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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus rebuked him and said,
"Quiet! Come out of him!"
The unclean spirit convulsed him
and with a loud cry came out of him.

Mk 1:25-26



January 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 AM Linda Mitchell (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 AM Maria Sikon
St. Daniel the Prophet Parish,
Wheaton

Thursday, February 1

8:00 AM † Marion H. Beaucaire
† Mamie Kennefick
Catholic Charities Staff & people who
come to them for assistance

Friday, February 2

8:00 AM † John J. Mitchell

Saturday, February 3

4:00 PM † Richard Keating

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM † John Giblin

9:00 AM Za Parafian
Św. P. Stanisław Wróbel
Św. P. Józefa Pawlikowska
Św. P. Stanisław Pawlikowski

10:30 AM † Michael Ernest
† Emil & Annette Ernest

12:00 PM Św. P. Barbara Melerska
Św. P. Zofia Kurowska w 4 rocznice
smierci
Św. P. Marian Kośierb w 3 rocznice
smierci

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

If today you hear
his voice, harden not
your hearts.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thunderbolts and Lightning

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. (Lk 24:47, Mk 11:15, Mt 28:19) I think one reason may be that we don't feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. Most of us don't think we know the gospel well enough to preach it. Or we are so afraid of offending atheists, that we use that fear as an excuse to say nothing. But being a disciple means following Jesus. The gospel this Sunday mentions twice that Jesus taught with more authority than any of religious leaders of Israel. So how can we get such authority?

First, Jesus didn't get his authority from winning a Messiah election. And he didn't threaten people with thunderbolts and lightning. He certainly didn't impress people by saying what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth that he heard from his Father. His two main actions in his ministry were curing and forgiving people. Since the Jews thought sickness was a punishment for sins, by curing the sick and forgiving sins, Jesus showed that God loves even sinners. And those actions showed that Jesus got authority from his Father.

"But you still haven't answered the question: How do we get that authority?" We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. And like an athlete, who may be born with strength and abilities, yet has to work-out and practice to be any good, we still need to grow in that authority. One way is to read the scriptures and pray with them, so that we get to know God through his Word and begin to listen to him in our prayers. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. (And especially the ones who challenge us to be more loving, patient and forgiving.) Most parishes have programs that encourage sharing your faith, such as RCIA, Christ Renews his Parish, etc. And of course, the Eucharist and other sacraments strengthen God's life in us. You'll know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not second hand knowledge.

-Tom Schmidt



Sanctuary Lamps

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Andrzej Rychtarczyk
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Welcome to Our Church Family

Please welcome our new Parishioners



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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 3rd 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Foley, Janet Litterio, Marian Strzelczyk
Lisa Stanly
Mike & Gina Jadron
Cody Cwik, Mike Jadron

Lectors

Sacristan

Ushers

Sunday, February 4th 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Sacristan

Ushers

Monica Shaub, Theresa Pettinato, Mike Gatto
Sue Targosz, Bill Shaub
Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick
Mike Targosz, Tony Angelo

Sunday, February 4th 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Ushers

Sacristan

Ryszard Kloc, Jasia Para
Grazyna Staszal
Czesław Bisaga, Witek Szaflarski, Edward Matoniak
Bozena Bisaga

Sunday, February 4th 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Sacristan

Ushers

Altar Servers

Timothy Finlon, Phillip Gosewisch, Denise Holub
Sebastian Abbinanti
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Timothy Finlon, Kara Finlon, Phillip Gosewisch, Mike Tombers
Sophia Czerwien, Grace Abbinanti, Francesca Abbinanti, Gabriel Piwowarczyk

Sunday, February 4th 12:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Ushers

Sacristan

Ewelina Szafran, Katarzyna Karpiuk
Barbara Miskowicz
Artur Leja, Andrzej Kas, Wiesław Mos,
Eugeniusz Blachut
Andrzej Kas

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



St. Joseph's Corner

Once again, this week, we will focus on holding what keeps us from God at bay. We continue to address this theme because it continues to be an issue in our lives.



Throughout our lives, we realize that time is the most precious resource we have and that, precisely, its scarcity makes it precious. There are many demands on our time, more so now than ever.

In St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he points out the anxieties married men and women face (1 Corinthians 7:32-35). At least at the beginning of scripture, it seems that St. Paul is calling us, both men and women, to be or remain unmarried. However, at the end of the passage, it is clear that St. Paul is merely pointing out the reality of family life—something to which all families can relate.

For our own sake and for our salvation, St. Paul implores us to keep God first in our lives and to live a life centered on Christ.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Every time I encounter this particular responsorial psalm, I'm reminded of a Homily given by Father Bruce Wren, L.C. Though he gives credit to another priest's homily, I will always distinctly credit him with the advice he shared.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9), he states, and then follows with, "and if you don't hear his voice, you better find out why."

We acknowledge St. John the Baptist as the last prophet, but God's promise of prophecy delivered by Moses (Dt 18:15-20) continues just as Jesus's mission to bring the faithful to the Father (John 14:6) continues. Through prophecy, God reveals His will for us and our lives, and today, God's prophecy is revealed through Jesus by the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear that the people were amazed and astonished by Jesus, His new teachings, and His authority.

Hardened Hearts Experience No Amazement

As Fathers and Husbands, as leaders of the domestic church and in our communities, we must keep our families and all those we serve open to the amazement at the kingdom, the power, and the glory of God.

The path is simple, though not easy. Our everyday lives are occupied with tasks and responsibilities that don't bring us to God. We must prioritize God above all else, open our hearts to the Lord, and let him reveal His will. Only then can we help our families open their hearts to the Lord, be in awe of Him, and be open to the newness of God's revelations. Through this awe of God, we can abandon our anxieties and adhere ourselves "to the Lord without distraction."

-Sebastian Abbinanti

Faith Formation

For further information on any of the items below, or on the Religious Education program, please contact Janet Litterio in the Faith Formation Office at 708-301-0214. FAX #: 708-301-6356.

Visit our parish website omgccc.org for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year. Simply click on the Faith Formation (RE) link once you enter the site.

Religious Education Program Schedule

*** January 31—OFF***

February 7—CLASS

February 14—OFF—Ash Wednesday

February 21—CLASS

February 28—OFF

March 6—CLASS

Confirmation Retreat This Sunday

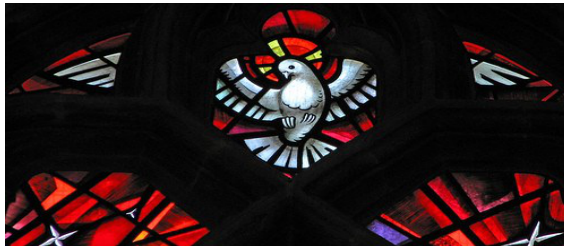
Date: Sunday, January 28th

Time: 2:00pm

Please arrive by 1:50 so Confirmandi can check in and are ready to begin our retreat at 2pm.

Parents and Sponsors are invited and encouraged to join their Confirmandi for Mass immediately following the retreat, at 5pm.

Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA will lead the retreat and celebrate Mass at this time.



Parent Gathering 2nd Grade Reconciliation and Communion Preparation

Parents are their children's first catechists. Second Grade parents will come together to learn more about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. At this gathering, parents will receive the information and formation to help their children prepare to receive both Sacraments in the Spring.

The gathering will be held on **Wednesday, January 31st at 7 PM in Church**. Parents will sign in upon arrival. At least one parent is expected to attend. Second grade Catechists should attend. Looking forward to seeing you at this gathering!



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

GRANT APPLICATION OPEN

The 2024 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant through the Diocese of Joliet is now open for 2024 applications. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Joliet and complete the CCHD application available on the DOJ website (*see left*), including all supporting documents requested. Only completed applications will be considered. CCHD is looking for organizations that seek to engage in one of the Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Poor, Visit the Imprisoned, Visit the Sick, Shelter the Homeless, Bury the Dead, and Give Drink to the Thirsty.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya Singh at cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org. Applications will be accepted from January 15 through March 1, 2024. *Thank you!*

For more info and to apply, visit
catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd



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Catholic Charities

Help Socially Isolated Seniors

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older interested in visiting with another homebound senior living in Will and Grundy Counties. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

If you are lonely and would be interested in receiving a companion, please feel free to reach out as well!

In Will and Grundy Counties, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or email americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, or visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



Catholic Charities

The Coldest Night of the Year

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us on February 24, 2024 at 5:00PM in downtown Joliet as we raise funds for Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center.

Daybreak Center provides programs and services to those who are experiencing poverty. The facility includes an emergency homeless shelter, a daily soup kitchen, and many supportive services to help individuals and families who are working toward self-sufficiency.

To learn more, visit: <https://cnoy.com/location/joliet> or call 815-724-1140. It's FREE to participate, so team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to look closer... because it's cold out there.



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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Adoration and Benediction
after Morning Mass:
8:30am-7:00pm

Confession (Polish/English):
5:30pm

Mass:
8am (English)
7pm (Polish)



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Very Reverend Grzegorz P. Podwysocki

Deacon

Jerry Souta

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Tuesday thru Friday.....8:00 AM

First Friday Devotions after Morning Mass

Weekend

Saturday.....4:00 PM (English)

Sunday.....7:30 AM and 10:30 AM (English)

Sunday.....9:00 AM and 12:00 PM (Polish)

Confession

Saturday.....3:00 to 3:45 PM

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Weekend Assistants

Rev. Michael Flynn

Rev. Maciej Stelmach

Parish Office

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Director of Faith Formation.....Janet Litterio

janet.re@omgccc.org

708-301-0214

Accountant.....Paula Bucciferro

Music Director.....Anna Siwiec-Sitkowska

Faith Formation Hours

Tuesday - Thursday.....9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wednesdays (During the School Year)

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Polish Ministry

Director of Polish Ministry.....Gosia Siuta

polishministry@omgccc.org

Mówię Po Polsku

708-955-9682

Sacraments

Baptism

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. They should contact the Parish office at least six months before the wedding to allow time for preparation.

Funerals

Call the Parish office to schedule an appointment to make preparations for the Mass.

Eucharist for Homebound

If you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist.

For Anointing of the Sick, Hospital Visits

Please contact the office. Please do not wait until prognosis is imminent as a priest may not be available.

Religious Education

Grades 1-8 (Call Faith Formation Office)

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM-September through March

Newcomers

Welcome to our Parish! Please contact the Parish Office to register or visit our website omgccc.org

Vocations for Religious Life

Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations for the Religious Life, please visit vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Bulletin Deadline

Text for publication must be submitted no later than Monday at noon.

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