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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm English
Sunday 7:30 am English
9:00 am Polish
10:30 am English
12:00 pm Polish
5:00 pm English
Tues- Fri 8:00 am English

FIRST FRIDAY

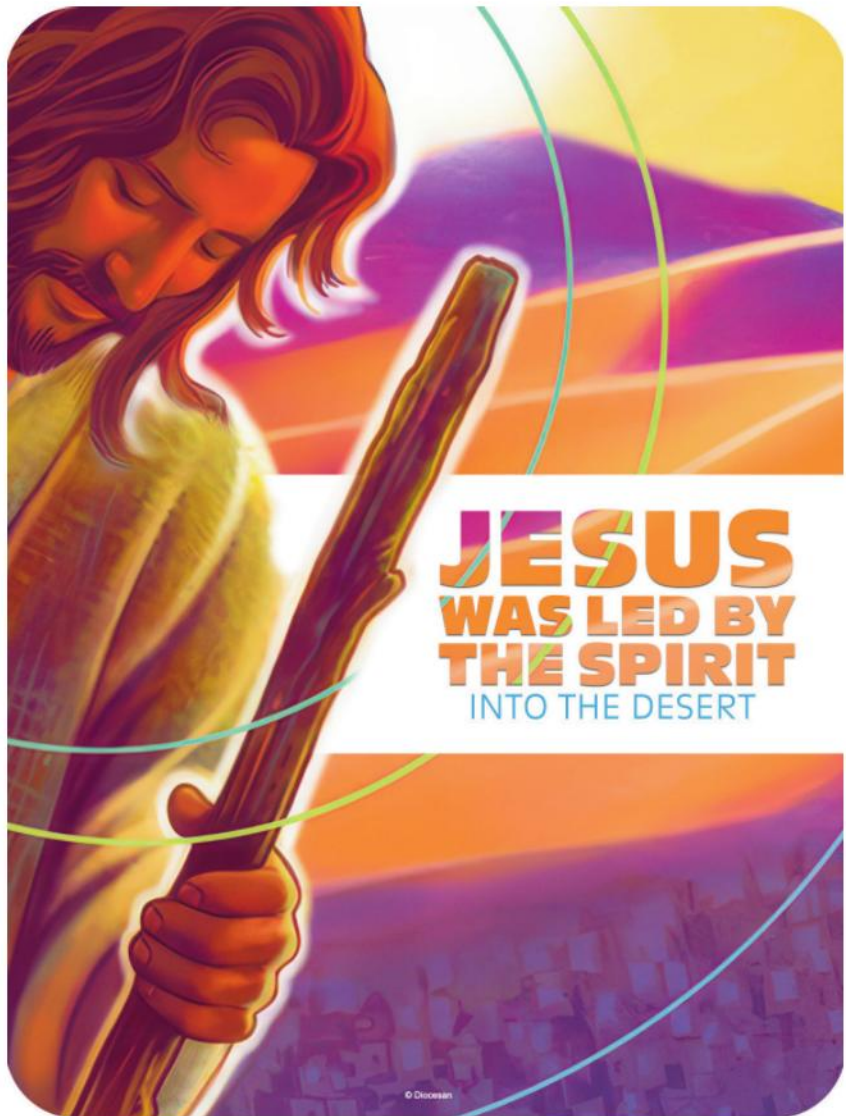
8:00 am English
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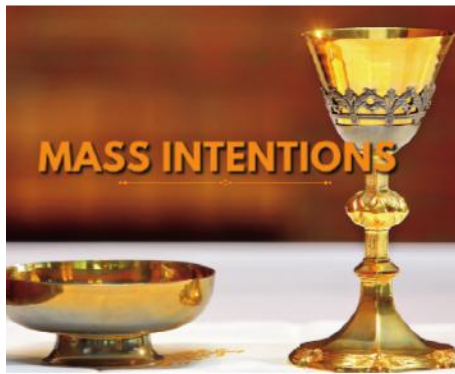
CONFESSION

Saturday 3-3:45 pm English
1st Friday 6-6:45 pm Bilingual

PARISH OFFICE

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Thurs by appointment





Tuesday March 11 8:00am

† Robert G. Mitchell

Wednesday March 12 8:00am

• Ed Stover

Thursday March 13 8:00am

• Grace Renarol

Friday March 14 8:00am

• Intention of the Presider

Saturday March 15 4:00pm

† Stanley Bielanski

Sunday March 16 7:30am

• Our Confirmandi

Sunday March 16 9:00am

• Za parafian

Sunday March 16 10:30am

• Our Parish volunteers

Sunday March 16 12:00pm

† Zofia Gonciarczyk

† Jozef Gonciarczyk

† Antonina Kruczak

• Angelina

Sunday March 16 5:00pm

• Our Homebound Parishioners

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 MARCH CELEBRATIONS



On March 8-9, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Voluntary Workers. We remember all our parish volunteers and ask for God's blessings to be upon them as they come forward to serve others, in our community and in organizations beyond our parish, city, state and country. When you see volunteers that you know, express your gratitude to them for their willingness to step forward to be of service to others.



Congratulations and many blessings to

Nicholas Mucha

who received the Sacrament of Baptism. Welcome to God's Family!

Year End Tax Statement for 2024

2024 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request. Contact the parish office at 708-301-6246, email parishoffice@omgccc.org, or visit the tax statement link on our website. We will gather information and mail you the statement.

When requesting, please include your name, phone number, and envelope number (found on your donation envelopes).



Please keep all the Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit next weekend.



St. Frances, born to a noble Roman family in 1384, was forced to marry. She felt called to religious life but remained a devoted wife and mother. She bore 3 children, two of whom died due to the plague.

Frances gave up her wealth to the sick and poor, and she went door to door raising money for them. She opened her home as a hospital, and she formed a society of women to do active charity while assisting the poor. Frances died in 1440 and is the patron of widows and motorists.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

This week, the lamps burn for:

† Zygmunt Nieradka

† Jozef Zarebczan

Spiritual Adoption Program

“I can suck my thumb now!”

2 Months



The developing baby is now called a “fetus” (Latin for “little one”). She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!



If you have already pledged your support to the CMAA, we sincerely thank you! Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can Open your heart to God’s goodness in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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

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.*******

What We Can Do For Lent

We are in the season of Lent, preparing for 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 must 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



St. Joseph's Corner

As we begin our Lenten journey, we encounter a pivotal event in Jesus's life. This powerful episode is articulated in all three synoptic Gospels and is filled with deep meaning, profound guidance, and a call to trust in God. St. Luke begins by explaining, "And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness" (Luke 4:1, ESV).

Oftentimes, as we live out our vocation as husbands and fathers, our journey to the wilderness of our lives begins in a similar fashion, filled with the Spirit, coming off a particularly good event that has enriched our lives. Perhaps it's a spiritual retreat that has left us renewed, a moment of grace in our marriage, or a deep sense of purpose in fatherhood. Yet, like Jesus, we do not remain on the mountaintop. The same Spirit that leads us through consolation also leads us into the wilderness—a place of testing where comfort is stripped away, where we are confronted with temptation, doubt, and exhaustion, and where we may feel isolated and vulnerable.

Trials in the Desert: A Test of Faith

Just as Jesus faced trials in the wilderness—hunger, isolation, and the devil's subtle yet dangerous temptations—we too encounter trials that test our resolve and faith. Though it can be daunting, pressing upon us with a sense of helplessness, we should turn to our Lord, whose response to the trials serves as an example of our own lives. He does not rely on His own strength alone but turns to Scripture, to the truth of the Father's word, and to unwavering trust in God's providence.

This experience of the desert is not new. Throughout salvation history, God has led His people into the wilderness—not to abandon them, but to purify, strengthen, and reveal Himself to them. Pope Benedict XVI captures this truth when he writes:

The desert is a place of silence, of poverty, where man is deprived of support and material security and finds himself before the fundamental questions of life, compelled to turn to the essential. Hence, it is the place where faith in God is rediscovered, where the presence of the Lord is experienced in the midst of life's trials
(Benedict XVI, Message for Lent, 2011)

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the desert is not a place of abandonment but of transformation. It is there that God purifies, strengthens, and reveals Himself to us, shaping us not by removing struggle, but by teaching us to endure it with grace.

Overcoming Spiritual Complacency

At times, we may grow complacent, assuming our faith is strong without genuinely engaging with it, or we may fall into a passive belief—accepting truths without seeking more profound understanding of God's providence or actively fostering our relationship with Him. The trials of the wilderness compel us to move beyond mere habit or blind acceptance, urging us to trust in God with both heart and mind, and to take responsibility for our spiritual growth.

Our Call as Fathers and Husbands

Let us use this season of Lent—our time in the desert—to reflect not only on our lives but on how we live our faith. During these forty days, do not simply go through the motions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; instead, examine the deeper purpose behind your actions. When you walk the Stations of the Cross, do not recite the prayers mindlessly. Rather, let yourself stand at the foot of the Cross. Contemplate Christ's profound suffering, the indignity, and the humiliation He bore—not out of necessity, but out of love for you. He willingly chose this path, embracing the ultimate sacrifice for your salvation. The question is: how will you respond?

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



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!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate on Jesus's journey to the cross on Fridays following the 8:00am Mass, or join us for bilingual Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on Fridays

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THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Super Bowl Squares fundraiser. Our lucky winners have received their prizes! This fundraiser was a huge success, and we want you all to know how much we appreciate your support. Some of the proceeds were designated as a donation to Mundelein Seminary to help support the young men in formation to be priests. We are proud to continue to support our seminarians. Many thanks!



SOUP SUPPERS

Thank you to the everyone who volunteered and joined us for our first soup supper.

We hope to see you at the March 21st event!



Our Mother of Good Counsel CATHOLIC CHURCH






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

JEREMIAH DAY

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FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

THE STORY OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH TELLS US THAT IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR US.

Boys in Grades 7-10 are invited to enjoy a day of growing closer to God and visiting Mundelein Seminary. Activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to us at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Visit diojoliet.org/vocations for more information and events.

The Little Ones

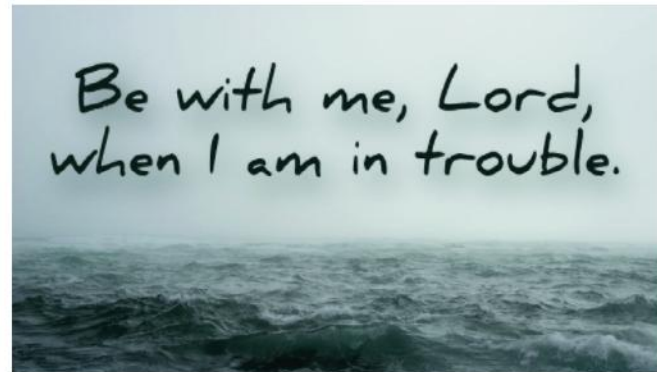
Jim Burrows



Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry. Lk 4:1-2

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	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 5:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Dusak Dennis Foley Mary Westberg	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato Mike Gatto	Józef Staszeczka Jasia Para	Denise Holub Dawn Nolan Ellen Dudycha	Ewelina Szafran Ryszard Kloc Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Monica Shaub
Lector	Jen Dusak	Sue Targosz Darcy Trudelle	Jozef Staszeczka	Jennifer Galka	Agnieszka Witek	Bill Shaub
Sacristan	Donna Swiniarski	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	Bożena Bisaga	Dawn Nolan	Andrzej Kas	Monica Shaub
Ushers	Cody Cwik John Swiniarski	Tony Angelo Jim Mulligan	Marcin Miśkiewicz Witek Szaflarski Stanisław Smale Sławomir Budz	Art Smigielski Mike Tombers Andy Smigielski Tom Lorang	Artur Leja Andrzej Kas Wiesław Mos Eugeniusz Blachut	Bill Shaub Mary Keene

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.

Parish Staff

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March 8th/9th

Sunday Envelopes.....\$10,607.00
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