



# Our Mother of Good Counsel

*Catholic Church*

## 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

7:00 pm Polish

## CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English

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

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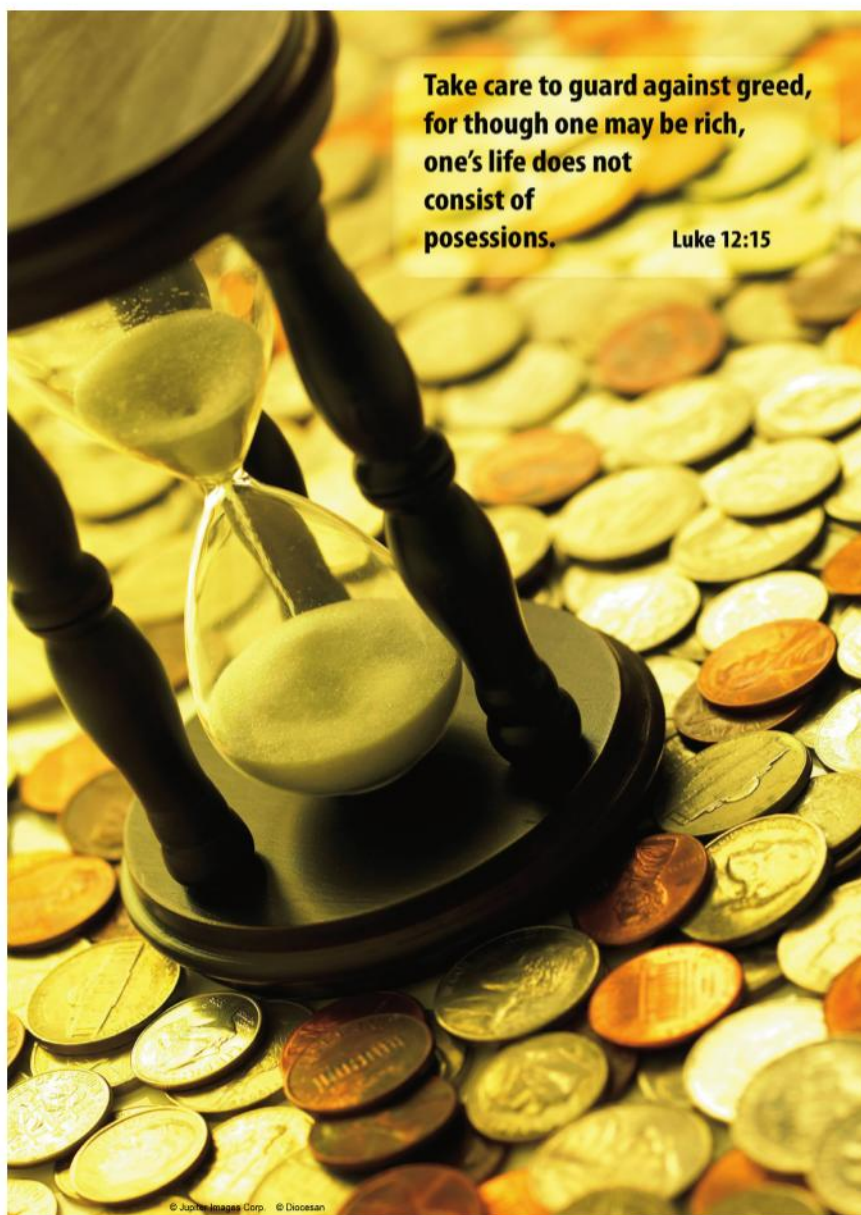
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





## MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY AUGUST 5 8:00AM**  
Edward & Gertrude Bialecki†

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6 8:00AM**  
Theresa Novosel†

**THURSDAY AUGUST 7 8:00AM**  
Intention of the Presider

**FRIDAY AUGUST 8 8:00AM**  
Sr. Glenna Marie and Sr. Jackie  
Drazen

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9 4:00PM**  
Tony & Gale De bella

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 7:30AM**  
Dcns. Eduardo Murillo and Terrence  
Near

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 9:00AM**  
Budz Family  
Wojciech Wilk†  
Barbara Czarniak†

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 10:30AM**  
Thomas Kapusciaz†

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 12:00PM**  
Andrzej Bryja†  
Zofia & Jozef Gonciarczyk†

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 4:00PM**  
Dcns. Robert Miciunas and Kenneth  
Miles

### SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

July: Dedicated to the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary

Monday: Saint John Vianney

Tuesday: The Dedication of the  
Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of  
the Lord

Thursday: Saint Cajetan  
Saint Sixtus II

Friday: Saint Dominic

Saturday: Saint Teresa Benedicta of  
the Cross

## UPCOMING DATES

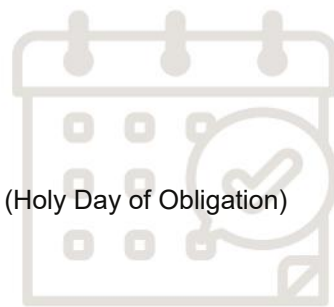
**AUG 2/3** Food Drive Collection

**AUG 2/3** Photo Directory Sign-ups

**AUG 15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

**SEP 7** Parish Picnic (no 4:00 PM Mass)

**SEP 9-13** Parish Directory Photo Sessions



### August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This devotion emphasizes Mary's pure and loving heart, her role in salvation history, and her closeness to Jesus. This month also includes other Marian feast days like the Assumption of Mary (August 15th) and the Queenship of Mary (August 22nd).

The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was emphasized by the Fatima message, declaring Mary's heart as a path to salvation and a refuge for souls. This devotion was further highlighted by Pope Pius XII who consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart in 1942.

Mary's Immaculate Heart represents Mary's interior life, her love for Jesus, her virtues, and her cooperation with God's will. We can deepen our devotion to Mary through prayer, like the Litany of the Immaculate Heart, and through acts of consecration and reparation.



Welcome to  
our new Parishioners:  
**The Marciniak Family**  
**The Gil Family**



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions  
Aug 3rd - 9th

Theresa Novosel †

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and God Bless  
**Alice Ann Huczek**  
who received the Sacrament of  
Baptism On Saturday, July 26th.







## Spiritual Adoption Program

"I can look around!"  
7 Months

Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice. His grip is even stronger now than it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing.

During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases. He is about 15 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

## School Supplies Drive Thank You!!



My name is Jaron Nabors Sr, founder of 2morrowstartz2day inc in Joliet! I truly want to thank Father Greg Podwysocki and everyone from Our Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church!

Your contributions were amazing and are going to help a lot of students get off to a great start for the school year! God bless you all!



## Thank you!

During last week's blood drive, the goal of 15 units was met. There were 16 units of blood collected, and this amount will impact and help 48 people!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Please consider donating at the next drive scheduled for October 5th!

## 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](mailto:faithformation@omgccc.org)

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 Classroom Volunteers

Our annual Faculty Gathering this year will be held on Wednesday, August 27th at 7pm in our meeting room. This gathering is for classroom volunteers-catechists and aides.

A team of Catechist and Aide are needed in two grade levels, 3 and 5. Please prayerfully consider sharing our faith with these two very inspirational grade levels.

Want to share our faith with the young members of our parish family? Joining our program is an excellent way of putting your faith into action and becoming a Missionary Disciple.

## Becoming Missionary Disciples

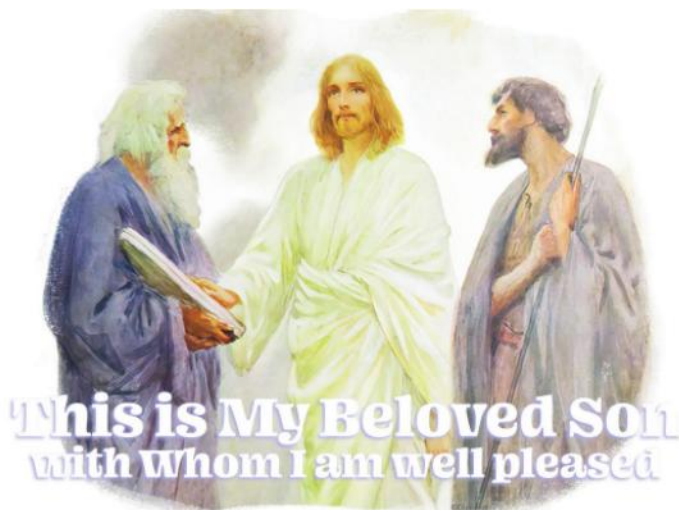
As Catholics, we are all called to be Missionary Disciples because we are Baptized Catholic Christians.

How can I put my faith into action and be a Missionary Disciple?

It's easy.....

- Choose to be a disciple of Jesus by volunteering, praying, or doing works of service. Gently share our faith and explain how it brings you happiness.
- Make time for others. Be accessible to those who may be in need of your help.
- Pray to God to give insight and wisdom to help your colleagues/neighbors find the answer they may need.





Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6th

The Transfiguration of Christ is a pivotal event in Jesus's public life. Peter, James, and John are the privileged witnesses to see His face shining like the sun and His garments becoming as white as light, indicating the shining of His Divinity from the inside-out.

There with Jesus was Moses and Elias (representing the Law and the Prophets recognizing and adoring Him). Then, God the Father proclaims Him His only-begotten Son.

In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.



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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Robbing a Bank*

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

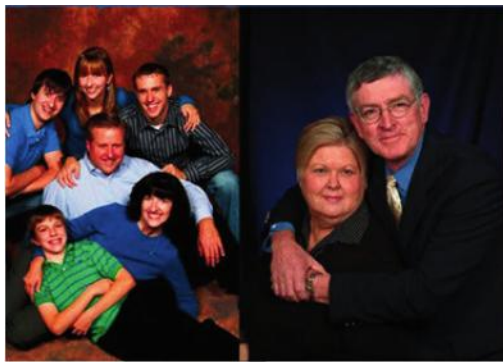
Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? I can give an obvious answer, such as robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify myself. Do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can “have the things I couldn’t afford when I was young”? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

-Tom Schmidt





### Sign ups before and after Mass in the Narthex!

Photo sessions are Sept 9th-13th. You can have your whole family in the picture! Children, grandkids, great-grandkids, these portraits are available to everyone.

Our online scheduler is live on the weekdays.

- Go to the Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- Click on the RED box "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- Enter your church code: **il417** and enter the password: **photos**
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complete without you!

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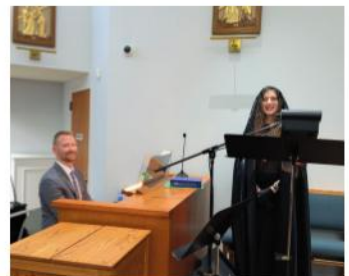
### MASS OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

On Thursday, July 24th, we had the honor of hosting the annual Mass of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

This organization is a public Roman Catholic order of knighthood with a mission to support the Christian community and the Church in the Holy Land. Its members, which include our parishioners and Fr. Greg, support charitable works in the Holy Land while aiding the Church there.

Bishop Hicks was the celebrant, along with Bishop Emeritus Conlon and many other priests. It is an extremely important cause, and we were excited for their visit! Thank you to our altar servers for assisting!

You can view the Mass on our youtube channel: [www.youtube.com/@OurMotherofGoodCounsel](http://www.youtube.com/@OurMotherofGoodCounsel)



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  
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But He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one is affluent does his life consist of his possessions." Lk 12:15



Aug 9/10	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	John Fassola Marian Strzelczyk Ed Wereldsma	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato Mike Gatto	Jasia Para Ryszard Kloc	Timothy Finlon Julie Sochacki Yayi Cazares	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Janet Litterio
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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



**Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm (Polish) and 1:30 pm (English). Please contact the Parish Office before booking a venue.



**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 Mass.



**Eucharist For Homebound:** 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 office if you or a loved one is in need of anointing. Please do not wait until prognosis is imminent.



**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.



**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.

## CMAA PLEDGE REPORT

Thank you for joining the CMAA effort! If we reach our goal, 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned.

Donor count: 145 (+2)  
PARISH GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_ \$42,600  
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \_\_\_\_ \$46,235 (+50)  
AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ \$41,591 (+50)  
REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,644

## STEWARDSHIP

**July 26/July 27**  
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