

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 (canceled on the 7th)

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

PARISH OFFICE





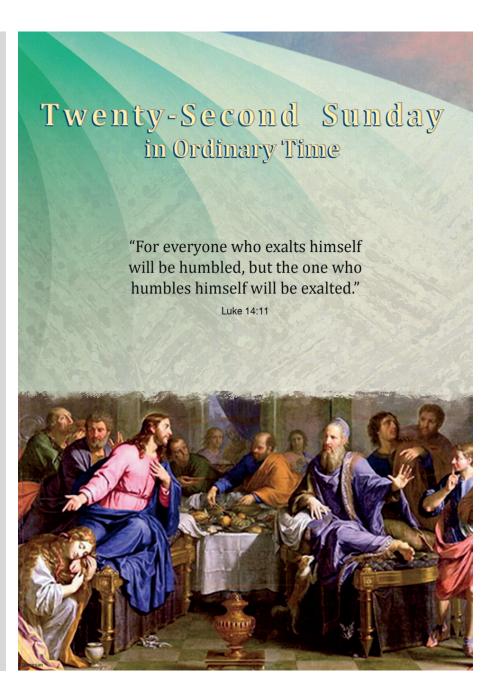
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 8:00AM Elsie Wagner†

Wednesday september 3 8:00am
Intention of the Presider

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4 8:00AM Intention of the Presider

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 8:00AM
Niklewicz Mitchell†

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 7:00PM Za Parafian

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6 4:00pm Joan & Rick Miller†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 7:30AM Edward & Gertrude Bialecke†

Sunday september 7 9:00am Mateusz, Jan, Alex Maria Szaflarska† Marta Cyganska†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 10:30AM Helena Kapusciarz†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 12:00PM
Teresa Koscielak
Jozefa Jeziorna†
Zygmunt Sobczak†
Halina Włodarczyk†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 4:00PM No Mass

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

September: Dedicated to the Seven

Sorrows of Mary

Wed: Saint Gregory the Great

Fri: First Friday

Pierwsze Piątki Miesiąca

Upcoming Dates

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

SEP 5 First Friday

Parish Picnic (no 4:00 PM Mass)



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Aug 31st - Sep 6th

Joan & Rick Miller †

Welcome our new Parishioners:
The Figlewicz Family
The Cetnarowski Family
The Budzynski Family
The Milon Family



1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Pray for the reposed soul of our Parishioner



Clsie Wagner who entered eternal life on August 17, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

HOLY MATRIMONY



Congratulations to Lindsey and Marcin Kasperek married on August 23rd!

Altar Server Training - Grades 3 through 8

We will be offering Altar Server training in church on Tuesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 25th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

All altar servers are welcome to join us on Thursday to help with training and enjoy a pizza party.

Strengthen your relationship with Jesus by helping the priest with Mass. You can have a better understanding of Mass, and deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus.

RSVP to Mrs Nolan: bhawk21@comcast.net or Mrs. Litterio: faithformation@omgccc.org



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@omgcc.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

Our 2025-2026 Program begins this Wednesday, September 3rd with Mass in Church beginning at 6pm. Children will sit with their families for this Mass. Let's pray together as we begin our school year!

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: 6:00pm
Pickup times
5:15pm until Mass
begins

begins

Saturday, Sept 6: 4:00pm 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.

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

This Sunday's Lectionary reflects on themes of humility, generosity, and God's invitation into true communion. Once again, we encounter the image of a banquet or a wedding feast. Biblical literary analysis might classify this as a common trope—after all, the language of table and feast is woven throughout Scripture. But for our purpos-

es, it is richer to see it as a typology, with each banquet scene foreshadowing and participating in a greater reality that leads us toward the ultimate wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).

Old Testament Prefigurations

In the Old Testament, the banquet prefigures covenant and communion. In the Book of Genesis, Abraham welcomes three mysterious visitors—later understood as a theophany foreshadowing the Blessed Trinity—and sets a lavish meal before them under the oaks of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-8). Abraham's hospitality brings covenant blessing, the promise of a son.

Later, when the promised son was married, there was again a wedding feast (Genesis 24:54; cf. Genesis 29:22). This banquet, more literal in form, sealed the union of persons with a shared meal. Yet it also foreshadowed an eschatological truth—the ultimate wedding banquet of the Lamb.

This progression leads us to the Passover meal (Exodus 12). In Israel's defining feast, the blood of the lamb delivers the people from death. This perpetual memorial anticipates the Eucharist, where Christ is the true Paschal Lamb whose body and blood save us all.

On Sinai, the covenant was ratified when Moses and the elders ate and drank in God's presence (Exodus 24:9-11). Later, the Book of Proverbs speaks of Lady Wisdom's banquet (Proverbs 9:1-6), an invitation to eat bread and drink wine that leads to life. The Prophet Isaiah provides the fullest vision, describing how on the mountain of the Lord, God prepares "a feast of rich food and well-aged wines," where He will destroy death forever (Isaiah 25:6-9).

Taken together, these meals show that every biblical banquet is more than sustenance. Each one signifies covenant, communion, and promise, prefiguring the Eucharist and pointing forward to the heavenly wedding supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).

Jesus as Fulfillment

When we come to the Gospels, Jesus does not merely tell parables about banquets; He embodies them. He prefigures Himself in His own words. Watching guests compete for places of honor, He teaches, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11)—a lesson He lives in the Incarnation.

When He commands us to invite the poor, the lame, and the blind, Jesus is not simply teaching generosity without repayment. He is revealing the heart of the Father. For Jesus Himself is the host of the banquet, inviting us into the Kingdom. He is the invitation, summoning all who labor and are burdened. Paradoxically, He is also the Poor One who must be wel-

comed, yet is rejected. Most profoundly, He is the Meal itself, the One who pours Himself out completely on the Cross.

Our Vocation as Image-Bearers

Here, Jesus not only reveals who He is; He shows us who we are called to be. From the beginning, humanity was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). That vocation was fractured by sin but is restored in Christ, the perfect Image of the Father. To live as His disciples is to become what we were always meant to be—true sons and daughters who reflect the humility and generosity of our Lord.

This vocation is not abstract. In the home, it means giving ourselves without counting the cost—listening patiently, forgiving quickly, and loving faithfully. In the parish, it means welcoming those who feel unseen or unworthy, giving without expectation of recognition, and serving quietly in the hidden tasks that build up the Body of Christ. In the workplace, it means choosing integrity, rightly wielding influence, and treating every person with the respect and dignity of a child of God. In each of these places, we extend the invitation of Christ's banquet.

Every act of humility, every gift offered without repayment, is a rehearsal for the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb. To live this way is to let Christ's image be formed in us now, even as we await its fulfillment in the perfect communion of heaven, always taking the seat of least honor on earth so that we may be honored at the table of our Father in heaven.

Our Call as Husbands and Fathers

As husbands and fathers, we must remember that the parable of the banquet is not about etiquette. It speaks to our identity and mission. We are called to mirror the humility of Christ in the fabric of our daily lives. Our calling is not only to live humbly ourselves but to shape our households in humility. We set the tone for our families—teaching our children, often more by example than by words, what it means to walk in the ways of God.

This begins at home, where we lift our families by taking the lower place—listening before speaking, sacrificing comfort for their good, and offering steady love that expects nothing in return. Like Abraham at the oaks of Mamre, it extends to our table, which becomes a place of welcome, blessing, and even divine visitation when we open it with generosity (cf. Matthew 18:20).

In our work and in our parishes, we are called to be men who extend the invitation of Christ's banquet. This may mean mentoring a younger man without expecting repayment, volunteering quietly behind the scenes, or treating every person with the dignity of a brother or sister in Christ.

Every act of humble fatherhood, every gift of quiet leadership, is a rehearsal for the heavenly wedding feast of the Lamb. St. Joseph shows us the pattern. He never sought recognition but embraced hidden service. His greatness was found in humility, quiet obedience, and protecting what was most precious—Jesus and Mary. Let us do the same, taking the seat of least honor on earth so that we may be honored at the table of our Father in heaven (cf. Luke 14:11).

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



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.

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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

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday, Sept 13 2025

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

On Saturday, September 13, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion Saturday, September 13 2025. 1:00pm

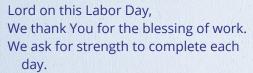
Location

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Special Details

- Fr. Matt Lamoureux Pastor of St. Patrick's Yorkville will preside
- Angelica Perry "An Audience of One" will speak
- Contact Don Hrdlicka 630-415-6603 for more information

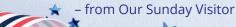
LABOR DAY



We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment,

And we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.

Amen.







Let's gather together as a Parish! Sign up to be in our Parish Photo Directory!

Each family will received a free 8x10 and a complimentary directory.

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"
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Thank you! May God bless you!



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Our first OCIA meeting is September 16th. 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



Email faithformation@omgccc.org or call 708-301-0214 to learn more



Siostry Dominikanki w Rosary Hill Home szukają troskliwych rąk i serc, które dołączą do naszego zespołu służącego naszej "starszej" populacji!

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- . Kucharz
- . Usługi dietetyczne
- Pomoc pielęgniarska

Zapraszamy. Prosimy o kontakt z Siostrą Natalie pod numerem telefonu 708-458-3040 w celu umówienia się na spotkanie, podczas którego będzie można wypełnić wniosek i omówić dalsze szczegóły.

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Dziękuję! Niech Bóg Cię błogosławi!



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John 1:38

September 25, 6-8pm Queen of Apostles Parish 18 Woodlawn Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories. There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers.

Scan the QR code to RSVP.







Sept 6/7	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Lynn Ayres Judy Keating Marian Strzelczyk	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Sue Strella	Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk	Steve Kon Melissa Gordon Yayi Cazares	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	See you at the Parish Picnic! -no Mass
Lector	Scott Faurie	Sue Targosz Bill Shaub	Zofia Kracik	Jennifer Galka	Marian Gal	
Sacristan	Donna Swiniarski	Sue Strella	Bożena Bisaga	Philip Gosewisch	Artur Leja	
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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.

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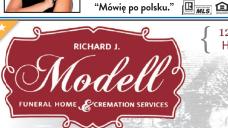
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