



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 canceled on the 27th

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 23 8:00AM
Delphine Kasuk†

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 3:00PM
Scott Whisson†

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 8:00PM
Our Parishioners†

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 12:00AM
Monica Masny†

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 7:30AM
Virginia Schultz†

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 9:00AM
Aniela Stanislaw Bafia†
Jan Bafia†
Stanislaw Mrowca†
Wladyslawa Leon Takuski†
Stanislaw Maria Mikos†

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 10:30AM
Nick Wagnert

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 12:00PM
Za parafian

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26 8:00AM
David Holiczt

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26 7:00PM
Za parafian

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 4:00PM
Sylvia LaBeaut

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 7:30AM
Helena Pakla†

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 9:00AM
Arek, Robert, & Slawek
Andrzej Pasciak†

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 10:30AM
Grobarek Family†

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 12:00PM
Za parafian

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 4:00PM
Our Parish Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec 22 | Confessions available at St. Cyril in Lemont (5pm) and Sacred Heart in Palos (6pm) |
| Dec 27 | No 3:00 pm Confession |
| Dec 31 | 4:00pm Mass -see Solemnity of Mary Schedule (8:00am Mass canceled) |

To Our Parish Community,

May the light of Christ's birth warmly fill your heart with love and joy this Christmas season. Christ's messages gently remind us, especially now, to value being there for one another; it's not just about the presents under the tree. Instead, it's about strengthening our connection with God and those around us. Here at Our Mother of Good Counsel, we look forward to walking alongside you each day on your faith and spiritual journey.

As we come together to celebrate this sacred season, let's remember that every act of kindness, every moment of prayer, and every shared smile truly reflect the heart of Christmas. May your home overflow with peace, your heart be filled with gratitude, and your days be bright with hope. Together, let's welcome the new year with renewed faith, confident that God's love will guide us through every challenge and bless us with countless joys.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas full of grace and a New Year overflowing with blessings.



Niech światło narodzenia Chrystusa napętni Wasze serca miłością i radością w tym świętym czasie Bożego Narodzenia. Przestanie Chrystusa przypomina nam, jak ważne jest bycie dla siebie nawzajem — bo nie chodzi jedynie o prezenty pod choinką, lecz o umacnianie naszej więzi z Bogiem i z innymi ludźmi. W parafii Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady z radością towarzyszymy Wam na drodze wiary i duchowego wzrastania.

Przeżywając ten wyjątkowy czas, pamiętajmy, że każdy gest dobroci, każda chwila modlitwy i każdy wspólny uśmiech są prawdziwym wyrazem istoty Bożego Narodzenia. Niech w Waszych domach zagości pokój, serca napętnią się wdzięcznością, a nadchodzący rok przyniesie nadzieję i odnowioną wiarę.

Życzymy Wam oraz Waszym bliskim Świąt Bożego Narodzenia pełnych łaski oraz Nowego Roku obfitującego w Boże błogosławieństwo.

-The Very Rev. Grzegorz Podwysocki and the parish staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BAPTISMS



Congratulations to Olivia Rose Krupa

who received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 14th.



2026 Calendar

The 2026 calendars are available in the Narthex. Thank you to Richard J. Modell Funeral Home for providing the beautiful calendars!



Oplatki Christmas Wafer

Oplatki are available in the Narthex for you to take home. At will donations are greatly appreciated.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions Dec 21st - Dec 27th

Nick Wagner †
Mirosław Krzysztof Zwolinski †



CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

On Sunday, December 28, Catholics throughout the world will gather at Cathedral Churches to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the closing at the 10:30 am Mass on December 28, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass. We invite you to join all Catholics throughout the world celebrating the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

December 24:

3:00 pm English

8:00 pm English

Midnight Mass

December 25:

12:00 am Polish

Christmas Day

December 25:

7:30 am English

9:00 am Polish

10:30 am English

12:00 pm Polish

St. Stephen

December 26:

8:00 am English

7:00 pm Polish

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is on January 1, 2026, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Wednesday, December 31st:

Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm in English

Please note that the 8:00 am Mass is canceled that day.

Thursday, January 1st:

7:30 am Mass in English

9:00 am Mass in Polish

10:30 am Mass in English

12:00 pm Mass in Polish





A Letter From Pope Leo

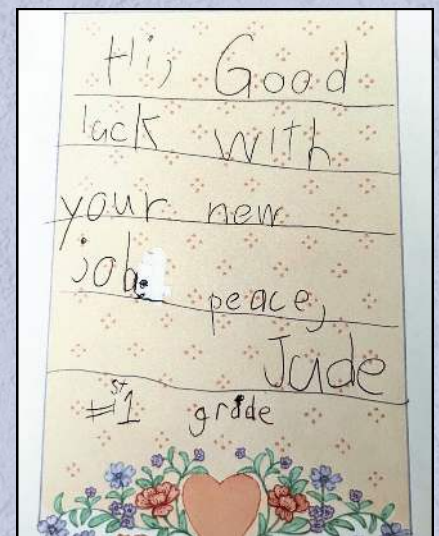
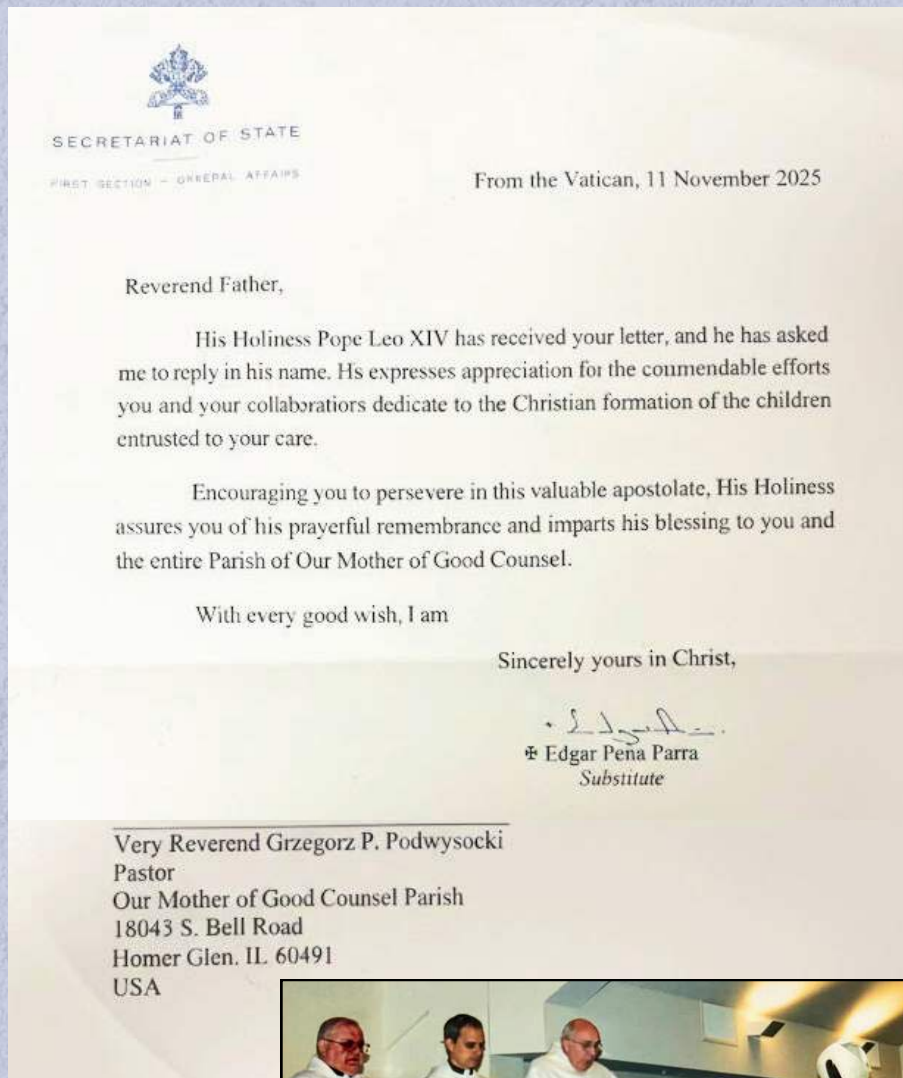
Fr. Greg has spoken on numerous occasions on Pope Leo XIV's connection to our beloved parish, and no doubt you have seen the picture of him, Fr. Tom Osborne, Fr. Don Lewandowski and Bishop Imesch when then Fr. Prevost was present in our church's blessing and dedication.

Shortly after Pope Leo was elected Pope on May 8, 2025 we asked our young people to write a letter of congratulations and assure Pope Leo that our prayers were with him as he took on the role of Our Holy Father. Fr. Greg and I included letters as well.

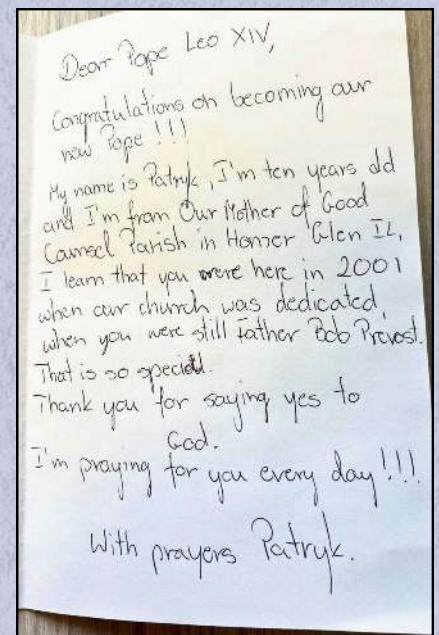
We are elated and blessed to say that Pope Leo has received our letters and knows of our prayers. He asked Archbishop Edgar Pena Parra to send a letter on his behalf. Please see the letter.....

Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo, as we know that he is praying for our parish. May God continue to bless our parish family, and your family during this Christmas Season and beyond.

Janet Litterio, on behalf of Fr. Greg and our parish staff



**EXAMPLES OF OUR
LETTERS TO LEO**



Emmanuel

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23) The gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, is under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help, instead of relying on God. That's why he says, "I will not tempt the Lord." (Is 7:12) He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus. Ahaz of course did not understand the full meaning of that prophecy. For him, the prophecy meant the destruction of Judah.

In the gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary was pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and afterwards in raising Jesus. His faith in God kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod after the Magi's visit.

So now we have to choose who we rely on: Do I act like Ahaz, relying on the worldly powers, or like Joseph who trusted the Lord? I would like to say that I trust in the Lord only. But if I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? How much do I spend on Christmas decorations or gifts for my family, compared to what I give to the Church? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions?

Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God IS with us, in the Baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is and let others see in our actions, that Jesus is Emmanuel.

-Tom Schmidt



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 under the Religious Education link.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 7—Class
January 14—Class
January 21—Class
January 28—No Class

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 of keeping our children safe.

Prayer for Families

Loving God, during this coming holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of Jesus' light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

In Jesus name, we pray. ~Amen



FAMILY PRAYER FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (LOVE)

Heavenly Father, as we light the fourth Advent candle of love, may your love inspire us to love one another as you have loved us. Let your love guide our actions and words.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Learn How to MAKE Disciples!

What: Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP

MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, MAKE, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org



“Christmas also reminds us, that in order to reveal himself, God chooses a human setting. He does not rely on grand scenery, but on a simple home; he does not show himself from afar, but draws near; he does not remain in an inaccessible place in heaven, but comes to meet us at the very heart of our small stories.”

-Pope Leo



DEC 24/25	Eucharistic Minsters	Lector	Sacristan	Ushers	Altar Server
Wed Dec 24 3:00pm	Lisa Lorek, Ken Marcin, Melissa Dopke, Dennis Foley, Deb Abbinati	Sebastian Abbinati	Patti Mulligan	John Swinarski Jim Mulligan Mary Keene	Grace A, Francesca A, Alex D, Gianna L
Wed Dec 24 8:00pm	Debbie Hoekstra	Debbie Hoekstra	Lisa Stanley	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Thurs Dec 25 12:00am	Agata Swietoslawska Ryszard Kloc Ewelina Szafran	Agata Swietoslawska	Andrzej Kas	Artur Leja Andrzej Kas Witek Szaflarski Slawomir Budz	
Thurs Dec 25 7:30am	Mary Ann Mesich Mike Gatto Monica Shaub	Sue Targosz Bill Shaub	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	Mike Targosz Tony Angelo	Evelyn P Lillian P
Thurs Dec 25 9:00am	Jasia Para Jozef Staszeczka	Wiola Golab	Bozena Bisaga	Witek Szaflarski Stanislaw Smalec	
Thurs Dec 25 10:30am	Tim Finlon Dawn Nolan	Jane Finlon	Dawn Nolan	Volunteers Needed	Olivai M
Thurs Dec 25 12:00pm	Ewelina Szafran Agata Swietoslawska	Marian Gal	Ewelina Szafran	Artur Leja Wieslaw Mos Andrzej Kas Eugeniusz Blachut	
Fri Dec 26 7:00pm	Ewelina Szafran Jozef Staszeczka	Barbara Miskowicz	Artur Leja	Andrzej Kas Artur Leja Witek Szaflarski Czeslaw Bisaga	



DEC 27/28	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
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Lector	Dennis Foley	Patti Mulligan Darcy Trudelle	Zofia Krecik	Art Smigielski	Kazimierz Wilk	Bill Shaub
Sacristan	Mike & Gina Jadron	Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick	Bożena Bisaga	Dawn Nolan	Andrzej Kas	Monica Shaub
Ushers	Mike Jadron John Swiniarski	Mike Targoz Jim Mulligan Tony Angelo	Sławomir Budz Witek Szaflarski Stanisław Smalec Czesław Bisaga	Art Smigielski Philip Gosewich Andy Smigielski	Andrzej Kas Artur Leja Wiesław Mos Eugeniusz Blachut	Mary Keene Bill Shaub

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STEWARDSHIP

Dec 13/14

Mass Collections	\$9,325,00
Utilities	\$90,00
Building Fund	\$187,00
Online Giving	\$1,822.00
Christmas Flowers	\$865,00
Retirement Fund	\$4,822,00
Concert	\$795



CMAA 2025 CLOSING REPORT

Thank you to all our Parishioners who participated!
Donor count: 159

PARISH GOAL: _____ \$42,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED: _____ \$49,245
AMOUNT PAID: _____ \$48,955
REMAINING BALANCE: \$290
2025 REBATE: _____ \$4,448

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 omgcpayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcpayers@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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