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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

4:00 pm English

Tues- Fri 8:00 am English

FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am English

7:30 pm Polish

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English

1st Friday 6:00-6:45 pm Bilingual

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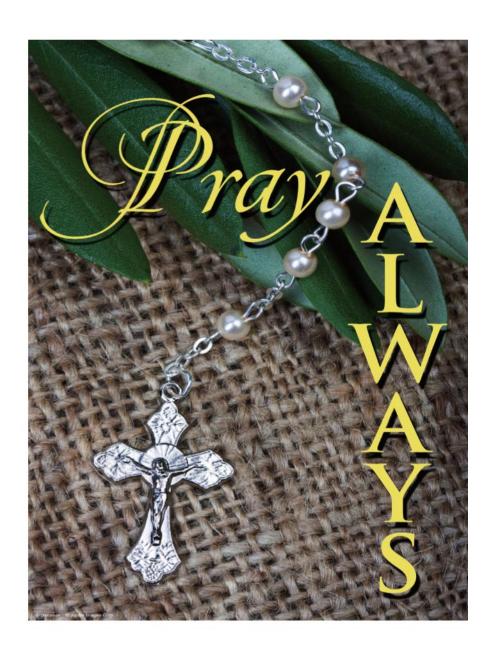
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





TUESDAY OCTOBER 21 8:00AM John Novasel†

Wednesday October 22 8:00am Lorna Rayburn†

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 8:00AM Our Homebound Parishioners

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 8:00AM Intention of the Presider

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25 4:00PM Calvin Bruni†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 7:30AMOur Parish Volunteers

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 9:00AM
Arek, Robert, Sławek
Maria
Wojciech Wilk†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 10:30AM Krystyna Znyk†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 12:00PM Stanislaw Gacek† Zbigniew Gacek† Stanislaw Mrożek†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 4:00PM
Our Parish Staff

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

October: The Holy Rosary

Sun: Saints John de Brébeuf and

Isaac Joques

Mon: Saint Paul of the Cross Wed: Saint John Paul II Thurs: Saint John of Capistrano Fri: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 18/19 Undy Sunday Collection/ World Mission Sunday Second Collection

Oct 21 OCIA Meeting 6:30pm

Oct 22 Religious Education Class 6:00 pm

Oct 25 CCW Halloween Party for Children 11 am-1 pm

Nov 1 Mass for Our Deceased 4:00 pm

Nov 1 Polish Mass 7:30 pm

BAPTISMS





Adam Joseph Wiński, Allan Zavacky, and Caroline Zavacky received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 12th. God Bless these families!

All Saints Day & Mass for the Deceased



Because the Feast of All Saints falls on Saturday, the Obligation to attend Mass is nullified, and the feast day will be celebrated during the weekend liturgies.

We will have our annual Mass for the Deceased at the Saturday, Nov 1st, 4:00pm Mass. During this Mass we will recognize all the Parishioners who passed away this past year.

Justin Bielański & Alicja Jarog 10/11/2025

CONGRATULATIONS



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Month of the Rosary

During October, we invite you to arrive at Mass 20 minutes early to pray the Rosary.

If a prayer leader is unavailable, we encourage silent meditation on the Rosary and its mysteries.

During this time of prayer, please refrain from visiting with fellow parishioners when entering the Sanctuary. JOIN CCW FOR A FUN

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If you are interested in learning about our mission, please come to our next meeting on November 3rd at 6:30. If you're unable to join us, please keep us in your prayers.

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 or faithformation@omgcc.org

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

OCTOBER 22 - CLASS OCTOBER 29 - OFF NOVEMBER 5 - CLASS

We thank you for heeding the directions in the parking lot at HJH upon dismissal. Our Knights of Columbus are helping with this important task to keep our children safe.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

The Joyful Mysteries have been central to the Rosary since the beginning of this devotion. Each mystery highlights a significant moment in salvation history.

These five mysteries are:

- 1. The Annunciation
- 2. The Visitation
- 3. The Nativity
- 4. The Presentation
- 5. The Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries reveal key moments in Jesus' public ministry, showing us who Jesus is and Him bringing his love and light to the world.

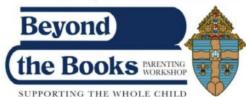
These five mysteries are:

- 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
- 2. The Wedding feast at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- 4. The Transfiguration of Jesus
- 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father, You have called the Church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May Your Church everywhere rise as a beacon of peace. Inspire priests, religious, and laypeople to work tirelessly for justice, reconciliation, and unity. May the Gospel of peace be preached not only in words but also in actions of love and service. Let the Church be a refuge for the weary, a voice for the voiceless, and a guide toward peace. Lord, empower Your people to shine brightly in a world longing for harmony. Amen.

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools



FAITH FORMATION FOR FAMILIES

A free Zoom webinar presented by the Catholic Schools Office.

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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Dziś, kontynuując tę tradycję, zapisujemy imiona naszych bliskich, wierząc, że są oni wpisani w Księgę Życia, o której wspomina Apokalipsa św. Jana. Wypominki są znakiem naszej wiary w życie wieczne, zaufania do Bożego miłosierdzia oraz duchowej więzi z tymi, którzy odeszli do Pana.

Koperty wypominkowe są wyłożone na stole w tyle kościoła. Wypełnione koperty można składać do koszyków podczas niedzielnej kolekty.

Prosimy o czytelne wypisywanie imion i nazwisk zmarłych oraz o nieskładanie kopert na ostatnią chwilę. Wypominki przyjmujemy do **26** października.

Tak jak w ubiegłym roku, imiona zmarłych będą odczytywane w każdą niedzielę listopada podczas **Mszy Świętej o godz. 9:00 AM i 12:00 PM.**

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For questions:

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Dear Friends.

On October 19th, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics around the world in supporting the missionary work of the Church —a day of prayer, reflection, and financial support for the Church's missionary work in 1,124 territories. These are regions of the world where the Church is still young, growing, and often facing poverty, conflict, or persecution. Just as we are recommitting ourselves today to MAKE disciples in the Diocese of Joliet, World Mission Sunday, reflects Jesus' great commission, to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19).

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," invites us to reflect deeply on the meaning of hope in the Christian life. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, echoes this theme in his first apostolic exhortation, "Dilexi Te" ("I Have Loved You"), when he says, "God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." So, let's join Our Holy Father and help him care for our brothers and sisters in missionary lands all across the globe. This second collection supports:

- The formation of seminarians and future religious sisters and brothers
- The education of children in Catholic schools
- Healthcare and pastoral care in remote and underserved regions
- The training of catechists and lay leaders
- The construction of churches, chapels, schools, and mission centers

The invitation to be "Missionaries of Hope among the peoples" is not for just some of us — it belongs to all of us by baptism. When we give, we are not simply making a donation—we are participating in a spiritual and missionary act of love, sustaining the Church where it cannot yet sustain itself. And when we pray for the missions, especially during World Mission Month, we are united with those bringing Christ's hope to the peripheries of the world.

Christian hope is not a vague optimism; it is the fruit of divine love—alive in us and active through us. That is why our missionary efforts are powerful acts of hope, especially for those suffering from poverty, violence, or religious persecution.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

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St. Joseph's Corner

As the liturgical year begins to wind down, we find ourselves in the final chapter of what biblical scholars often call the Discipleship Cluster—that section of Jesus's journey to Jerusalem uniquely arranged in Luke's Gospel to gather a series of teachings on wealth, mercy, humility, and persistence. I've always found these chapters to be rich in meaning and, at least on the surface, readi-

ly accessible to most Christians. The lessons are vivid, the stories memorable, and the moral takeaways often brought home beautifully through Sunday homilies.

For that reason, my recent columns have turned instead toward other readings, exploring how they complement and deepen our understanding of discipleship.

This week, however, we return to the Gospel—and to another rich but more complex teaching. On the surface, its message seems clear enough. Yet beneath it lies a more profound truth that can easily be missed, and when it is, the meaning of prayer itself risks being misunderstood.

The Sunday and Solemnity lectionary is designed so that the Old Testament reading harmonizes with the Gospel—illuminating, prefiguring, or echoing its message. The Psalm then serves as a prayerful response to both, giving voice to the faith of the Church as she contemplates the Word. In this way, the Church reveals what is often called the unity of the lectionary—a deliberate harmony in which Scripture interprets Scripture and the whole of God's revelation converges in Christ.

The Widow's Persistence

The story itself is a simple one. A widow seeks justice from a judge "who neither feared God nor respected any human being" (Luke 18:2). For a time, the judge refuses her plea. Yet eventually, he renders a just decision—not out of conversion or compassion, but from exhaustion. As Luke tells it, the judge relents because the widow's persistence has become a nuisance, and perhaps because he fears she might even strike out at him.

At first glance, the moral seems obvious: persistence pays off. The widow's unrelenting appeals eventually move the judge to act, and so we, too, must keep praying until God responds. It's an interpretation that appeals to our sense of effort and fairness—pray long enough, and the answer will come. Yet that reading, while popular, misses the heart of the parable.

Jesus is not comparing God to the unjust judge; He is contrasting them. The judge acts out of annoyance and self-interest, but God acts out of love and justice. The lesson, then, is not that we can change God's mind through persistence, but that we must remain steadfast in faith because God's love never changes. Our prayer does not persuade Him to act—it keeps us in communion with the One who is already acting, often in ways we cannot yet see. Persistence in prayer does not guarantee God will act according to our timing, but it opens us to His timing—and to the deeper transformation He desires within us.

Therefore, unlike the widow before the judge, we cannot will the answer we seek through persistence in prayer; rather, we learn to seek His will as we persist in prayer. The widow's persistence becomes a symbol of fidelity—she keeps returning because she knows that justice exists, even when it is delayed. Her wait-

ing is not wasted; it becomes the very space where faith matures. Jesus, in turn, draws a stark contrast between the Father and the judge: justice was rendered not because of the judge's character, but in spite of it. God's justice, by contrast, flows naturally from His goodness and endures without fail.

Connecting The Past, The Present, and The Future In the first reading, we witness the Israelites' battle against the Amalekites. During the conflict, as long as Moses kept his hands raised, "Israel had the better of the fight." When his arms grew weary and fell, "Amalek had the better of the fight." Hands raised in prayer are a universal symbol of receptivity—an acknowledgment that victory, strength, and sustenance come from God alone.

Yet it would be easy to misread the scene, to think Israel prevailed because of Moses's hands, as if the gesture itself possessed some power. In truth, the uplifted arms were not a signal that compelled God to act but a posture of faith that kept Israel aligned with God's will. The real power did not come through Moses, but through his dependence—a dependence so human that it required others, Aaron and Hur, to sustain it.

The essence of God's action in the battle was not simply that the Israelites should win, but that they should win by surrendering to His will—their own strength proving insufficient.

This theme of faithful endurance carries through to the second reading, where Timothy is exhorted: "Be persistent whether convenient or inconvenient." The call is broadened from prayer to mission. It's not about persuading God but about remaining faithful to what has already been received. Perseverance in prayer becomes perseverance in vocation—enduring in teaching, in leading, in fatherhood, in quiet service.

Through the lens of St. Joseph's life, this perseverance takes the shape of constancy—the masculine expression of steadfast love under pressure. It is the strength to remain faithful when emotion fades, to continue serving when recognition is absent, and to hold fast to God's will when the outcome is uncertain.

When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?

—Luke 18:8

When Jesus ends the parable by asking, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" He turns the question toward us. It is not about God's attentiveness, but about our readiness to remain faithful while He seems silent. The question presses us to look inward: will He find in us a faith that endures, a love that perseveres, a trust that remains even when the answer delays?

Dear brothers, the call is simple: remain before God. Keep praying. Keep leading. Keep loving when it's inconvenient. Raise your hands like Moses—not in control, but in surrender. Persist like the widow—not demanding but trusting. And live like St. Joseph—constant, faithful, and steadfast in quiet service.

For in that constancy, we become instruments of the very justice, mercy, and steadfast love we seek.

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



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Donor count: 151

PARISH GOAL: ______ \$42,600 AMOUNT PLEDGED: ___ \$48,320 AMOUNT PAID: \$45,998 +\$255

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. Polish Baptisms are at 1:00 p.m., and English Baptisms are at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the Faith Formation Office before booking your venue for the celebration. Parents must be registered with our parish. Both sponsors must be over 16 years old, with at least one being a practicing Catholic.



Marriage: The bride and groom should be active members of our parish. The couple should contact the Faith Formation Office at least six months in advance to schedule their marriage, allowing for adequate preparation. Schedule the church date for your marriage before securing your venue.



Funerals: The family of the deceased will coordinate with the chosen funeral home to make the arrangements. The funeral home will then contact the Faith Formation Office at Our Mother of Good Counsel (OMGC) to notify us about the upcoming funeral Mass. We (OMGC) will get in touch with the family and work together to organize the funeral liturgy.



Eucharist for the Homebound and Hospitalized: If you are unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist. Our Homebound ministry would be happy to assist you.



Anointing of the Sick & Hospital Visits: Please contact the Parish Office if your loved one requires an anointing. Please do not wait until death is imminent to request anointing, as it may take some time to find a priest for the sacrament.



Religious Education: We offer religious education classes for grades 1-8. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information. Classes meet Wednesday, 6:00-7:30PM September through March.



Newcomers: Welcome to our Parish! Please stop in the Parish Office or visit our website for a Parishioner registration form. We are so happy to have you.



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