



Our Mother of Good Counsel

Very Rev. Grzegorz P. Podwysocki • Pastor

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00 PM (English)

Sunday 7:30 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Polish)

10:30 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Polish)

Confession

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

1st Friday 5:30 - 6:45 PM

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 2:00 PM

Faith Formation Hours

Tuesday & Thurs 9:00 - 2:00 PM

Wednesdays 9:00 - 4:30 PM



**HE CURED MANY
WHO WERE SICK WITH
VARIOUS DISEASES, AND
CAST OUT MANY DEMONS**

MARK 1:34



Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM †Julie Waites

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 AM †Alice Zolp
Holy Trinity Parish, Westmont

Thursday, February 8

8:00 AM †Nicholas Wagner

Friday, February 9

8:00 AM †Graciela Picciolini
St. Mary Parish, West Chicago

Saturday, February 10

4:00 PM John & Donna Swiniarski

Sunday, February 11

7:30 AM †Al Vojtech

9:00 AM †Stanisław Gut
†Władysława, Lucyny i
Kazimierza Portalskich
†Władysława Pawlikowskiego
†Józefa Pawlikowskiego
†Jacka Komperda

10:30 AM †Sister Claire Marie Czerwiec
†Piotr Korpacki

12:00 PM Za parafian
Za intencje uczniów Polskiej
Szkoły Króla Kazimierza
Wielkiego
Z okazji urodzin dla Krystyny
Wojnarowicz
†Janusza Janika

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do You Want?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection, He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends?

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

-Tom Schmidt



Saints and Special Observances

Monday	Saint Agatha
Tuesday	Saint Paul Miki and Companion
Thursday	Saint Jerome Emiliani
	Saint Josephine Bakhita
Saturday	Saint Scholastica

Wieczna Lampka

Jej pochodzenie sięga starożytności, kiedy lampki oliwne z gliny lub brązu napełniano tłuszczem, głównie oliwą, i służyły do oświetlania domów i kościołów. We wczesnym średniowieczu utrwalił się zwyczaj palenia lampki w dzień i w nocy przed miejscem przechowywania Najświętszego Sakramentu. Stąd jej nazwa "wieczna". Jej czerwony kolor symbolizuje miłość Boga do ludzi. "Serce Jezusa, gorejące ognisko miłości". Jej zadaniem jest dawanie wiernym znaku o obecności Najświętszego Sakramentu w tabernakulum.

W naszym kościele są dwie lampki wieczne. Świeca ta świeci się 24 godziny na dobę przez 7 dni w tygodniu za jedną tylko duszę, ponieważ mamy 2 lampki wieczne, więc można mieć 2 intencje. Każdego tygodnia w biuletynie będzie wymieniona intencja, w jakiej pali się Wieczna Lampka. Jeśli ktoś z Państwa jest zainteresowany taką oto intencją, proszę przyjść do biura parafialnego i wybrać sobie datę, kiedy chcielibyście zapalić lampkę w intencji kogoś, kto jest bliski Waszemu sercu. Donacja \$20.00\$ Zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy za naszych bliskich.

Eternal Flame

The Sanctuary Lamp is traced back to when oil lamps were used as the main source of light. During the Middle Ages it became customary to keep a lamp lit near the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is housed. The red color is a symbol of God's love, and the candle serves as a reminder of Jesus's true presence.

Our church has two Sanctuary Lamps on either side of the tabernacle. The lamps remain lit throughout the 7 days, so there can be two intentions each week. If you are interested in submitting a name for the Sanctuary Lamp Intention, stop in the Parish office to reserve a week. There is a suggested donation of \$20. Each new intention will begin on Sunday, and will be posted in the bulletin.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



The eternal flame
burns in memory of
† Alice Zolp

Welcome To Our
Parish
The Gogola
Family

PREPARE FOR LENT

Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving are good practices during Lent and at any time. It's good to have a plan for **doing**, but it's also good to have a plan for **being**.

In the days before Lent, try these suggestions.

- Ask God, "What does my soul need?" Just ask, and wait quietly. It may take several days of praying before we're open and humble enough for the answer.
- Ask God, "What about my life makes you happy?" God is in a relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth, love, freedom, and kindness bring joy to God.
- Tell God and yourself, every day, "I want to be open to your graces of this Lenten season." We can always be more open, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do what helps to nurture God's kingdom more quickly.

[ignatianspirituality.com/how-to-prepare-for-lent/](https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/how-to-prepare-for-lent/)



St. Joseph's Corner

As we read the Gospels, we continue to find the meaning that Jesus's teachings, miracles, and experiences have for our lives. This is undoubtedly good and quite discernible, God's intention. However, there is much to be gained from comparing our experiences of Jesus with that of people contemporary to Jesus's earthly existence.

In this week's Gospel reading, we find Jesus in Capernaum, casting out evil spirits and curing the sick and maimed. The people of Capernaum, the disciples, and, frankly, all Jesus encountered throughout His earthly life experienced Jesus through their human sense. They saw Him perform miracles with their eyes, heard him teach with astonishing authority, and many experienced His healing touch.

Today, we experience Jesus primarily through our faith. We know that Jesus is and has always been the Son of God; we know that through His death and resurrection, He conquered death for us; we know that we have only to believe in Him, and we "...will not perish, but have eternal life," (John 3:16).

We know the fullness of Jesus's mission, and yet, do we act with the same amazement as the people of Capernaum who only experienced a mere excerpt of Jesus's power? The people of Capernaum saw Jesus heal dozens, maybe even a hundred people, and "The whole town was gathered at the door," (Mark 1:29-39).

Are We Looking for Him?

Are we gathering at Christ's door? With all our knowledge of all that has been revealed to us, in Holy Scripture, in the Church, and by the example of the lives of millions of Saints, are we living out our faith daily?

Twentieth-century Jesuit priest, cardinal, and renowned theologian Henri de Lubac wrote, "Revelation, in fact, is at the same time a call: the call to the Kingdom" ("The Problem of the Development of Dogma," p. 275). De Lubac explains that Jesus's mission is one of ongoing conversion.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes, "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. The adage applies to our faith: we are what we do. Are we seeking to act as Christians—seeking to do "that which is good and acceptable and perfect?"

Accepting the Call to the Kingdom

As Husbands and Fathers, we are the leaders of our domestic Church. Many of us are leaders in our communities. Our Lord has seen it fit to grant us the gift to influence others. We must pray daily to use this gift wisely, not for our glory, but for God's, not for riches, but for true wealth ("Prayer of Self-Dedication" Lumen Institute).

We must look to St. Paul and seek to "become all things to all, to save at least some" (1 Cor 9:22). We should do this for the sake of the Gospel so that we, too, may have a share in it (1 Cor 9:23).

-Sebastian Abbinanti

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. FAX #: 708-301-6356.

Visit our parish website omgccc.org for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 7—CLASS

February 14—OFF—Ash Wednesday

February 21—CLASS

February 28—OFF

March 6—CLASS

March 13—CLASS

ST. BLAISE

BISHOP AND MARTYR

February 3rd

According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

Spiritual Adoption Program “My heart is beating!”



1 MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month.

Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's.

Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted.

Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.



CONGRATULATIONS TO



Frank Czuba



Łukasz Andrej Mrożek



Zofia Maria Walus

recently Baptized into our faith

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 10 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

Jeff Dusak
John Fassola
Arlene Fassola
Jen Dusak
Mike and Gina Jadron
John Fassola
Dennis Foley

Lectors
Sacristan
Ushers

Sunday, February 11 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Patti Mulligan
Monica Shaub
Mike Gatto
Patti Mulligan
Darcy Trudelle
Patti Mulligan
Mike Targosz
Jim Mulligan
Tony Angelo

Lectors

Sacristan
Ushers

Sunday, February 11 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Ryszard Kloc
Jasia Para
Grażyna Staszal
Bożena Bisaga
Czesław Bisaga
Witek Szaflarski
Edward Matoniak
Marcin Miskowicz

Lectors

Sacristan
Ushers

Sunday, February 11 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers

Denise Holub
Ellen Dudycha
Julie Sochacki
Jennifer Galka
Philip Gosewisch
Kara Finlon
Carol Shimkus
Tom Lorang
Andy Smigielski

Lectors

Sacristan
Ushers

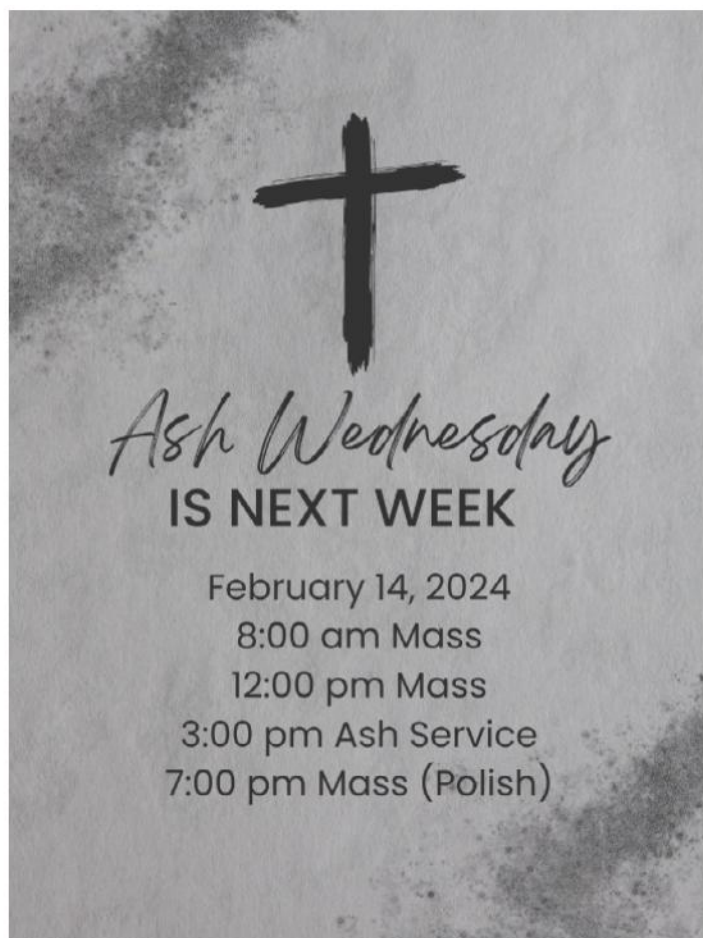
Sunday, February 11 12:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

Ewelina Szafran
Katarzyna Karpiuk
Marian Gal
Ewelina Szafran
Artur Leja
Andrzej Kas
Wiesław Mos
Eugeniusz Blachut

Lectors

Sacristan
Ushers



Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed in Will County

Catholic Charities' Foster Grandparent Program is seeking volunteers in Will County. Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to local children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers (age 55 and over) to stay active by serving children and youth.

Sharing your time and experience can help children learn how to read, assist for school readiness, and make decisions that will keep them on the right path.

We'll match based on your skills and passions. Most volunteers serve about 15-20 hours a week. Those who are income eligible will receive a tax-free hourly stipend to help cover costs associated with volunteering. Catholic Charities will provide pre-service orientation and training to prepare you for this rewarding opportunity.

Interested in learning more? Contact Deb at 815-724-1157



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January 27/28

Sunday Offering	\$9,127.50
Online Giving	\$1,498.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$152.00
TOTAL	\$10,777.50

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Sacraments

Baptism

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Catholic parties should be members of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish. They should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding to allow time for preparation.

Funerals

Call the Parish office to schedule an appointment to make preparations for the Mass.

Eucharist for homebound

If you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office for the Sacraments of the Eucharist.

For Anointing of the Sick, Hospital Visits

Please contact the office. Please do not wait until prognosis is imminent.

Religious Education

Grades 1-8 (Call Faith Formation Office)
Classes meet Wednesday, 6-7:30 PM-September through March.

Newcomers

Welcome to our Parish! Please contact the Parish Office to register or visit our website omgccc.org

Vocations for Religious Life

Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations for the Religious Life, please visit vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Bulletin Deadline

Text for publication must be submitted no later than Monday at noon.

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