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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

CONFESSON

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

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

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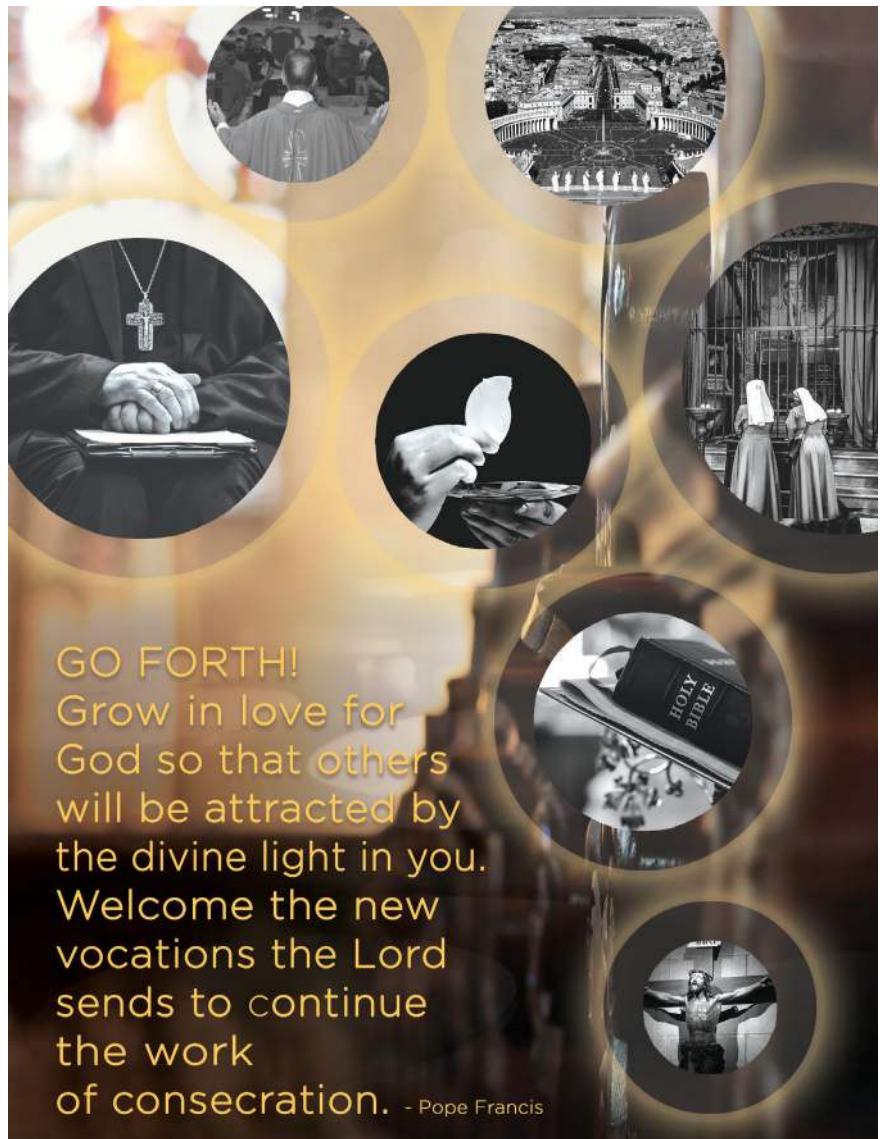
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Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Thurs by appointment





MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3 8:00AM
John J. Mitchell†

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4 8:00AM
Delphine Kasuk†

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5 8:00AM
Prayer Service

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6 8:00AM
Michael Valentine Jr.†

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 4:00PM
Calvin Bruni†

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 7:30AM
Our Ministry Groups

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 9:00AM
Slawek, Jarek, Robert
Jan & Krystyna Budz†
Anna & Andrzej Kaminski†

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 10:30AM
Joan Moran†

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 12:00PM
Piotr Korpacik†
Andrzej Bryja†
Jan & Janusz Slodyczka†
Rozalia & Andrzej Mrozek†

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 4:00PM
Our Clergy

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES
Sunday: February is dedicated to the
Holy Family
Monday: Presentation Of The Lord
Tuesday: Saint Blaise
Thursday: Saint Agatha
Friday: First Friday
Saint Paul Miki and Companions

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 31/FEB 1 Food Drive Weekend

FEB 1 Knights Selling Super Bowl Squares and Recruitment Weekend

FEB 2 Presentation of the Lord Mass- 8:00am English, 10:30am Polish, 7:00pm Bilingual

FEB 3 OCIA Meeting 6:30pm

FEB 4 RE Class 6:00pm

FEB 5 Parish Council 7:30pm

FEB 6 First Friday



BAPTISMS



PHILIP WALTER LEZNICKI AND MATEUSZ ELIJAH WRONA
received the Sacrament of Baptism on January 25th.
Congratulations and God bless these children and their families!

Welcome To
Our Parish:
The Swiatkowski Family
The Pignato Family
The Urbaniak Family

Pray for the reposed soul of

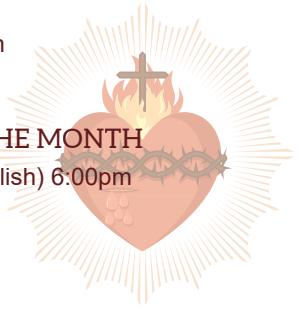


William J.
Schultz

who entered eternal life on January 10th

PIERWSZE PIĄTKI MIESIĄCA

Spowiedź Święta w jęz polskim Od godz. 6:00pm
Msza Święta:
8:00am w jęz angielskim
7:30pm w jęz polskim



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Confession: (Polish/English) 6:00pm
Mass:
8:00am English,
7:30pm Polish

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MATKI BOŻEJ GROMNICZNEJ

Monday, February 2nd

Mass
8:00am English
10:30am Polish
7:00pm Bilingual

Msza Święta
8:00am w jęz angielskim
10:30am w jęz polskim
7:00pm dwujęzyczna

Ofiarowanie Pańskie – Matki Bożej Gromnicznej
Czterdzieści dni po Bożym Narodzeniu, 2 lutego, obchodzimy Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego, znane również jako Święto Matki Bożej Gromnicznej (Candlemas). Tego dnia wspominamy wydarzenie, gdy Maryja i Józef przynieśli Dzieciątko Jezus do świątyni. Jest to zakończenie okresu liturgicznego Bożego Narodzenia i Objawienia Pańskiego.

W ramach obchodów Święta Matki Bożej Gromnicznej świece będzie można zakupić w niedzielę 25 stycznia oraz w Niedzielę 1 lutego. Świece zostaną poświęcone, aby można je było zabrać do domu i używać przez cały rok jako pamiątkę, że Jezus Chrystus jest Światłością świata.

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

Forty days after Christmas, on February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. We commemorate when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple. This marks the end of the liturgical period of Christmas and Epiphany.

As part of the celebration of Candlemas, blessed candles will be available for purchase on Sunday, January 25th, and Sunday, February 1st. Use them throughout the year as a reminder that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

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

February 4—CLASS
February 11—CLASS
February 18—OFF—ASH WEDNESDAY
February 25—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.

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is best known today as the patron saint of those with throat troubles because he once cured a child who was choking on a fish bone. That is why, on February 3, the feast day of St. Blaise, priests bless the throats of Catholics to protect the faithful from sickness and physical problems of the throat. A fourth-century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, Saint Blaise suffered martyrdom for his faithfulness to Christ.



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. ~Amen

Do you ever feel like you could use some help approaching God in your prayers?

We pray The Memorare together after each Mass. This beautiful prayer reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate, protector and mother.....Our Blessed Mother. Mary is our Mother too.

Scout Sunday

Join us Sunday, February 8th 2026
at the 10:30 AM Mass



We invite all Scouts to attend
and wear their uniforms!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



Our local Knights of Columbus chapter is asking the men of this catholic community to join in their mission to serve our community, defend our faith, and bring healing and mercy to those in need. The Knights are animated by a desire to be better husbands, fathers, neighbors, and men of faith. The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world. In 2025, the global organization raised over \$250 million dollars for charitable causes.

Locally, our counsel raised over \$25,000 dollars last year in support of various charities and service organizations. In addition to charitable giving, they also serve our parish and community with their time. You will see the Knights sponsoring blood drives, hosting an annual golf outing, and helping with reconciliation.

The ask is minimal. If you have as little as 2 hours per month to give, you can make a real impact to our community and parish. The time you give is flexible, always appreciated, but never obligated.

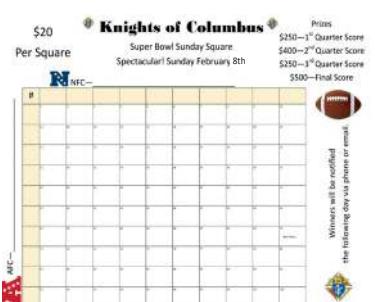
If you feel called to give and be a channel of aid and mercy in our community, stop by their table at the end of mass to learn more about the mission, and consider becoming a Knight.

Thank you and God Bless.

Knights of Columbus

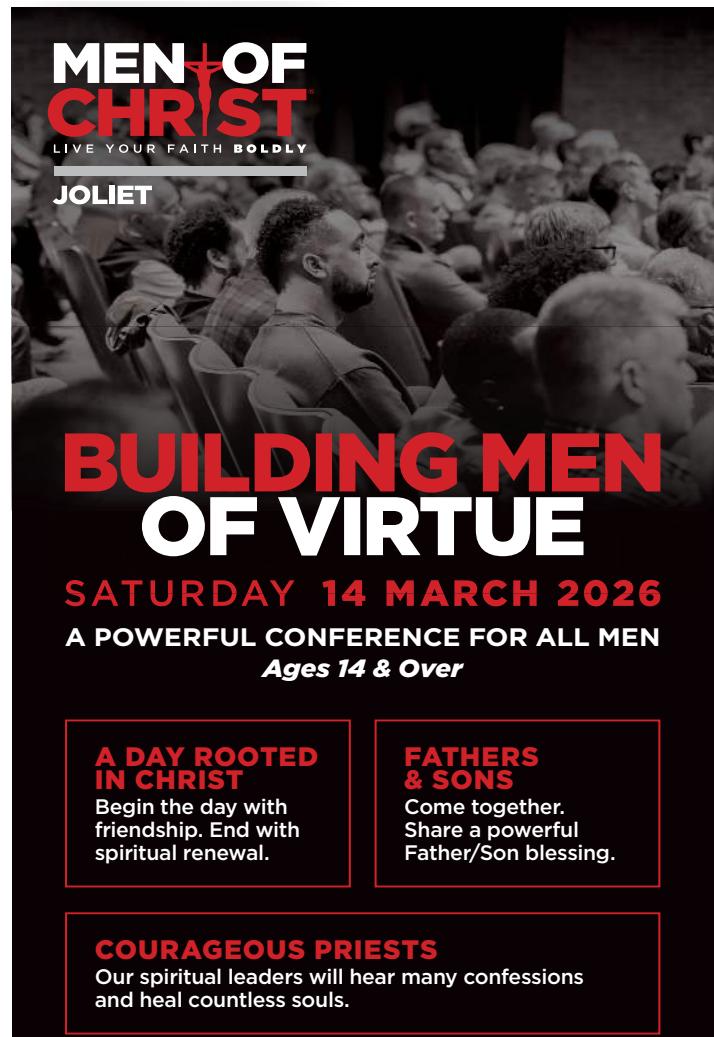
SuperBowl Sunday Spectacular!

Sunday, Feb 8th



\$20 per Square gives you 4 chances to win up to **\$1400!**
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St. Joseph's Corner

"The glory of God is man fully alive."
—St. Irenaeus of Lyons

The Ten Commandments are often treated as the sum of the moral life—as though avoiding grave sin were the same as living in holiness. They preserve right relationship with God, with others, and within ourselves. In this sense, they are indispensable. They establish the minimum conditions for life, protecting against death—moral, social, and spiritual.

But preventing death is not the same as living the life of holiness the Father wills for us.

St. Irenaeus' claim about man being fully alive as the glory of God is not a vague affirmation of human potential. It is a profound dogmatic assertion: God is glorified not merely when man obeys, but when man is brought to his telos—the fulfillment of his purpose—in communion with Him. Obedience alone can restrain what destroys us; only communion brings us to fullness of life.

Moses gives the Law—necessary, holy, and good—to guard man against death. But Christ gives more than law. He gives life itself. In Him, the moral life is no longer ordered merely toward restraint, but toward transformation; no longer toward survival, but toward participation. Jesus reveals the way to life not simply by clarifying the law, but by drawing man into communion with the Father—through Him, with Him, and in Him.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus reveals His countenance and calls us to be conformed to Him in charity, in service, and in love toward one another (CCC 1717). He comes down from the mountain not merely reaffirming laws carved into stone to guard against death, but proclaiming words that open the path to life in the Kingdom—a life marked by discipleship, holiness, and a happiness that endures.

The Beatitudes thus mark a turning point. Christ does not negate the law; He draws it inward, shifting the focus from external compliance to the formation of the heart. They are not a higher set of rules, but a new measure of life—one shaped by grace, oriented toward the Kingdom, and ordered toward communion. Jesus calls us to more than obedience alone; He calls us to transformation.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus' words shattered the complacency that often accompanies mere compliance. It was no longer sufficient simply to avoid evil or to keep the law externally. Christ called His disciples to something far more exacting: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:20). Obedience, while

necessary, was no longer the measure. Love was.

This was not a rejection of the law, but its exposure. The law could restrain the hand, but it could not yet transform the heart. It could identify sin, but it could not impart the life required to overcome it. This was not an intensification of legal demands, but a reorientation toward likeness with the Father: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48).

These words were deeply countercultural. In a world ordered around honor, reciprocity, and visible righteousness, Christ blessed the poor, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. He declared happy those who appeared to have lost—those who did not grasp, retaliate, or assert themselves. This inversion revealed a truth the law alone could not make fully visible: that true righteousness is measured not by external conformity, but by interior participation in divine life.

And this challenge has lost none of its force.

Neither has this fallen world lost its resistance to it.

The world continues to catechize us in a different gospel—one that prizes fairness over mercy, reciprocity over self-gift, and entitlement over sacrifice. It teaches us to keep score, to demand what is owed, to measure success by what can be accumulated or displayed. Even within religious language, these instincts persist. Distortions of the Gospel still proclaim material prosperity as a sign of divine favor, as though blessing could be measured in wealth, comfort, or visible success.

But this is not the faith of the Church.

Against every age's attempt to domesticate the Gospel, Christ continues to proclaim a righteousness that exceeds calculation. The Beatitudes do not reward power, possession, or control. They bless poverty of spirit, mercy freely given, and hearts made pure through surrender. They confront not only the sins we commit, but the standards by which we judge success itself.

So, dear brothers, rise to the challenge at hand. Do not seek what is merely due to you, but freely give what you have received. Surrender it to God for the sake of the Kingdom. Compliance is not enough; true righteousness is born of total self-gift—the humble recognition that all we have and all we are is not of our own making, but comes from Him, through whom all things were made.

Live fully in fulfillment of your purpose: to give. Strive, by grace, for the perfection of the Father. Then—and only then—when you are fully alive, you may share in His glory.

—Sebastian Abbinanti (Parish Pastoral Council Member)

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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Statements can be mailed or emailed. You can view your online giving statement in the OSV Online Giving Portal. Click on "My Online Giving History".



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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY *February*

FEBRUARY 6: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

205 E. JACKSON ST, JOLIET
10:00AM - 11:30AM

FEBRUARY 20: ST. JOSEPH

211 N. CENTER AVE, BRADLEY
10:00AM - 11:30AM

FEBRUARY 23: ST. LAWRENCE

165 RICE RD, SOUTH WILMINGTON
4:00PM - 5:30PM



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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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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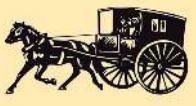
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