

## 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

7:30 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

## No servant can serve two masters.



He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Luke 16:13



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 7:30AM Sam Kasuk†

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 8:00**AM Victor F. Beaucaire†

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 8:00am Elsie Wagner†

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 8:00am
Morning Church Group

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 4:00PM Calvin Bruni†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 7:30**AM Helena Pakla†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 9:00**AM Maria Marta Cyganska†

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 10:30**AM Theresa Novasel†

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 12:00PM Za parafian

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 4:00PM**D'Lea Smith-Crawford†

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Sep 20/21 St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive (before and after all Mass times)

Sep 20/21 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Sep 23&25 Altar Server Training 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sep 27 Red Mass 4:00 PM

Oct 4/5 Pro-Life Baby Shower

Oct 5 Blood Drive

#### **B**APTISMS







Congratulations and God Bless

Adelina Mulica, Isabelle Cetnarowski, and Tucker Waldier who received the Sacrament of Baptism on September 13th and September 14th.

### SUPPORT THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED



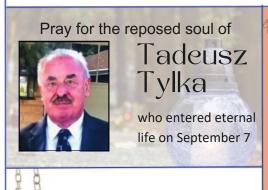
The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses this weekend.

Every dollar raised will go directly to local charities that provide programs, services, and care for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Your contribution of any amount will make a difference in the lives of those right here in our community.



September: Dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary Sun: Saint Matthew

Tues: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
Fri: Saints Cosmas and Damian
Sat: Saint Vincent de Paul



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Sept 21st - 27th

Elsie Wagner †
Janina & Andrew Bobak†

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

The Kula Family
The Sladkowski Family
The Binion Family
The Amstein Family
The Bradash Family
The Pawlaszek Family
The Salantine 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** 





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

#### 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. Litterio: faithformation@omgccc.org



### **MARRIAGE**



We wish many years of health and happiness to Edyta Sykala and Sebastian Bielecki who were married on September 13th!

#### **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.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### 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.

### **Parent Gathering** 7th Grade Sacrament Preparation

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year program, beginning in 7th Grade. Parental involvement in your child's preparation for all sacraments is essential, since you are the primary catechists. This gathering is listed on the schedule of dates provided when class assignments were distributed.

The gathering will be held this Wednesday, September 24h at 7 PM in Church.

At least one parent is expected to attend and you will need to sign in. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon these students in the Spring of 8th Grade. Students need not attend this evening's gathering

#### OCIA CLASS DATES

We had our first OCIA class, it's not too late to join our group. Classes meet on the following dates from 6:30pm until 9pm:

September 16 January 6 October 7 January 20 October 21 February 3 November 4 February 17 November 18 March 3 December 2 March 17

December 16 April 4-Easter Vigil April 21-Last class

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### The Clever Crook

The parable in today's Gospel is another one with a surprise ending. The crooked steward is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus did not condone dishonesty. He just wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" If all you can think of is to throw some change in the monthly collection for the poor, you're not being very clever. Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Imagine what you would do to help someone you loved who was laid off or on disability leave. Do you love Jesus enough to help the poor in his name? Do you ever think of praying for the poor? Not just a quick response to one of the Prayers of the Faithful for the homeless, but actually taking time to pray for those who are unemployed or with jobs that don't pay enough to support a family.

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Even the leaders with whom we disagree could use more guidance from the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

-Tom Schmidt



Thank you to all who supported the Respect Life Committee's Spiritual Adoption program this year. Beginning in January, parishioners "spiritually adopted" — and named — a newly conceived child, praying for the baby's health, and the health of his or her mother, throughout the following nine months. As we move into October, it's time to celebrate the upcoming birth of our adopted babies!

We will be holding a Pro-Life Baby Shower after all masses the weekend of October 4th and 5th. There will be cribs in the Narthex where you can put your donations of new baby items that will be given to mothers who have chosen life for their babies. The Respect Life Committee will also serve Birthday cake as part of the celebration!

Donated items will be distributed to local Pro-Life centers (Waterleaf & PASS). Monetary contributions will also be accepted. These centers provide support, counseling, ultrasounds and material goods to women and families who are in complicated situations.

The current greatest needs are:

Onesies, Sleepers, Socks,
Bibs, Fitted Crib Sheets,
and Seasonal Clothing up to size 5T.
Diapers All Sizes (especially sizes 4, 5, & 6)
Baby Wash & Wipes
Gift Cards in \$20 or \$25 amounts to
Walmart, Amazon or Meijer

Thank you for putting words into action in support of these local Moms and their babies during the past nine months!



### There is still time to join

The OCIA program remains open to those interested in becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

**To our Parishioners:** As the OCIA participants begin their journey of discernment and learning, we invite you to pray for them!



## SINCERE THANKS SERDECZNE PODZIĘKOWANIA

#### TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, TALENTS, OR TREASURE

- Greg Landowski
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- Mason Dong
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- Mack Hink
- Mateusz Laticia
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- Andy Smigielski
- Agnieszka Kordaczka
- Anna Bizub
- Urszula Edward Matoniak
   Patti Mulligan
- Zofia Wieslaw Mos
- Lucyna & Joe Pawlica
- Tadeusz Wilk
- Helena Mrozek & Wladyslawa Kaminska
- Bartlomiej Tylka

#### **Picnic Committee**

- Mary Szaflarski
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On behalf of Fr. Greg and all of us at Our Mother Of Good Counsel, we are very thankful and blessed by all of the wonderful people, organizations, and businesses that made our picnic possible. We encourage you to frequent any of the above businesses that have supported us. If we have mistakenly omitted a name, we sincerely apologize. This year's picnic was a day of fun, fellowship, and stewardship. God bless you always!



Sunday
October

5
8:00AM = 12:00PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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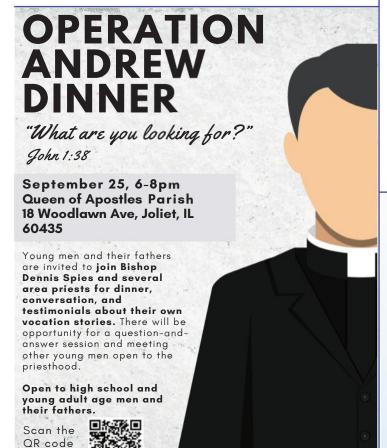
#### Our Mother of Good Counsel Blood Drive

Location: Mobile Bus 16043 S. Bell Road Homer Glen, IL 60491

Appointments appreciated; Walk-Ins welcome! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code



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#### What is 40 Days for Life?

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is a wonderful 'life saving' opportunity to join with our community and hundreds of other cities around the world in prayer, fasting and keeping a peaceful vigil in front of a place where children are aborted. Through God, and your prayers and fasting, 40 Days for Life has saved more than 25,000 lives from abortion. It has led to the conversion of clinic workers and has seen many abortion facilities close completely.

We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord.

#### How Can I Help?

Please sign up to pray for an hour at Access Clinic in Downers Grove (1700 75th St.).

Visit www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove and click on "Sign Up for Vigil Hours". The 2025 Fall 40 Days Vigil runs **Sept. 24 – Nov. 2.** Reserve your spot today!

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL & ST. BERNARDS RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE has reserved every Monday from 11AM to 12PM (Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27). Please Join Us!

Private prayer and fasting are also ways in which you can be a part of 40 days for Life.

Thank you for choosing to protect the most vulnerable of God's creation!



# JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On September 26-28, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Catechists. These women and men bring the Word of God and the teachings of the Church through their ministry to all of God's people from the youngest of children to the most senior of adults. Let us pray for them and in some way show our overwhelming gratitude for their willingness to share their time, talent, and treasure with all in your parish community.

to RSVP.

Sept 27/28	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Lynn Ayres Judy Keating Janet Litterio	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato Mike Gatto	Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk Ryszard Kloc	Philip Gosewisch Denise Holub Dawn Nolan	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Monica Shaub
Lector	Red Mass	Sue Targosz Bill Shaub	Czeslaw Bisaga	Jennifer Galka	Agata Świętosławska	Patti Mulligan
Sacristan	Mike & Gina Jadron	Monica Shaub	Bożena Bisaga	Dawn Nolan	Artur Leja	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick
Ushers	Mike Jadron John Swiniarski	Jim Mulligan Tony Angelo	Sławomir Budz Witek Szaflarski Stanisław Smalec Czesław Bisaga	Philip Gosewisch Tim Finlon	Eugeniusz Blachut Wiesław Mos Andrzej Kas Artur Leja	Mary Keene Jim 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 paying down our balance. As always, 70% of the amount over our goal will come back to our Parish.

Donor count: 150

PARISH GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_ \$42,600 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \_\_ \$48,070 AMOUNT PAID: \$45,433 (+656)

REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,637 2025 REBATE: \$1,983

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### September 13/14

 Mass Collections
 \$9,273,00

 Utilities
 \$125.00

 Building Fund
 \$200.00

 Online Giving
 \$1,714.00

 Parish Picnic
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