



# Our Mother Of Good Counsel

Very Rev. Grzegorz P. Podwysocki • Pastor

## The Third Sunday of Lent

### 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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March 3, 2024

### 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](http://www.omgccc.org)

He made a whip  
out of cords  
and drove them  
all out of the  
temple area.  
“Take these out  
of here, and  
stop making my  
Father’s house  
a marketplace.”

*John 2:15,16*

Jesus Casting Out the Money  
Changers at the Temple  
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s





### **Tuesday March 5**

- Edward Stover Birthday Blessing
- St. Anne Parish

### **Wednesday March 6**

† Edward Koziol

### **Thursday March 7**

† Lesniewski Family

### **Friday March 8**

- † Walenty Gielata
- † Maria Fudala
- Kamila Fudala Birthday Blessing
- William Peterson Birthday Blessing
- St. Lawrence Parish

### **Saturday March 9**

† Sam Vinci

### **Sunday March 10 7:30am**

- John J Mitchell Birthday Blessing

### **Sunday March 10 9:00am**

- Za Parafian

### **Sunday March 10 10:30am**

† Charles N. Koziel

### **Sunday March 10 12:00pm**

- Za uczniów Polskiej Szkoły KKW
- Z okazji urodzin dla Eweliny Stachacz o pomoc w nauce i zdanie egzaminow
- † Krzysztof Kalata
- † Barbara Bendowski
- † Stanley Stoch
- † Janusz Janik

**I, the LORD am your God,  
who brought you out of the land of  
Egypt, that place of slavery.  
You shall not have other gods besides  
me.**

| SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES |                   |                                    |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| SUNDAY<br>MARCH 3              | MONDAY<br>MARCH 4 | THURSDAY<br>MARCH 7                |  |
| SAINT<br>KATHARINE<br>DREXEL   | SAINT CASIMIR     | SAINTS<br>PERPETUA AND<br>FELICITY |  |
| FRIDAY<br>MARCH 8              |                   | SATURDAY<br>MARCH 9                |  |
| SAINT JOHN OF<br>GOD           |                   | SAINT FRANCES<br>OF ROME           |  |



### **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**



The sanctuary flames  
burn in memory of

† Walenty Gielata  
† Maria Fudala

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHONERS**

The Skrzypek Family  
The Aguirre/Grover Family





## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

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

There will be no 6pm or 7pm Stations on March 22

## DROGA KRZYŻOWA

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

Drogi krzyżowej nie będzie w piątek 22 marca



## RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7pm in church.

Bilingual priests will be available.



## GORZKIE ŻALE

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

# Thank You

A special thank you to Fr. Tomasz Puslecki for providing our parish with a thought provoking Lenten Mission. We were blessed to have you for 3 days.





## St. Joseph's Corner

I pray that you are all having a good Lent. This week, the third week of Lent, the Liturgy of the Word includes a well-known Gospel passage, John 2:13-24, Jesus Clears the Temple Courts.

The traders and money changers provided an essential service. Many would have traveled great distances to worship at the temple, and they would likely need to exchange their local currency for currency used to pay the temple tax. Likewise, the expense of bringing sacrificial animals on a long journey would have been too high for most people. The convenience of purchasing these animals outside the temple would have been significant.

Jesus took issue not with the changing of money or the sale of animals but rather with where these transactions occurred and how they impeded people from worshiping God.

For the Jewish people, the temple would have been equivalent to the Tabernacle in our churches—the dwelling place of God. This context helps us understand why Jesus said, “...stop making My Father’s house a place of business!” John 2:16. The tables of money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals would have been in the area of the temple designated for worship by non-Jews.

It is easy to interpret this text as Jesus giving a justification for righteous anger, Jesus showing the world how tough He is, or as a teaching to not exchange money in the church. These would all be easy interpretations except for the fact each is wholly inconsistent with Jesus as depicted throughout the bible. We should delve deeper into the meaning of the passage.

The temple and the act of sacrifice had become a business. While the function of the business was necessary, its profits were predicated on keeping people from worshiping God. The system was especially harmful to the poor and marginalized. But, above all, this business, built on the worship of God, became a mechanism of power and profit—most literally, a false idol.

### Our Call as Christians

We do many things every day that are neither holy nor evil. Many of us enjoy watching or playing sports, fishing, or an assortment of other hobbies. We have household chores and errands. But nothing we do should ever stand in the way of loving God and loving our neighbor. Nothing we do should impede someone else from loving God or their neighbor.

As husbands and fathers, we must orient our lives to put God first. Just as we can learn from the example of St. Joseph, so too can our families learn from our example.

-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](http://omgccc.org) for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**March 6- CLASS**

**March 13- CLASS**

**March 20- Class**

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

**Grades 1 and 2 are off.**

**April 3—CLASS**

**April 10—CLASS**

**April 17—LAST CLASS**



### Lenten Family Activity

In addition to “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 time to begin.

Before starting, 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 with a prayer of thanks and petition.

Most importantly, keep this family activity beyond Lent. It’s a great way for families to connect.

### ST. CASIMIR OF POLAND

March 4th



On March 4, the Catholic Church honors Saint Casimir Jagiellon, a prince whose life of service to God has made him a patron saint of Poland, Lithuania, and young people.



Please keep our 8th Grade Religious Education students in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday evening.



## 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 [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.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!

### Fundraising Event for Pregnancy Aid Illinois

There will be several local fundraisers in the upcoming weeks to support Impact Educators, which is the prevention arm of Pregnancy Aid Illinois. On the following dates, these local businesses will donate 15% of proceeds to the group, as long as the customer specifies Impact Educators when they order:

**Tuesday March 5**, from 10am to 10pm at Culver's on 159th Street in Orland Park.

**Tuesday March 12**, from 2pm to 8pm at Subway on 159th in Orland Park, next to Hallmark.

**Tuesday March 19**, and Wednesday March 20 from 7am to 8pm at Frosted Donuts on 88th Ave and 171st St. Tinley Park.

This is an easy way to support the organization while enjoying a local restaurant.

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For More Information, Please Contact:

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Po więcej informacji proszę dzwonić pod numer **(773) 213-6791**-Anna Pałasz, Dyrektor Szkoły

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Email: [mickiewiczps@yahoo.com](mailto:mickiewiczps@yahoo.com)

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](http://qrco.de/Synod)

Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to [dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org).



# Ministry Schedule

|                              | March 9th<br>Saturday 4:00pm              | March 10th<br>Sunday 7:30am                          | March 10th<br>Sunday 9:00am  | March 10th<br>Sunday 10:30am                                     | March 10th<br>Sunday 12:00pm                                  |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Lisa Lorek<br>Ken Marcin<br>Mary Westberg | Mary Ann Mesich<br>Monica Shaub<br>Theresa Pettinato | Ryszard Kloc<br>Jasia Para   | Steve Kon<br>Dawn Nolan<br>Art Smigielski                        | Ewelina Szafran<br>Katarzyna Karpiuk<br>Bernice Szaflarski    |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Dennis Foley                              | Darcy Trudelle<br>Bill Shaub                         | Grażyna Staszal  | Jane Finlon  | Wiola Galab   |
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## Parish Staff

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**Digital Media Coordinator:** Vicki Petecki  
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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](http://omgccc.org)

### Vocations for Religious Life

Considering Religious Life? For more information about vocations for the Religious Life, please visit [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)

### Prayer Request Line

Submit your intention to [omgcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:omgcprayers@gmail.com), and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for you intention.



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