home.

Time flies, I can't imagine that I am saying goodbye! I got here on the eve of the New Year and two days later I was already into the Parish ministry. I was quickly scouted and enrolled to the Hesed House PADs ministry by Maybird, a ministry I enjoyed and cherished on every first Tuesday of the month. Serving the guests at the homeless shelter as an act of corporeal work of mercy was fulfilling and it reminded me of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:35 "...for I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink." Then I got to learn about the other ministries in the parish:

I got involved in with the Fit Shepherds every Saturday Morning, taking Holy Eucharist to the Home Bound especially at Thrive and Alden in the company of Deacon Bugsy and "the Joes". I served during mass - my favorite ministry. I joined the morning rosary group every morning after mass to recite the rosary. I also joined the Our Lady of Fatima Group for rosary on Saturdays; I attended the Praying with Sts. Monica and Augustine prayer group on Mondays. Occasionally, joined the Bible study and the Consuming Fire (Young Adults) groups on Tuesdays. I also joined Salt and Light as well as Vine and Branches on several occasions on Wednesdays. I joined the Parish Choir as the omega (last) member just before the summer break, what a joy to sing for the Lord! During Lent I was involved in the Rescue Project Ministry, a very transformative ministry indeed! I was also involved in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat, a life-changing and inspiring retreat. I joined the Knights of Columbus. I attended meetings with the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. I also attended Spanish classes taught by our Maestra Veronica, though all I can say in Spanish so far is "hola amigo" and "gracias a Dios", thanks to my classmates! ¡Gracias Maestra, Dios te bendiga!

I would like to thank every person I interacted with in these ministries; I may not mention each one by name but from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you and may God bless you and keep you; may He make His face shine upon you and grant you and your loved ones peace and grace! In a very special way, I would like to thank all the parish staff for the support and love you have shown me. Especially, Zara, for walking with me as I enculturate into the "American Culture". Thanks to all the parishioners who have opened their doors and invited me to join their families to break bread together, it was such an amazing moment getting to know you all. I would like to apologize for any shortcoming, any toes I stepped or any shoulder I brushed while in 'the line of duty'. Special thanks to Fr. Michael, Fr. Frank and Jonathan for making my stay in the rectory a happy one. I will be officially leaving for Mundelein Seminary on August 10, 2024. The weekend of July 27/28 will be my last one here at OLM. As a parting shot: in today's first reading the Lord commissions Prophet Amos to go and prophesy to His people, we are all called to prophesy in different ways. Let us do so through works of mercy, both corporeal and spiritual. When the deacon says, at the end of mass "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" - we are commissioned to go and carry out the works of mercy! Goodbye good people, best wishes and blessings! Topher



# Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 15 - St Bonaventure, Bishop

8:00 am † Enriqueta Fertig, by Family 6:30 pm Int Ruben Manzaneras, by Family (Spanish Mass)

### Tuesday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel

8:00 am † Carmen Talaue, by Zara Tan6:30 pm Int Justin Reyes, by Family7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, July 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm Int Ruben Manzaneras, by Family
+ Jacqueline Rootes, by Scott Sowizrol
12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, July 18 - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

6:30 am † Consolacion Tungpalan

8:00 am † James Dudley

### Friday, July 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm † Barbara Saurer, By Roy Saurer

### Saturday, July 20 - St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am † Joseph Kozar, by Fran Weber 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM) 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM) 4:00 pm Vigil - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Stanley Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla † Richard Ciombar, by Barb Jesse

### Sunday, July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family † Scott Williams, by Tammy Mores 10:00 am † David Jenkins, Jr. (*Live Streamed*)

12:00 pm † Mario Uy, by The Uy Family

5:30 pm † M.K. Joseph

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. Topher Otieno
- 2. Lord, Be With The Sick
- 3. Charlie Wickey
- 4. Larry Spino
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra
- 7. Vocations
- 8. The Deceased

- 9. Fr Don McLaughlin
- 10. The Youth of Our Parish
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. Louise Health
- 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

July 20 & 21

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



### 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 Military List

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

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



"La despedida es un dolor tan dulce", una cita de una de las obras maestras de William Shakespeare, Romeo y Julieta. Temo estar lejos de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia, un seno de amor y afecto, amistad y comunión; esta es la parte dolorosa. Pero por otro lado, sé que el tiempo libre producirá más anhelo, anticipación y más amor, y esta es la parte dulce. Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia sigue siendo mi parroquia y siempre regresaré cada vez que sienta "nostalgia". ¿Pero de dónde comenzó todo? En algún momento del año pasado

(2023), mientras todavía estaba en Kenia, recibí un correo electrónico del P. Michael Kearney, haciéndome saber que una vez que llegue a los Estados Unidos me quedaré en OLM mientras me preparo para unirme al Seminario en Mundelein. Describió la comunidad parroquial como acogedora, cálida y vibrante. Fiel a sus palabras, cuando llegué aquí, fui recibido calurosamente y la vitalidad de la parroquia me hizo sentir como si estuviera en una de las parroquias de Nairobi, Kenia. Me sentí como en casa de inmediato. Recuerdo cuando el Obispo Hicks visitó la parroquia en febrero, no pude ocultar mi alegría, expresé mis sentimientos de aprecio y afecto a la parroquia y le dije que estar en OLM se siente como un hogar lejos de casa.

¡El tiempo vuela, no puedo imaginar que me estoy despidiendo! Llegué aquí en vísperas de Año Nuevo y dos días después ya estaba en un ministerio parroquial. Rápidamente Maybird me reclutó e inscribió en el ministerio PAD de Hessed House, un ministerio que disfrutaba y apreciaba cada primer martes del mes. Servir a los huéspedes en el refugio para personas sin hogar como un acto de obra de misericordia corporal, fue gratificante y me recordó la enseñanza de Jesús en Mateo 25:35 "…porque tuve hambre, y me disteis de comer; Tuve sed y me disteis de beber". Luego conocí los otros ministerios de la parroquia:

Me involucré con los Fit Shepherds todos los sábados por la mañana, llevando la Sagrada Eucaristía a Home Bound, especialmente en Thrive y Alden, en compañía del diácono Bugsy y "the Joes". Serví durante la misa, mi ministerio favorito. Me uní al grupo del rosario matutino después de la misa para recitar el rosario. También me uní al Grupo de Nuestra Señora de Fátima para el rosario los sábados; asistí al grupo de Oración con Santa Mónica y San Agustín los lunes. De vez en cuando, me unía al estudio bíblico y a los grupos de Consuming Fire (Jóvenes Adultos) los martes. También me uní a Salt and Light y a Vine and Branches en varias ocasiones los miércoles. Me uní al Coro Parroquial como miembro omega (último) justo antes de las vacaciones de verano, ¡Qué alegría cantar para el Señor! Durante la Cuaresma estuve involucrado en el Ministerio del Proyecto Rescate, jun ministerio realmente transformador! También participé en el Retiro Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia (CRHP), un retiro inspirador y que cambia vidas. Me uní a Knights of Columbus. Asistí a reuniones con la Sociedad de San Vicente DePaul. También asistí a clases de español impartidas por nuestra maestra Verónica, aunque todo lo que puedo decir en español hasta ahora es "hola amigo" y "gracias a Dios", ¡gracias a mis compañeros! ¡Gracias Maestra, Dios te bendiga!

Me gustaría agradecer a cada persona con la que interactúe en estos ministerios; Quizás no mencione a cada uno por su nombre pero desde el fondo de mi corazón les digo gracias y que Dios los bendiga y los guarde; ¡Que Él haga brillar su rostro sobre ti y te conceda a ti y a tus seres queridos paz y gracia! De una manera muy especial, me gustaría agradecer a todo el personal de la parroquia por el apoyo y el amor que me han mostrado. Especialmente, Zara, por acompañarme mientras me enculturizaba en la "Cultura Americana". Gracias a todos los feligreses que abrieron sus puertas y me invitaron a unirme a sus familias para partir el pan juntos, fue un momento increíble conocerlos a todos. Me gustaría disculparme por cualquier defecto, cualquier dedo del pie que pisé o cualquier hombro que rocé mientras cumplía con mi deber. Un agradecimiento especial al P. Michael, P. Frank y Jonathan por hacer que mi estadía en la rectoría fuera feliz. Me iré oficialmente al Seminario Mundelein el 10 de agosto de 2024. El fin de semana del 27 y 28 de julio será el último aquí en OLM. Como despedida: en la primera lectura de hoy, el Señor encarga al profeta Amós que vaya a profetizar a su pueblo; todos estamos llamados a profetizar de diferentes maneras. Hagámoslo mediante obras de misericordia, tanto corporales como espirituales. Cuando el diácono dice, al final de la misa: "Podéis ir en paz, glorificando al Señor con tu vida"- ¡nos encargan a ir y realizar las obras de misericordia! ¡Adiós gente buena, mis mejores deseos y bendiciones! Topher



### Lecturas de la Semana

**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

**Lunes** Is 1, 10-17;

Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23;

Mt 10, 34—11, 1

**Martes** Is 7, 1-9;

Sal 47, 2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 7-8;

Mt 11, 20-24

**Miércoles** Is 10, 5-7. 13-16;

Sal 93, 5-6. 7-8. 9-10. 14-15;

Mt 11, 25-27

**Jueves** Is 26, 7-9. 12. 16-19;

Sal 101, 13-14ab y 15. 16-18. 19-21;

Mt 11, 28-30

**Viernes** Is 38, 1-6. 21-22. 7-8;

Is 38, 10. 11. 12abcd. 16;

Mt 12, 1-8

Sábado Miq 2, 1-5;

Sal 9, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 14;

Mt 12, 14-21

**Domingo** Jer 23, 1-6;

Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;

Ef 2, 13-18; Mc 6, 30-34





in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:13-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

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

Have you ever considered the task before you and thought, No way am I equipped for this? There are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than we are prepared for. The prophet Amos never expected to be God's mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a "dresser of sycamores." Yet, Amos listened when God chose him "from following the flock" and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. "Do you really mean me?" we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner; Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role they were called to, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In this week's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them his authority. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things – "preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick" – not through their own power, but through the authority they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts he gave them. This is a lesson for all of us – to heed the commands of Christ and rely on his authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ."

PRAY Today's Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ in us that we can accomplish all things for his glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.







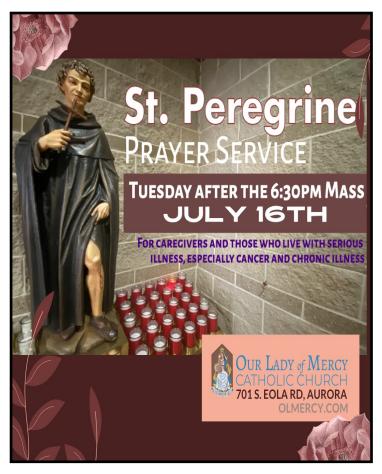












# Youth Ministry Mission Trip

Thank you for all your prayers and support as the teens and leaders from Our Lady of Mercy ministered to the needs of residents this past week in Winchester, Kentucky.



#### Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 1,539,107 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 1,519,000 \$ **Amount in Excess of Budget** 20,107 \$ 06/30/24 Sunday Collection 25,664 \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 31,000 \$ **Amount Short of Goal** (5,336)

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!!

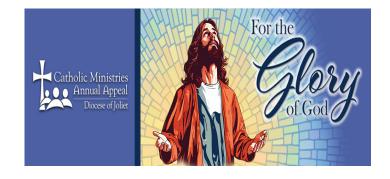
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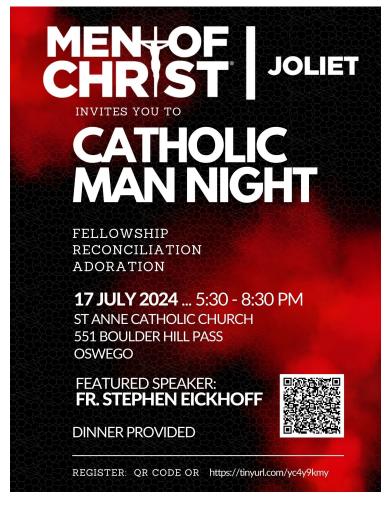




### CMAA Pledge Report for Our Lady of Mercy

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	\$ 157,463
Amount Paid	\$ 126,387
Remaining Balance	\$ 31,076
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	504



## 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	ay, 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	Sunday) 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.

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