



# Our Mother of Good Counsel

## Catholic Church

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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

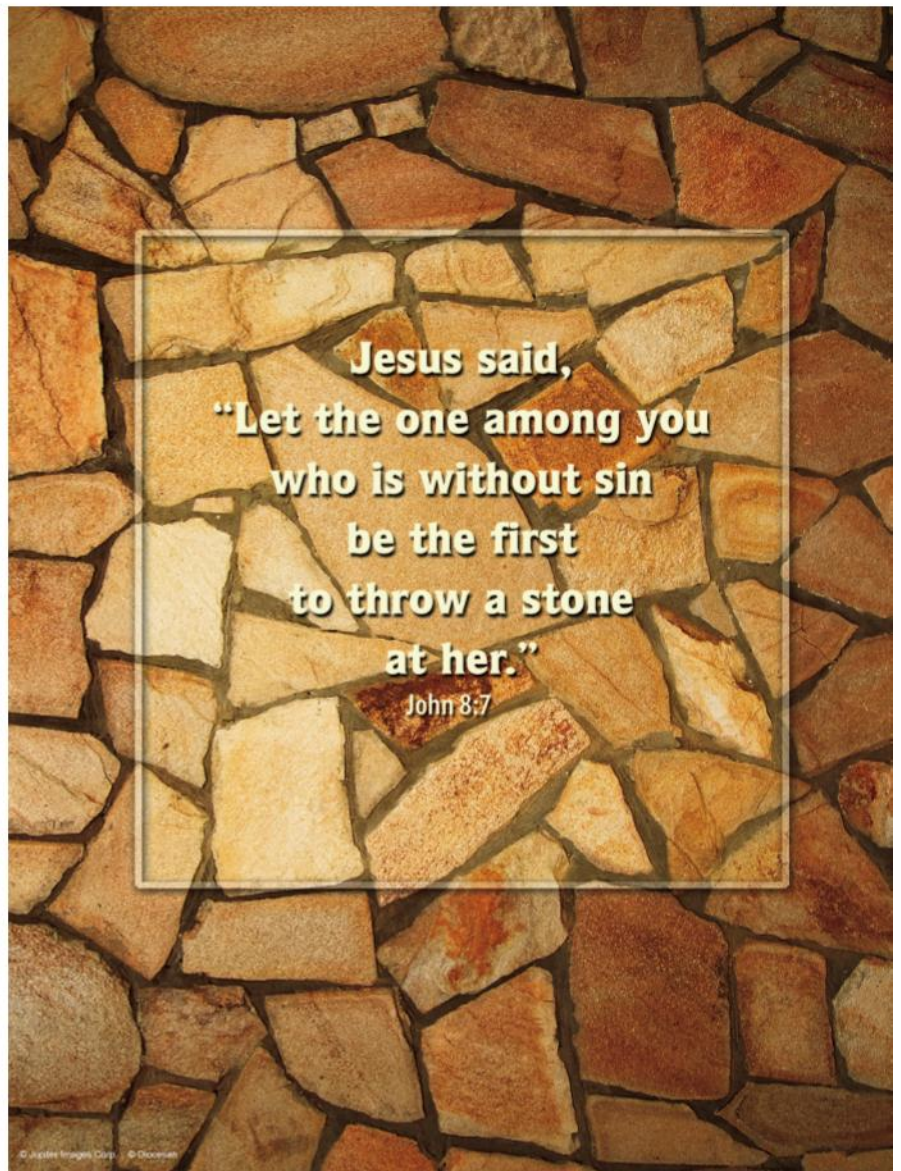
8:00 am English  
 7:00 pm Polish

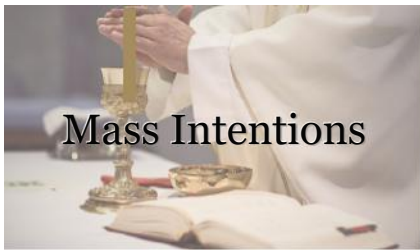
### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English  
 1st Friday 6:00-6:45 pm Bilingual

### PARISH OFFICE

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 Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
 Thurs by appointment





## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday April 8 8:00am**  
Holy Father's Monthly Intention

**Wednesday April 9 8:00am**  
Christopher Kurgan

**Thursday April 10 8:00am**  
Janet Beaucaire †

**Friday April 11 8:00am**  
Our Parish Volunteers

**Saturday April 12 4:00pm**  
Frank & Dorothy Olha †

**Sunday April 13 7:30am**  
The OCIA candidates

**Sunday April 13 9:00am**  
Wladyslaw Tomasz Kapusciaz †  
Iwonka

**Sunday April 13 10:30am**  
Walter Kapusciaz †  
Christopher Kula †

**Sunday April 13 12:00pm**  
Antonina Kruczak †  
Andrzej Bryja †

**Sunday April 13 5:00pm**  
Michael Valentine JR †

### Saints and Observances

April - Dedicated to The Eucharist  
and the Holy Spirit

Monday - Saint John Baptist de la  
Salle

Friday - Saint Stanislaus  
Abstinence

## Upcoming Dates

**APR 5/6 St. Vincent De Paul Donation Collection**

**APR 6 K of C Blood Drive**

**APR 9 R.E. Students Reconciliation 6:00 pm in Church (grades 3-7)**

**APR 11 7:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation Bilingual**

**APR 12 10 am - 12 pm CCW Easter Egg-Citement Celebration**



## Stations of the Cross Update

We will not have 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross for the remaining two Fridays during Lent. Friday, April 11th is the Lenten Reconciliation at 7:00 pm, and Friday, April 18th is our 7:00 pm bilingual Good Friday Service. We hope to see you at these two very important Lenten events to prepare for Jesus's victory over death on Easter Sunday.

*Join the fun with the CCW*  
**EASTER EGG-CITEMENT CELEBRATION**

- Easter Bunny Photo-Op • Crafts
- Games • Food • Prizes

**Saturday April 12th**  
**10am-12pm**

Let us know how many children are coming by April 9th!  
rsvp.ccw.events@gmail.com or contact Bernie (773) 320-4608  
\*This is a great service opportunity as well, contact us for more details

## Easter Flower Memorial



This Easter, you may contribute to the Easter Flowers and Decor by memorializing or honoring your loved ones. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex. You may also contribute through our website or QR code. When writing, PLEASE use clearly printed letters. Names submitted after Sunday, April 13th will not be published in the bulletin.

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS**  
**APRIL: FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**  
This week, the lamps burn for:  
Deacon Manuel Guerrero JR †  
John Kiwak †



Pontifical Good Friday Collection  
Friday - April 18, 2025

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org) and [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org).



**THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
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before and after all Mass times  
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and meet us at the truck!

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LENTEN  
**RECONCILIATION**

Friday, April 11th at 7:00pm

Entry will be through the  
Adoration Chapel doors. Multiple  
bilingual priests will be available

SPOWIEDŹ  
**WIELKOPOSTNA**

Piątek, 11 kwietnia, godz. 19:00

Wejście przez drzwi Kaplicy  
Adoracji. Będzie dostępnych wielu  
dwujęzycznych kapłanów.



## 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](http://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:

**\*\*\*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.\*\*\*\*\***

## Becoming Missionary Disciples

In Pope Francis' Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," he says "we are all called to be Missionary Disciples." Not some, ALL of us are called. How can we put our faith into to action and spread the Good News?

- Those times when we fail Jesus, others, and ourselves, pick yourself up and move on. The only way to fail with God is to stop trying.
- Become a catechist. The best way to practice our faith is to share it with others, especially children. They are very insightful, and you will learn from them.
- Get outside and take a hike...a nature hike. Observe and take notice of God's beauty given to us. Thank Him for His gifts along your hike.
- Join one of our various parish ministries. This is not limited to adults. We need altar servers. Understand more about our faith and learn more about Mass while assisting Fr. Greg and our visiting priests.

# Easter Schedule



## OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

<b>PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH</b>	regular Sunday Mass schedule
<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH</b>	7:00 pm Stations of the Cross <i>Polish</i>
<b>HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH</b>	7:00 pm <i>Bilingual</i> Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 pm
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH</b>	2:30 pm Stations of the Cross <i>English</i> 3:00 pm Good Friday Service <i>English</i> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service <i>Bilingual</i> 8:00 pm - until 6:00 am Easter Sunday Guarding at the Tomb
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH</b>	11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing <i>Bilingual</i> 7:30 pm Easter Vigil <i>Bilingual</i>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH</b>	5:30 am Procession and Resurrection Mass <i>Polish</i> 7:30 am Mass <i>English</i> 9:00 am Mass <i>Polish</i> 10:30 am Mass <i>English</i> 12:00 pm Mass <i>Polish</i>
<b>EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21ST</b>	7:00 pm Mass <i>Polish</i>

## LITURGIA WIELKIEGO TYGODNIA & WIELKANOCY

<b>NIEDZIELA PALMOWA, 13 KWIETNIA</b>	regularny harmonogram Mszy niedzielnych
<b>WIELKA ŚRODA, 16 KWIETNIA</b>	Droga Krzyżowa o 7:00pm (po polsku)
<b>WIELKI CZWARTEK, 17 KWIETNIA</b>	7:00 pm Msza Święta ( <i>dwujęzyczna</i> ) Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny 10:00pm
<b>WIELKI PIĄTEK, 18 KWIETNIA</b>	2:30 pm Droga Krzyżowa ( <i>po angielsku</i> ) 3:00 pm Liturgia Męki Pańskiej ( <i>po angielsku</i> ) 7:00 pm Liturgia Męki Pańskiej ( <i>dwujęzyczna</i> ) Adoracja przy Grobie Pańskim 8:00pm – 6:00am
<b>WIELKA SOBOTA, 19 KWIETNIA</b>	11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm Świecenie pokarmów 7:30 pm Wigilia Paschalna ( <i>dwujęzyczna</i> )
<b>NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA, 20 KWIETNIA</b>	5:30 am Procesja rezurekcyjna i Msza Święta (po polsku) 7:30 am Msza Święta (po angielsku) 9:00 am Msza Święta (po polsku) 10:30 am Msza Święta (po angielsku) 12:00 pm Msza Święta (po polsku)
<b>PONIEDZIAŁEK WIELKANOCNY, 21 KWIETNIA</b>	7:00 pm Msza Święta (po polsku)

\*\*\*Please note that there is no 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

**DROGA KRZYŻOWA**  
W GÓRALSKIEJ OPRAWIE

**W WIELKĄ ŚRODE**  
**16 KWIECIEŃ 2025**  
o godz. 7:00pm

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**NIEDZIELA PALMOWA +**  
**DROGA KRZYŻOWA W**  
**GÓRALSKIEJ OPRAWIE**

W Niedziele Palmową 13go kwietnia 2025 r. o godz. 12.00 w kościele "Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady" w Homer Glen odbędzie się Droga Krzyżowa oraz Msza Święta

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You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet

**Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES**  
**June 1, 2025**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
**604 N. Raynor Ave.**  
**Joliet, Illinois**

*The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
 Click button below or scan QR code to register

**REGISTER NOW**



Department of Catechesis and Evangelization  
 Departamento de Catequesis y Evangelización

**Questions? ¿Preguntas?**  
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**St. Joseph's Corner**

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7).

These are some of the most powerful words ever spoken. Jesus often spoke out against hypocrisy, and this profound encounter at the Mount of Olives gave the Pharisees yet another opportunity to try to trap Him.

Like every time before, Jesus exposed their challenge in the light of truth—redirecting the focus from condemnation to self-examination.

But this story is not only about exposing Pharaical hypocrisy—it also reveals something much deeper about the heart of God. In Jesus's response, we see that true righteousness is not rigid or reactionary but rooted in a delicate and divine balance: justice and mercy, held together in perfect harmony. He neither dismisses the seriousness of sin nor denies the dignity of the sinner.

Jesus calls us to transformation, not through shame, but through His grace—inviting each of us to look inward, lay down our stones, and lead with love, not judgment. He calls us to open our hearts to sinners, even those who have sinned against us, just as He opens His heart to us—we who sin against Him.

There is a familiar rhythm in fatherhood: protect, provide, and correct. Yet, too often, we lead with correction first. As men, our instinct is often to fix first and understand later.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus confronted with a situation that demands justice—a pursuit that can often be a true expression of love. But Jesus redirects man's intrinsic tendency to correct through immediate judgment and instead shows us the value of patient contemplation—taking the time to let the transformative power of grace work to correct

injustice by first leading with protection and providing the space for reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Jesus doesn't diminish the severity of sin, nor does He excuse it. The beautiful imagery of Jesus straightening up and finding Himself alone with the woman draws us into a deeply personal moment—one that mirrors the intimacy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In that sacred encounter, we, too, find ourselves alone with Jesus. Just as the woman stood before Truth and Mercy incarnate, so do we. And when we lay our sins bare before Him, He responds to us as He did to her: “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin any more.”

As husbands and fathers, we are called to imitate Jesus's love within our own families—not a love that overlooks sin, but a love that sees the person before the mistake, that leads not with condemnation but with compassion. We are called to model the heart of Christ in our homes—to protect, to provide, and only then to correct with wisdom and grace. This is not passive love; it is active, intentional, and deeply courageous.

So, let us lay down the stones of harsh words, impatience, and pride. Let us create space for our wives, our children, and even ourselves to experience grace—space to reflect, to repent, and to be renewed. Let us teach our children what it means to be loved unconditionally, not by mere words, but through our daily actions. Let them see in us men who do not rush to judgment but who pause to pray, who listen before speaking, who correct in love, and who forgive with open arms.

In a world quick to cancel, quick to criticize, quick to condemn—may our homes be places of refuge, restoration, and redemption. This is our calling. This is our privilege. And by God's grace, this is our path forward.

–Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



**Calling High School Teens to Make a Positive Difference**

**All Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders Are Welcome!**

Teens will serve in volunteer work such as painting, landscaping, volunteer work at food pantries, etc.

Each day will include prayer, great music, inspirational witnesses and time to meet new friends from across the nation.

Eucharist, Adoration & Reconciliation will also be part of the week.

**July 8-13 | Lisle, Illinois**

**Cost: \$330 -**

*Checks payable to "Diocese of Joliet"*

**Deadline to register: April 15**

*For more information or to sign up, contact Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO LOS ANGELES**

At the end of the National Eucharistic Congress last year, Bishop Cozzens announced there would be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles in 2025.

Upon being asked, Bishop Hicks gratefully accepted the honor for the Diocese of Joliet to be the first Diocese on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage St. Katharine Drexel Route.

The Diocese of Joliet will receive the Eucharist from the Pilgrims and Chaplains coming from a Mass in Indianapolis, IN on **Sunday, May 18** and we will present the Eucharist to the Diocese of Peoria at St. Patrick Parish in Seneca, IL on **Monday May 19**.



**These are the Worship Spaces where the National Eucharistic Procession will stop for Adoration:**

- St. Mary Parish, Paxton**
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Gilman**
- St. John Paul II Parish, Kankakee**
- Bishop McNamara High School**
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Morris**

*Please watch your Parish Bulletin and the Diocesan website for further information about the Diocese of Joliet's participation in the 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.*

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**August 17, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**

**604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL**

**Registration Required**

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



Office of Lifelong Lay Formation Questions? Contact Jim Elias (815) 221-6134 [jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org) **DIocese of Joliet**



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April 12/13	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 5:00pm
<b>Eucharistic Minsters</b>	John Fassola Lisa Lorek Ken Marcin	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Monica Shaub Mike Gatto	Józef Staszeczka Jasia Para	Dawn Nolan Melissa Dopke Art Smigielski	Ewelina Szafran Katarzyna Karpiuk Agata Świętosławska	YayiCazares Patti Mulligan
<b>Lector</b>	Carole Trainor	Patti Mulligan Darcy Trudelle	Czesław Bisaga	Art Smigielski	Marian Gal	Vicki Petecki Patti Mulligan
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## Year End Tax Statement

2024 contribution statements are available and will be provided upon request.

Please contact the parish office at 708-301-6246, email parishoffice@omgccc.org, or visit our website and click on the tax form resource.

## 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 omgcccprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention.

## Collection

### March 29th/30th

Sunday Envelopes	\$8,969.00
Utilities	\$70.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
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