

# 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

7:30 pm Polish

#### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English

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

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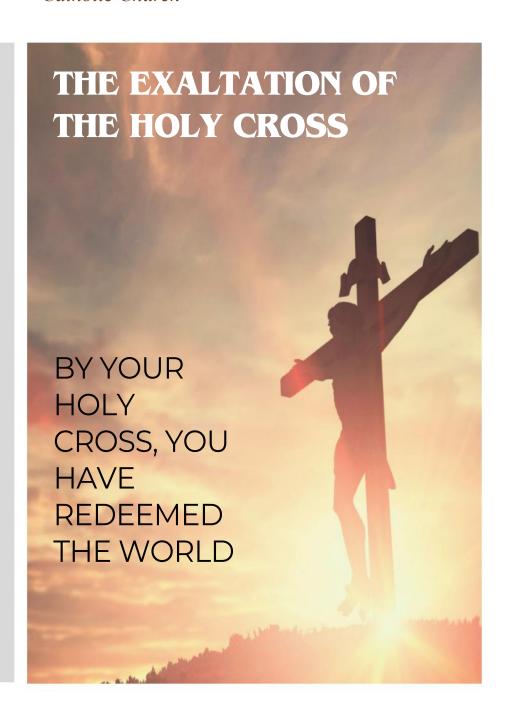
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 8:00AM Intention of the Presider

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17** 8:00am Elsie Wagner†

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18 8:00**AM David Downey†

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 8:00am Intention of the Presider

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 4:00PM Joan Zega†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 7:30**AM Eleanor Pastorek†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 9:00**AM Stanisław Wrobel†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 10:30**AM Edward & Gertrude Bialecke†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 12:00PM Za parafian

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 4:00PM**Larry & Mary Reeve†

#### SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

September: Dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary Mon: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tues: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian Wed: Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Fri: Saint Januarius

Sat: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang

#### WATCH MASS ONLINE!

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

SEP 20/21

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive (before and after all Mass times)

SEP 27

Red Mass 4:00 PM

#### **BAPTISMS**







Congratulations and God Bless

Zachary Jordan Chrobak, Augustyn Władysław Żurek, & Józef Jan Radzik who received the Sacrament of Baptism on September 6th and September 7th.

#### The Saint Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive is next weekend!



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

Items you can donate: CLOTHING, SHOES, SMALL HOUSE-WARES, SMALL ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, & TOYS

Only flat screen televisions can be accepted, and for large items or furniture, please call for a home pick up at 630-231-4658 or email saintvincentdonate@gmail.com

#### Pray for the reposed soul of



Irena S. Cebulski

who entered eternal life on August 31st

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER: FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Sept 14th - 20th

Mark & Chris Kula†

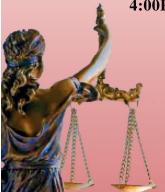
Welcome:
The Hoekstra Family
The Bonarek Family
The Wolanski Family
The Stacy Family
The Zavacky Family

# **RED MASS**

OUR PARISH IS HONORED TO WELCOME THE WILL COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AS WE CELEBRATE THE 2025 RED MASS

THE MOST REVEREND RONALD HICKS, BISHOP OF JOLIET, WILL CELEBRATE THE MASS WITH OUR PASTOR, VERY REVEREND GRZEGORZ PODWYSOCKI, CONCELEBRATING

SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 27 4:00PM MASS



The Red Mass invokes God's blessing and guidance on all those involved in the administration of justice

#### A THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus appreciates the Parish's ongoing support of its charitable efforts. From the proceeds of our golf outing in June, we have been able to donate to a variety of worthy causes.

In addition to ongoing financial support of Parish projects, we recently made donations to the following organizations:

Waterleaf Women's Center
Reclaim 13 (shelter for human trafficking victims)
Beds Plus Homeless Shelter
Samaritan's Purse (Texas flood relief)
Shady Oaks Nativity House (home for pregnant women)

Thanks to all of you for helping us help the community!

#### OUR LADY OF SORROWS SEPTEMBER 15



Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords.

#### **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 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 17 - CLASS SEPTEMBER 24 - OFF

> OCTOBER 1 - CLASS OCTOBER 8 - CLASS OCTOBER 15 - CLASS OCTOBER 22 - CLASS OCTOBER 29 - OFF

Classes are not scheduled for September 24th, however we will have a gathering in church for 7th grade parents beginning at 7pm.

#### We Have Two New Saints

Pope Leo canonized two saints on September 7th. Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati are now Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. Both newly canonized saints were of Italian descent, died young and gave their lives to Jesus.

St. Carlo Acutis was fifteen years old when he died. He is the patron saint of the internet for his online work noting miracles and creating and running websites about our faith. His feast day is October 12th.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati was twenty four years old when he died. He is the patron saint of youth, young adults, athletes and "ordinary people." His feast day is July 4th, which is also the date of his death.

St. Carlo and St. Pier Giorgio, Pray For Us.





### St. Joseph's Corner

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

—1 Corinthians 1:18

With these words, St. Paul frames our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a feast with its roots in 4th-century Jerusalem, when the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on the very site of Christ's death and resurrection. The word sepulchre—a tomb—once carried with it the inevitability of corruption and decay. Yet in Christ, even the tomb was redeemed. No longer a place of despair, it became a sign of glory—the empty chamber that proclaims His victory over death. In venerating the Sepulchre, the Church shows us how Christ transforms what was once a place of shame into a dwelling of glory.

This pattern of redefinition and redemption appears again and again in our faith. The Church Fathers spoke of the "spoils of Egypt" (Exodus 12:36): the treasures carried by Israel out of Egypt. Origen and Augustine taught that what was once used for idolatry can, when purified and reoriented, be offered to God in worship. The early Christians did this with the Roman festival of Sol Invictus—the unconquered sun. While the actual date of the Lord's Nativity may well have been extrapolated from the date of the Annunciationcalculated on the ancient belief that the world was created and later redeemed on the same day—it nevertheless came to supplant a feast familiar to Roman Christians. In doing so, the Church proclaimed that Christ is the true "light of the world" (John 8:12). Even the obelisk in St. Peter's Square—once a monument to Pharaohs and Caesars—now stands crowned by the Cross, declaring Christ's dominion over history.

The form of the Cross is impressed upon all creation: in the sails of a ship, in a plough, in a man standing with arms extended. Thus, the Cross was foreshadowed, and in it all things are made firm.

— St. Justin Martyr, First Apology

At the center of the feast is the Cross itself. In Roman culture, the cross was an instrument of terror, humiliation, and subjugation. Yet, Christ remade it into the sign of good triumphing over evil, of mercy defeating sin, of life conquering death. The very image of the Cross, the invocation of its name, became, in the tradition of the Church, an object of blessing, a shield against the powers of darkness, and—according to the Fathers—a terror to demons.

Here we recall the wisdom of St. Justin Martyr, who spoke of the "Seeds of the Word" scattered throughout creation. He teaches that all that is truly good is already ordered toward Christ, awaiting its fulfillment in Him. The Cross reveals this truth about intentionality: material things may be neutral in themselves, but they take on meaning through the heart's orientation. The golden calf, merely metal, became an idol when treated as divine. The Cross, mere wood, became in Christ the very sign of salvation, the place where love triumphed over sin and death.

Idolatry requires intention. A statue, image, or ritual in itself does not condemn; it becomes sinful only when the will bends it toward worship of what is not God. In the same way, tearing down or mocking what is misunderstood, if done in pride or contempt, risks becoming a sin of its own. Christ does not call us to desecration, but to redemption — to take what is broken and, by grace, transform it into an offering to God.

And so, we return to the Cross as husbands and fathers. The Cross in our home is not only the crucifix hanging on the wall, but the hidden sacrifice of daily life—the burdens carried in love, the patience with our children, the faithfulness to our wives, the silent endurance of trials. These are our "spoils of Egypt"—the ordinary burdens of life, carried out from the world, yet raised up and purified in Christ. God asks us not to discard them in anger or shame, but to lift them to Him so that they may become the very means of our sanctification.

Exalt the Cross in your life. Teach your children not to fear it but to embrace it with love. Bear it, not as a burden of defeat, but as a banner of love that saves and strengthens. In doing so, you will lead your family, like St. Joseph, quietly but firmly beneath its shadow and into its glory.

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



# JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On September 20, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with those who work to bring justice to all facets of our daily life. Let us acknowledge the members of our parishes' Peace and Justice Committees for their work to instill in each of us our own responsibility to create a world that makes peace and justice the hallmark of its daily life.

## THANK YOU!

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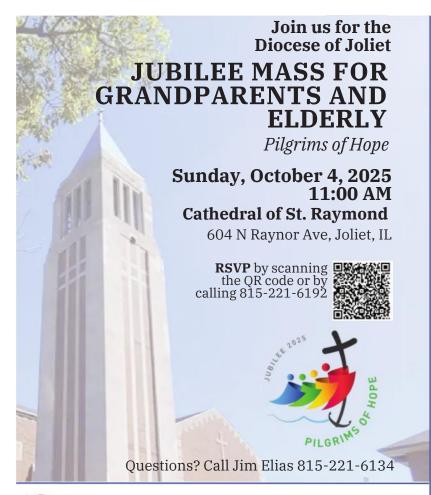
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## OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PICNIC 2025



Stay tuned for next week! We will share more pictures, thank you's, and sponsors!





Help wanted! Everest Academy is seeking substitute teachers for our PK-8 catholic grade school. We are seeking a college graduate, preferably with a teaching certificate, who enjoys teaching children, is patient, flexible, loves to learn, and desires to form children to be tomorrow's saints and Christian leaders.

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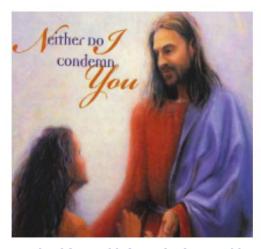
#### Altar Server Training - Grades 3 through 8

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

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

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





#### MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

#### 2025 Retreat Oct. 17-19

Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sisters of Mt. Assisi - Lemont, IL

#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a get away from the daily pressures, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation become blessings; abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace.

Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist. Concluding with a Memorial Service the retreat will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain into love and hope.

Information, prayer, registration contact: 815-370-8118 or 815-634-3796 www.diojoliet.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Sept 20/21	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	John Fassola Lisa Lorek Ken Marcin	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato Mike Gatto	Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk	Timothy Finlon Denise Holub Melissa Gordon	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska Ryszard Kloc	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 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: 150 (+1)

PARISH GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_ \$42,600 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \_\_\_ \$48,070 (+200) AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_ \$44,777 (+315)

REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,293 2025 REBATE: \$1,524

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Aug 30/31

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 \$8,537,00

 Utilities
 \$70.00

 Building Fund
 \$148.00

 Online Giving
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**Sept 6/7** 

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