

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

7:00 pm Polish

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English

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

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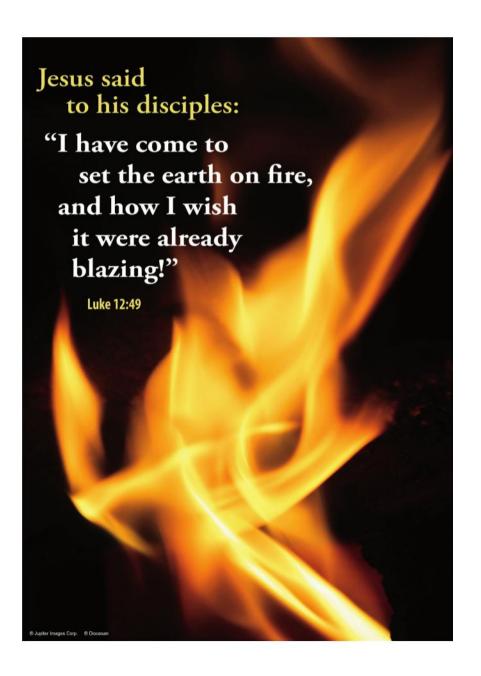
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





Mass Intentions

Tuesday August 19 8:00am Daniel G. Mitchell

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20 8:00AM Intention of the Presider

THURSDAY AUGUST 21 8:00AM Intention of the Presider

FRIDAY AUGUST 22 8:00AM Stefan & Ludmiła Fudala

Saturday August 23 4:00pm Stanley Bielanski†

Sunday August 24 7:30am Frank & Stella Frankiewicz†

Sunday August 24 9:00am Stanley Bielański† Barbara Czarniak† Andrzej Pasciak†

SUNDAY AUGUST 24 10:30AM Mark Kula†

Sunday August 24 12:00pm Za Parafian Agnieszka & Tomasz

SUNDAY AUGUST 24 4:00PM Edward & Gertrude Bialecke†

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

July: Dedicated to the Immaculate

Heart of Mary Tues: Saint John Eudes Wed: Saint Bernard Thur: Saint Pius X

Fri: The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Sat: Saint Rose of Lima

WATCH MASS ONLINE!

Our Sunday Masses are now streaming on our youtube channel. www.youtube.com/
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Upcoming Dates

R.E. Opening Mass 6:00PM at Church

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

SEP 9-13 Parish Directory Photo Sessions (in church)

BAPTISMS





Congratulations and God Bless
Julian Rokita & Jozef Pawlikowski
for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 10th.



OUR PARISH PICNIC IS AROUND THE CORNER!

We hope you join us Sunday September 7th at our Parish Picnic.

DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES:

Drop off new and unused items to contribute to the Raffle Prizes. Please be sure to add your name to the items, so we can recognize you as a donor! Thank you so much!

PICNIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We are seeking sponsors for this year's picnic. Please consider contributing to one of the biggest annual events at our Parish. Sponsors will be highlighted at the picnic, in the bulletin, on our social media, and on our website.

Please contact the Parish office for more information, and thank you!

SPLIT THE POT 50/50 TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Aug 17th - 23rd Zygmunt Nieradka † Zofia Szaflarska †

PARISH REGISTRATION WEEKEND



If you have not had a chance to make it to the Parish Office to register as a parishioner, no problem!

This weekend in the Narthex, you can fill out the registration form and check it off your list!

HOLY MATRIMONY



Olivia Kusper & Bart Marciniak were married on August 8th by Fr. Greg at the Cathedral in Helena, Montana. We wish them a lifetime of happiness!



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Sessions for OCIA are beginning in the fall. If you are over 18 and are interested in becoming a fully Initiated member of the Catholic Church, please join us!

- · Gain a deeper understanding of the richness of our Catholic Faith
- Discern if God is calling you to these Sacraments
- Prepare to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation



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.

2025/2026 RE Schedule

Sept 3, 2025- 6pm MASS Jan 7, 2026-CLASS Sept 10, 2025-CLASS Jan 14, 2026-CLASS Sept 17, 2025-CLASS Jan 21, 2026-CLASS Sept 24, 2025-OFF Jan 28. 2026-OFF

Feb 4, 2026-CLASS Oct 1, 2025-CLASS Oct 8, 2025-CLASS Feb 11, 2026-CLASS Feb 18, 2026-OFF- Ash Oct 15, 2025-CLASS Oct 22, 2025-CLASS Wednesday Oct 29, 2025-OFF Feb 25, 2026-CLASS

Nov 5, 2025-CLASS Nov 12, 2025-CLASS Nov 19, 2025-CLASS

Nov 26, 2025-OFF

Gr. 3-8-CHURCH

Dec 3, 2025-CLASS Dec 10, 2025-CLASS Dec 17, 2025-Reconciliation March 4, 2026-CLASS March 11, 2026-CLASS March 18, 2026-CLASS March 25, 2026-Reconciliation

Gr. 3-8-CHURCH

See the on-line RE Schedule or your Registration packet for additional important Sacramental Preparation Dates

Religious Education 2025-2026

As you see by the calendar above, our new religious education school year is approaching quickly. Parents, you may still enroll your children. If you need an enrollment packet, kindly call or email me. We also need volunteers to share our faith with our young people.

We need YOU!!





St. Joseph's Corner

"Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens" (Epictetus).

Have you ever stayed up late into the night, redoing a task that no one asked you to touch — not because it was broken, but because it wasn't perfect by your standards? Maybe it was already

functional, acceptable, even praised by others, but you couldn't let it stand. It wasn't your mistake to fix, nor your responsibility—yet pride whispered, I can make it better. And so you press on, while your family waits for you at home.

Epictetus' wisdom is simple: focus on what is in your hands and leave the rest. But pride blurs the lines, pulling us into matters outside our lane—trying to control timing, outcome, or finish in ways God has not asked of us. What we see as flawed may, in fact, be God's providence at work—perfectly imperfect for His purposes. And while Epictetus spoke of contentment as a Stoic virtue, Scripture calls us to something even deeper—perseverance in the specific race God has marked out for us.

The author of Hebrews recognized this tendency and addressed it directly: "Lay aside every weight...and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1)—not the race set before someone else. And while St. Paul encourages us to "aspire to holy things," we must take care to examine the motives that fuel our ambitions. Ambition itself is not the enemy; when aimed at God's glory, it drives us to serve, build, and protect. But when pride takes the driver's seat, even our best intentions can drift out of the lane God has laid before us.

And at this juncture, Jesus's words cut through any illusion we might create for ourselves.

""I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49).

This is not a fire that destroys for its own sake, but one that purifies and refines, burning away what cannot endure in God's kingdom.

His fire is not of worldly achievement, self-satisfied success, or righteousness steeped in vanity. His is a fire that purifies, burning away what is merely human striving, and leaves only what is of God. This is a common refrain from our Lord: He will bring not only peace but division (Luke 12:51—dividing those who follow Him from those who reject Him); He will separate the wheat from the chaff (Matthew 3:12; cf. Luke 3:17—preserving what is fruitful and burning what is worthless); He will prune the branches that do not bear fruit (John 15:2—removing what does not remain in Him so the rest may flourish); He will separate the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32—distinguishing the righteous from the wicked at the final judgment). In all these teachings, Jesus speaks to the primacy of the Father's will, and that when our ambitions collide with His will, something must give. In His mercy, it is often our pride that must be consumed first.

The Path Forward

The fire is not to be feared. The wise man steps into it willingly, bringing his ambitions, concerns, and desires openly before Christ. At the foot of the cross—where pride is defeated and surrender prevails—we lay them down, asking Him to consume all that is rooted in pride, fear, or self-will, until only our true identity in Him remains: beloved sons of the Father, called and equipped for His purpose. From that place of surrender, His will becomes clear, and our hearts are free to embrace the mission and vocation He has placed before us.

St. Joseph lived this surrender. He did not cling to his own plans when God redirected his path; he accepted the disruption, the uncertainty, and the cost, trusting that God's providence was perfect. For husbands and fathers, this is the model: to welcome the refining fire of Christ, so that our leadership, our work, and our ambitions are purified of self-interest and aligned with the Father's will.

Every day, bring your ambitions, concerns, and desires to Christ in prayer. Ask Him not why—for that tempts us to manage—but what He would have you do with these movements in your heart. Then wait, and let His purifying fire refine you like silver, until only what comes from God remains

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

G S M Ζ C N В G R E N K Н D S Z D N M Ν E Α G G Н Т В

> Earth Fire Baptism Great Peace Divide Father Mother Daughter Son



Save the Date for the Saint Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive

September 20th & 21st

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of 9/20 & 9/21 before and after masses.

Start gathering your donations and meet us at the truck!

Items you can donate: CLOTHING, SHOES, SMALL HOUSEWARES, SMALL ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, & TOYS

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Thank you for helping us help others!! -Society of St. Vincent de Paul

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Joliet Diocese is constantly updating their employment opportunities page. Visit our website www.omgccc.org, and under the 'Resources' tab, you can view Diocese jobs, Parish positions, and school opportunities.





Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. After having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that "the Immaculate Mother of God was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," he then established the feast of her Queenship.

Eventually, the date for this feast was set for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22nd each year.

Just as Christ is the King of the universe, so too is His Mother the Queen. The Church teaches that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life, and there she was crowned by her Son.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY:

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed, suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness.

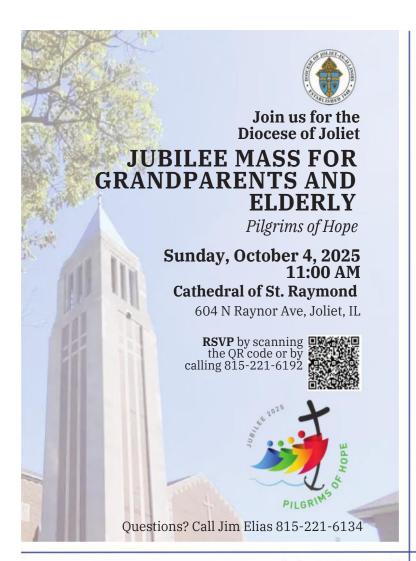
O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial. Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy.

In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope. We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph.

We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen.



The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life





October 10, 2025 -March 20, 2026 A Virtual Retreat with Fr. Bill Creed, SJ

This virtual retreat is facilitated by Fr. Bill Creed, SJ and led by Louis Savary's The New Spiritual Exercises in the Spirit of Teilhard de Chardin. Join us as we journey through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, praying the Scriptures, reflecting on our invitation to be missionary disciples. This retreat calls you to love as Jesus loved, face challenges with courage and compassion, grow in greater awareness, and trust in the slow work of God. Through reading, prayer, reflection, and small group discussion, open yourself to deeper union with God's presence, discernment, and action.

This virtual retreat takes place on the Fridays listed below from 7:30 am - 8:45 am.

2023	2020		
October 10, 24	January 9, 23		
November 7, 21	February 6, 20		
December 5, 19	March 6, 20		
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etreat Leader: Fr. Bill Creed, SJ

Bellarmine Ministry Team member; co-founder of the Jesuit Renewal Center; chaplain and co-founder of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps in Chicago and the Ignatian Spirituality Project.

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Photo sessions are Sept 9th-13th in the Narthex. Our online scheduler is live on the weekdays.

- · Go to the Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- · Click on the RED box "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- Enter church code: il417 and password: photos
- Click on the desired photography date
- · Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired appointment time

Aug 23/24	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
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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 omgcprayers@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: 148

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