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<i>Tues-Friday</i>	8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	4:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	
<i>ENGLISH</i>	7:30am 10:30am 5:00pm
<i>POLISH</i>	9:00am 12:00pm
<i>1st Friday</i>	
<i>ENGLISH</i>	8:00am
<i>POLISH</i>	7:00pm

CONFESSION

<i>Saturday</i>	3:00-3:45pm
<i>1st Friday</i>	6:00-6:45pm

CONTACT

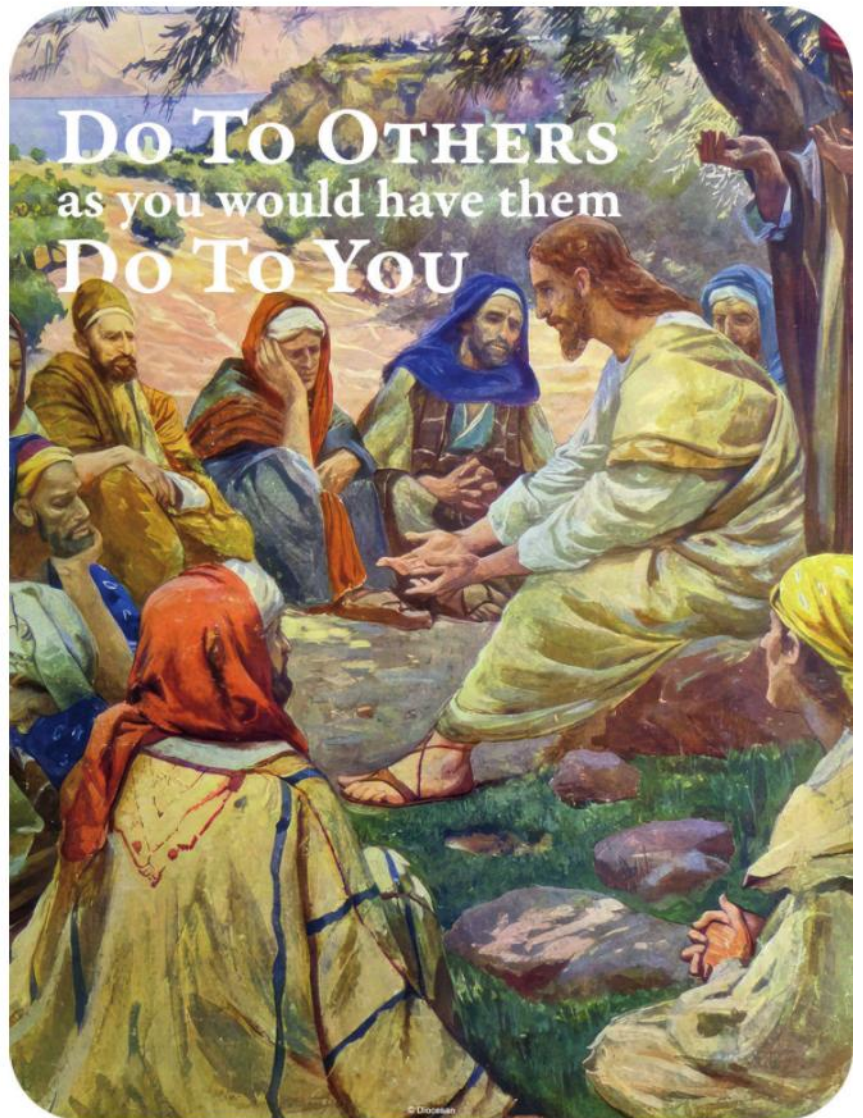
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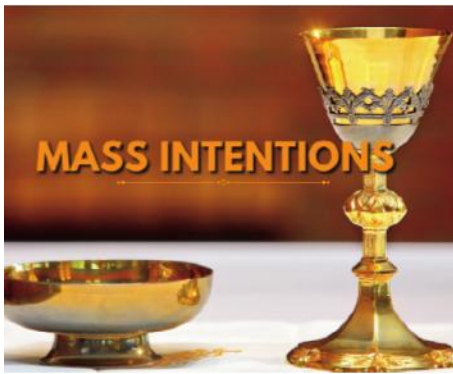
OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, Fri 9-3:00pm
Thurs by Appointment Only

FAITH FORMATION HOURS

Tues & Thurs 9am-3:00pm
Wed 9am-4:30pm





Tuesday February 25 8:00am
† Helena Pakla

Wednesday February 26 8:00am
† Edward & Gertrude Bialecki

Thursday February 27 8:00am
† Lynn Almond

Friday February 28 8:00am
† Edward & Gertrude Bialecki

Saturday March 1 4:00pm
† Stanley Bielanski

Sunday March 2 7:30am
† Ken Almond

Sunday March 2 9:00am
† Zygmunt Nieradka
† Szymon Wisniowski

Sunday March 2 10:30am
† Maria Władysław Ratułowski

Sunday March 2 12:00pm
• Za parafian

Sunday March 2 5:00pm
† Barbara Czarniak

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



On February 21-23, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Deacons. These men have been given to the Church to minister to the needs of the people of God. They assist in our parishes in many ways and are available to serve parishioners in whatever manner may be required. They are a gift to us for which we are most grateful, and we truly appreciate their service to us. Let us ask God's blessings upon them on these days and every day, as they have become the face of God in our lives.

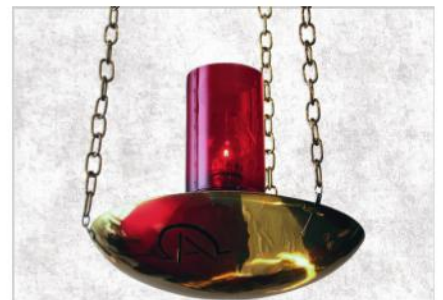
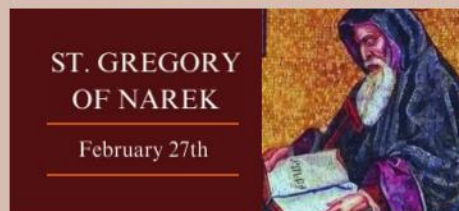
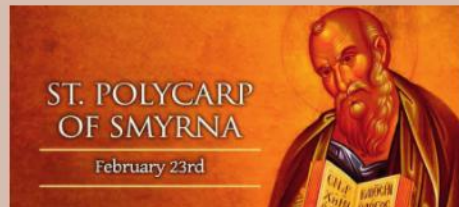
CONGRATULATIONS TO
Melania Peterson
on her Baptism



*Welcome to our new
Parishioners:*

Cyganski Family
Wilk Family
Zapart Family
Parys Family
Przybylo Family

Saints and Observances this Week



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

This week, the lamps burn for:

† Michell Martis
† Albina Gal

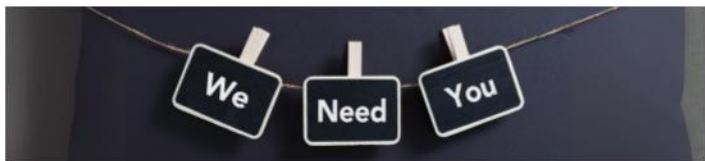


Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The Opening Report for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how as Christians, we are called to Open our hearts to God's goodness in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

The diocese will return 70% of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Looking to get more involved with the Mass? Interested in increasing your spiritual development during Lent? Serving as a Minister at Mass is a great way to enhance your participation in the Worship. We are actively recruiting parishioners to serve as Ministers (Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans) for all weekend Masses.

The "ask" is small – you can select your own availability, and generally most Ministers serve about once a month. You will feel more connected to the Parish and the Mass through your service. Training is provided and assistance is always available.

If you are interested in helping the Parish by serving in one of the Ministry roles, please contact the Parish Office, or inquire with an Usher at the Mass you typically attend. We warmly welcome you to join us!

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 Religious Education link once you enter the site.

Religious Education Program Schedule

February 26—OFF

March 5—OFF—Ash Wednesday

March 12—Class

March 19 —Class

March 26—OFF

April 2—Class

April 9 —Reconciliation Gr 3-7*Church

April 16—LAST CLASS

****Grades 3-7 will meet in church for Reconciliation. Grades 1 and 2 are off.*******

Lenten Stations and Soup Suppers

The season of Lent begins on March 5th. We will have an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we pray **bilingual Stations of the Cross** each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come and pray with our parish family on **March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11.**

We wish to invite you to join us as we bring back our Soup Suppers on three Fridays before Stations of the Cross. **Soup suppers begin at 6pm on these dates: March 7, 21 and April 4.**

A Lenten soup supper is a simple meal of meatless soup of different varieties, bread, butter, coffee/tea or water. It offers us an opportunity to share a small meal together before prayer.

Different groups from the parish bring soup, so you bring only yourselves and your family. To ensure we have enough soup, we ask you to sign up in our narthex. Please, join us!!

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5TH

W ŚRODĘ POPIELCOWĄ, 5 MARCĄ, ODBĘDĄ SIĘ NASTĘPUJĄCE MSZE:

8:00 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH
3:00 PM - ASH SERVICE IN ENGLISH
7:00 PM - MASS BILINGUAL

8:00 AM - MSZA W JĘZYKU ANGIELSKIM
3:00 PM - CEREMONIA POSYPANIA POPIOŁEM
W JĘZYKU ANGIELSKIM
7:00 PM - MSZA DWUJĘZYCZNA



St. Joseph's Corner

"The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit" (1 Corinthians 15:45).

We know Adam well. We wake in the morning and stare him square in the face. Every feature, every impulse, and even our darker inclinations bear the marks of the man of the earth, the toiler in the dust, the one who fell from Eden. He lives in our short temper when our children push boundaries. He breathes in our impatience when the day weighs heavy. He lurks in our silence when pride keeps us from apologizing to our wife.

The Call to Transformation

Our human nature limits us, yet it also carries the capacity for transformation. Through grace, our earthly toil is sanctified, and our fallen impulses can bear heavenly fruit. Our short tempers transform into gentleness. Our impatience softens into understanding. Our selfishness is reshaped into sacrificial love.

For as much as we carry the earthly image of Adam, St. Paul reminds us that we are destined to bear the image of the heavenly Man—Christ (1 Corinthians 15:49). The last Adam is not merely an improved version of the first; He is the divine perfection toward which the first was always ordered. He is the life-giving spirit.

Yet, we often resist the transformation—clutching our rough edges as though they were shields. We grip our cynicism like armor, believing it will guard us from disappointment. We carry resentment like a sword, thinking it will give us strength. But all the while, we wound ourselves—bleeding from the edges which we refuse to let go.

"Oh, Adam's son, how cleverly you defend yourself against all that might do you good!"
—C.S. Lewis, *The Magician's Nephew*

The Path of the Redeemed Earthly Man

But what if we did not resist? What if, instead of grasping for control, we surrendered? What if we lowered our defenses and let grace reshape us? St. Joseph shows us this path—the path of the earthly man redeemed.

St. Joseph surrendered his plan for Mary when God called him to something greater. He let go of his pride, taking on the quiet work of protecting and providing for the Holy Family. He chose faith over control and God's plan over his fear. He became a life-giver in his own home—preserving and providing for the Savior, who would give His life so that all men might be saved.

Our Call as Husbands and Fathers

Choose the path of the redeemed earthly man. Lay down the weapons of pride and control. Surrender yourself to God's will and disarm your heart before those entrusted to your care.

Trust, as St. Joseph did, that true manhood is not found in dominance but in service, not in grasping for control, but in trusting the Father, not in shielding our hearts, but in offering them—fully, freely—to our wives, our children, and to God.

The path to Christ's image is not one of strength but of surrender. We must lay down our weapons—our anger, our pride, and our fear—and open our hands to grace. We must choose to be vulnerable before God and humble before our families.

This is the path of redeemed earthly man. Walk it. Your family is waiting. And God will walk it with you.

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council)



Dear parishioners,

As Catholics, we celebrate the importance of both practicing our faith and living our faith, each day in ways like Jesus did. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is rich in opportunities for us to follow Christ's example by serving others. This brings me to the theme of our 2025 Appeal, Open your heart to God's goodness. When we open our hearts to God's goodness, we open the doors of our Church in service to those in need. Once open, there is no limit to the good we can do!

When you give to the CMAA, you help educate and prepare our seminarians on their journey to becoming our future priests. You bring our young adult Catholics together for faith-building fellowship. You offer programs to our Catholic youth that strengthen their relationship with Jesus, encouraging them to spread His good news. Through your charitable gift, you provide hope and safe housing for the homeless, and much, much more!

Today, I humbly ask you to open your hearts to God's goodness by donating as generously as you can to this year's CMAA. The enclosed brochure features powerful stories that bear witness to the good work you and your fellow parishioners are doing across our Diocese. It is truly inspiring! I encourage you to take a moment to read these stories and view the videos that accompany them to discover the tremendous difference your gift makes.

Thank you for prayerfully considering my request. My hope is that you'll be inspired to make a pledge today. There is no greater way to honor God's goodness than to open our hearts in service to others.

With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain—

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

Drodzy parafianie,

Jako katolicy świętujemy znaczenie zarówno praktykowania naszej wiary, jak i życia naszą wiarą, każdego dnia w sposób, w jaki czynił to Jezus. Doroczna Kwesta Katolickich Ministerstw (CMAA) jest bogata w możliwości naśladowania przykładu Chrystusa poprzez służenie innym. To prowadzi mnie do tematu naszej Kwesty 2025: Otwórz swoje serce na Bożą dobroć. Kiedy otwieramy nasze serca na Bożą dobroć, otwieramy drzwi naszego Kościoła w służbie potrzebującym. Po otwarciu nie ma ograniczeń co do dobra, które możemy czynić!

Przekazując darowiznę na rzecz CMAA, pomagasz kształcić i przygotowywać naszych seminarzystów do zostania naszymi przyszłymi kapłanami. Przyciągasz naszych młodych dorosłych katolików do budowania wspólnoty wiary. Oferujesz programy dla naszej katolickiej młodzieży, które wzmacniają ich relację z Jezusem, zachęcając ich do szerzenia Jego dobrej nowiny. Poprzez swój dar charytatywny zapewniasz nadzieję i bezpieczne zakwaterowanie dla bezdomnych i wiele, wiele więcej!

Dzisiaj pokornie proszę was, abyście otworzyli swoje serca na Bożą dobroć, ofiarowując tak hojnie, jak tylko możecie, tegoroczną CMAA. Załączona broszura zawiera potężne historie, które świadczą o dobrej pracy wykonywanej przez ciebie i twoich parafian w całej naszej diecezji. To naprawdę inspirujące! Zachęcam do poświęcenia chwili na przeczytanie tych historii i obejrzenie filmów, które im towarzyszą, aby odkryć ogromną różnicę, jaką robi Twój dar.

Dziękuję za modlitewne rozważenie mojej prośby. Mam nadzieję, że zainspiruje cię to do złożenia zobowiązania już dziś. Nie ma lepszego sposobu na uhonorowanie Bożej dobroci niż otwarcie naszych serc w służbie innym.

Z najlepszymi życzeniami proszę Boga, aby zawsze ci błogosławił.

Tak jak pozostałem-

Z poważaniem w Chrystusie,

Wielebny Ronald A. Hicks

Biskup Joliet



Youth Group News!

Hi Youth Group Member Parents,

We're thrilled to invite you to Our Mother of Good Counsel Youth Group this Sunday, and we hope you'll join us for another amazing evening! Last time, we had so much fun connecting, growing, and enjoying great food together—and we're looking forward to more of the same this week.

This is also the perfect chance to invite your friends to experience the joy and community of Youth Group. All Middle School and High School students in all areas are welcome! Let's make it even better with their energy and enthusiasm!

Here's the plan:

- Date: This Sunday, March 9, 2025
- Mass Time: 5:00 PM (Please arrive early if you'd like to serve as an Altar Server, Usher, or Choir Member!)
- Pizza After Mass
- Pickup Time: 7:30 PM
- Location: Our Mother of Good Counsel
Address: 16043 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491

If you have already signed up, please RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/OMGC-YG-0325> And If you're new to Youth Group and need to sign up, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OMGC-YG-Signup>

We can't wait to see you this Sunday for Mass, pizza, and an incredible time together. Let's make it a night to remember!

Blessings,
Sebastian & Debra Abbinanti

Ministry Schedule - March 1st/2nd

	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 5:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Janet Litterio Lisa Lorek Ken Marcin	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Monica Shaub Mike Gatto	Józef Staszeczka Jasia Para	Steve Kon Dawn Nolan Ellen Dudycha	Ewelina Szafran Kararzyna Karpiuk Agata Świętostawska	
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Sacristan	Donna Swiniarski	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	Bozena Bisaga	Dawn Nolan	Artur Leja	
Ushers	John Fassola John Swiniarski	Tony Angelo Jim Mulligan	Slawomir Budz Witek Szaflarski Czesław Bisaga Stanisław Smalec	Phillip Gosewich Andy Smigielski Tom Lorang Mike Tombers	Artur Leja Andrzej Kas Wiesław Mos Eugeniusz Blachut	

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February 15th/16th

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Online Giving.....	\$2,049.00



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The link to our online donation page can be found on our website.



Sacramental Information

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

Marriage: As members of Our Mother of Good Counsel, couples 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 are unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist.

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 or see our website to register.

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

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

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