

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

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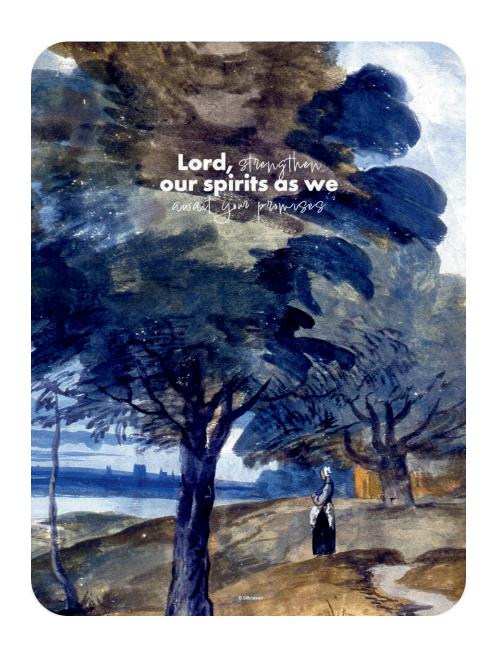
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





Tuesday November 18 8:00am Intention of the Presider

Wednesday November 19 8:00am Srs. Rita, Mary Lou, and Joanne

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 8:00AM Delphine Kasuk†

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 8:00am William J. Schultz

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 4:00PM John J. Mitchell†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 7:30AM Our Deceased Parishioners†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 9:00AM
Arek, Robert, Slawek
Andrzej Pasciak†
Stanislaw Wrobel†

Tadeusz Szostak† Barbara Czarniak† Maria Ratulowski†

Stanislaw Mikos †
Maria Mikos†

Mieczyslaw Aleksander Mrozek†

Sunday November 23 10:30am Krystyna Znyk†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 12:00PMHelena Wladyslaw Nowobilski†
Szymon Wiśniowski†

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 4:00PM Anthony Caruso†

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

November: Dedicated to Faithfully

Departed Souls

Sun: Saint Margaret of Scotland Mon: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Tues: Saint Rose Philippine Dedication of the Basilicas of

Saints Peter and Paul Fri: The Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Sat: Saint Cecilia

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 15/16 Coat Drive Begins, Raffle Baskets On Display in Meeting Room, Second Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Nov 18 O.C.I.A. Meeting

Nov 19 R.E. Class

Nov 27 Thanksgiving - Mass 8:00am

Nov 27/28 Parish Office Closed

Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent

Dec 7 Santa's Breakfast 9:00am -12:00pm

Dec 14 Christmas Concert 5:00pm

Dec 17 R.E. Reconciliation Grades 3-8

Dec 19 Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00pm

JUBILEE YEAR PETITIONS



On November 16 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with the poor.

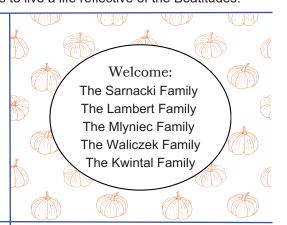
This is a time to acknowledge our responsibility to provide for the needs of the poor. Enhancing your individual participation in your Parish programs to assist those in need during this month and more importantly throughout the entire year would be a suitable means of responding to Jesus' call for us to live a life reflective of the Beatitudes.

COAT DRIVE



For the month of November, we will be collecting new and gently used coats. The donations bins will be in the Narthex.

These donations will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Joliet.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Nov 16th - Nov 22nd

> Kazimierz Czudak † Tadeusz Tylka †

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER: FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

MARRIAGE



We wish many years of health and happiness to

Karolina & Maximilian Kalata

who were married on November 8th.

BAPTISMS



Congratulations to Clark Kovach who received the Sacrament of Baptism on November 9th.

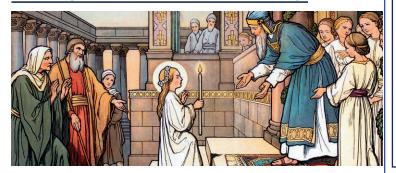
SCRIPTURAL ADVENT CALENDARS



Next weekend, Scriptural Advent Calendars will be available in the Narthex.

Each door on the calendar reveals a scripture message in anticipation of Jesus' birth. Please enjoy the Calendar in your home this Advent! A free will donation for the Calendar would be appreciated.

THE PRESENTATION OF MARY NOVEMBER 21st



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 19 - CLASS
NOVEMBER 26-OFF-THANKSGIVING EVE

DECEMBER 3 - CLASS DECEMBER 10 - CLASS

Becoming Missionary Disciples

The Gospel for All Saint's Day is from St. Matthew's Gospel on The Beatitudes. Here are the Beatitudes for Families, (from Loyola Press).

We can incorporate the "Beatitude Attitude" into our own families, both at home and in our parish family. Let's all live the "Beatitude Attitude."

- Blessed are the families in which mercy is abundant and forgiveness is given freely so that God's mercy will be readily available to all.
- Blessed are families who ground their lives in God and rise above the lures of temptation, for God will shine his face upon them.
- Blessed are the families who create peace at home, at school, at work, in the community, and in the world, for they will be God's very own.
- Blessed are the families who strengthen one another, encourage compassion, and the desire to do good despite life's blows and setbacks, for they will help bring about the Kingdom of God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DONATION

Our R.E. students put our faith into action earlier this month to feed the hungry through our annual R.E. Food Drive. Each child bringing in a can or two of food, or a box or two of pasta or rice adds up, as you can see. Thank you!!







We thank God for our veterans past and present. Let us continue to pray for those listed here and all of our parish veterans.

Robert. Ayers Sr. **Army** Germany 1964-1967

Elaine Ayres- Husband

Rick Debeliak

Marines Corporal 1970-1972 Parishioner

John S Domanski Army 4 years Monica Shaub - Father

Daryl Edwards Private First Class Armv 1960-1970 Vietnam War Patti Mulligan- Uncle

Dan Ernst Marine Corps 1982-1986 Tricia Ernst- Husband Charles Jacobs Air Force

Patrice Mendala- Uncle

Alex Mendala

Army WWII

Patrice Mendala - Uncle

John Mendala

Armv WWII

Patrice Mendala- Uncle

Joseph Mendala

Army WWII

Patrice Mendala-Father

Louis Mendala Navv WWII

Patrice Mendala- Uncle

James Mulligan

U.S.Marines - Private 3 years

South Pacific, Saipaw,

Tarawa

Jim Mulligan- Father

Al Powarzynski

U.S. Army WWII

Marian Strzelczyk- Father

Richard Dale Shaub

U.S. Marines 4 years Bill Shaub - Father

Sidney Strzelczyk

U.S.Marines Served 4 years Alter server at OMGC Marian Strzelczvk-

Granddaughter

Ethan Figge

U.S. Marines

Afghanistan War - 2years

Corporal- Gunner Spain 2nd Deployment

Sidney Strzelczyk - Partner

John Swiniarski Army 1968-1971

Vietnam January 1969-January 1970

Donna Swiniarski - Husband

Richard Walsh

Army WWII

Patrice Mendala - Godfather and

Great Uncle

Edward P. Wereldsma

Army -Specialist 4

1982-1984

Communications Commando Mary Wereldsma - Husband

Our Mother of Good Counsel CCW

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025,

Time: 9:00 AM- Noon (Basket Raffle will be held at NOON)

Location Homer Junior High School:

15711 Bell Road Homer Glen, IL 60491



TICKETS

Adults \$10 (\$12 at door) Seniors 65+ \$8 (\$10 at door) Children 4-12 \$8 (\$10 at door) Children 3 and under are free

Breakfast Buffet includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

> Raffle Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 SANTA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOS!





Parfia Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady, CCW

Sniadanie z Mikołajem

Data: Niedziela, 7 Grudnia, 2025

Czas: 9:00 -12:00 (W południe zostaną wybrani zwycięzcy loterii)

Miejsce: W Szkole Homer Jr. High

15711 Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491

BILETY:

Dorośli \$10 (\$12 przy wejściu) Seniorzy 65 lat + \$8 (\$10 przy wejściu) Dzieci w wieku 4-12 lat \$8 (\$10 przy wejściu) Dzieci do 3 lat bezpłatnie

Śniadanie w formie bufetu obejmuje naleśniki, jajecznicę, kiełbasę, owoce, soki, mleko, kawę, i gorącą czekoladę

Losy na loterie

\$2 za sztuke lub 3 bilety za \$5 Mikołaj będzie dostępny do zdjęć! Przynieść ze sobą aparat!





At Masses this weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for the Catholic Campaign For Human Development. priests

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 15/16 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country. Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local CCHD grants at https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty. With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain -

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

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St. Joseph's Corner

The Gospels stand apart from the rest of the Bible. While the whole of Scripture leads to and flows from Jesus Christ, the Gospels uniquely present His words, actions, and resurrection in time. The Gospels stand at the intersection between temporal

and timeless realities: they recount real historical events, yet they also reveal eternal truth through the person of Christ.

The Church has always, and continues to, uphold the apostolic origin of the Gospels, providing witness to Christ's teaching and actions throughout His earthly life (Dei Verbum, §18). However, Scripture provides meaning beyond the immediate—meaning that is often not fully understood by the human author—a deeper, divine meaning that transcends time: the sensus plenior, the fuller sense.

As we examine Luke 21:5-19, we encounter an apocalyptic teaching from Jesus. It begins with awe over the temple's beauty and ends with a quiet promise of endurance: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But in between, Jesus speaks of the collapse of institutions, families, and even friendships. He names persecution, betrayal, famine, and fear. He warns of false voices and failed structures. In every sense, it's a portrait of a world unraveling.

Yet His purpose is not fear, but clarity.

It's tempting to read this passage exclusively as a sign of things to come, "out there." And yes, Jesus speaks prophetically of real events—the destruction of the temple in 70 C.E., and the tribulations that would follow. But if we did that, then the events described would have concluded—at least on the scale that impacted most Christians—with the Emperor Constantine, some 1,700 years ago. If we did that—focused only on the "out there"—we would miss the sensus plenior.

This is not only a passage about geopolitical collapse. It is also a revelation of interior truth. The temple, for all its splendor, had become hollow. Its beauty masked its brittleness. And so, Jesus begins by dismantling not only their expectations, but their attachments.

He shifts their gaze: "See all these things...Not one stone will be left upon another."

It's a sobering wake-up call, not just for the disciples, but for all of us. How often do we put our faith in outward things—structures we admire, routines we trust, institutions we revere? We busy ourselves with external threats, cultural decay, economic pressures, and the like. But Jesus directs our attention elsewhere—not to the chaos without, but to the battle within.

We see the wars, the betrayals, the famines, and the false prophets. We watch a world that feels like it's unraveling. But how often do we ask: What is unraveling in me?

Jesus does not call us to panic—He calls us to persevere. To bear truthful witness, not to give in to fear. To choose endurance over escape. He invites us to confront not only the false prophets around us, but the ones within—the voices of pride, comfort, despair, and distraction that quietly lead us astray.

Yes, the world may reject those who refuse to worship its passing powers. But even more pressing is the need to reject the enemy within—the subtle persecution of the soul that comes when we neglect the life of grace.

Dear brothers, the world may shake—but your soul must not. Tend the temple within. Lead your family not with fear, but with faith. Persevere. Witness. Endure. For true hope has only one Source, and our life is meant to serve only one Master.

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



How the 12 Steps Heal





November 24, 2025 9 am - 3 pm Day of Reflection for Adults

12-Step spirituality has had a dramatic impact on spiritual practice over the past ninety years. We will explore how the 12-steps help us enrich our relationships with God. If you curious about the 12 steps, work or live with people in recovery, or experience attachments, compulsions, or addictions, you will find this time enlightening.

Retreat Leaders:

Rev. Carol Ann Munro Elizabeth Neubauer Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ

To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code or visit <u>jesuitretreat.org/retreats</u>



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Nov 22/23	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
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CMAA PLEDGE REPORT

Thank you for the continued donations! 70% of the amount over our goal will come back to our Parish.

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Donor count: 154 +2

2025 REBATE:

PARISH GOAL: _____ \$42,600 AMOUNT PLEDGED: __ \$48,620 +150 AMOUNT PAID: ____ \$46,929 +275 REMAINING BALANCE: \$1,691

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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.



Religious Life: Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations, please contact: vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

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