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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

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Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm English 1st Friday 6:00-6:45 pm Bilingual

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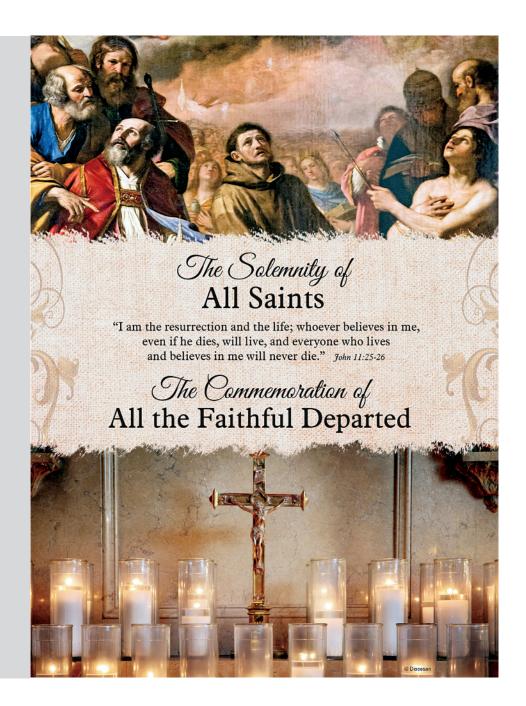
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Tuesday November 4 8:00am Edward & Gertrude Bialecket

Wednesday November 5 8:00am Michael Valentine Jr†

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6 8:00AM Scott Whissont

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7 8:00AM Maciej Sprocht

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7 7:30PM Za parafian

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8 4:00PM Annette Goode†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 7:30AM The Souls In Purgatory

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 9:00AM

Arek, Robert, Slawek Stenley Bielanski† Maria Ratulowski† Krystyna Bukowska† Jan Bukowski† Janina & Jan Stachacz† Leon & Wladyslawa Takuski† Stanislaw Takuski†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 10:30AM Cathy Magielski†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 12:00PM

Barbara Czarniakt Benedykt Jamrych† Andrzej Bryjat Aleksandra & Jozef Smerdkat

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 4:00PM Our Homebound Parishioners

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

November: Dedicated to Faithfully **Departed Souls**

Sun: All Souls

Mon: Saint Martin de Porres Tues: Saint Charles Borromeo Fri: First Friday Devotion

UPCOMING DATES

Nou 4 OCIA 6:30 pm

First Friday: Confession 6:00 PM and Polish Mass 7:30 PM Nou 7

Second Collection: Seminarian Education Endownment Fund Nov 8/9

K of C Spaghetti Dinner 4pm at St. Bernard's Parish Nov 9

Parish Directory Photo-shoot Last Day Nov 10

Nov 15/16 **Coat Drive Begins**

PAMIETAMY - WE REMEMBER

Maria Barczyk Michael Valentine, Jr. Michael Broderick Zofia Rafacz

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George Petecki, Jr.

Simeon Kasuk

Mary Pytlik

Stella Chodacki

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Marcin Gnida

Delphine Kasuk

Maria Ratulowski

WE PRAY FOR THOSE FROM OUR PARISH WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED BACK TO THE LORD

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

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Nov 2nd - Nov 8th

Zofia Gonciarczyk † Józef Gonciarczyk †

Welcome: The Lambert Family The Kwintal Family The Sarnacki Family The Mlyniec Family

BAPTISMS



Congratulations to Julia Piekarewicz who received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 27th.

VETERANS TRIBUTE



The ladies of CCW are organizing a tribute to be included in November 15/16 bulletin, honoring all Veterans of the Parish.

If you would like to participate please provide the Veteran's name, service details, and relationship to you.

Information can be sent to Patti Mulligan (ppain46@aol.com), Monica Shaub (monicaann57@gmail.com), or contact the Parish office by Saturday, November 8.







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\$10 Adult, \$5 Kids under 12 Veterans Eat For Free

Sunday November 9th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Bernard's Parish 13030 W 143rd Street

Tickets on sale after Mass on November 8th and 9th and also Tickets available at the door

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

NOVEMBER 5 - CLASS NOVEMBER 12 - CLASS NOVEMBER 19 - CLASS

NOVEMBER 26-OFF-THANKSGIVING EVE

We thank you for heeding the directions in the parking lot at HJH upon dismissal. Our Knights of Columbus are helping with this important task to keep our children safe.

All Saints Day

November 1st is the feast of All Saint's.

This is a day when we remember the saints that are living with God. On Sunday, October 19th, Pope Leo XIV canonized seven new saints from around the world. Here are our newest saints: St. Ignatius Maloyan, St. Peter To Rot, St. Maria Troncatti, St. Vincenza Maria Poloni, St. Bartolo Longo, St. Jose Gregorio Hernandez, and St. Carmen Rendiles.

Pope Leo said of these newly canonized saints: "We see all this faith in the lives of these new saints, They are not heroes or champions of some ideal, but authentic men and women."

On September 7th, Pope Leo canonized St. Carlo Acutis and St. Piere Giorgio Frassati. Let us remember our newly canonized saints, and remember Pope Leo's words-they are authentic men and women.

All Souls Day

November 2nd is the commemoration of all The Faithful Departed-All Soul's Day.

While death separates us from our loved ones, we know the separation is only for a short time. We are united with them in the Communion of Saints. During the entire month of November, we remember our faithful departed and recall that they can intercede on our behalf.

Catholic Citizens of Illinois Forum Luncheons Presents

Three Ingredients for a Beautiful Liturgy

Christopher Carstens, Director of Sacred Worship for the Diocese of LaCrosse and cofounder of the Institute for Liturgical Formation, will speak on efforts to restore reverence in the Catholic liturgy. His talk will focus on the "art of celebrating" as emphasized by recent popes, highlighting how Godcentered worship reveals true beauty and helps the faithful encounter Christ.



Friday, November 14th



1:30 AM Check - In and 12 PM Lunch Presentation to immediately follow



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SANTA'S BREAKFAST



Save the date for annual CCW Santa's Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm. The breakfast will be at Homer Junior High.

The CCW will be selling tickets to the breakfast as well as raffle basket tickets beginning the weekend of November 8th and 9th.





Did you miss our directory photo-shoot? We have a make up day Monday, November 10th!

Each family will receive a free 8x10 picture and a complimentary directory. No purchase necessary!

- Go to the Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com) or call the office!
- · Click on the RED box "Photography Sign-Up"
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VOCATIONS OFFICE

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How to Support Your Priests

Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS DIOCESE OF JOLIET

A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man

begins the Discipleship
Stage, during which a man
begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a
follower of Jesus in daily life.
He grows in virtue, learns
self-discipline, and gains
a broad understanding of
the human person and the
world through his studies.
It is a time of becoming a
"disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true

disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one



receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.

This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University

of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began

serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND





St. Joseph's Corner

This week's column is an abridged reflection for the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls. The full essay, "From Desolation to Communion," is available on my Substack.

Hidden Heroism: Saints Who Show Us the Way

Consider St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a physician, wife, and mother. She lived an ordinary life—by the world's standards—but made extraordinary choices. When faced with a high-risk pregnancy that threatened her life, she refused abortion or radical procedures that would have taken her child's life to save her own. Her decision was not one of recklessness but of reverent clarity. She told her doctors, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child." She died shortly after giving birth to her daughter, Gianna Emanuela, in 1962.

Gianna did not seek death. She loved life in all its dimensions. But she understood that sanctity is not measured by how long we live, but by how deeply we love. Her quiet courage and maternal sacrifice became a witness to the sanctity of life—not just biologically, but spiritually: life as a gift, life as an offering.

Another mother, nearly fifty years later, would walk a similar path. Blessed Chiara Corbella Petrillo, born in 1984, was also a wife and physician. Her first two children were diagnosed in the womb with fatal conditions, and she carried each to term, loving them for as long as she was given. When she became pregnant a third time, she was diagnosed with cancer. When offered treatment that might have harmed her unborn son, she delayed it. She lived long enough to give birth to Francesco, then entered into a slow and peaceful death in 2012, at the age of 28.

Chiara wrote shortly before her death: "God has given us this time to prepare ourselves well... What matters is to do His will." Her face, in photos from her final weeks, is thin and luminous—an image of a woman who suffered, yes, but also radiated peace that the world cannot give.

They bore suffering not as a cosmic cruelty to endure, but as a sacred trust to offer. And in the offering, they bore witness to a truth deeper than despair: that love is stronger than death, and meaning is not something we invent, but Someone we receive.

They are not anomalies. They are part of the great cloud of witnesses. Their stories echo the hidden struggles of so many faithful souls who will never be canonized but are no less known to God. In their lives, the stone does not endlessly roll back down the hill. It is lifted—not by human strength, but by grace.

They do not make meaning. They bear it.

The Saints Are Realists, Not Escapists
The saints are realists, not escapists. They did not drift

above suffering or retreat into illusion. Many of them faced circumstances that left little choice but despair—and yet they refused it. They looked directly into the darkness and discovered God waiting there.

Some endured deep interior torment. St. Dymphna, patron saint of those suffering from mental illness, fled her home to escape her father's violence and was eventually martyred for her refusal to betray her conscience. St. Benedict Joseph Labre wandered the streets of Rome in poverty, misunderstood and often mocked, his mind fragile but his faith steadfast. His sanctity was not in triumph, but in trust—a man with no home, no recognition, and no earthly consolation, yet utterly consumed by love for Christ in the Eucharist.

Others deliberately chose the harder path when comfort was within reach. St. Francis of Assisi, born into wealth, abandoned it all for the poverty of the Gospel. He did not escape reality—he entered into it fully, trading privilege for dependence, vanity for humility, and discovering in that descent a freedom the world could never buy.

Even those whose contemporaries recognized their holiness wrestled with silence and doubt. St. John of the Cross, in the depths of imprisonment and abandonment, gave us The Dark Night of the Soul—a poetic map of divine hiddenness. St. Teresa of Calcutta, revered by millions, wrote privately of her decades-long struggle to feel God's presence: "In my soul I feel just that terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me." Yet she continued to serve the poorest of the poor, her faith purified in the fire of divine absence.

These men and women did not deny reality—they entered it more deeply than most of us dare. They remind us that holiness is not an escape from the human condition, but its transfiguration. Their lives bear witness to the paradox of the Cross: that love is revealed most clearly where hope seems least likely.

Their witness leaves us both challenged and consoled: challenged by St. Teresa of Calcutta's exhortation to "Do small things with great love," and comforted by St. Joan of Arc's courage, "I am not afraid; I was born to do this."

This weekend, as we commemorate All Saints and All Souls, the Church reminds us that the climb is not meaningless and the summit is not imaginary. We are surrounded by those who have gone before us, and we are entrusted with those still on the way. The saints do not stand in contrast to our condition—they complete it. They show us that struggle can become sacrifice, that silence can become sanctuary, and that repetition, when offered in love, becomes prayer.

We do not need to imagine them happy. We know they are.

–Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member) https://sebastianabbinanti.substack.com/

Nov 8/9	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Dennis Foley Janet Litterio Marian Strzelczyk	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Theresa Pettinato Debbie Hoekstra	Jasia Para Ryszard Kloc Józef Staszeczka	Steve Kon Melissa Dopke Art Smigielski	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Bob Trainor
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. Polish Baptisms are at 1:00 p.m., and English Baptisms are at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the Faith Formation Office before booking your venue for the celebration. Parents must be registered with our parish. Both sponsors must be over 16 years old, with at least one being a practicing Catholic.



Marriage: The bride and groom should be active members of our parish. The couple should contact the Faith Formation Office at least six months in advance to schedule their marriage, allowing for adequate preparation. Schedule the church date for your marriage before securing your venue.



Funerals: The family of the deceased will coordinate with the chosen funeral home to make the arrangements. The funeral home will then contact the Faith Formation Office at Our Mother of Good Counsel (OMGC) to notify us about the upcoming funeral Mass. We (OMGC) will get in touch with the family and work together to organize the funeral liturgy.



Eucharist for the Homebound and Hospitalized: 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 Parish Office if your loved one requires an anointing. Please do not wait until death is imminent to request anointing, as it may take some time to find a priest for the sacrament.



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.



Prayer Request Line: Submit your intention to omgcprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcprayers@gmail.com an email asking to be added.



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