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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm English

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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

CONFESION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

1st Friday 6:00-7:15 pm Bilingual

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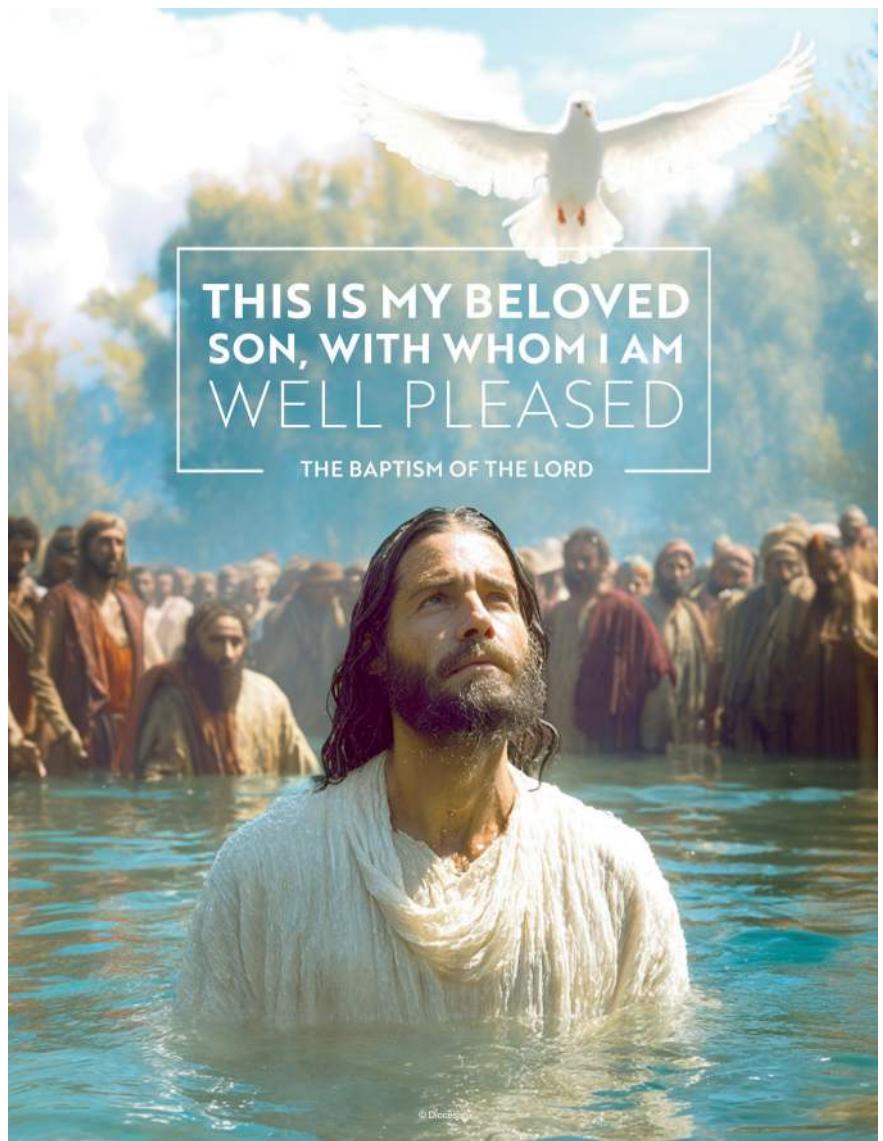
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY JANUARY 13 8:00AM
Bill Schultz

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14 8:00AM
James M. Mitchell Sr. †

THURSDAY JANUARY 15 8:00AM
Delphine Kasuk †

FRIDAY JANUARY 16 8:00AM
Victor F. Beaucaire†

SATURDAY JANUARY 17 4:00PM
Annette & Emil Ernestt

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 7:30AM
Dennis Grzesiak†

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 9:00AM
Slawek, Arek, Robert
Jan & Helena Kaminski†

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 10:30AM
Nick Wagner†

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 12:00PM
Za parafian
Szkoła KKW
Patryk Adamczak†

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 4:00PM
James Toren

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES
January: Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: Saint Hilary
Saturday: Saint Anthony

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Our Sunday Masses are streaming on our youtube channel.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 14 RE Class 6:00 pm

JAN 15 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 pm

JAN 20 OCIA Meeting 6:30 pm

BAPTISMS



Congratulations to

KLEMENTYNA MARIA
STAFIERA

who received the Sacrament of Baptism on January 4th.

God bless her and her family!

2026 SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



The Respect Life Committee is once again sponsoring a Spiritual Adoption Program, beginning this weekend. The concept of spiritually adopting an unborn baby has been in practice for many years, and our program at OMGC over the past couple of years has been very successful. The program involves you praying for a child that is conceived during the month of January and may be in danger of being aborted. Each

month, the Respect Life Committee will display posters about the development of your baby.

This weekend, we are asking you to select a name for your spiritually adopted baby. The names can be added to the posters in the Narthex, which will serve as a visible reminder of the babies we are prayerfully supporting over the next nine months. We look forward to your participation!

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Jan 11th - 17th
Andrzej & Janina Bobak †
Jen Dudycha †



Welcome To Our Parish:

The Komperda Family
The Sadauskas Family
The Wrona Family
The Martisauski Family

thank you

We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for setting up the outdoor creche at the church entrance for the Christmas season. This display of the Incarnation is a reminder of the true reason for Christmas.

Art Smigelski represented the Knights at the 3:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass, and he had the honor of holding the Baby Jesus during the blessing as well as placing Jesus in the outdoor manger. We are grateful to all the Knights for their service to our parish family.



The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorned our sanctuary are in loving memory and honor of:

Cathy Magierski
Zbigniew Nowak
JRJ Wileman
Josephine Nakutis
Daniel Plebanek
Fr. Tom Osborne

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 14—Class

January 21—Class

January 28—No Class

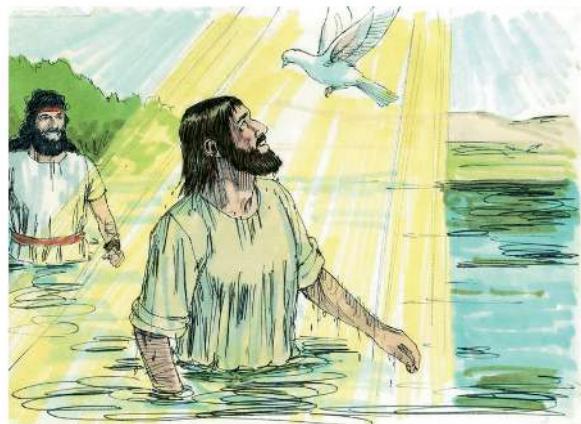
We thank you for heeding the directions in the parking lot at HJH upon dismissal. Our Knights of Columbus are helping with this important task of keeping our children safe.

The Baptism of Our Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season. Jesus' Baptism begins His public ministry and confirms that He indeed is the Son of God. As Jesus is being Baptized by John, all Three Persons of the Trinity are shown: Jesus, the Son of God, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and God the Father when He says: "You are my Beloved Son, with You I am well pleased."

Jesus did not need to be Baptized, as he had no sin. Jesus chose to be Baptized by His cousin John. Jesus chose to be Baptized to set an example for us, to humble Himself and to connect with human nature.

John did not want to Baptize Jesus. He did not feel worthy to do so, as he recognized Jesus as The Messiah. He believed that Jesus should Baptize him. John did Baptize His Cousin.



WINTER WEATHER AND PARKING -

PRZYPOMNIENIE DOTYCZĄCE PARKOWANIA



Please park only in designated parking spaces. It is important to keep the circle drive at the front entrance clear at all times to allow room for emergency vehicles.

Bear with us for snow removal. We do not have control over when the plows arrive, so use your discretion and extreme caution when coming to Church and Adoration. Thank you, and let's all stay safe this winter!

Upozorniamy, aby nie parkować przed głównym wejściem do kościoła, w miejscu, gdzie znajduje się hydrant przeciwpożarowy, ani na zaokrągleniu chodnika. Parkowanie w tych miejscach jest zabronione i może stanowić zagrożenie w sytuacji nagłej.

Prosimy o korzystanie wyłącznie z wyznaczonych miejsc parkowych na parafialnym parkingu, szczególnie w okresie zimowym, kiedy odśnieżanie oraz ograniczona widoczność wymagają jeszcze większej ostrożności.

Dziękujemy za zrozumienie i współpracę



Pope Leo XIV closes St. Peter's Holy Door, concluding Jubilee of Hope

Pope Leo XIV on Tuesday, January 6th, closed the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, visibly marking the end of the jubilee season. At the threshold, the pontiff knelt before the door prayed in silence. He then rose and pushed shut the two large bronze doors.

Leo XIV then recited the prayer of thanksgiving for the ordinary Holy Year, proclaiming: "This Holy Door is closed, but the door of your mercy is not closed."

The Jubilee of Hope was instituted on Dec. 24, 2024, by Pope Francis, but after his death in April, was concluded by his successor, Leo XIV. The last time a Jubilee year saw two popes was the year 1700. The last ordinary Jubilee (celebrated every 25 years) took place in 2000.

Jubilees may also be celebrated at "extraordinary" moments, such as the Jubilee of Mercy celebrated by Francis in 2015, or the one to be convoked in 2033 to commemorate the two millennia of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

After closing the Holy Door, Leo XIV presided over Mass for the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord inside St. Peter's Basilica, bringing the day's liturgical celebration to its conclusion.

Credit: Victoria Cardiel / Catholic News Agency (Jan. 6, 2026)



BE FORMED

SEASON 12: THE CREED (PART 2) – THE SON

FEBRUARY 13 – MAY 13, 2026

Learn more about the Creed and the identity of Jesus Christ through this 90-Day Discipleship Ministry!

For more information, visit our website at beformed.net.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5, 2026



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St. Joseph's Corner

"You are my beloved Son"
—cf. Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11

This third Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It comes abruptly, pushing the calendar forward thirty years in just one week's time. This is the beginning of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. In Ordinary Time, we follow Jesus's ministry, which begins with this moment at the Jordan.

But this event is anything but Ordinary.

Baptism is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. In Baptism, we are cleansed of Original Sin—the fallen state into which we are born—and reborn by grace. Baptism marks us with an indelible spiritual character and claims us as sons and daughters of God. At Baptism, we are not merely cleansed but named—not so that God might know us, but so that He might reveal who we are.

But for Jesus—born without sin and incapable of it—what cleansing is necessary? For Jesus, the source of the grace poured out upon us, what rebirth could He receive? For Jesus, true God and true Son, what claim could remain to be marked?

This is the paradox of the Baptism of the Lord. For Catholics, Baptism is a powerful gift of grace, needed only once. So powerful is it that it leaves an indelible mark upon the soul—so powerful that the Church will never baptize someone already baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And yet Jesus, who has no need of Baptism, freely submits Himself to it. There is more to this.

Upon Jesus's baptism, the heavens open, and the Father speaks. Surely, Jesus knows that the Father is pleased with Him. Was it necessary, then, for the Father to tell Jesus what He already knows—or were those words, so necessary, not meant for Jesus at all?

God speaks and makes public what is named—at Jesus's baptism, and at ours. With love and authority, He names us, not so that He may know us, but so that He may reveal who we are: His beloved Sons and Daughters.

We live in a world that champions the self-made man, celebrating those who carve their own path. The man who refuses to be defined and instead defines himself is the hero of many epic tales, from antiquity to the modern age. Today, we can see this obsession carried to its disordered extreme: a world increasingly unwilling to acknowledge even what can be plainly seen with unaided eyes—a culture that denies the truth of creation written into our very

bodies.

Why, then, do we seek to carve our own path when the perfect path has already been given to us? Why do we strive to define what has already been named? Why do we ignore the truth inscribed upon our hearts?

Perhaps we do this because we have failed to realize that the Father spoke so that we might hear. You are my beloved son. We are His beloved—created perfectly unique, with a name and a mission not self-appointed, but received.

Brothers, know that God created you with intention and love, and that you are His beloved. God is fullness itself, lacking nothing, and in creating you, He withheld nothing of His goodness. He made you, He knows you—flaws and all—and He loves you infinitely.

Turn toward the Lord, as St. Joseph did, with trust, with faith, and with hope. Receive the mission and vocation God has entrusted to you—first in your homes and families—and walk the path He has laid before you, the path that leads you to Him.

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)

Couple's Evening of Reflection



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February 6, 2026
4:30 pm - 9 pm
*Evening of Reflection
for Couples*

This evening will allow sacramentally married couples to renew their wedding vows before Valentine's Day. A short social, Mass, and a wonderful dinner will allow couples to enjoy an evening together and reflect on their marriage on our sacred grounds.



Retreat Leader: Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ
Bellarmine Ministry Team member; writer, storyteller, spiritual director, podcaster and retreat leader; President of Heart to Heart Catholic Media Ministry.

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

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Learn How to **MAKE** Disciples!

What: Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, **MAKE**, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP

MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, **MAKE**, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org



2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing in the upcoming weeks, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



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The program runs from Friday, January 16 to Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

STEWARSHIP

Dec 24/25

Christmas
Collections: \$28,465
Utilities: \$150
Building Fund: \$110
First Offering: \$35

Dec 27/28

Mass Collections: \$10,225
Utilities: \$92
Online Giving: \$2,682
Christmas Offering: \$985
Retirement Fund: \$25
First Offering: \$120

Dec 31/Jan 1

Solemnity of Mary
Collections: \$7,695
Utilities: \$80
Building Fund: \$80
Christmas Offering: \$810
Snow Removal: \$25
First Offering: \$15

Jan 3/4

Mass Collections: \$10,213
Utilities: \$187
Building Fund: \$279
Online Giving: \$4,071.00
Snow Removal: \$30
First Offering: \$370



JAN 17/18	Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:30am	Sun 9:00am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 12:00pm	Sun 4:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Ayres John Fassola Mary Westberg	Mary Ann Mesich Monica Shaub Theresa Pettinato Sue Strella	Jasia Para Ryszard Kloc	Steve Kon Melissa Dopke Julie Sochacki	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 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.



Prayer Request Line: Submit your intention to omgcprayers@gmail.com, and our prayer warriors will discreetly pray for your intention. If you would like to join the prayer warriors, send omgcprayers@gmail.com an email asking to be added.



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



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