



# 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 Canceled Mar 8th

Tues- Fri 8:00 am English

## FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am English

7:30 pm Polish

## CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

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

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

Thurs by appointment





## MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY MARCH 3 8:00AM**  
Delphine Kasuk†

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 8:00AM**  
Edward Stover

**THURSDAY MARCH 5 8:00AM**  
Edward & Gertrude Bialeck†

**FRIDAY MARCH 6 8:00AM**  
Tina Osinski

**SATURDAY MARCH 7 4:00PM**  
Kenneth Kocolowski†

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 7:30AM**  
Our OCIA candidates

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 9:00AM**  
Slawek, Arek, Robert  
Anna & Andrzej Kaminski†  
Maria Ratulowski†  
Franciszek & Maria Bielak†  
Pasciak Andrzej†

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 10:30AM**  
Joanne Karlovsky†

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 12:00PM**  
Za parafian  
Grace Lenard

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 4:00PM**  
No Mass

**SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES**  
March: Dedicated to St. Joseph



Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel



Wednesday: St. Casimir



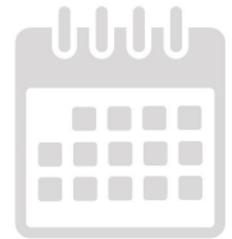
Friday: First Friday - Abstinence

Saturday: Saints Perpetua and Felicity



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 1** Food Drive
- MAR 1-4** Polish Mission
- MAR 3** OCIA 6:30pm
- MAR 4** RE Class 6:00pm
- MAR 6** First Friday & Stations of the Cross
- MAR 22-24** Parish Mission in English 7:00pm



## Misje Wielkopostne 2026

Bardziej niż kiedykolwiek -  
'Otwórzcie na oścież drzwi Chrystusowi'.

(św. Jan Paweł II)

Ks. Paweł Zborowski,  
proboszcz parafii Ducha  
Świętego w Barrie,  
w Archidiecezji Toronto, Kanada.

Niedziela, 1 Marca

9:00 Msza św. z kazaniem

12:00 Msza św. z kazaniem

Poniedziałek, 2 Marca

19:00 Nauka: Spowiedź - aktem uczciwości i odwagi

Wtorek, 3 Marca

19:30 Nauka: Eucharystia -  
największym darem i cudem

Środa, 4 Marca

19:00 Nauka: Rodzina silna Bogiem



### PIERWSZE PIĄTKI MIESIĄCA

Spowiedź Święta w jęz polskim Od godz. 6:00pm  
Msza Święta:  
8:00am w jęz angielskim  
7:30pm w jęz polskim



### FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Confession: (Polish/English) 6:00pm  
Mass:  
8:00am English,  
7:30pm Polish

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

March 1st - 7th  
Irena & Walenty Gielata†  
Maria & Jan Fudala†





### A WORD FROM FR. GREG

I am pleased to introduce a new member of our office staff, Kamila Fudala. Kamila is a dedicated professional, and we are grateful to have another staff member who is fluent in Polish. This will be a tremendous help as we continue to serve the needs of our diverse and growing community.

As mentioned in her introduction, she also serves our community as a funeral director at Richard J. Modell Funeral Home here in Homer Glen. Having Kamila on our team highlights the wonderful relationship we have with Modell. They have been long-time supporters of our parish, and this is an extension of that great relationship.

Miło mi przedstawić nowego członka naszego parafialnego zespołu – Kamilę Fudalę. Kamila jest oddaną profesjonalistką i cieszymy się, że mamy kolejnego pracownika, który biegle posługuje się językiem polskim. Będzie to ogromną pomocą w dalszym wspieraniu potrzeb naszej różnorodnej i rozwijającej się wspólnoty.

Jak wspomniano w jej przedstawieniu, Kamila pełni także funkcję dyrektora pogrzebowego w Richard J. Modell Funeral Home tutaj w Homer Glen. Obecność Kamili w naszym zespole podkreśla wspaniałą współpracę, jaką mamy z firmą Modell. Od lat wspierają oni naszą parafię, a to jest kolejnym przejawem tej wspaniałej relacji.



### GET TO KNOW KAMILA FUDALA

Hello, church family! My name is Kamila Fudala, and I'm so blessed to be a part of Our Mother of Good Counsel community as an admin for the Parish. I've joined this parish staff to serve Polish and English parishioners. I was born in Zakopane, Poland. I'm a proud of being Polish and Highlander, from the

highest town in Poland. I have a heart for helping families in need as I am a Funeral Director at Richard J. Modell Funeral Home in Homer Glen. When I'm not at church or conducting a funeral, you'll find me and my husband walking our dog, Bennie. I'm always happy to connect, support, or share a smile.

If you see me around, please say hello — I'd love to get to know you!

Witajcie, parafianie! Nazywam się Kamila Fudala i czuję się bardzo wdzięczna, mogąc być częścią wspólnoty Parafii Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady jako administratorka parafii. Dołączyłam do personelu parafialnego, aby służyć parafianom mówiącym po polsku i po angielsku. Urodziłam się w Zakopanem, w Polsce. Jestem bardzo dumna z tego, że jestem Polką i góralką, z najwyższej położonego miejscowości w Polsce. Mam serce do pomagania rodzinom w potrzebie, ponieważ pracuję jako dyrektor domu pogrzebowego w Richard J. Modell Funeral Home w Homer Glen, gdzie prowadzę Polskie usługi pogrzebowe. Kiedy nie jestem w kościele albo nie prowadzę pogrzebu, można mnie spotkać razem z moim mężem spacerującą z naszym psem, Benio. Zawsze chętnie porozmawiam lub udzielę uśmiechu.

Jeśli mnie zobaczysz, proszę przywitaj się — chętnie Cię poznam!

## 2026 LENTEN MISSION with Fr. Tom McCarthy

Fr. Tom McCarthy O.S.A. (and Prior Provincial-Elect) is hosting a 3 day Lenten Mission. Join us beginning Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the church

- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm - The Saints  
*Are they heroes of our faith?*
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm - Prayer  
*Is it worth it?*
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm - The Family of Faith  
*What is my part in this family?*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30 am - English  
7:00 pm - Polish

## DROGA KRZYŻOWA

8:30 AM (po angielsku)  
7:00 PM (po polsku)

## GORZKIE ŻALE

Gorzkie Żale będą  
odprawione po Mszy  
Świętej o godz.  
12:00.

# DROGA KRZYŻOWA

**W PIĄTEK. 20 MARCA O  
GODZ. 19:00**

W piątek, 20 marca o godz. 19:00 w naszej parafii Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady odbędzie się Droga Krzyżowa w góralskiej oprawie.

Nabożeństwo zostanie przygotowane i wykonane przez zespół góralski "Ślebodni".

Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich parafian do wspólnej modlitwy i przeżycia tego wyjątkowego nabożeństwa.



## How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

**What:** Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

**Where:** St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



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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](mailto:faithformation@omgccc.org).

Visit our parish website [omgccc.org](http://omgccc.org) for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year under the Religious Education link.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 4—CLASS

March 11—CLASS

March 18—CLASS

March 25—Reconciliation @ Church Gr 3-7

## Lenten Family Activity

In addition to observing "Friday fish day," designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. If your family does not say grace before meals, this is the perfect time to begin doing so.

Before starting prayer, discuss how each family member is giving to the others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will.

Begin by giving thanks and offer each member's petition. Most importantly, keep this family activity beyond Lent. It's a great way to bring prayer into your domestic church, and for families to connect.



## Feast of St. Casimir

St. Casimir was born in 1458 in Kraków, Poland, as a prince of the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Despite his royal status, he chose a life of humility, chastity, and deep devotion to God.

Known for his intense prayer life, generosity to the poor, and commitment to justice, he often preferred acts of service over the luxuries of court life.

Casimir refused an arranged marriage, dedicating himself entirely to God. He spent nights in prayer, fasted regularly, and used his position to advocate for the less fortunate.

He died at the young age of 25 in 1484, leaving behind a legacy of holiness, self-discipline, and unwavering faith. St. Casimir is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

The Catholic Church honors Saint Casimir on March 4th.

*"I prefer to be found pure before God rather than stained with the riches of the world." — St. Casimir*

**MASS CANCELATION**



**Please be aware that the Sunday, March 8th, 4:00pm Mass is canceled due to a Confirmation Mass that is scheduled that day.**

**Second Sunday of Lent  
Transfiguration Manifestation**

It may seem odd to hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus during Lent. Wouldn't it fit better after Easter? An answer is found a few verses after our Gospel selection. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer (Matthew 17:12). The vision of Jesus' glory shared by Peter, James, and John was meant to help them not to become discouraged by Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the details in the Gospel can help us understand how Lent leads to Easter.

First, we hear about Jesus' appearance, that "his face shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2). If the disciples didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God before, they surely did now. For us this can be a reminder that God is with us during this season of Lent, helping our faith to grow.

Next, the three disciples see Moses and Elijah, symbols of the Old Testament. Peter wants them to stay, but the voice of God interrupts and tells them that now they should listen to Jesus. The Gospel tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus throughout Lent. Do I grumble about Lent, seeing it is as another set of laws to be obeyed? Perhaps I'm forgetting that Lent is not about how much I do for God, but a time to reflect on what God has done for me.

The last line of the Gospel has Jesus telling the three not to tell anyone about their vision until after his resurrection. Maybe the disciples were tempted to brag that they were better than the other followers of Jesus. This reminds us that the sacrifices of Lent don't just make us look holy; they lead us to the new life of Easter.

-Tom Schmidt

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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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Brother  
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Sun  
Light  
Tents  
Cloud  
Pleased  
Rise  
Eyes  
Vision

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## St. Joseph's Corner

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else," (C.S. Lewis)*

It is easy to move through life as if the settings have already been dialed in—beliefs assumed, expectations settled, direction unquestioned. We settle into the rhythm and let the world unfold before us.

But there are moments when that rhythm breaks. When realities intrude that do not fit our expectations. When convictions that once felt obvious are suddenly strained by events we did not anticipate. We find ourselves disoriented—not because we have lost faith entirely, but because what we expected faith to look like no longer matches what stands before us.

This is the world Peter, James, and John inhabited as they climbed the mountain with Jesus. For Peter, it began with clarity: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Yet almost immediately, that clarity was unsettled. The first prediction of the Passion shattered their assumptions. The Messiah was not marching toward triumph, but toward suffering (Mt 16:21).

Then came the rebuke: "Get behind me, Satan" (Mt 16:23). The very disciple who had spoken most clearly now hears the sharpest correction. And the call that follows—to take up the cross—would leave any man wondering whether he has misunderstood the path altogether.

If glory looks like this, are we still on the right road?

The three disciples follow Jesus up the mountain—unsteady, uncertain, climbing perhaps with nothing more than obedience to carry them. The ascent is not triumphant. It is quiet and unresolved. They are men whose expectations of the Messiah have just been overturned.

But the summit is not the destination. It is an unveiling. For a moment, what has been obscured becomes visible. Not to change the road ahead, but to prepare them for it.

When Peter, James, and John encounter the Transfiguration, we are tempted to ask what it means for Jesus. Yet there is no ontological elevation in Him. He does not become more divine. He does not receive glory He lacked. The radiance is not acquired—it is revealed.

Nor is the spectacle for Moses and Elijah. The Lawgiver who descended Sinai with a shining face and the prophet who stood in the whisper of Horeb do not need this vision. They stand as witnesses, not recipients.

The Transfiguration is not a change in Christ. It is a mercy granted to those who cannot yet see clearly enough to endure what is coming. Even so, the vision leaves them grasping for control. Peter reaches for tents—as if the moment could be managed, secured, or prolonged—rather than simply received.

The instinct is familiar. When we read this Gospel, we often do the same. Faced with glory, we reach for activity. We try to organize what should instead be entrusted to memory. We search for application before we allow ourselves to behold.

Perhaps Lent is not first about doing more, but about seeing more clearly. Not about securing grace, but about receiving the grace already given. The Father does not command the apostles to build; He commands them to listen.

Dear brothers, before we descend into the valley—before we confront our failures, our discouragement, and the realities of a disordered world—we are invited to behold Christ as He truly is. And then to remember.

—Sebastian Abbinanti  
(abridged for publication) -<https://sebastianabbinanti.substack.com/>

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**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.



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