

Our Mother of Good Counsel

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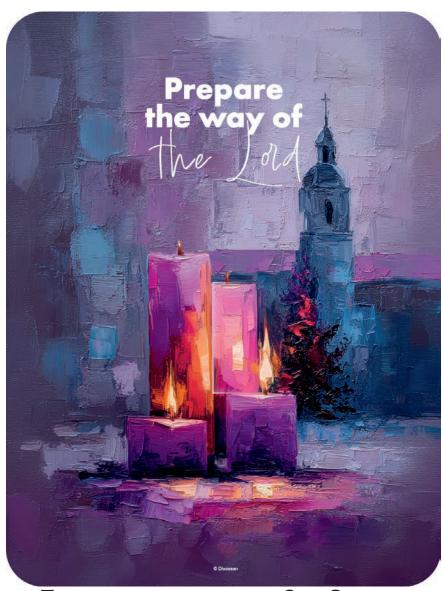
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment



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Mass Intentions

Monday December 8 8:00am Carl Holicz†

Monday December 8 7:00pm
Our Parishioners

Tuesday December 9 8:00am Delphine Kasuk†

Wednesday December 10 8:00am Virginia Schultz†

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11 8:00am Robert J Mikols†

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 8:00AM William Schultz

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 4:00pm Joan Miller†

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 7:30AM
Our Parish Volunteers

Sunday December 14 9:00am Arek, Robert, Slawek Tadeusz Tylka† Jan & Helena Kaminski† Jozef Labuda†

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 10:30AM Bette Pieczynski†

Sunday December 14 12:00pm Andrzej Bryja† Teofil Zakrzewski †

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 4:00PM No Mass Due To Concert

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

Sun: Saint Ambrose

Mon: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues: Saint Juan Diego Wed: Our Lady of Loreto Thurs: Saint Damasus Fri: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sat: Saint Lucy

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Dec 7th - Dec 13th

Joan Miller †
Elzbieta Siuta †

AROUND THE PARISH

Dec 6/7 Giving Tree Collection

Dec 10 R.E. Class 6:00 PM

Dec 13/14 Giving Tree Collection & Blood Drive 7:00am - 11:00am

Dec 17 R.E. Reconciliation Grades 3-8



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS



SANTA'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 7 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



SNIADANIE Z MIKOŁAJEM **NIEDZIELA, 7 GRUDNIA**

Godzina: 9:00 - 12:00

RUDNIA

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8 Mass 8:00 AM English 7:00 PM Bilingual



UROCZYSTOŚĆ NIEPOKALANEGO POCZĘCIA NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ MARYI PANNY

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 8 GRUDNIA Msza 8:00 - w języku angielskim 19:00 - dwujęzyczna



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 14 5:00 PM



KONCERT ŚWIĄTECZNY

**NIEDZIELA, 14 GRUDNIA*

Godzina: 17:00



ADVENT RECONCILATION

Friday, December 19 7:00 PM



ADWENTOWA SPOWIEDZ

PIĄTEK, 19 GRUDNIA

Godzina: 19:00



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



Memorialize a loved one while contributing to the Parish's Christmas decor. This envelope can be found in your envelope mailer and in the Narthex. When including the name(s) of those you would like honor, please print very clearly. For each deceased loved one or couple, we suggest an offering of \$5 or more. Return the envelope in the collection basket or the office. Names will be listed in the bulletin after Christmas.

Zapraszamy do upamiętnienia bliskich osób poprzez wsparcie dekoracji naszego kościoła na Boże Narodzenie. W kopercie, którą znajdziesz w zestawie kopert oraz w korytarzu kościoła, możesz wpisać imię i nazwiska osób, które pragniesz uhonorować. Prosimy o wyraźne wpisywanie nazwisk. Sugerowana ofiara wynosi 5 dolarów lub więcej za każdą zmarłą osobę lub parę. Prosimy o złożenie koperty do koszyka na ofiary lub dostarczenie jej do biura parafialnego. Imiona zmarłych będą publikowane w biuletynie po

Bożym Narodzeniu. Dziękujemy za Twoją hojność i wsparcie!

*Envelopes are due by December 21st!

Donate to the flower memorial securely online.

BAPTISMS



Congratulations to Michal Para

who received the Sacrament of Baptism on November 30th.



Przynieść ze sobą aparat!

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@omgccc.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

DECEMBER 10 - CLASS

December 17-Confessions in church Grades 3-8

Students in grades 3-8 will meet in church for Advent Reconciliation. Students will sit with their class and attendance will be taken. Parents must accompany their children in church.

Grades 1 and 2 are off on Dec. 17th.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Who is the patron saint of the United States?

If you answered, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," you are correct. In 1846, the bishops of the United States asked Mary to watch over our country and its people in a special way. They also chose one particular title and feast of Mary—her Immaculate Conception.

The title of the Immaculate Conception recognizes Mary's privilege of coming into the world free from sin. Through the power of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, every human being can be freed from sin at Baptism. Through that same power, Mary was always free from sin, even from that very first moment of life.

On December 8, the Church celebrates this special privilege given to Mary. At the liturgy we thanked God for all his blessings he has given to the people of our country. And we can thank Mary for watching over and protecting our people.



FAMILY PRAYER SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT (PEACE)

"God of peace, as we light the second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

WINTER WEATHER AND PARKING -

Przypomnienie dotyczące parkowania



Now that winter weather has arrived, we want to share a few important parking lot reminders to keep everyone safe.

Park only in designated parking spaces. It is important to keep the circle drive at the front entrance clear at all times to allow room for emergency vehicles.

Also, bear with us for snow removal. We do not have control over when the plows arrive, so use your discretion and extreme caution when coming to Church and Adoration. Thank you, and let's all stay safe this winter!

Uprzejmie prosimy, aby nie parkować przed głównym wejściem do kościoła, w miejscu, gdzie znajduje się hydrant przeciwpożarowy, ani na zaokrągleniu chodnika. Parkowanie w tych miejscach jest zabronione i może stanowić zagrożenie w sytuacji nagłej.

Prosimy o korzystanie wyłącznie z wyznaczonych miejsc parkingowych na parafialnym parkingu, szczególnie w okresie zimowym, kiedy odśnieżanie oraz ograniczona widoczność wymagają jeszcze większej ostrożności. Dziękujemy za zrozumienie i współprac

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday December 8th

Although this solemnity falls on a Monday, it is still a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Join us for Mass

8:00 am English

7:00 pm Bilingual

Uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny Poniedziałek, 8 grudnia

Informujemy, że mimo iż uroczystość przypada w poniedziałek, w tym roku obowiązuje uczestnictwo we Mszy Świętej. Serdecznie zapraszamy na Eucharystię:
8:00 rano – Msza Święta w języku angielskim
7:00 wieczorem – Msza Święta dwujęzyczna

GIVING TREE COLLECTION 2025

GIFT COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 6TH/7TH AND 14TH/15TH. PLEASE BRING ITEMS UNWRAPPED!

Your gifts will help families in the Joliet Diocese and are distributed to Guardian Angel Services and the Catholic Charities Daybreak Center

GIFT CARDS NEEDED IN \$25 INCREMENTS:

• HomeGoods • TJ Maxx • Marshalls • Target • Walmart • Aldi • Various Gas Stations • Any Fast Food

HOUSEWARE SUGGESTIONS:

• Sheet Sets • General Bedding • Throw Blankets And Pillows • Kitchen Towels • Washcloths • Cooking Utensils • Eating Utensils • Small Kitchen Appliances • Coffee Makers • Crock Pots • Pots • Pans • Tupperware • Ziploc Bags Gallon and Quart • Clorox Wipes • Dish Soaps/Sponges • Laundry Detergent • Dark Bath Towels • Pull Ups All Sizes

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS (IN ALL SIZES):

• Sports Bras • Underwear • Slippers • Socks • Pajamas • Joggers • Leggings • Sweatshirts • Robes • Reading Glasses

TEEN AND ADULT ITEM SUGGESTIONS:

• Shower/Hygiene Kits • Board Games/Card Games • Pen and Journal Sets • Wireless Headphones and Speakers • Makeup Sets • Nail Polish Sets • Lotion Gift Sets • Hair Brushes • Lip Balm Sets • Perfume/Cologne • Backpacks • Art Sets • Phone Accessories • Reusable Water Bottles • Umbrellas • Electronics Chargers • Textured Hair Products and Accessories • Adult Activity Books

CHILD ITEM SUGGESTIONS:

• Fidget Toys • Sensory Items • Reusable Water Bottles • Child Headphones • Truck and Car Toys • Disney Items • Super Hero Items • Individually Wrapped Snacks • Holiday Candy • Culturally Diverse Dolls • Art and Craft Kits • PlayDoh • Backpacks

Monetary donations are also being accepted.

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2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

As I remain -

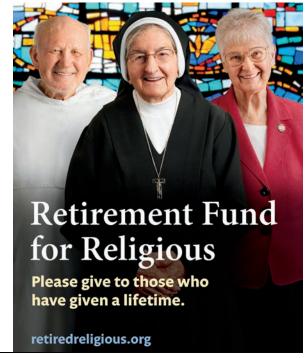
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

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WILL TAKE PLACE
DECEMBER

13TH AND 14TH



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Second Sunday of Advent

Gifts of the Spirit

The reading from the prophet Isaiah is a very hopeful description of the Messiah. And part of that description in verses 2-3 contains the traditional seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to His coming in glory, let's take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is first and it is not a matter of tossing out proverbial quotes. This wisdom is the gift of seeing God in his creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, Understanding, follows from Wisdom: as we appreciate God in His creation, we understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us to know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from Understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act, how to follow those commands of God. For example, Understanding can lead us to love others. Counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist shows that gift in the gospel, when he challenges the Pharisees. It gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel (knowing how to act) in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. It includes an understanding of Scriptures and how God's Word applies to our lives. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift (seventh in Isaiah's text: "delight in the Lord") of Piety. This is a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to Him in prayer. Piety leads us to totally rely on God and humbly ask his help.

The final gift, Fear of the Lord, is more than just being afraid: It is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much he loves us, and so how much we want to stay close to Him. The desire to be close to God leads back to Wisdom, where we see God in his creation.

-Tom Schmidt

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Lector	Scott Faurie	Debbie Hoekstra Bill Shaub	Grazyna Staszel	Jennifer Galka	Kazimierz Wilk	Carol Trainor Patti Mulligan
Sacristan	Arlene Fassola	Patti Mulligan	Bożena Bisaga	Sue Strella	Andrzej Kas	Patti Mulligan
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Building Fund \$40.00
Online Giving \$2,517.00
Thanksgiving \$10.00
Christmas Flowers \$455.00



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.



Prayer Request Line: Submit your intention to omgcprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcprayers@gmail.com an email asking to be added.



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

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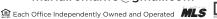


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