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DECEMBER EVENTS

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PREPARE YOUR HEART TO RECEIVE *Jesus*
the season of **Advent**
RECONCILIATION TIMES

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		SAT Dec 20 @ 9am-10am & 1:30pm-2:30pm	

COMPLETE GUIDE FOR
ADVENT

PRAY ON HALLOW
Prayer & Meditation App

Angel Giving Program
THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM BENEFITS THOSE INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED BY SYDP, HESED HOUSE, AURORA INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY, & WATERLEAF WOMEN'S CENTER

Option 1
MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE MADE UNDER THE ANGEL GIVING FUND VIA OUR ONLINE GIVING PORTAL OR VIA CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO OUR LADY OF MERCY WITH "ANGEL GIVING" IN THE MEMO FOR TAX PURPOSES. ACCEPTED THRU 12/31.

Option 2
PICK-UP A STOCKING AFTER ANY OF THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22/23 OR PURCHASE ONE ON YOUR OWN. FILL YOUR STOCKING WITH STUFFERS & RETURN IT TO THE BIN BY THE WELCOME DESK OR TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY SUNDAY 12/7! BENEFITS KIDS @ AURORA FOOD PANTRY.

For Questions Connect With lydias@olmercy.com

What to fill your stockings with...
SUGGESTED ITEMS:
1. \$5 Gift Card (Target or McDonald's are always good choices)
2. Small Craft Kits
3. Action Figures
4. Matchbox Cars
5. Socks
6. Barbie Dolls
7. Bubbles
8. Small Lego Sets
9. Play-Doh
10. Stickers
11. Pencils
12. Erasers
13. Candy

RETURN FILLED STOCKINGS BY 12/7

FILL A STOCKING FOR A FAMILY IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS!

Christmas FLOWER MEMORIALS
Memorialize a poinsettia around the altar

THIS CHRISTMAS WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH POINSETTIAS AROUND THE ALTAR. FLOWERS CAN ALSO BE MEMORIALIZED BY USING ONE OF THE FLOWER ENVELOPES FOUND IN THE NARTHEX. THE RECOMMENDED DONATION IS \$20.

Help Build 3 Homes By Supporting Guatemala Mission Trip 2026
Each volunteer on the January 2026 Guatemala Mission Trip is personally responsible for covering the cost of air and ground transportation, as well as the building materials and expenses needed to construct homes. Your gift-of any amount—helps lighten this burden and makes it possible for our parish team to build three houses for families living in poverty.

OLMERCY.COM/GIVE or OSVHUB.COM/OLMERCY/GIVING/FUNDS
Please include the note: "For the Guatemala 2026 Adult Mission Trip." **choose "Missions"**

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Thank you for your generosity
Questions? Geri Capulong gericapulong@gmail.com, 847-890-3891

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels Blankets & Winter Gear Drive

+Drop-Off Bins will be in the Narthex until December 14th

You can help by donating NEW:
-Blankets
-Hats, Gloves & Scarves (Adult and Children Sizes)

The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels establishes a Catholic presence in the West Humboldt Park area on Chicago's west side, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city.

Questions? Contact Chris Harvey at chrisharveyny@gmail.com

THE CURÉ CIRCLE
SIX MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP FOR PRIESTS

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
December 1st
7:00pm Inside the Church
Immediately after the 6:30pm Mass

Inspired by SAINT JOHANNES
A monthly hour of evening prayer offered in gratitude, love, and support for our priests.

GIVING TUESDAY
December 2, 2025
UNLEASH GENEROSITY

As you prepare to open your hearts in support of worthy causes on Giving Tuesday, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Our Lady of Mercy

#givingtuesdayatolm #isupportolm #iloveolm
WWW.OLMERCY.COM/GIVE
Look for "Online Giving" then select "Legacy Fund"

BELONG TO OUR COMMUNITY

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU

TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION

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YouTube | follow us at Our Lady of Mercy Aurora
Email Blast | for the Parish Update, sign up at:
ourladyofmercyaurora.flocknote.com/everyone

Thursday, December 4th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Please join us at the 16th Annual Ladies ADVENT TEA

Bring your favorite tea cup, best gal friends and
a dozen sweets to share.
There will be a catered appetizer.

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

please register at
OLMERCY.COM
by December 1st



three hearts HOMESCHOOL GROW GROUP

"No greater joy can I have than this, to
hear my children follow the truth."
— 3 JOHN 1:4

Rooted in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Three Hearts Homeschool Grow Group exists to nurture Catholic homeschooling families in both faith and friendship.

Through Christ-centered fellowship, prayer, and meaningful activities, we strive to cultivate a community where children grow in wisdom, virtue, and grace—supported by parents who are equally strengthened and encouraged in their vocation. Whether you're a homeschooling mom or dad, you'll find a place to belong, grow, and walk together in truth, joy, and Catholic conviction.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Location

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center
701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504

Contact

3heartshomeschool@gmail.com
Laura Reyes & Tai Hardaway
904-472-0385

When

First Fridays 12pm to 2:30pm
Once a month

Agenda

Noon Mass
12:30pm Lunch
1pm - 2pm Play Time
2pm - 2:30pm Virtue Talk and Closing Prayer

Chaplain

Fr. Vagenas

Ages

All ages

Registration

olmercy.com/ministry/3hearts



power in prayer

We are seeking prayer volunteers to commit
to one-hour shifts between 7am and 4pm in
front of Waterleaf Women's Center

Friday, December 5

Contact Lisa at (630) 236-3310
for more information



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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

HOLY MASS HOLY COMMUNION CONFESSION ROSARY PRAY FOR US

FIRST FRIDAY
OF REPARATION
10:15am IN THE CHURCH
DAILY NOON MASS

FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTION
FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM DAILY MASS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

DIocese OF JOLIET

WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD, THE
DIOCESE OF JOLIET ANNOUNCES AND JOYFULLY INVITES YOU TO

please join us for the

Transitional Diaconate Ordination of
Topher Otieno

Permanent Diaconate
Ordination of
Josh White

Permanent Diaconate
Ordination of
Alex Markiso

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 10:00AM

Reception immediately following

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
701 SOUTH EOLA ROAD, AURORA

St. Nicholas
makes a visit RIGHT after
the 10am Mass on
Sunday 12/7

Children come on
out and stay

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Topher's

Mass of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 12:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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HOLY MASS ON

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 12/8

8am
Noon
6:30pm



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Living With Grief

Experiencing the loss of a loved one during the holidays is a difficult journey. Our Lady of Mercy is offering a supportive place for participants ages 18 and older living with grief to be together in a faith community to find healing and hope.

Finding Comfort & Joy at Christmas While Grieving

Come to one of the sessions:
Tues. December 9th,
1-2:30pm at Room 217
OR
6:30-8pm at Room 217

REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED- CONNECT WITH JOLENE LEROY
AT 331-707-5380 OR JOLENE@OLMERCY.COM TO RSVP OR FOR QUESTIONS

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HOSTED BY **House of Bethany**

Come all ye Faithful!

Light the World
A Sancta Lucia Christmas Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 10th
Following the Noon Mass
in the Parish Life Center

Mama's Grace Mom's Grow Group December Events
GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH
FRIENDSHIP & FRUITFULNESS

FOR MAMAS
Book Study with Gift Exchange
Forming Families: Forming Saints
Thursday, December 11th at 7pm
12 Sherwick Rd - Oswego
Wine & Treats Provided
FOR MORE INFORMATION
TEXT OR CALL LAURA REYES 904-473-0385

FOR FAMILIES
Littles With The Lord
Christ centered music, crafts and stories for littles ages 0 to 5 years old
Friday, December 12 at 10am
Our Lady of Mercy Nursery Room 108
FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL OR CALL KATHY KENNY KENNYKATHY@GMAIL.COM 309-332-4430

Little Hearts Before Him
A joyful and gentle Advent Eucharistic gathering where children and families can adore Jesus through song, quiet prayer, and simple moments of wonder in His Presence. A warm family social in the PLC will follow.
Saturday, December 20
10am - 10:40am Adoration in the Church
10:40am - 11:40am Family Social in the PLC
Popcorn and Refreshments Provided
FOR MORE INFORMATION
TEXT OR CALL SARAH BARAZA 915-715-1607 OR LAURA REYES 904-473-0385

OLMERCY.COM/MINISTRY/MAMASGRACE
Mama's Grace Grow Group is a group for mothers in all stages of life who seek to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus while building beautiful friendships with other moms.

SIGNS, SYMBOLS, AND SACRIFICE
Understanding the Mass More Deeply

WITH FR. VAGENAS

Thursday Dec 11
6:30pm
In the church

Feel free to submit questions at the QR code

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:30PM SPANISH MASS ON DEC. 12TH

ROSES FOR THE IMAGE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN PLC

FALL SOULCORE

what SoulCore combines core strengthening, stretching & functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary.

when **SATURDAYS @ 9:15AM IN ROOM 208**
NOV. 22
DEC. 13

please Arrive on time and bring a rosary, water, and an exercise mat. Wear comfortable clothing.

For any questions connect with Jen Bickel 815-557-9437 mamaj5grand@gmail.com

no cost to attend: \$10 suggested donation for those who are able

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Celebrating A Filipino Tradition

SIMBANG GABI 2025

Join us for a joyful evening
Mass followed by a festive dinner!
Celebrate faith, community, and tradition with family and friends.

DECEMBER 13
SATURDAY AT 6PM

Please register for the ticketed reception.
\$8 per person, children under 6 are free of charge.
bit.ly/OLMSG2025

O Emmanuel, aming Hari at Tagapagbigay ng Batas:
halika upang iligtas kami, Panginoon naming Diyos!

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ourladyofmercyaurora.flocknote.com/everyone

Retirement Fund for Religious

"Donors like you have made it possible for me—and religious like me—to continue our mission in spirit and in prayer. Thank you for helping us live with dignity and peace."
Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86, center

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

THE SECOND COLLECTION
DURING THE MASSES ON DEC 13 & 14

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Advent Reflection

for liturgical ministers
Sunday, December 14th
3pm in the Church



Scan me

PLEASE RSVP BY
DECEMBER 9TH

ALL LITURGICAL
MINISTERS ARE INVITED
TO JOIN!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL THERESAC@OLMERCY.COM

ADVENT GATHERING DECEMBER 15

MONDAYS WITH MONICA and AUGUSTINE
7:30PM IN THE CHURCH

A PRAYER GROUP FOR
FALLEN AWAY LOVED ONES

olmmwma@gmail.com
olmercy.com/mwma



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Posadas & Pastorela

DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 18 @ 7pm
Posadas | Church | Rosary, songs, prayer

DECEMBER 19 @ 7pm
Pastorella | PLC | Christmas Play & Potluck Dinner

Adoration With the Littles

BY MAMA'S GRACE GROW GROUP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10AM - 10:40AM
Adoration, Praise & Worship (Church)

10:40AM - 11:40AM
Family Social Hour (PLC)

A joyful and gentle Advent Eucharistic gathering where children and families can adore Jesus through song, quiet prayer, and simple moments of wonder in His Presence. A warm family social in the PLC will follow.



CHARISMATIC HEALING

MASS

Saturday, December 20 @ 6:00pm

Questions? Contact Imelda Orig 312-408-1544 or
Soledad Diaz 630-306-3566

Donuts & Coffee with Santa

in the PLC

AFTER THE 8AM
10AM & NOON MASSES

December 21

Take your photo
with Santa!



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome

MEET & GREET GATHERING

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 @ 11:15AM

For those looking to register as new parishioners
and
For newly registered parishioners



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Christmas Concert
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE | OLM CHOIR | STRING QUARTET | TRUMPET

DEC 24 AT 11:15PM BEFORE THE MIDNIGHT MASS

A NEW AND GLORIOUS MORN
CELEBRATING THE LIGHT AND LIFE OF CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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Christmas Eve 3PM* Church & PLC
Wednesday, Dec 24 **5PM**
7PM
12AM* Midnight Mass
Preceded by Christmas Concert @ 11:15pm

Christmas Day 8AM
Thursday, Dec 25 **10AM*** Church & PLC
12PM

*Live stream and incense will be used at the Mass times inside the Church at 3pm, Midnight and 10am.



Octave of Christmas DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS
FRIDAY DEC 26 NO EXPOSITION
MONDAY DEC 29 & TUESDAY DEC 30
EXPOSITION 8AM TO 10PM
WEDNESDAY DEC 31
THURSDAY JAN 1
FRIDAY JAN 2
NO EXPOSITION

CONFESSIONS
FRIDAY DEC 26 AT 12:30PM
TUESDAY DEC 30 AT 7PM
WEDNESDAY DEC 31 AT 12:30PM
THURSDAY JAN 1
NO CONFESSIONS AT 6:30AM
FRIDAY JAN 2 AT 12:30PM

PARISH OFFICES
THE PARISH OFFICES
WILL CLOSE AT NOON
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER
23RD AND REOPEN ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy MASS TIMES

VIGIL DEC 31 6:30PM
SOLEMNITY JAN 1 9AM 12PM 6:30PM

Hail, Holy Mother,
who gave birth to the
King, who rules
heaven and earth
forever.




SOLEMNITY OF THE
Epiphany OF THE LORD

SATURDAY JAN 3 4PM
SUNDAY JAN 4 8AM 10AM 12PM 5:30PM

We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

DURING THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY PICK UP A BLESSING CHALK AFTER THE MASS

Saturday, January 3 - Sunday, January 4, 2026

Take a blessed chalk home.
Gather with your family around
the inside of the front door, and use
the chalk to inscribe the numbers
and letters on the lintel this way:

20 + C + M + B + 26



Offer the following blessing
May Christ bless this house