

# Our Mother of Good Counsel

## 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 English

1st Friday 6:00-6:45 pm Bilingual

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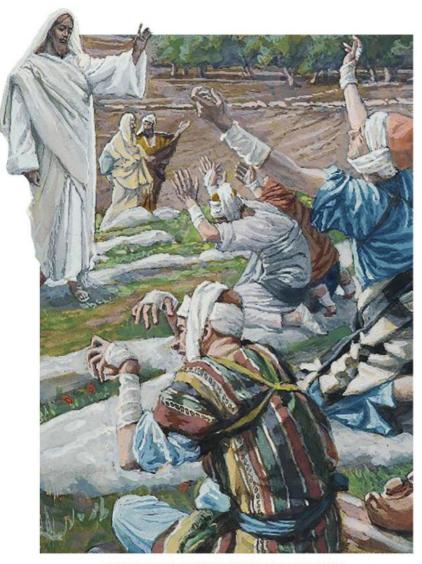
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment



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TUESDAY OCTOBER 14 8:00AM Dorothy M Mitchell†

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15 8:00AM Irena Gielata†

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 8:00AM Morning Church Group

Friday October 17 8:00am Janina & Andrew Bobak

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 4:00PM Lally Family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 7:30AM The Marian Devotion groups throughout the world

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 9:00AM Za parafian Maria

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 10:30AM Casey Bobak†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 12:00PM Casimir Bobakt Maria & Juliusz Gombos† Szkoła KKW Fabian Wasilewski†

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 4:00PM Edward & Gertrude Bialecke†

#### SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

October: The Holy Rosary Sun: Saint Carlo Acutis Tues: Saint Callistus I Wed: Saint Teresa of Jesus

Thurs: Saint Hedwig

Saint Margaret Alacogue Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Sat:

Fri:

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Oct 15 Relgious Education Class 6:00pm

Oct 18/19 **Undy Sunday Collection** 

CCW Bake Sale Weekend Oct 18/19

Oct 18/19 World Mission Sunday Second Collection

OCIA Meeting 6:30pm Oct 21

Oct 25 CCW Halloween Party for Children 11am-1pm



This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. During October, we invite you to arrive at Mass 20 minutes early to pray the Rosary.

If a prayer leader is unavailable, we encourage silent meditation on the Rosary and its mysteries.

During this time of prayer, please refrain from visiting with fellow parishioners when entering the Sanctuary.

## **BAPTISMS**



Matthew Figlewicz received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 5th. God Bless him and his family!

The Gal Family

The Rzeszowicz Family

The Para Family



JUBILEE YEAR **PETITIONS** 

October 11 & 12: That those who witness through their lives to a profound Marian devotion and spirituality, especially the Marian Fathers, the Blue Army, and all other Marian devotion groups in our parishes, may continue to guide us to follow Mary's model of living a Christcentered life, let us pray to the Lord

Pray for the reposed soul of Welcome: Michael The Skik Family

> Flanagan who entered eternal life on September 26





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## **OCTOBER 18-19, 2025**

We will be collecting donations of basic needs items for the clients of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet at the Parish the weekend of October 18-19. Any donation of new underwear, socks, and diapers are welcome. Catholic Charities has requested that we focus on the following items this year:

- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- Pull Up Training Diapers (sizes 2-3T, 3-4T, 5-6T)
- Baby wipes
- · Boy's underwear (size 3T -5/6)
- Girl's underwear (size 3T 5/6)
- · Boy's socks (all sizes, especially crew socks)
- · Girl's socks (all sizes)



## **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@omgcc.org

Visit our parish website omgccc.org for the RE schedule and other Faith Formation information throughout the year. Simply click on the Religious Education link once you enter the site.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 15 - CLASS OCTOBER 22 - CLASS OCTOBER 29 - OFF

We thank you for heeding the directions in the parking lot at HJH upon dismissal. Our Knights of Columbus are helping with this important task to keep our children safe.

### SEVENTH GRADE STUDENT COMMITMENT

Please keep our seventh grade religious education students in your prayers as they make their two year Confirmation commitment this weekend.

## October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They focus on the events from Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane to His crucifixion and death on Calvary.

#### These five mysteries are:

- 1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden.
- 2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar.
- 3. The Crowning with Thorns.
- 4. Jesus Carries the Cross.
- 5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

**The Glorious Mysteries** tell us what happened after Jesus died. His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for His Mother.

### These five mysteries are:

- 1. The Resurrection of Jesus
- 2. Jesus Ascension into Heaven
- 3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4. The Assumption of Mary
- 5. The Coronation of Mary

## St. Joseph's Corner

If we persevere, we shall also reign with Him.
—2 Tim 2:12

This is a line that not only distills a core tenet of St. Paul's theology—it can, if we let it, evoke a heroic drive, inspiring the very fierce opposition Paul, or rather Saul, exhibited before

his encounter with Jesus in the desert. Before grace broke through, Saul's energy was outward, directed at conquering error and defending purity through force. But after meeting Christ, Paul's perseverance became something else entirely: not a fight against others, but a faithful abiding within the love that had conquered him.

The word "persevere" in this passage is translated from the Greek word hypomenō. It literally means "to remain under." It does not call us to rebellion or resistance, it calls us to endurance—to stay beneath the weight of life and mystery without fleeing. Perseverance is not the work of heroes who overcome the world; it is the discipline of saints who remain under the cross until resurrection dawns.

Hence the importance of patience in the New Testament, which becomes the basic constituent of Christianity, more central even than humility: the power to wait, to persevere, to hold out, to endure to the end, not to transcend one's own limitations, not to force issues by playing the hero or the titan, but to practice that which lies beyond heroism, the meekness of the lamb which is led.

—Hans Urs von Balthasar, A Theology of History (English trans.)

This is the perseverance of St. Joseph. He did not battle oppressors and rally followers. Instead, he stayed—under the weight of confusion, exile, poverty, and silence—trusting that God was present even in his own uncertainty. His strength was not in resisting but in receptivity. He didn't seek to exert control over the world outside of him, but instead he chose to remain where grace was at work within.

### Remaining Until It Redeems

If we read this reflection through the lens of the modern world, we may be tempted to see perseverance as resignation or passivity. But it is neither, for the fruit it bears is transformation. We remain under—not to be crushed, but to be conformed. Just as coal, under pressure and with patience, becomes a diamond, so too will grace lift us up to share glory with Christ if we remain in Him.

To remain under is not to surrender to defeat; it is to allow God's hand to press His image more deeply into the soul. Perseverance refines us—it exposes the false strength of self-reliance and replaces it with the quiet strength of trust. It is the space where our pride is dissolved and our dependence on God becomes complete.

The outcome of the battle of good versus evil has already

been decided. Christ is the victor, and His victory is absolute. Yet the echoes of that battle continue in our time, and they reach into every human heart. God does not ask us to fight the cosmic war anew. The struggle He entrusts to us is interior: the battle within the soul—to remain in grace, to persevere under the weight of the world, and to resist the temptation of despair. Our sword is surrender, and our shield is hope.

In this sense, perseverance is not about conquering evil out there, but about refusing to let it take root in here. It is the daily decision to keep our hearts aligned with the One who has already conquered. When we remain steadfast in Him, we participate in His victory—not by might, but by fidelity.

This is the perseverance of St. Joseph. He fought no visible wars, yet he endured every trial of faith. In remaining under those burdens with trust, he became the guardian of the Redeemer and the quiet instrument of God's plan. Through his fidelity, the divine plan unfolded in silence.

So too in us: when we remain faithful beneath the weight of life—when we persevere in prayer, patience, and hope—God brings forth the same hidden glory. What seems small and unseen in this life becomes radiant in the light of eternity.

#### Perseverance in the Home

Perseverance begins where love is tested most—at home. For husbands and fathers, the weight we remain under is often the ordinary cross of responsibility: the long hours, the unseen sacrifices, the quiet moments when we wonder if our efforts truly matter. Yet it is precisely there, in the hidden routines of family life, that grace is at work.

To persevere as a husband is to love when it feels unnoticed, to listen when you'd rather withdraw, to remain present when fatigue tempts you to escape. To persevere as a father is to keep showing up—to pray with your family, to lead by example, to model faithfulness when the world values comfort over commitment.

Perseverance for us does not mean control; it means constancy. It is choosing, every day, to stay under the weight of love—to remain beneath the vocation God has entrusted to us—trusting that He is shaping us through it.

When we stay—when we keep loving in the small and unseen ways—we echo the perseverance of St. Joseph. Through such fidelity, the divine plan still unfolds in silence: in the hearts of our wives, our children, and our homes.

Dear brothers, stay where God has placed you, and love the people He has given you.

You don't need to do more; you need only to remain faithful. When you feel the pressure, don't flee. Remain under. Grace is at work there.

-Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)



#### LISTOPADOWE WYPOMINKI ZA ZMARŁYCH

Wypominki są pięknym wyrazem naszej modlitewnej pamięci o zmarłych. Ich tradycja sięga X wieku, kiedy chrześcijanie zapisywali imiona bliskich zmarłych, aby odczytywać je podczas Mszy Świętej.

Dziś, kontynuując tę tradycję, zapisujemy imiona naszych bliskich, wierząc, że są oni wpisani w Księgę Życia, o której wspomina Apokalipsa św. Jana. Wypominki są znakiem naszej wiary w życie wieczne, zaufania do Bożego miłosierdzia oraz duchowej więzi z tymi, którzy odeszli do Pana.

Koperty wypominkowe są wyłożone na stole w tyle kościoła. Wypełnione koperty można składać do koszyków podczas niedzielnej kolekty. Prosimy o czytelne wypisywanie imion i nazwisk zmarłych oraz o nieskładanie kopert na ostatnia chwilę. Wypominki przyjmujemy do 26 października.

Tak jak w ubiegłym roku, imiona zmarłych będą odczytywane w każdą niedzielę listopada podczas Mszy Świętej o godz. 9:00 AM i 12:00 PM.



## **Catholic High School Admissions Fair**

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and Benedictine University in partnership with the Diocese of Rockford.

## Thursday, October 23 from 6-8 p.m.

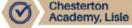
## **Benedictine University**

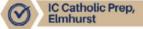
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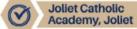
For 4th-8th grade students and families to explore exhibits, speak with school representatives and learn about the admissions process and financial aid.

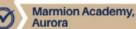
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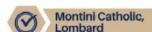


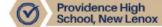




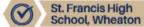














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Register to attend: bit.ly/4nXBKgh Registration preferred. Walk ins welcome.



## Czyńmy uczniów Jezusa!

Pobierz i przeczytaj nowy list pasterski biskupa Hicksa, MAKE, aby dowiedzieć się, w jaki sposób Ty i Twoi bliscy możecie żyć jako uczniowie Chrystusa i pomagać w czynieniu uczniów w Waszej społeczności.



## Let's MAKE **Disciples** for Jesus!

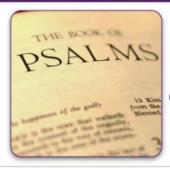
Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.







## Celebrating the 4th Week of the Spiritual Exercises





## October 31-November 2

Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Adults

Biblical scholar Fr. Mitch continues his insightful teaching with a deep dive into the psalms of glory, exploring their historical context and connection to the 4th Week of the Spiritual Exercises.

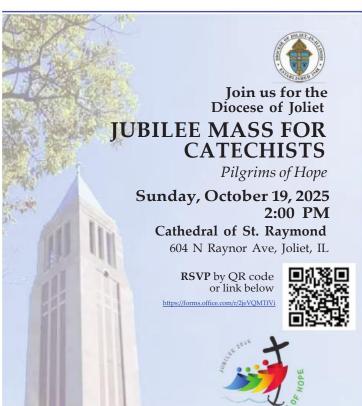


Retreat Leader: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ President and founder of Ignatius Productions; EWTN television and radio host; holds a PhD in the Old Testament from Vanderbilt University.

To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code or visit <u>jesuitretreat.org/retreats</u>



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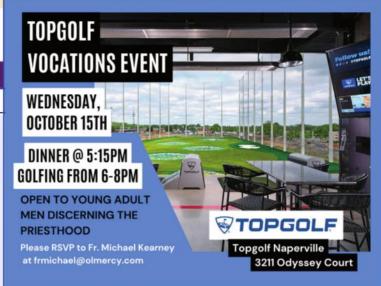


Did you miss our directory photo-shoot? We have a make up day Monday, November 10th!

Each family will receive a free 8x10 picture and a complimentary directory. We would love to see your photo among our parish family!

Photo sessions are in the Narthex.

- Go to the Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the RED box "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- Enter church code: il417 and password: photos
- · Click on view timelslots
- Click on the Reserve Time button







Oct 18/19	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Minsters	Jeff Dusak Judy Keating Ed Wereldsma	Mary Ann Mesich Patti Mulligan Monica Shaub Mike Gatto	Jasia Para Józef Staszeczka Katarzyna Karpiuk	Timothy Finlon Denise Holub Melissa Dopke	Ewelina Szafran Agata Świętosławska Ryszard Kloc	Mary Keene Janet Litterio
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#### October 4/5

Mass Collections \$9,910.00 Utilities \$45.00 Building Fund \$385.00 Online Giving \$3,123.00



## **CMAA PLEDGE REPORT**

Thank you for the continued donations! 70% of the amount over our goal will come back to our Parish.

Donor count: 151

PARISH GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\$42,600 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \_\_\_\$48,320 AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_\$45,743 +\$60 REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,5771 2025 REBATE: \$2,200

## **S**ACRAMENTAL 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 your 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 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.



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



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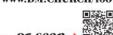
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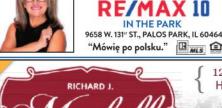












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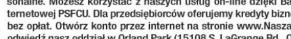
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