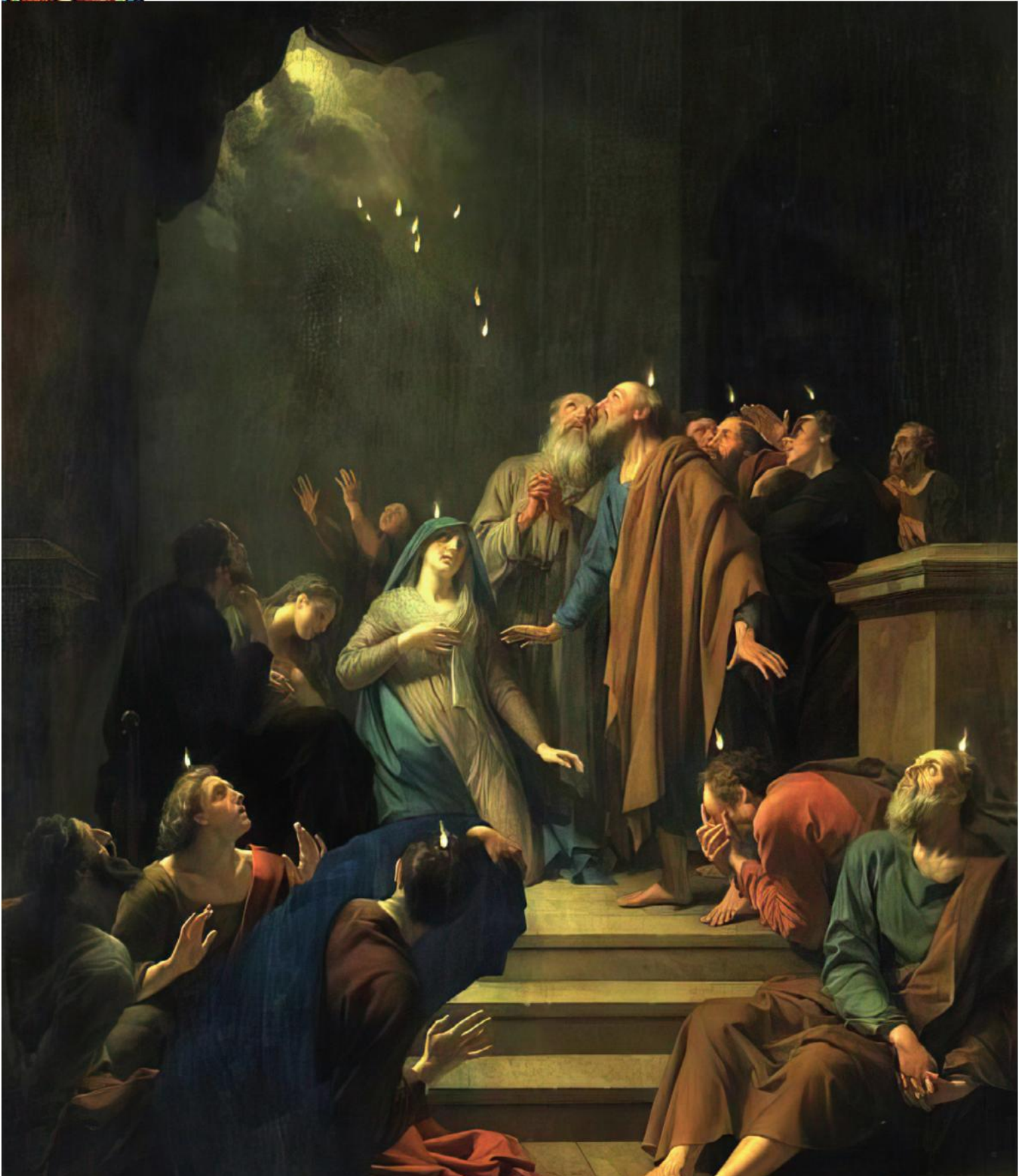


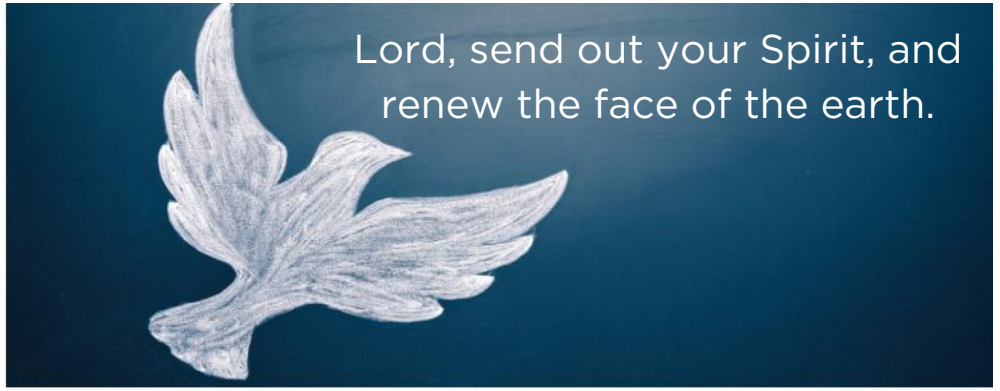


# Our Mother Of Good Counsel

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Pentecost - May 19, 2024





**Tuesday May 21**

† Kazimierz Bobak (57 years)

**Wednesday May 22**

† Irena Tompalska (1 year)  
• St. Patrick Parish, Momence

**Thursday May 23**

† Carl Giacomelli (1 year)

**Friday May 24**

† Ligas Family Healing

**Saturday May 25 4:00pm**

† Cal & Patt Bruni  
58th anniversary

**Sunday May 26 7:30am**

• All Living & Deceased Parishioners  
of Our Mother of Good Counsel

**Sunday May 26 9:00am**

† Mizia, Levandoski, Harper, Garcia, &  
Zivat Families  
† Aniela Bafia  
† Bruno Anna Nieradka  
† Zygmund Nieradka

**Sunday May 26 10:30am**

† Mark Kula (11 years)

**Sunday May 26 12:00pm**

• Dla Izabelki Stachacz z okazji urodzin  
† Eufemia Teofil Zakrzewski

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

SUNDAY MAY 19TH:  
PENTECOST

MONDAY MAY 20TH:  
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CHURCH

TUESDAY MAY 21ST:  
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COMPANIONS

WEDNESDAY MAY 22ND:  
SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

SATURDAY MAY 25TH:  
SAINT BEDE VENERABLE  
SAINT GREGORY  
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE  
DE' PAZZI



<b>Mass Schedule:</b>		<b>Confession:</b>		<b>Office Hours</b>
Tues-Friday	8:00am	Saturday	3:00-3:45pm	Tues-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm
Saturday	4:00pm (English)	1st Friday	5:30-6:45pm	<b>Faith Formation Hours</b>
Sunday	7:30am (English)	<b>Address:</b>		Tues - Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm
Sunday	9:00am (Polish)	16043 South Bell Road		<b>Website/Email</b>
Sunday	10:30am (English)	Homer Glen, IL 60491		www.omgccc.org
Sunday	12:00pm (Polish)	708-301-6246		office@omgccc.org
1st Friday	7:00pm (Polish)			

Congratulations to the 1st Communicants of the Polish School of Adam Mickiewicz



God Bless Jameson Ryan who received the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome to our Faith!



## 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 Faith Formation (RE) link once you enter the site.

### Religious Education Program

Enrollment for our Fall Religious Education classes is currently underway. Registration packets have been mailed to homes of registered parishioners. Our "early bird" discount will be available through mid June.

### Happy Birthday to The Catholic Church

We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this weekend. It is the day that the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, and then went out and preached The Gospel. The word "Pentecost" is Greek in origin and means 50th day. We celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. As Catholics, we celebrate Pentecost as the birth of our Church.

We know that the Apostles were gathered in an upper room on that first Pentecost. A great wind blew in and flames appeared as tongues of fire above the heads of those present. The Holy Spirit came upon those gathered and they began speaking in tongues. Although there was no common language, everyone understood each other.

Because the apostles received the Holy Spirit, they then went out and brought The Gospel to others.

As Confirmed Catholic Christians, we all have received the Holy Spirit. We too, can be like the Apostles and bring The Gospel to others. How? We can live as Jesus taught us, or we can become a catechist in our religious education program. We all have the gifts of the Holy Spirit.....we must use them to help each other grow in faith.

### Becoming Missionary Disciples

**Because we are Baptized Catholic Christians, we are called to put our faith into action by being a Missionary Disciple.**

How can I be a Missionary Disciple? Putting our faith into action is not as difficult as you may think. Be a MD by.....

- Praying the Rosary, especially during the month of May.
- Inviting someone to come to Mass with you.
- Being of service to others by joining our various parish ministries, including our Religious Education Program.

This includes our young people as well. You can become an altar server. Fr. Greg needs your help. We will train you for this ministry

## DIOCESE OF JOLIET ANNOUNCES PHASE 3 OF TARGETED RESTRUCTURING

Two years ago, the Diocese of Joliet launched a three-year targeted restructuring process to better organize parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions. This comprehensive process began in July 2022 shortly after the diocese had streamlined its own operations at the Blanchette Catholic Center and implemented a parish-focused approach to advance Bishop Hicks' vision of "Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action."

The Targeted Restructuring Committee (the "TRC") was created to begin a review of the vibrancy and sustainability of parishes and schools in specific geographic areas of the diocese. The TRC consists of Bishop Hicks, the eight pastors who serve as deans of the diocese's eight deaneries, and senior diocesan staff.

In the fall of 2022, the TRC addressed parish and school situations it deemed urgent. These included St. Dennis and St. Joseph Schools in Lockport, Sacred Heart and St. Pius X Schools in Lombard, and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bensenville.

The second phase of targeted restructuring began in February of 2023 and included all sixteen parishes in the Joliet Deanery. The Committee considered multiple factors including but not limited to data points on priests, seminarians, parish finances, parish facilities' assessments, sacramental numbers, October mass counts, average number of seats occupied at weekend Masses, demographic data, and trends. Considerations that were prioritized throughout the restructuring process include 1) the number of priests available to serve as pastors as well as the age and health of current pastors; 2) the availability of qualified professionals such as business managers, DRE's, musicians, etc. willing to work for the Church; 3) the highest and best use of existing parish facilities; 4) the minimization of costs to parishes to staff and maintain their facilities; and 5) and factors such as deferred maintenance of buildings and properties.

Over the course of the next eleven months, the TRC engaged in a process that was deliberate, proactive, and anticipatory of the future needs of the Deanery based on current facts. In December of 2023, after a series of listening sessions and input, the TRC provided Bishop Hicks with its recommendations, which he accepted. The number of parishes was reduced from sixteen to seven. Four parishes remained intact, one parish merged with another parish, two brand new parishes were created from the merger of eight existing parishes, and two missions were created. Following a separate but related process, the Catholic Schools Office recommended the closing of St. Jude and St. Paul Schools and the opening of Queen of Apostles School on St. Paul's campus in the fall, which will function as a ministry of the new Queen of Apostles Parish.

The third and final phase of targeted restructuring began in March of 2024. The TRC again considered parishes throughout all the geographic areas of the Diocese, with specific consideration given to DuPage, Southern Will and Grundy Counties. The TRC considered similar data points that were prioritized in the restructuring of the Joliet Deanery. The Committee provided Bishop Hicks with its recommendations, which he has accepted.

Accordingly, the nineteen parishes that will participate in the third and final phase of targeted restructuring are the following:

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DEANERY</u>
Ascension of Our Lord	Oakbrook Terrace	East DuPage
Christ the King	Lombard	East DuPage
St. Alexander	Villa Park	East DuPage
St. John the Apostle	Villa Park	East DuPage
Christ the Servant	Woodridge	South DuPage
St. Luke	Carol Stream	West DuPage
St. Mark	Wheaton	West DuPage

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DEANERY</u>
Assumption	Coal City	South Will-Grundy
Immaculate Conception	Braidwood South	Will-Grundy
Sacred Heart	Kinsman	South Will-Grundy
St. Boniface	Monee	South Will-Grundy
St. Lawrence	South Wilmington	South Will-Grundy
St. Lawrence O'Toole Chapel	Essex	South Will-Grundy
St. Liborius	Steger	South Will-Grundy
St. Mary	Park Forest	South Will-Grundy
St. Mary Mission	Reddick	South Will-Grundy
St. Patrick (Wilton Center)	Manhattan	South Will-Grundy
St. Paul the Apostle	Peotone	South Will-Grundy
St. Rose	Wilmington	South Will-Grundy

Some of these parishes will be grouped together and others will be considered on an individual basis. In addition, some parishes in geographical proximity to the above-listed parishes will be involved in the restructuring process in a spiritually supportive capacity. More details about these and other aspects of the targeted restructuring process will be communicated in future announcements. Each parish will receive a written timeline of events that will take place in the parish as well as the diocese. These timelines will vary from parish to parish.

The diocese engaged Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), a third-party consultant, to assist the parishes throughout the Joliet Deanery restructuring process and CLI will assist all the parishes involved in Phase 3 as well. CLI will work directly with pastors and parish leadership teams to create timelines for the process, which include training of parish leadership teams in pastoral accompaniment skills, facilitating parish listening sessions, creating possible scenarios for parishioner feedback, and other related tasks.

Parishioners' connections to their parishes are both spiritual and emotional. However, change is inevitable and necessary to adapt to trends and circumstances that are happening in our diocese, in the United States and in the universal Church. As we approach the third phase in this restructuring process, the hope is that by pruning some of the branches, we as a diocese can continue to thrive and grow.

It's important to re-emphasize that no decisions have been made about any of the parishes that will undergo a restructuring in Phase 3. You will have many questions, and we remain committed to transparency and support throughout this process.

Let us pray for and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we accompany one another on this journey of discernment to new realities in DuPage, Southern Will and Grundy Counties.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Maureen Harton

Director of Implementation  
Targeted Restructuring Committee 5/13/2024

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Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. Jn 16:12-13

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### CMAA Pledge Report for Our Mother of Good Counsel

Our remaining balance is gradually decreasing. Please continue to make your payments to the CMAA. Once our goal is reached, 70% of the amount over our goal will come back to OMGC. Thank you for the continued support!

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DONOR COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_140



Thank you!

### Stewardship

May 11th/12th

Saturday 4:00pm..\$3,199.00

Sunday 7:30am.....\$1,508.00

Sunday 9:00am.....\$2,794.00

Sunday 10:30am....\$1,774.00

Sunday 12:00pm.....\$2,068.00

Online offering.....\$1,593.00

Utilities.....\$37.00

Building Fund..... \$525.00

Total.....\$13,498



# Ministry Schedule

	May 25th Saturday 4:00pm	May 26h Sunday 7:30am	May 26th Sunday 9:00am	May 26th Sunday 10:30am	May 26th Sunday 12:00pm
<b>Eucharistic Minsters</b>	Judy Keating Janet Litterio Ed Wereldsma	Patti Mulligan- Mary Ann Mesich Mike Gatto	Jozef Staszeczka Jasia Para	Dawn Nolan Ellen Dudycha Melissa Gordon	Ewelina Szafran Katarzyna Karpiuk
<b>Lector</b>	Dennis Foley	Sue Targosz Darcy Trudelle		Art Smigielski	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Donna Swiniarski	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	Bozena Bisaga	Dawn Nolan	Ewelina Szafran
<b>Ushers</b>	Cody Cwik John Swiniarski	Mike Targosz Tony Angelo Jim Mulligan	Marcin Miskowicz Witek Szaflarski Edward Matoniak Stanislaw Smalec	Tim Finlon Phillip Gosewich Andy Smigielski	Artur Leja Eugeniusz Blachut Wieslaw Mos Andrzej Kas

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## Sacraments

### Baptism

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

### Marriage

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. They 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 or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist.

### For 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 to register or visit our website omgccc.org

### Vocations for Religious Life

Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations for the Religious Life, please visit vocations@dioceseofjolieta.org

### Prayer Request Line

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