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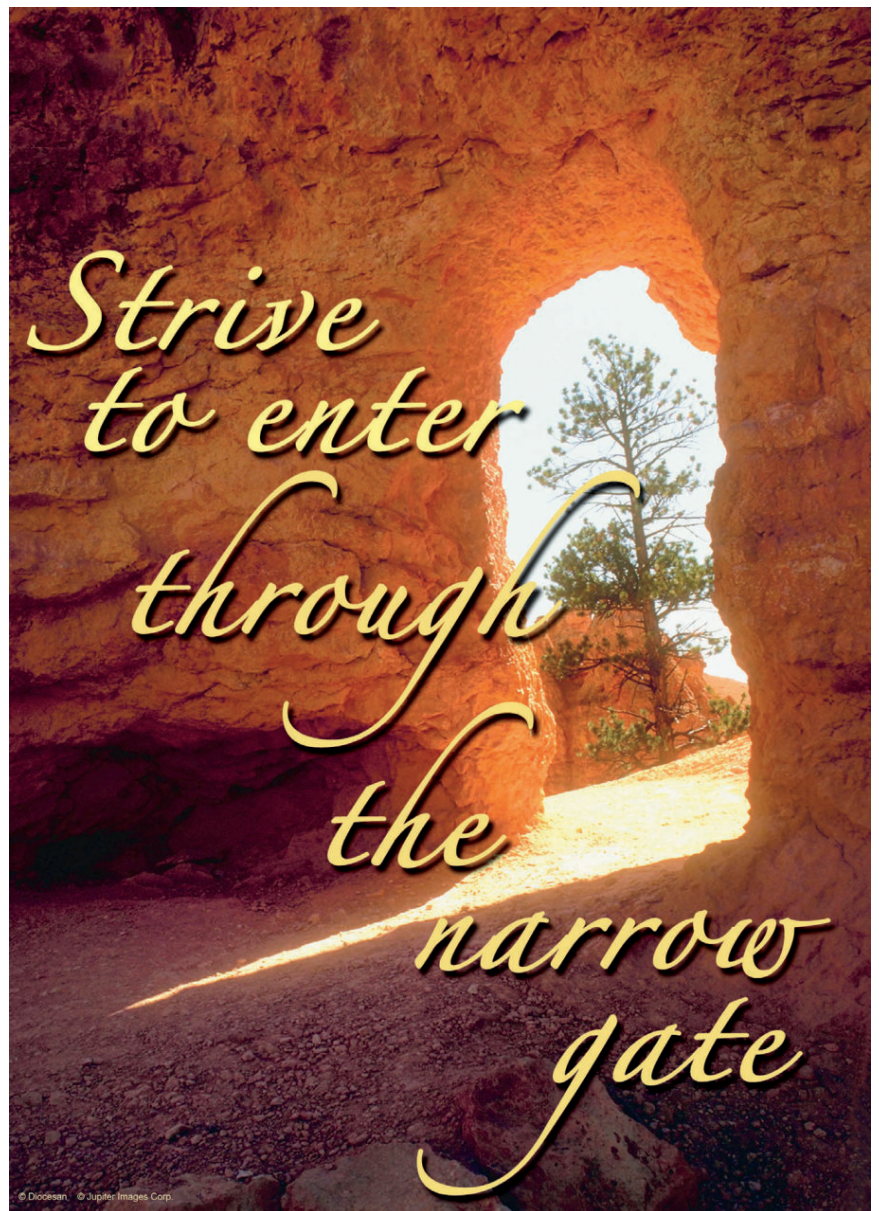
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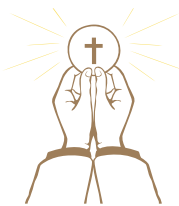
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY AUGUST 26 8:00AM
Nicholas Wagner†

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 8:00AM
Elsie Wagner†

THURSDAY AUGUST 28 8:00AM
Our students and teachers

FRIDAY AUGUST 29 8:00AM
Marie V Mitchell†

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 4:00PM
Calvin Brun†

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 7:30AM
Gerald Haimann†

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 9:00AM
Stanley Bielański†
Barbara Czarniak†
Stanislaw Gutt†
Marta Cyganska†

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 10:30AM
Michael Valentine JR†

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 12:00PM
Za Parafian

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 4:00PM
Marian & Maria Jelcz†

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

July: Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sun: Saint Bartholomew

Mon: Saint Joseph Calasanz
Saint Louis

Wed: Saint Monica

Thur: Saint Augustine

Fri: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

WATCH MASS ONLINE!

Our Sunday Masses are now streaming on our youtube channel.
www.youtube.com/@OurMotherofGoodCounsel

UPCOMING DATES

SEP 3 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)



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Aug 24th - 30th

Elsie Wagner †



Welcome our
new Parishioners:
The Tujo Family
The Kenar Family
The Zagata Family

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Picnic
Piknik Parafialny

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH
NIEDZIELA, 7 WRZEŚNIA

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Wonder is the desire
of knowledge.

Thomas Aquinas

Dear Lord,

As students begin a new school year, keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true, beautiful, and good. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Bless teachers with patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.
Hold them all in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

-Amen.

HOLY MATRIMONY



Congratulations to Monika & Michal Rabianski married on August 16th!



Zofia and Kazimierz Nowobilski received a special blessing on August 17th in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary!

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.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

Religious Education Packet Pickup

The pickup times have been coordinated with the Mass times on our **opening R.E. Mass on Wednesday, September 3rd**, along with the weekend of **September 6th and 7th**.

Mass Times

Wednesday, Sept 3: 6pm Mass

Pickup times

5:15pm until Mass begins

Saturday, Sept 6: 4pm Mass

2:45pm - 3:45pm

Sunday, Sept 7

8:00am - 11:00am

Please note that packets will not be given out while Mass is being celebrated.

Packets must be picked up prior to our first class on September 10th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Our annual Faculty Gathering this year will be held in our church narthex, on

Wednesday, August 27th at 7pm.

STUDENTS

Our Religious Education School year will begin with Mass in church for students and families on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6pm. Students will sit with their families as we pray together as a parish family.

Our first class at Homer Jr. High is September 10th at 6pm.





St. Joseph's corner

"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able"
(Luke 13:24).

The Temptation to Despair

With these words, it would be tempting to conclude that the path to salvation is nearly impossible, that at the end only a few will squeeze through. It might even seem as if God delights in our struggle. But to think this way is to miss the point entirely.

These thoughts are temptations, designed to lead us down a dark road of acedia, shame, and despair. This is the enemy's strategy: first, to convince us that the path to righteousness is unwalkable, too difficult, or reserved for the spiritual elite. Then, once we surrender to acedia—that heavy, listless discouragement that whispers, "why even try?"—he strikes again, taunting us with the shame of not being good enough to walk the journey at all.

The Truth of the Narrow Door

But Christ teaches us the truth. The narrow door is not meant to exclude but to free. Beyond it lies a wide table, where people from east and west, north and south, recline in the Kingdom of God.

The narrow door is not a door of finality but one of daily purification, forcing us to shed the pride, greed, gluttony, and excess that weigh us down. These burdens distort us and make us unfit to pass through. We can only enter as the person the Lord created us to be—light, free, and conformed to His will. When we lay aside our baggage, we find not loss but abundance: a place at His table. There we recline not under the weight of our own striving but receiving from Him the food of eternal life.

Yet Christ will not drag us past the threshold against our will. We must choose to unburden ourselves—surrendering pride, self-will, and worldly attachments. And the time to choose is limited, for the door will not remain open forever. Each day, the invitation is before us: to walk through the narrow door or to remain outside. If we give in to acedia—the noonday devil that dulls our gaze and numbs our desire for God—or if we accept the shame and despair pressed upon us by the enemy, then we risk being left outside when the door finally shuts. And outside, Jesus warns, is "the place of weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Invitation to Rest

But the Gospel does not end in fear—it ends in invitation. Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Beyond the narrow door is a wide table. The narrowness is only for a moment; the vastness is eternal. God desires us at His banquet and has paid the ultimate price to make our place secure. The choice is not as impossible as the enemy wants us to believe. Christ assures us, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30). Salvation is not the crushing weight of our own efforts, but grace—freely offered, freely received.

Our Call

St. Joseph shows us what this looks like. Walking through the narrow door is not about dramatic public deeds, but about small daily choices of surrender: obedience, humility, and trust. As husbands and fathers, we must imitate him.

Each evening, as we stand at the threshold of our homes, let us make that door narrow. Lay aside the burdens of pride, anger, and despair before you cross. Carry into your home only what is life-giving: faith, hope, and love. In doing so, you will not only pass through the narrow door yourself—you will lead your family through it, toward the banquet of the Lamb.

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Lk 13:24

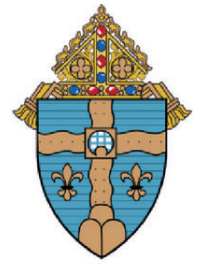
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Drop off new and unused items to contribute to the Raffle Prizes. Please be sure to add your name to the items, so we can recognize you as a donor! Thank you so much!

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.

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Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134



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- Prepare to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation



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or call 708-301-0214 to learn more

Saving the Best for Last: Aging & the Spiritual Life



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October 6, 2025

9 am - 3 pm

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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 30/31	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Dennis Foley Janet Litterio Ed Wereldsma	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato	Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk	Denise Holub Ellen Dudycha Melissa Gordon	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Patti Mulligan
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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: 148

PARISH GOAL: _____ \$42,600

AMOUNT PLEDGED: ____ \$47,820

AMOUNT PAID: _____ \$44,372 (+1,071)

REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,448

2025 REBATE: _____ \$1,240

STEWARDSHIP

Aug 16/17

Mass Collections	\$8,603.00
Utilities	\$55.00
Building Fund	\$4,075.00
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