



# 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

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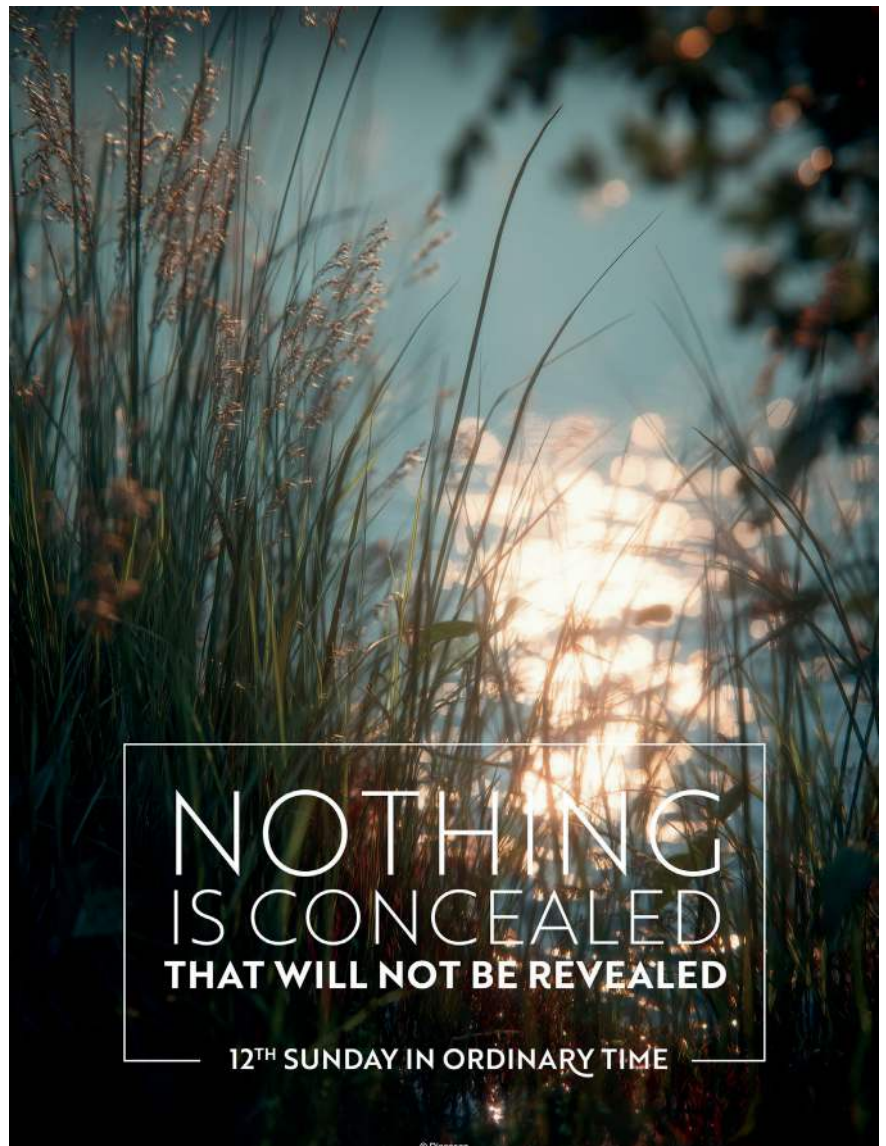
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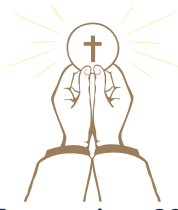
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# MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY JUNE 23 8:00AM**  
Andrew Holicz†

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 8:00AM**  
Virginia Schultz†

**THURSDAY JUNE 25 8:00AM**  
Janina & Andrzej Bobak†

**FRIDAY JUNE 26 8:00AM**  
Andrew Zwolinski

**SATURDAY JUNE 27 4:00PM**  
Calvin Brun†

**SUNDAY JUNE 28 7:30AM**  
Deceased members of the Pakla Family

**SUNDAY JUNE 28 9:00AM**  
Slawek, Arek, Robert  
Michal Polinski†  
Maria Ratulowski†

**SUNDAY JUNE 28 10:30AM**  
Lally Family

**SUNDAY JUNE 28 12:00PM**  
Za parafian  
Jozef Maruszak†

**SUNDAY JUNE 28 4:00PM**  
Jake David Marenko†

### SAINTS, OBSERVANCES, EVENTS

Sunday: Father's Day

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola  
St. John Fisher

Wednesday: The Nativity of Saint  
John The Baptist

Saturday: Saint Cyril of Alexandria  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
June 27/28: Peter's Pence Second  
Collection

### POPE'S JUNE INTENTION

For the values of sports:

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

## A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, we thank You for the sacred gift of fatherhood in all its forms.

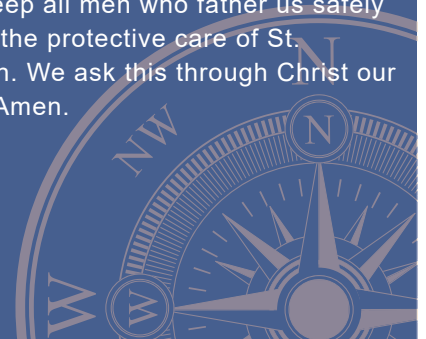
We ask You to bless all living fathers with Your wisdom, strength, and deep peace.

We pray for our deceased fathers; grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

We lift up all father figures—our grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and mentors— thanking You for their selfless and guiding love.

We ask Your blessing upon our priests and religious, whose devoted spiritual fatherhood shepherds and cares for Your Church.

Compassionate God, comfort those who carry sorrow in their hearts today, and keep all men who father us safely under the protective care of St. Joseph. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May God Bless  
ELAINA STELLA SIERDZINSKI & JOSEPHINE PODZORNY  
Congratulations on your June 14th Baptisms!

Join us Thursdays after the 8:00am Mass to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa w każdą niedzielę przed mszą świętą o godzinie 12:00

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Our annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions June 21st - 28th

Janina & Andrzej Bobak†



Welcome to our new Parishioners

The Wirtz Family  
The Dugan Family  
The Walker Family



## A WORD FROM FR. GREG (THE OFFICE)

The Office Staff has humorously "hacked" into Father Greg's article this week. With his approval, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our clergy on this Father's Day weekend.

Father's Day is also a special time to reflect on the spiritual fatherhood of our pastor, Father Greg, and our deacon, Paul. We also honor the many other priests who bless our presence and serve Our Mother of Good Counsel. Each is a true father figure, aiding our parish in daily liturgies and sacramental affairs.

We begin by honoring Fr. Greg, whose servant leadership shines as a beacon of faith and hope in our parish community. He continues to nurture our parish spiritually and sacramentally.

We are particularly grateful to our other visiting priests; Fr. Flynn, Fr. Hoffman, Fr. Maciej, Fr. Gargol, Fr. Fleck, Fr. Les, and Fr. Inczauskis. These men joyfully and humbly celebrate Mass and offer the gift of confession, not only to adults, but also to our parish children during the Confirmation and First Communion seasons. We thank you for your time and gifts.

The faithfulness and service of our priests provide a nurturing environment for spiritual growth, exemplifying the compassion and guidance of their calling.

We also wish to recognize Deacon Paul and Deacon Pete, who assist here; these remarkable men of the clergy serve the priests as well as our parish. They are also loving fathers to their children.

Father's Day is also a time to honor the husbands, uncles, and friends who are called "father" or "father figure" in our lives. These men share their strength during difficult times and the joy of God's gifts. We are blessed to see this in action in our parish community, among the men who bless each of our ministries. Each person's time and talent serve as examples.

As we celebrate this Father's Day, let us wholeheartedly thank all these faithful servants for their tireless dedication and the profound fatherly impact they have on our parish family.

## Słowo od Biura Parafialnego

W tym tygodniu pracownicy biura parafialnego, za zgodą naszego Proboszcza, przejęli jego rubrykę, aby z okazji Dnia Ojca wyrazić wdzięczność wszystkim mężczyznom, którzy poprzez swoją wiarę, służbę i przykład są dla innych ojcami i przewodnikami.

W sposób szczególny pragniemy podziękować naszemu Proboszczowi, Grzegorzowi Podwysockiemu, za jego troskę o naszą parafię, duchowe przewodnictwo oraz codzienną posługę. Jego oddanie, życzliwość i świadectwo wiary pomagają nam wzrastać jako wspólnota uczniów Chrystusa. Dziękujemy za wszystko, co czyni dla naszej parafii i każdego z nas.

Naszą wdzięcznością obejmujemy również wszystkich kapłanów, którzy posługują w parafii Matki Bożej Dobrej Rady. Szczególne podziękowania kierujemy do Ks. Flynn, Ks. Hoffman, Ks. Gargola, Ks. Fleck, Ks. Stelmach, Ks. Prebendowski oraz Ks. Inczauskis. Dziękujemy za sprawowanie Eucharystii, posługę w sakramencie pojednania, głoszenie Słowa Bożego oraz obecność wśród naszej wspólnoty. Wasza wierna służba pomaga nam umacniać relację z Bogiem i wzrastać duchowo.

Serdeczne podziękowania kierujemy również do Diakona Pawła i Diakona Piotra za ich oddaną posługę, wsparcie naszych kapłanów oraz troskę o życie duchowe parafii. Jesteśmy wdzięczni za świadectwo wiary, pokorę i gotowość do służby, które każdego dnia ubogacają naszą wspólnotę.

W Dniu Ojca pamiętamy również o wszystkich ojcach, dziadkach, ojcach chrzestnych, wujkach oraz mężczyznach, którzy swoją miłością, troską i odpowiedzialnością wpływają na życie swoich rodzin i naszej wspólnoty. Dziękujemy za Wasz przykład, poświęcenie oraz gotowość do służby innym. To dzięki Wam nasze rodziny i nasza parafia stają się miejscem wiary, miłości i wzajemnego wsparcia.

Niech Pan Bóg obdarza wszystkich ojców, naszych kapłanów i diakonów zdrowiem, pokojem oraz obfitością swoich łask, a Matka Boża Dobrej Rady nieustannie otacza ich swoją opieką.

Z okazji Dnia Ojca składamy najserdeczniejsze życzenia wszystkim ojcom i tym, którzy poprzez swoją obecność, troskę i przykład pełnią ojcowską rolę w życiu innych. Niech Bóg błogosławi Wam każdego dnia.

Szczęść Boże i błogosławionego Dnia Ojca!



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For *God* is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the *Love* you have demonstrated for His name by having served and continuing to *serve* the holy ones.  
- Hebrews 6:10



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"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025



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**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Worth



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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**

Enrollment for our Fall Religious Education classes is nearly underway. Registration packets will be mailed to homes of registered parishioners very soon. Our "early bird" discount will be available until July 15.

**St. John the Baptist**


We celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th. He was a contemporary of Jesus, and is known for his evangelization and for Baptizing his cousin, Jesus.

John was born to Zachariah and Elizabeth through the intercession of God. The angel Gabriel visited them and told them they would have a son and his name should be John. Zachariah was skeptical of this news, so he was rendered mute until John was born and named as God wished. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth while both were pregnant with their Sons. During this visit, Elizabeth realized that Mary was carrying the Son of God.

John began his public ministry around the age of 30. His ministry attracted large crowds along the Jordan River, where he Baptized his followers. When Jesus visited him at the Jordan River and asked to be Baptized, John said "It is I who needs Baptism from you." Jesus insisted that his cousin Baptize Him, which John did.

After Jesus was Baptized, John's following grew, which did not sit well with King Herod. Herod arrested John, imprisoned him and later beheaded him.

St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of the sick, nurses, booksellers, printers, heart patients and firefighters. He is also the patron saint of many locations, including Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada, Newfoundland, Florence, and Genoa.



## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Paradox of Faith

"Do not fear men," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses preceding this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for persecution and says that just as people did to him (Jesus), they would do to his followers. But he triumphed over his persecutors. They could not stop him. And that is what he promises us as well. We cannot be destroyed as long as we hold on to that faith.

The best way to maintain faith is to share it with others. It sounds like a contradiction, but it means that when we spread faith, our faith grows as well. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we feel encouraged and supported.

Sometimes we may hesitate when speaking about faith. The only thing we should fear is our weakness, not Satan's power. That's why Jesus said that whoever denies him before men, he will also deny him. However, Jesus died for our sins, so not even they can destroy us if we turn to the Lord. So thank Him for His forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the news that you have been forgiven. You might encourage someone else to have the courage to return to the Lord, and thus achieve another victory of faith that overcomes fear.

### Paradoks wiary

"Nie bójcie się ludzi" – mówi Jezus. Mówi o tych, którzy prześladują nas z powodu naszej wiary. W poprzedzających dzisiejszą Ewangelię słowach Jezus przygotowuje swoich uczniów na prześladowania i przypomina, że tak jak Jemu sprzeciwiali się ludzie, tak samo będą sprzeciwiać się Jego naśladowcom. Jednak Jezus odniósł zwycięstwo nad swoimi prześladowcami. Nie zdołali Go pokonać. To samo obiecuje również nam. Nie możemy zostać zwyciężeni, jeśli mocno trwamy przy wierze.

Najlepszym sposobem umacniania wiary jest dzielenie się nią z innymi. Może wydawać się to sprzecznością, ale kiedy przekazujemy wiarę innym, nasza własna wiara również wzrasta. A kiedy pozwalamy innym dzielić się ich wiarą z nami, otrzymujemy zachętę i wsparcie.

Czasami możemy wahać się, czy mówić o naszej wierze. Jedyną rzeczą, której powinniśmy się obawiać, jest nasza własna słabość, a nie moc szatana. Dlatego Jezus mówi: „Do każdego więc, który się przyzna do Mnie przed ludźmi, przyznam się i Ja przed moim Ojcem, który jest w niebie. Lecz kto się Mnie zaprze przed ludźmi, tego zaprę się i Ja przed moim Ojcem, który jest w niebie”.

Jezus jednak umarł za nasze grzechy, dlatego nawet nasze upadki nie mogą nas zniszczyć, jeśli z pokorą zwrócimy się do Pana. Dziękujemy Mu za Jego przebaczenie i nie zapominajmy dzielić się radością wiadomością, że każdy z nas może otrzymać Jego miłosierdzie. Być może dzięki naszemu świadectwu ktoś inny znajdzie odwagę, aby powrócić do Boga. W ten sposób dokona się kolejne zwycięstwo wiary, która pokonuje lęk.

-Tom Schmidt



Announcing the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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*Mass*

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Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

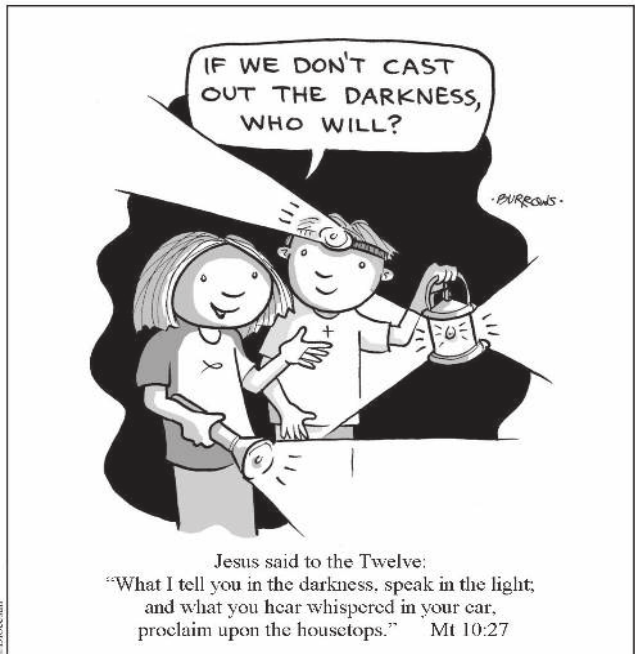
**Deadline to register: August 10, 2026**

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:  
815-221-6136  
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org



### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



June 27/28	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Jeff Dusak John Fassola Marian Strzelczyk	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Mike Gatto Debbie Hoekstra	Józef Staszczka Marcysia Szaflarski Jasia Para Katarzyna Karpiuk	Timothy Finlon Ellen Dudycha Monica Shaub	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska Ryszard Kloc	Mary Keene Janet Litterio
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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 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. The funeral home will then contact us at Our Mother of Good Counsel about the upcoming funeral Mass. We will then get in touch with the family 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.

## 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$54,300  
Amount Pledged: \$44,428 (+2,285)  
Amount Paid: \$42,013 (2,425)  
Online Balance Due: \$2,415  
Donors: 150

## STEWARDSHIP JUNE 13/14

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