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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

CONFESSON

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

1st Friday 6:00-7:15 pm Bilingual

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY JANUARY 20 8:00AM
Harley Schinker †

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21 8:00AM
Linda Mitchell

THURSDAY JANUARY 22 8:00AM
Delphine Kasuk†

FRIDAY JANUARY 23 8:00AM
Roger Sendra

SATURDAY JANUARY 24 4:00PM
Pam Jenkinst

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 7:30AM
Rosina Hedrich†

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 9:00AM
Slawek, Arek, Robert†
Krzysztof Kalata†
Zofia Jan Skubel†

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 10:30AM
Genowefa Korpacka†

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 12:00PM
Za parafian
Patryk Adamaczak†

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 4:00PM
The deceased members of our
Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 17/18 Everest students speak at Mass regarding Catholic Schools Week

JAN 20 OCIA Meeting 6:30 pm

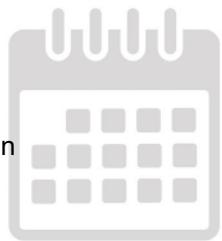
JAN 21 RE Class 6:00 pm

JAN 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

JAN 25 Confirmation Retreat 1:30 pm

JAN 26-31 Catholic Schools Week

JAN 28 RE 2nd Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 pm



BAPTISMS



HENRY KWINTAL,
LUCAS LEO MARTISAUSKI,
AND
STANISLAW JAN GAL

all received the Sacrament of Baptism
on January 11th. Congratulations and
may God bless these children and their
families!

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Saint Fabian
Saint Sebastian
Wednesday: Saint Agnes
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Friday: Saint Marianne Cope
Saint Vincent
Saturday: Saint Frances de Sales

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Jan 18th - 24th
Nick Wagner †
Genowefa Korpacka †



Welcome To
Our Parish:

The Jaronczyk Family
The Fiorentino Family
The Zapotoczny Family

Matki Bożej Gromnicznej

CandleMas



Ofiarowanie Pańskie – Matki Bożej Gromnicznej

Czterdzieści dni po Bożym Narodzeniu, 2 lutego, obchodzimy Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego, znane również jako Święto Matki Bożej Gromnicznej (Candlemas). Tego dnia wspominamy wydarzenie, gdy Maryja i Józef przynieśli Dzieciątko Jezus do świątyni. Jest to zakończenie okresu liturgicznego Bożego Narodzenia i Objawienia Pańskiego.

W ramach obchodów Święta Matki Bożej Gromnicznej świece będzie można zakupić w niedzielę 25 stycznia oraz w Niedzielę 1 lutego. Świece zostaną poświęcone, aby można je było zabrać do domu i używać przez cały rok jako pamiątkę, że Jezus Chrystus jest Światłością świata.

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

Forty days after Christmas, on February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. We commemorate when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple. This marks the end of the liturgical period of Christmas and Epiphany.

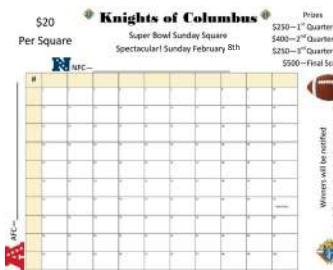
As part of the celebration of Candlemas, blessed candles will be available for purchase on Sunday, January 25th, and Sunday, February 1st. Use them throughout the year as a reminder that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

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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 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.

Parent Gathering 2nd Grade Reconciliation and Communion Preparation

Parents are their children's first catechists. Second Grade parents will come together to learn more about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. At this gathering, parents will receive the information and formation to help their children prepare to receive both Sacraments in the Spring.

The gathering will be held on
Wednesday, January 28th at 6PM in Church.

At least one parent is expected to attend.
Looking forward to coming together with you then.

Confirmation Retreat Next Sunday

Date: Sunday, January 25th

Time: 1:30pm

Please arrive by 1:20 so Confirmandi can check in and are ready to begin our retreat at 1:30pm.

Parents and Sponsors are invited and encouraged to join their Confirmandi for Mass immediately following the retreat, at 4pm.

Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA will lead the retreat and celebrate Mass at 4pm.

SANCTUS SANCTUS SANCTUS



Have you noticed the Latin phrase "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus" on the steps leading up to our altar?

The word "Holy" on each step serves as a physical representation of our spiritual climb from the earthly to the divine.

Many Catholic altars are elevated by three distinct steps. These steps separate the main body of the church from the "Holy of Holies." We do not casually walk into the sacred space of the altar, but climb toward it.

The number three has incredible significance in this context. Repeating "Holy" three times is a way of declaring God as "the Holiest." Furthermore, the three steps represent the Holy Trinity, as well as the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. These are virtues our soul must possess to draw near to our Lord.

Isaiah 6:1-3 states: "Above him stood the seraphim... And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

When we sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" during the Eucharistic Prayer, we join the congregation of angels in worship. The Sanctus reminds us that we are entering God's presence, where heaven and earth are momentarily united.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is filled with beautiful words, gestures, Holy vessels, and sacred architecture. Every aspect should remind us that we are entering the heavenly liturgy. Christ Himself is represented by the Priest, and we see Christ offer Himself to God the Father and then give Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100*

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

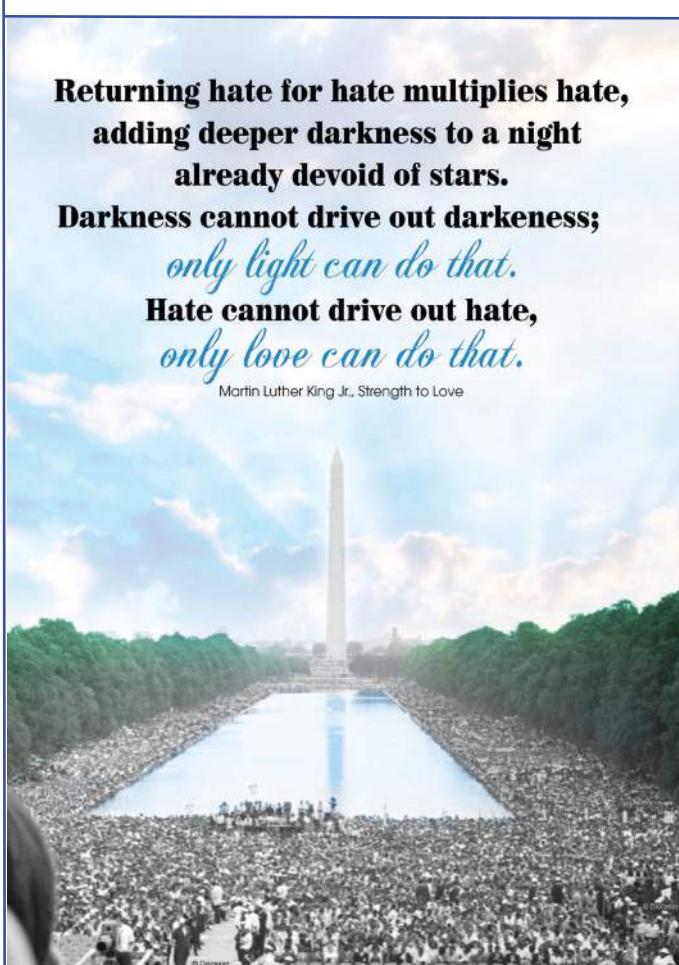
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**Returning hate for hate multiplies hate,
adding deeper darkness to a night
already devoid of stars.**

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.**
**Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.**

Martin Luther King Jr., Strength to Love





St. Joseph's Corner

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates a powerful mystery in our faith. We reflected last week on this feast and on the significance of the Father's words in revealing our identity. This week, however, the lectionary intentionally widens our focus. While Matthew is the primary Gospel in Cycle A, the Church now turns to St. John's account to deepen our understanding of the Lord's baptism. In John 1:29, attention is drawn to Jesus Himself and to the titles John proclaims: Lamb of God and Son of God.

More precisely, the focus shifts from John the Baptist's baptism with water to Christ's baptism with the Spirit. This distinction is fitting as we reflect on this foundational sacrament of initiation. A sacrament is, after all, a visible sign that truly communicates divine grace. While men, like John the Baptist, minister baptism with water, it is Christ alone who acts in the sacrament, marking the soul with an indelible spiritual character. The water is not merely symbolic, but the instrument through which Christ Himself bestows the grace that only He can give.

After our baptism, we move forward in a world for which we were not made, bearing upon our souls a durable mark the world neither understands nor welcomes. We go forth as sons of God, following the path of the Lamb and sharing already in the glory toward which He leads us.

But on this earth, the glory we encounter is not one of praise or comfort. Its power is not revealed in ease or acclaim, but in fidelity—often hidden, often costly. It is a glory that bears the weight of the Cross, a glory made visible not in domination but in obedience, not in self-assertion but in self-gift. To follow the Lamb, then, is to accept a path that the world neither understands nor applauds, yet one that leads, unmistakably, to life.

Jesus's identity is revealed at the Jordan for the world to hear, just as our identity is received at Baptism. From the Jordan, Jesus proceeds into the desert; likewise, from our Baptism, our identity is tested amid the daily temptations of the world. But the order is essential: God does not permit identity to be tested until it has first been received—not merely given, but received, acknowledged, and accepted.

Much of the suffering we endure comes not from fidelity, but from resistance—from clinging to identities we have fashioned ourselves, even with sincere or righteous intent. Such suffering is real, but it is disordered. It cannot save, because it is not yet united to the truth of who we are in Christ. Even good intentions, when they become self-authored identities, must eventually be surrendered, so that suffering may no longer be borne alone, but received in union with Him—where it can finally bear fruit. God never wants more than He asks.

What we manufacture for ourselves cannot be tested, because it is not real. It bends, redefines, or collapses under pressure. Only a true identity—one received from God—can be tested. And only what comes from God can endure.

Temptation presupposes truth. And only the metal that has been forged in the fire can withstand the erosion of the world. Our call to discipleship, once accepted, is simple—we follow the Lamb—but it is not easy.

This is where discipleship is lived. Not in applause, but in fidelity. Not in comfort, but in trust. Not in self-definition, but in obedience to the name we have received. The path of the Lamb is given before us—not because it is easy, but because it is true. And it is enough.

Dear brothers, understand this: only your true identity can be tested. And only through trial can it bear fruit. Do not seek suffering for its own sake, but do not flee it when it comes along the path of the Lamb. Accept what the Father permits, and endure it with trust, knowing that He allows nothing without purpose.

In this way, suffering does not deform us—it forms us. It purifies our love, strengthens our obedience, and makes us capable of serving not our own will, but His. Only then do we become instruments fit to shape, protect, and lead the souls He has entrusted to our care.

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)

EVANGELIZATION

1:1 Series

Session 4

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Behold Lamb World Man Existed
Water Dove Heaven Remain Baptize

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JAN 24/25	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Foley Marian Strzelczyk Ed Wereldsma	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Monica Shaub Mike Gatto	Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk	Phillip Gosewisch Denise Holub Art Smigelski	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska	Mary Keene Janet Litterio
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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 a 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 your intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcprayers@gmail.com an email asking to be added.



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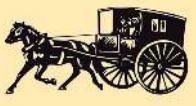
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