Parish Mission Statement

As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Mass Schedule

**Weekday Masses:** No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

**Friday Mass:** No Public Masses are currently being celebrated

**Sunday Masses:** No Public Masses are Currently being celebrated
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 20th**
8:00AM +Bob Perron

**Tuesday, April 21st**
8:00AM For a renewed return to the Catholic Faith

**Wednesday, April 22nd**
No 8AM Mass

**Thursday, April 23rd**
8:00AM For strength for those researching treatments for Covid 19 that they may find moral and ethical solutions

**Friday, April 24th**
8:45AM +For all those who have passed during this pandemic and their families

**Saturday, April 25th**
No 8AM Mass
5:00PM +Sylvia Trygar
+Wally Daniels & Family
+John Dersam

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th**
7:00AM +Sr. Loretta Tiernan
+Ted Bomkamp
+Emily DuPree
+Frank Merlock, Jr.
+Theresa Tomkowiak
9:00AM +Ruben Castaneda
11:00AM For the People of Our Lady of Humility

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**Liturical Roles: Saturday, April 18th, & Sunday, April 19th**

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**Readings for the week of April 19, 2020**

- **Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- **Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- **Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- **Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- **Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- **Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20
- **Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 161:2-3, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:26-27

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A Note From The Pastor...

I hope you all had a prayerful, happy Easter in spite of the ongoing coronavirus situation. Please see a note from Fr. Charles later in this bulletin. When he emailed me, he said that although there had been no deaths in Uganda due to the coronavirus, some had already starved to death due to lack of employment. Please pray for Fr. Charles, the people of Uganda, and all those affected by this crisis.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This celebration is rooted in appearances which Jesus made to an uneducated Polish nun, St. Faustina, in the 1930s. Jesus revealed to her the message of Divine Mercy, and she would go on to record those revelations about God’s mercy in her diary beautifully titled, Divine Mercy in my Soul. Briefly, the message is that God loves us and wants to pour forth His unfathomable mercy upon us, no matter how many or great our sins may be; but we must approach Him with trust and ask for His infinite love, mercy, and forgiveness.

The basics of Divine Mercy Devotion can be remembered by thinking of the ABCs of mercy: A) Ask God for mercy. We can do this above all in the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus loves to pour forth an ocean of mercy upon us, but we must ask. Unfortunately, Confession is not possible at this time, but simply tell Jesus you’re sorry for your sins by making a sincere Act of Contrition with the intention to go to Confession as soon as they’re available again. Please see below for some possibilities for Confession in Wisconsin. B) Be merciful to others. Sacred Scripture tells us that God will be merciful to us in the measure that we are merciful to others. C) Completely trust in Jesus. Trust is the essence of the devotion.

Normally our parish would have had a novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, along with a Holy Hour on the day itself, but this year due to the coronavirus, that has not been possible. Please google “St. Faustina Divine Mercy Message” to learn more about the messages Jesus revealed to St. Faustina.

Please note that some of the churches in Wisconsin are open limited hours for prayer and the Sacrament of Confession. Specifically, I’ve been told that Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Therese of Lisieux over the border are available, but please verify this information as this is a fluid situation in which changes can occur quickly.

Again, I highly encourage you to learn more about St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Devotion; let us pray for all those suffering due to the coronavirus outbreak and for an end to this crisis. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers every day.

God Bless,

Fr. Paul
First Reading:
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46b-47a)

Psalm:
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

Second Reading:
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3-9)

Gospel:
Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (Jn 20:19-31)


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April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, “I am here on purpose and I am loved!” Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation’s grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I-don’t-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person’s soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn’t require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn’t matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The “my Lord and my God” responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The “my Lord and my God” affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. “Peace be with you.” Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

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Please consider online donations or donations via mail

While we know it is difficult for many of our parishioners during these days and weeks of dealing with the uncertainty due to the corona virus and the ever changing rules and regulations being put in place to try to help slow the spread, please be aware it is difficult for the church as well. We do continue to incur expenses and weekly contributions are the primary source of income to pay those expenses. If you are able, we would ask that you consider continuing your regular contributions so we can ensure we are prepared when we are once again allowed to offer Masses to our parishioners. Thank you to those who are already giving on-line!

Online donations can be made at www.Givecentral.org. Please be sure to search for Our Lady of Humility when using Give Central to ensure donations are sent to the correct parish.

We are keeping all of you in our prayers and hope to see everyone again soon!
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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What Next?

God was talking to one of his angels and said, “Do you know what I have just done? I’ve just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn’t that great?”

The angel said, “Yes, but what will you do now?”

God said, “I think I’ll call it a day.”

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What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:
The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning “to call.” A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God’s grace and witness to God’s love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God’s guidance. We listen for God’s message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

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Our Lady Of Humility’s Food Pantry

Is in need of any items your are willing and able to donate at this time. We are in unprecedented times and are trying to ensure we are able to continue to serve those who are most needy in our community.

By mandate of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in conjunction with the State of Illinois based on CDC guidelines, our offices will be closed for any normal business. Please drop off any donations at the entry to the Hayes Room and they will be collected for distribution. You may also donate by check or via online giving through our link on the website. Funds collected will be used to stock the pantry shelves via either orders from the food bank, or purchases made at local stores of items we are running short on.

For the time being, please recycle all of your plastic and paper bags, we have an overabundance of them right now.

Thank you for the continued generosity, especially now when so many people are in greater need!

A Message from Fr. Charles

Hello OLH,

Hope and pray that you are doing well and still safe. This is unprecedented in our recent history. We need God’s intervention. Uganda is under a complete lockdown here; no public transportation, no private cars are allowed on the roads. The real challenge is that most people especially in towns live hand to mouth. This means a day without work is a day without food. Before the virus kills us, many will have starved to death. We need tons of prayers!

Our seminarians are at home until May 2nd, if cases do not escalate. So far we have 53 cases recorded and no deaths yet. When they return, they will only write their exams to bring the academic year to some logical conclusion.

Greetings to all and stay safe. God bless you and keep you!

In Christ,
Fr. Charles
Welcome to Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church

Wow! Our parishioners are amazing! We continue to be extremely grateful to those who are so generous to our parish.

As you can see from the above contributions chart, we are receiving donations both online and through envelopes being mailed or dropped in the slot at the rectory.

The amount above reflects contributions received through April 5th. Deposits of any donations via mail or drop-off are currently being made on Tuesdays as we have been asked to keep trips to the offices to a minimum and maintain social distancing.

Due to the timing of bulletin submissions, we are a week behind on reporting collections, but hope to get back on track soon!

Please, if you are able, continue to give at your previous levels, or possibly more to assist our parish in these unprecedented times.

Soup Kitchen

Are you looking for a service project? Consider helping out with the Soup Kitchen at Holy Family Services (the old St. Bartholomew Parish) located at: 914 8th Street, Waukegan.

Our Lady of Humility has committed to providing volunteers on the fourth Thursday of every month, which is this Thursday, April 23rd. Please contact Pat at (847) 662-4095 for more information and to find out if volunteers are needed. Currently, bagged meals are being prepared for pickup so times may differ from past operations. Please also, keep in mind the need for masks and safety precautions. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated. We are in need of more assistance from our parishioners on a regular basis.
Please Remember In Your Prayers  


For The Deceased:  
Ken Harvey

If someone is in need of healing prayers, please call the Rectory at (847) 872-8778 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 3:30PM. Thank you!

A Prayer for Our Common Home

God of all creation, you have given us the responsibility of a steward, one who cares for something. Our stewardship is to care for our common home, the earth.

We look to your goodness shown to us by all the good gifts the earth bestows upon us: The rain to water the ground. The crops that spring from the ground. The animals that roam the fields. The medicines that come from the plants.

We also look to you for the wisdom to care for this creation of yours: Give us wisdom to know how and when this good earth needs our special attention. Helps us not to be shortsighted and assume that the earth can heal itself without our help. You created us from the earth and we depend upon it for our health. We ask all from you, and give all back to you. This we do in Jesus’ name who is our brother and savior. Amen.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Sacrament of Marriage:
An appointment, at least 6 months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptisms are scheduled the 1st Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary for arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home, and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory for home communion calls.

Welcome New Parishioners:
We would like you to become a parishioner. Registration packets are available at each Church door.

The Rosary:
Prayed Daily at 7:30AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (during the summer only) before Mass. On Fridays (during the school year) prayed at 8AM before Mass. Prayed on Sundays after the 7AM Mass.

Handicap Accessibility:
There is an access ramp on the west, and a lift on the east side of Church. Handicap parking is available.

Quinceaneras:
Call the Rectory 9 months prior to setting a date. It is required that you are Registered Participating Parishioners for at least one year prior to requesting a date for the Quinceanera celebration.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursdays 1-6PM.

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Deadline for all Bulletin submissions is 4PM on Wednesdays 11 days before you want the Article to appear. (For example: Wednesday, January 12th, for Sunday, January 23rd.)

Sunday Masses: Currently there are no public Masses due to Covid 19
Weekday Masses:
Friday:

All Are Welcome!

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Any Questions or Ideas for PPC, FC, or the PAC?
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Staying strong in your faith during times of hardship is essential. While it is nice to have time off from work and school, it’s important to use this extra time of yours to strengthen your relationship with God. My family and I have done this by coming together every day at 3 pm to pray the rosary and divine mercy chaplet (luckily for me, since I don’t have to wake up until then). As it’s also important to help others, I’ve taken this opportunity to start volunteering with the food pantry. I am fortunate enough to not need to go to the food pantry to eat, so it is important that I help those who are less fortunate than myself. Hebrews 3:16 says “and do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” So if you are trying to strengthen your faith, consider buying extra things to donate the next time you are at the grocery store. (And remember to say a quick prayer and a thank you to all of the essential employees at this time!) Best regards, Emma Jones

One nice day Mom came up with a great idea to let her 4 year old son go outside but keep him safe. She found the idea on Facebook. She outlined a picture of a cross with masking tape and got some washable paint. Tommy was all set. He was able to be outside and have fun painting a beautiful Christian picture of the Resurrection for Easter.