



Our Mother Of Good Counsel

Very Rev. Grzegorz P. Podwysocki • Pastor

The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13



Weekday Mass

Tues-Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00pm (English)

Sunday 7:30am (English)

Sunday 9:00am (Polish)

Sunday 10:30am (English)

Sunday 12:00pm (Polish)

Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

1st Friday 5:30-6:45pm

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16043 South Bell Road
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Office Hours

Tues-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm



Faith Formation Hours

Tues & Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am-4:30pm

Website

www.omgccc.org

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Tuesday February 20

† Jack Rayburn

• St. John the Apostle, Villa Park

Wednesday February 21

† Dorothy Mitchell

Thursday February 22

† Nick Wagner

• St. Alexander, Villa Park

Friday February 23

† Christopher Zwolinski

Saturday February 24

† Richard Keating

Sunday February 25 7:30am

• People of the Parish

Sunday February 25 9:00am

• O wszelkie potrzebne łaski i dary
Ducha Świętego dla rodziny Loef-
fler

† Andrzej i Karol Komperda

Sunday February 25 10:30am

† Helena Pakla

† Rev. Bronislaw Wojdyla

† Stanislaw Wojdyla

† Jozef Kula

Sunday February 25 12:00pm

† Zbigniew Gacek w pierwszą
rocznicę śmierci

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

WEDNESDAY FEB 21

SAINT PETER
DAMIAN

THURSDAY FEB 22

THE CHAIR OF
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APOSTLE

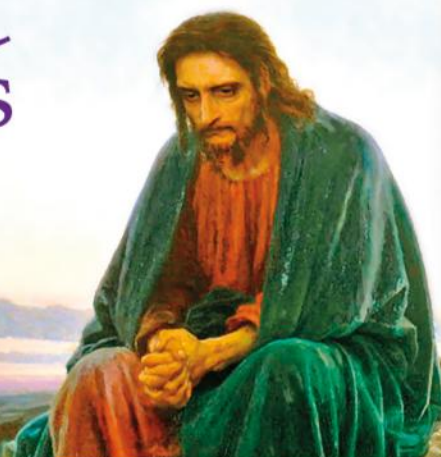
FRIDAY FEB 23

SAINT POLYCARP

Return to me with
your whole *heart*.

Joel 2:12

Lent 40 Days



LENT IS MARKED WITH PRAYER, FASTING, ABSTINENCE, AND PENANCE

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

It is refraining from eating the meat of mammals and fowl.
However, fish and other marine animals are allowed



WHO IS REQUIRED TO ABSTAIN?

It is mandatory for Catholics 15 and older to abstain on Fridays
during Lent. Inability to abstain due to medical reasons is allowed.



**Blessings to John and Donna Swiniarski on
their 50th Wedding Anniversary**



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



The eternal flame
burns in memory of

† Zbigniew Gacek

† Józef Siuta

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW PARISHONERS**

The Winski Family
The Rychtarczyk Family

LENT / WIELKI POST



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross

- following the 8am Mass
- 6pm in English
- 7pm in Polish

DROGA KRŻOWA

w języku polskim w Piątki Wielkiego Postu o godz. 7:00 wieczorem

Droga krżowa nie będzie w piątek 22-go marca



RECONCILIATION

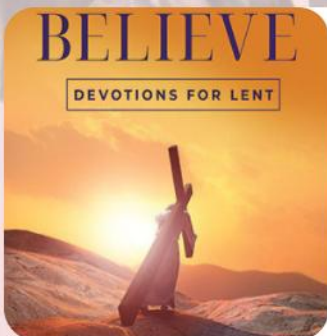
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to our parishioners on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7pm in church.

Bilingual priests will be available.



GORZKIE ŻAŁE

w niedzielę Wielkiego Postu po Mszy Świętej o godz. 12pm.



REPENT & BELIEVE

This booklet gives us an opportunity for us to be spiritually transformed by an ever deeper appreciation of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Available in the Narthex



WORD AMONG US

This booklet contains daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy, daily meditations based on the Mass and practical featured articles on Lent and the saints.

Available in the Narthex



LENT KIDS CALENDAR

This colorfully illustrated and spiritually enriching single-page calendar is filled with prayers, thought-starters, activities and many suggestions for Bible reading.



RETURN: LENT WITH FR. JOHN BURNS

Fr. John Burns introduces you to the pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Available on Formed.org



St. Joseph's Corner

We live in a time when the world is much more demanding of our time and resources than ever. This demand on us is not necessarily a bad thing. As Christians, we are charged with emulating Christ's life, and servant leadership is a dominant theme in Christ's life on earth.

Though we will sometimes fail, this charge requires us to serve God by serving his people as Jesus did. Unlike Jesus, however, we are limited by our humanity. Our human limits require us to be prudent and seek to understand God's will for us and our lives to prioritize the best use of the resources God has given us to do the most good for the greatest number.

During Jesus's time on earth, Leprosy continued to be a disease that impacted many people. The Jews and many other contemporary cultures regarded Leprosy as a symbol of sin, as, just like Leprosy, sin too is contagious.

Throughout the Gospels, we see that Jesus is moved with compassion for the sick, the afflicted, and the sinners among us. The Gospels depict many miracles in which Jesus healed affected people. Still, He always did so, either by commanding "see that you tell no one anything," (Matthew 8:4, Mark 1:44, Luke 8:56) or by attempting to obfuscate His own divinity.

We can't truly understand the infinite power of God. Jesus knows that we have this limitation. It is all too easy to look at the life of Jesus that we are called to imitate and dismiss the call as undoable—for Jesus is God, and we are not. Jesus understood this tendency we might have and chose instead to show us that it was the power of God working through Him. He showed us that the Holy Spirit is present everywhere and that the same Spirit can work through us.

Jesus does this not because He had to but because of His selfless love for us and desire for us to spend eternity with him in Heaven.

Looking to St. Joseph for Guidance in Imitating Christ

It is easy for us to discount the role of St. Joseph as Jesus's earthly father, especially as God is Jesus's Heavenly Father. But St. Joseph's role in Jesus's life tended beyond protecting the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother. He would have greatly influenced Jesus's life, up to and including the point at which Jesus asked John to care for Mary, a widow, at the Crucifixion (John 19:27).

As husbands and fathers, we should never discount our vocation to simply providing for our families' physical needs. God has seen it fit to give us tremendous influence over our families. We must live our lives virtuously. As St. Paul instructs, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

Though his presence in the Gospels is sparse, St. Joseph exemplifies the virtues that resonate with husbands and fathers striving to emulate Christ-like love and leadership within their families.

We can emulate Christ's life by emulating His earthly father, St. Joseph.

-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 21- CLASS

February 28- OFF

March 6- CLASS

March 13- CLASS

March 20- Class

*****March 27-Reconciliation Gr 3-8**

CHURCH* Grades 1 and 2 are off.**

What We Can Do For Lent

We began the season of Lent on Wednesday. As Catholic Christians, we prepare ourselves during Lent by fasting, praying and giving alms....ie giving of ourselves to others.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served.

There are many things from which we can fast, not solely giving up food, candy, or our favorite beverages. We can fast from doing good and not so good things.



Some examples of good things from which we can fast:

- Facebook/social media
- Hitting the snooze button-get up and pray
- Staying up late-give yourself a bedtime and pray before bed
- Checking your phone when you are present with people-eating, visiting, or in someone's presence.

Some examples of bad things from which we can fast:

- Complaining
- Being lazy-try exercising or taking a walk during Lent
- Dressing immodestly
- Lying, swearing, taking our Lord's name in vain

Let's journey through Lent together, making ourselves a better version of "us" by fasting





COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

Lesson Plans

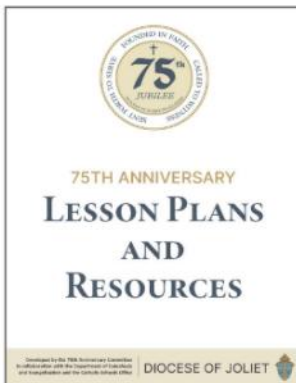
Available for K–12 students: Parents, Religious Education Programs, Catholic Schools, High School Youth Groups, Scouting Groups, First Communion Retreats, and Homeschool Curricula

LESSON 2

THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

The real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is both a treasure and a mystery. We have been gifted by Christ with the opportunity to receive His precious Body and Blood every bit as authentically as the Apostles did at the Last Supper.

Get the PDF including three Lesson Plan modules for grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–12 at diojoliet.org/75th



Faith Into Action Podcast Episode 4

In Episode 4, Michelle Dellinger interviews Katie Golwacz, a parishioner at Church of the Holy Ghost in Wood Dale. Katie's story about her struggle to receive childhood sacraments in Yugoslavia following WWII is fascinating. She can give us all a new perspective about our faith—and the religious freedom we likely take for granted.



Faith Into Action
YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action
Podcast (audio)



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit the website for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

diojoliet.org/75th

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Synod Sessions

The Diocese of Joliet will host two Synod Sessions to gather feedback from diocesan parishioners in preparation for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. The guiding questions for the sessions are:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

All diocesan parishioners are invited to attend one of two Synod Sessions offered:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
6 TO 8:30 PM

ST. RAPHAEL

1215 Modaff Road
Naperville, IL 60540

Room: Sts. Joachim and Anne

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
6 TO 8:30 PM

ST. JOHN PAUL II

907 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Room: Parish Hall



Synod Session Outline

- 6 p.m. Sign-in/refreshments
- 6:30 p.m. Opening prayer/reflection
- 7 p.m. Small group discussion of two questions (see left)
- 7:45 p.m. Break
- 8 p.m. Share themes from small group discussions
- 8:30 p.m. End



◀ **Pre-registration for either date is required.** Please scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/Synod

Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org.



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February 10th/11th

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Online Giving \$1630.00

Building Fund \$3110

TOTAL \$14,980.50

**"Through the Desert
God Leads us
to Freedom"**

«I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out
of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery»
(Ex 20:2)



#LENT
2024

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PLEDGE YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$38,700. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese,

For the Glory of God. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietidoceseappeal.org

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

PRAY FAST WITNESS

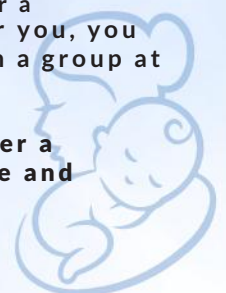
The Spring Campaign for 40 DAYS FOR LIFE will begin on Ash Wednesday February 14 and end on Palm Sunday March 24. During this time, Christians from around the world will once again join together for the most powerful PRO-LIFE effort the world has experienced.

During these 40 days, parishes in our area will be asked to participate in our local effort of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Each day, area churches will commit to praying to end abortion. Prayer Vigils will be from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday at Access Health, an established abortion clinic, at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove.

The assigned day for our parish will be Mondays at 11:00 a.m. We will meet at Access for a peaceful non-confrontational prayer vigil. If the date and time is inconvenient for you, you can sign up for another time slot at 40daysforlife.com, or you can stop by and join a group at any other time you are available.

If you are unable to attend, we ask that on the day of our parish vigil, please offer a **ROSARY FOR LIFE** to save a baby at risk of abortion. You can also show your love and commitment through prayer and fasting.

Thank you for your deep concern for the unborn!



Ministry Schedule

	February 24th Saturday 4:00pm	February 25th Sunday 7:30am	February 25th Sunday 9:00am	February 25th Sunday 10:30am	February 25th Sunday 12:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Foley Lisa Lorek Ken Marcin	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Mike Gatto	Ryszard Kloc Jasia Para	Denise Holub Melissa Dopke Julie Sochacki	Ewelina Szafran Katarzyna Karpiuk
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Parish Staff

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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@dioceseofjolieta.org

Prayer Request Line

Submit your intention to omgcprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 23-25, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

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