



Our Mother Of Good Counsel

Very Rev. Grzegorz P. Podwysocki • Pastor

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary

February 11, 2024

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tues-Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00pm (English)

Sunday 7:30am (English)

Sunday 9:00am (Polish)

Sunday 10:30am (English)

Sunday 12:00pm (Polish)

Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

1st Friday 5:30-6:45pm

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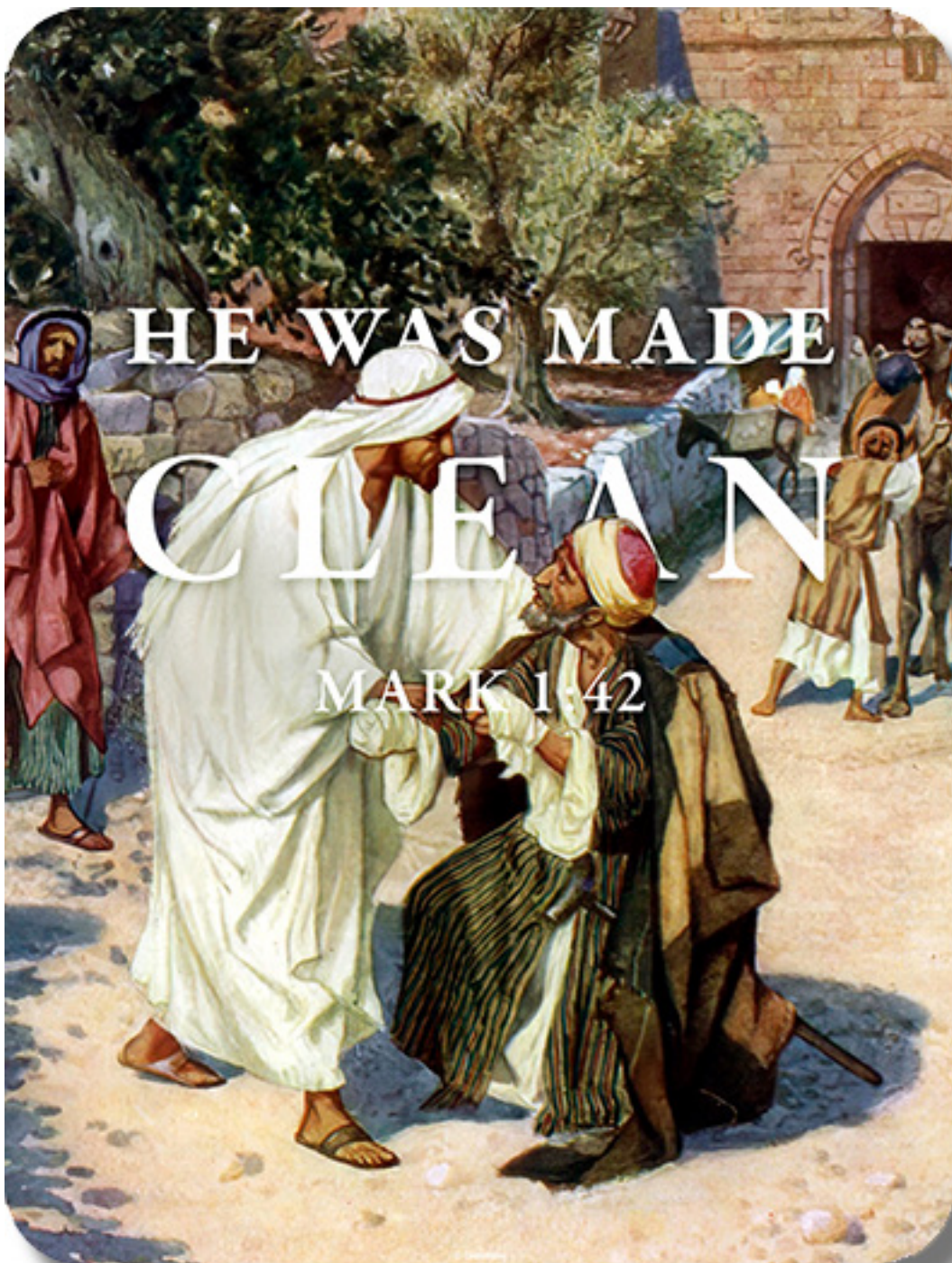
Office Hours

Tues-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

Faith Formation Hours

Tues & Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am-4:30pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday February 13

† Edward and Gertrude Bialecke

Wednesday February 14

† John and Dorothy Mitchell

Thursday February 15

† Lottie Mikrut

• St. Edmund Parish, Watseka

Friday February 16

† Graciela Picciolini

• St. Irene Parish, Warrenville

Saturday February 17

† Corwyn Brunner

Sunday February 18 7:30am

• For the Parishioners of St. John the Apostle Parish in Villa Park and St. Alexander Parish in Villa Park

Sunday February 18 9:00am

• O wszelkie potrzebne laski i dary ducha świętego dla rodziny Loeffler
• O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Józefa
† Józefa Obrochta

Sunday February 18 10:30am

• Juan and Melba Rivera Anniversary

Sunday February 18 12:00pm

† Genowefa i Henryk Walczak
† Jan Kurowski
† Krzysztof Zwoliński
• Teresy i Greg Gigiel

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY FEB 11

• OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WEDNESDAY FEB 14

• ASH WEDNESDAY
• SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS

SATURDAY FEB 17

• THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

Pączki Sunday

Pączki are available in the narthex this weekend. At will donations are being accepted and will benefit the Parish.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONOR FOR PROVIDING THE PĄCZKI

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE

WHO



CATHOLICS 14+ ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE



CATHOLICS 18-59 ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHONERS

The Matoniak Family
The Malecki Family
The Litwin Family

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



The eternal flame burns in memory of

† Malgorzata Bizub
† Pawel Bizub

Pray for the reposed soul of our parishioner



Catherine Procaccio

who entered eternal life on January 23





St. Joseph's Corner

We live in a time when the world is much more demanding of our time and resources than ever. This demand on us is not necessarily a bad thing. As Christians, we are charged with emulating Christ's life, and servant leadership is a dominant theme in Christ's life on earth.

Though we will sometimes fail, this charge requires us to serve God by serving his people as Jesus did. Unlike Jesus, however, we are limited by our humanity. Our human limits require us to be prudent and seek to understand God's will for us and our lives to prioritize the best use of the resources God has given us to do the most good for the greatest number.

During Jesus's time on earth, Leprosy continued to be a disease that impacted many people. The Jews and many other contemporary cultures regarded Leprosy as a symbol of sin, as, just like Leprosy, sin too is contagious.

Throughout the Gospels, we see that Jesus is moved with compassion for the sick, the afflicted, and the sinners among us. The Gospels depict many miracles in which Jesus healed affected people. Still, He always did so, either by commanding "see that you tell no one anything," (Matthew 8:4, Mark 1:44, Luke 8:56) or by attempting to obfuscate His own divinity.

We can't truly understand the infinite power of God. Jesus knows that we have this limitation. It is all too easy to look at the life of Jesus that we are called to imitate and dismiss the call as undoable—for Jesus is God, and we are not. Jesus understood this tendency we might have and chose instead to show us that it was the power of God working through Him. He showed us that the Holy Spirit is present everywhere and that the same Spirit can work through us.

Jesus does this not because He had to but because of His selfless love for us and desire for us to spend eternity with him in Heaven.

Looking to St. Joseph for Guidance in Imitating Christ

It is easy for us to discount the role of St. Joseph as Jesus's earthly father, especially as God is Jesus's Heavenly Father. But St. Joseph's role in Jesus's life tended beyond protecting the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother. He would have greatly influenced Jesus's life, up to and including the point at which Jesus asked John to care for Mary, a widow, at the Crucifixion (John 19:27).

As husbands and fathers, we should never discount our vocation to simply providing for our families' physical needs. God has seen it fit to give us tremendous influence over our families. We must live our lives virtuously. As St. Paul instructs, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

Though his presence in the Gospels is sparse, St. Joseph exemplifies the virtues that resonate with husbands and fathers striving to emulate Christ-like love and leadership within their families.

We can emulate Christ's life by emulating His earthly father, St. Joseph.

-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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 14- OFF—Ash Wednesday

February 21- CLASS

February 28- OFF

March 6- CLASS

March 13- CLASS

March 20- Class

What We Can Do For Lent

Wednesday, February 14th begins the season of Lent. Lent is the preparation time before Easter. As Catholic Christians, we prepare ourselves during Lent by fasting, praying and giving alms...ie giving of ourselves to others. **Jesus came to serve, not to be served.**

We should always incorporate more prayer into our lives. In the Gospels, we hear of Jesus going off by Himself to pray. We do not necessarily have to go off by ourselves to pray. We do, and should incorporate prayer into our daily lives, as Jesus did, during Lent and thereafter.

Some examples of incorporating prayer into our daily lives are:

- Reading the Bible for 20 minutes each day. The Gospel of St. Mark is the shortest Gospel. You may wish to begin by reading St. Mark's Gospel.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday here at our parish.
- List 5 people or things for which you are grateful each day, then thank God for these people or things in your life.
- Take a walk outside and rejoice in the beauty that God created. Thank Him for the beauty!

Let's journey through Lent together, making ourselves a better version of "us" by becoming more prayerful people.

Lenten Family Activity

Consider setting aside one night a week to gather for family activities to celebrate the season of Lent.

Begin with making a prayer chain. Gather strips of paper (40), glue stick or stapler, and pens.

Pass out the strips of paper to all the members of the family. Write someone or something to pray for on the strips of paper. When all the strips have been filled, tape or glue them together forming a chain. Hang it somewhere in your home where you all can see it. Each day during Lent, pull off one of the strips and pray together as a family for that need.



February 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. Through listening patiently, building trust, and being mindful of others' dignity, we can help one another encounter Christ's merciful love, especially those who suffer from emotional wounds, loneliness, and doubt. For Central and Eastern Europeans living in countries that experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church especially needs to accompany people to an encounter with Christ that is patient, understanding, and filled with hope instead of fear, anger, and anxiety.

In Slovakia, the Alexis Counseling Center has accompanied nearly 2,500 women and their loved ones with devotion. Since 2010, the center has provided counseling to women experiencing the anxieties of an unplanned pregnancy or the grief of pregnancy loss, as well as to their partners, family members, and friends. In addition to promoting psychological healing, the center also helps vulnerable women who have experienced miscarriages and abortions to find housing, material and financial assistance, and support groups.

In Albania, lay people are preparing for lay ministries as catechists and extraordinary ministers of Communion through a three-year study program that provides in-depth knowledge of the Gospel, the Church, and sacraments, liturgy, and spirituality. This formation program equips participants to be active, faith-filled agents of evangelization and accompaniment to those who desire to know Christ and the Church.



Ministries of accompaniment such as these are made possible with grant monies raised through the Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. When you participate in the collection, you help the Church in Slovakia, Albania, Ukraine and more than 24 other countries accompany people who still experience the hardships and wounds caused by communism. Your support for and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

LENT

WIELKI POST



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday February 14th

8:00am Mass English
12:00pm Mass English
7:00pm Mass Polish

Parish staff will be available to distribute ashes 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm



ŚRODA POPIELCOWA

Porządek Mszy Świętych z obrzędem posypania głów popiołem:

8:00am w jez. angielskim
12:00pm w jez. angielskim
7:00pm w jez. polskim



RETURN: LENT WITH FR. JOHN BURNS

Fr. John Burns introduces you to the pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Available on Formed.org



GORZKIE ŻALE

w niedzielę Wielkiego Postu po Mszy Świętej o godz. 12pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

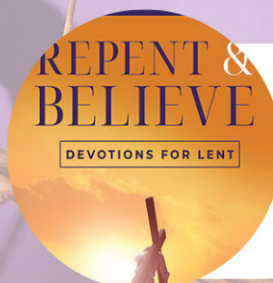
Join us Fridays during Lent immediately following 8am Mass in English and 7pm in Polish



DROGA KRŻOWA

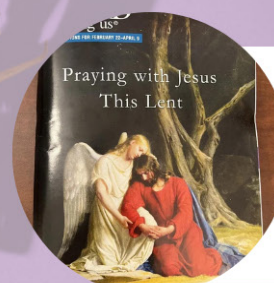
w języku polskim w Piątki Wielkiego Postu o godz. 7:00 wieczorem

Droga krżowa nie będzie w piątek 22-go marca



REPENT & BELIEVE

This booklet gives us an opportunity for us to be spiritually transformed by an ever deeper appreciation of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Available in the Narthex



WORD AMONG US

This booklet contains daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy, daily meditations based on the Mass and practical featured articles on Lent and the saints. Available in the Narthex



BEST LENT EVER

Best Lent Ever is a free email program that will guide you on a 40-day journey to "discover the real you," which will make this a truly life-changing Lent. Sign for daily email reflections at dynamiccatholic.com



RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to our parishioners on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7pm in church. Bilingual priests will be available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO



Magdalena
Janik



Camden Joseph
Kruczak



Stella Josephine
Leśnicki

recently Baptized into our faith



Scout Sunday

God Bless Boy Scout Troup 63 and Cub Scout Pack 64 from Homer Glen and Lockport. They participated in Scout Sunday last weekend. Thank you to Fr. Gargol for presiding!



Stewardship

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE
PARISH THRIVE AND GROW



February 3rd/4th
Sunday Offering \$11,118.50
Online Giving \$2,303.00
Bldg. Fund \$536.00
TOTAL \$13,957.50

PLEDGE YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$38,700. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance for your support!

osvhub.com/omgccc offers a convenient and secure way to donate in lieu of envelopes. You can also contribute to other collections for our Parish and the Catholic Church Universal. There are options to choose a one time payment or a recurring

Ministry Schedule

	February 17th Saturday 5:00pm	February 18th Sunday 7:30am	February 18th Sunday 9:00am	February 18th Sunday 10:30am	February 18th Sunday 12:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Judy Keating Ed Wereldsma Mary Westberg	Mary Ann Mesich Theresa Pettinato Mike Gatto	Ryszard Kloc Jasia Para	Denise Holub Ellen Dudycha Art Smigielski	Ewelina Szafran Bernice Szaflarski
Lector	John Fassola	Sue Targosz Darcy Trudelle	Zofia Kracik	Jane Finlon	Wiola Golab
Sacristan	Donna Swiniarski	Monica Shaub	Bozena Bisaga	Philip Gosewisch	Artur Leja
Ushers	Cody Cwik John Swiniarski	Mike Targosz Jim Mulligan Tony Angelo	Czesław Bisaga Witek Szaflarski Edward Mantoniak Marcin Miskowicz	Art Smigielski Tim Finlon Kara Finlon Andy Smigielski	Artur Leja Andrzej Kas Wiesław Mos Eugeniusz Blachut

Parish Staff

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 23-25, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

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.

Religious Education
Grades 1-8 (Call Faith Formation Office)
Classes meet Wednesday, 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@dioceseofjolieta.org

Prayer Request Line
Submit your intention to omgcprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention.

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