



# Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, July 20, 2025 ♦ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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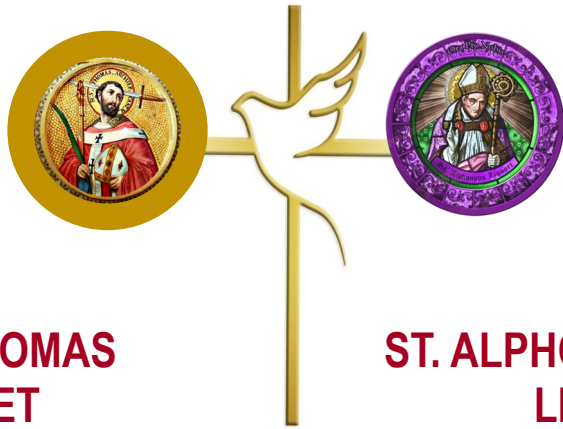
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## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

### ST. THOMAS BECKET CHURCH

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday— 9am  
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm—Polish

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm  
Sunday: 9am & 12:30pm  
7:30am & 10:45am—Polish

#### CONFESSION

Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

#### ADORATION

Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

### ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CHURCH

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
& Saturday 8:15am

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Healing Mass: 8:15am  
Saturday: English 5pm & Polish 7pm  
Last Saturday: Polish Youth Mass 7pm  
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

#### CONFESSION

Saturday: 4pm—4:45pm

#### ADORATION

Tuesday: 6pm—7pm

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9am—4pm (**Becket Closed Tues.**)  
Friday: 9am—12pm

# LOYOLA PRESS.

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

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Przypowieść o Jezusie w domu Marty i Marii uzupełnia przypowieść Dobrego Samarytanina, która bezpośrednio ją poprzedza w Ewangelii Św. Łukasza. Obie są wyjątkowe tylko w Ewangelii Św. Łukasza. Historia Samarytanina rozpoczyna się słowami „pewien człowiek.” Dzisiejsze czytanie rozpoczyna się słowami „pewna kobieta.” Samarytanin jest przykładem tego, jak uczeń powinien widzieć i działać. Maryja jest przykładem tego, jak uczeń powinien słuchać. Maryja, kobieta, jest osobą marginalizowaną w społeczeństwie, podobnie jak Samarytanin. Oboje robią to, czego się od nich nie oczekuje. Od Marii jako kobiety oczekuje się, podobnie jak od Marty, że przygotowuje gościnę dla gościa. Tutaj również Jezus zrywa z konwencjami społecznymi swoich czasów. Tak jak Samarytanin nie byłby wzorem dobrego sąsiada, tak kobieta nie usiadłaby z mężczyznami wokół stóp nauczyciela.

Obie historie pokazują, w jaki sposób uczeń ma wypełniać podwójne przykazanie, które rozpoczyna rozdział 10 - miłość Boga (Maria) i miłość bliźniego (Samarytanin). Są to dwa podstawowe elementy życia w królestwie. Posługując się przykładami Samarytanina i kobiety, Jezus mówi jednak coś więcej. Kody społeczne i granice były surowe w czasach Jezusa. Jednak miłowanie Boga z całego serca i bliźniego wymaga złamania tych zasad. Królestwo Boże to społeczeństwo bez rozróżnień i granic między jego członkami. Jest to społeczeństwo, które wymaga czasu na widzenie i działanie, a także czasu na słuchanie i uczenie się u stóp nauczyciela.

# Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Masses / Observances	Mass Intentions	Presider	Readings
<b>Saturday, 7/19, 8:15am</b>	*Parishioners of SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
<b>Saturday, 7/19, 5:00pm</b>	†Joseph Boffa, †Kenneth Marcotte, †George Fine, †Frank Pawula, †Ann Cozzone, †Pam Longeway, †Thomas Brown	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	
<b>Saturday, 7/19, 7:00pm--Polish Mass</b>	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	
<b>Sunday, 7/20, 8:30am</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	†Bobby Krause, †Kozmel & Turansky Families, †Mark Frank Kostecki, †Mike Ricard *In thanksgiving	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
<b>Sunday, 7/20, 11:00am</b>	†Irene Hendricks, †Mark Frank Kostecki	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	
<b>Monday, 7/21, 8:15am</b> St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	†Bronisław Obierek, †John Hietpas	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5 -6/Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday, 7/22,—NO Mass at St. Alphonsus</b> St. Mary Magdalene	<i>Intentions will be read at St. Thomas Becket</i>		Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>Wednesday, 7/23, 8:15am</b> St. Bridget, Religious	†Jean Perkowitz, †Heinrich Knaup	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
<b>Thursday, 7/24,—NO Mass at St. Alphonsus</b> St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest	<i>Intentions will be read at St. Thomas Becket</i>		Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday, 7/25, 8:15am</b> St. James, Apostle	†Grace Valenziano	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
<b>Saturday, 7/26, 8:15am</b> Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	*Parishioners of SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30
<b>Saturday, 7/26, 5:00pm</b>	†Joseph Boffa, †Kenneth Marcotte, †George Fine, †Louis Fiedler, †Ann Cozzone, †Anna Knaup, †Thomas Brown	Fr. Gus Belaskas	
<b>Saturday, 7/26, 7:00pm--Polish Mass</b>	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	
<b>Sunday, 7/27, 8:30am</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	†Teresa Gallagher	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
<b>Sunday, 7/27, 11:00am</b>	†Irene Hendricks *For Benefactors & Donors of our Parish	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	

## CHANGES TO THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

9am: Tuesday and Thursday at St. Thomas Becket, 7pm in Polish: Wednesday and Friday at St. Thomas Becket  
8:15am: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at St. Alphonsus Liguori.  
Weekend Mass times stay unchanged.



## ZMIANY W HARMONOGRAMIE CODZIENNYCH MSZY ŚW NA LATO: CZERWIEC - LIPIEC - SIERPIEŃ

8:15am u Św. Alfonsa Liguori: poniedziałek, środa, piątek, sobota w jęz angielskim 9am u Św. Tomasza Becketa: wtorek, czwartek w jęz angielskim 7pm u Św. Tomasza Becketa: środa i piątek w jęz polskim  
Msze św. w weekendy pozostają bez zmian.

# Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

**SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025**

**4PM—FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

†MARZENA STOLARZ

†BRONISŁAW OBIOREK

†ELŻBIETA SZTELMA

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

**7:30AM—FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

†CZESŁAW REMZA

†KAZIMIERZ KOZIOŁ

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†ADAM SIEPRACKI

†EUGENIUSZ FILIP

†FLORIAN BLOCH

DANIEL I MAREK—O POTRZEBNE ŁASKI

**9AM—FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

†EVA SCARAMELLA

†HENRY BIRA

†MARIANNA & WŁADYSŁAW PASTUSZKA

†DARIUSZ KOWALSKI

†BOGUSŁAW BARTNIK

PETER—22ND BIRTHDAY

**10:45AM—FR. CHRIS KULIG**

†WŁADYSŁAW ZIOMEK

†FERDYNAND HEBAL

†MARIA I JÓZEF HORBA

†CZESŁAW GANCARZ

†BRONISŁAW OBIOREK

†DUSZE W CZYŚĆCU CIERPIĄCE

†JAN GANCARZ

†HENRYK BARNAŚ

†PRZEMYSŁAW GAŁA

†TADEUSZ PAWŁOWSKI

†KAMIL MAHOMMAD

†WŁADYSŁAW KIEŁBASA

†MARIA GIEROŃ

AGNIESZKA I MATEUSZ—DZIEŃ URODZIN

BOGU WIADOMA INTENCJA

ZOFIA GANCARZ—O ZDROWIE

**12:30PM—FR. STEVE DOMBROWSKI**

†BENITO “BEN” ROSALES JR

†JOHN & MARY KAY FLYNN

†JOHN & JOAN THOMAS

†FR. JOHN ROLLER

MARCEL—22ND BIRTHDAY

GABRIELLA—SUCESSFUL LIFE CHOICES

**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

**9AM—FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

†CHESTER SZYSZKA

†BRONISŁAW OBIOREK

†MICHAEL RICARD

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025**

**7PM — FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

†BRONISŁAW OBIOREK

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**

**9AM—FR. STEVE DOMBROWSKI**

†FR. JOHN ROLLER

†DONALD DEULING

**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025**

**7PM—FR. SLAWOMIR KURC**

ZA PARAFIAN

**SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025**

**4PM—FR. STEVE DOMBROWSKI**

†MARZENA STOLARZ

**SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

**7:30AM—FR. JAROSŁAW NOWASZCZUK**

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

†JÓZEF DOBEK

†IRENA I STANISŁAW ROGÓŻ

†MIECZYŚLAW STĘPIEŃ

†KAZIMIERZ KOZIOŁ

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

DANIEL I MAREK—O POTRZEBNE ŁASKI

**9AM—FR. STEVE DOMBROWSKI**

†LARRY LADENDORF

†BOGUSŁAW BARTNIK

**10:45AM—FR. JAROSŁAW NOWASZCZUK**

†WŁADYSŁAW ZIOMEK

†MARIA I JÓZEF HORBA

†WIESŁAWA I ALEKSANDER SASAK

†CZESŁAW MICUN

†DUSZE W CZYŚĆCU CIERPIĄCE

†WŁADYSŁAW KIEŁBASA

†PRZEMYSŁAW GAŁA

†ANIELA DUDZIK

†MARIA WSÓŁ

†HALINA SOKÓŁ

BOGU WIADOMA INTENCJA

ADAM SOKÓŁ—18 URODZINY

DANIEL SOKÓŁ—17 URODZINY

**12:30PM—FR. STEVE DOMBROWSKI**

†FR. JOHN ROLLER

†JOHN & MARY KAY FLYNN

†JOHN & JOAN THOMAS

**PRECANA**—Bardzo serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkie zainteresowane pary do zapisywania się na jednodniowy kurs przed zawarciem związku małżeńskiego:

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Bóg zapłać za każdą ofiarę na rzecz naszej parafii.

## Sunday Donations

### Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish Collections

**Y-T-D Sunday Collection:** \$ 28,243.00  
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**Weekly Collection:** \$ 12,038.00

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Shift**

**6:45 pm – 11:00 pm**

- “Sign-in” PADS guests & lunch orders
- Mingle with guests after sign in

### **2nd Shift**

**11:00 pm – 3:00 am**

- Make lunches
- Just be here for the guests  
(who are usually sleeping at this time)

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**3:00 am – 7:00 am**

- Breakfast (no cooking involved) and set out lunches for guests
- Wake up guests at 6:00am

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### **Set Up & Clean Up**

- **Set Up: Saturday, 3:00 pm**
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## Introducing St. Alphonsus Catholic Theater and Studio Theater Modjeska

**Sessions Begin  
Saturday, September 6**

**Ages 3-6 | 10:00am-10:45am**

**Ages 6-15 | 11:00am-12pm**

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## MSZA DLA MŁODZIEŻY

Zawsze w ostatnią sobotę miesiąca o  
godz. 7:00 pm z oprawą muzyczną  
zespołu młodzieżowego

Kościół St. Alphonsus Liguori

26 LIPIEC - KOŚCIÓŁ ŚW. ALPHONSA  
LIGUORI – GODZ. 7:00 PM

MSZA ŚW. W JĘZYKU POLSKIM DLA  
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## Fatima Procession

**August 13  
7:00pm**

**St. Thomas Becket  
Church**

Join us for 7:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Becket Church. The Fatima Procession will follow Mass with the prayers of the Rosary. All families, parish groups, Knights of Columbus, lectors, altar servers and ushers are invited. We invite people in regional costumes and First Communion children in their outfits. Please bring candles or lanterns with you.

Msza Św. w jęz angielskim i procesja Fatimska odbędzie się 13 sierpnia o godz. 7pm w kościele Św. Tomasza Becketa. Zapraszamy wszystkie rodziny, grupy parafialne, Rycerzy Kolumba, lektorów, ministrantów i marszałków. Zapraszamy osoby w strojach regionalnych oraz dzieci pierwszokomunijne. Prosimy o przyniesienie ze sobą świec lub lampionów.

## What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the world, and everyone is welcome.

### What's happening with Alpha at SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish?

In mid-May our first Alpha course began as the start of our Alpha experience here. A group of Parish Staff members, Unification Team members, and Ministry Leaders engaged in a project of both learning how Alpha works and experiencing the Alpha content. Each Wednesday evening we gather to share dinner together, watch a video that explores a question of faith, followed by table conversation. We sit at a table with the same people every week. So far it's been a wonderful experience of connection, curiosity, joy, discovery, and peace...and good food!

### What's next for Alpha in our parish?

**Our second Alpha course will start in September.** This Alpha will be open to anyone who would like to give Alpha a try. Alpha provides the opportunity to: 1) Connect with new people, 2) watch an episode on a question of faith, 3) share your thoughts in a non-judgmental environment and hear from others. Consider it.

Stay tuned for more information on the next **Alpha** at our parish!  
Questions? Contact Doreen Kelly, Director of Evangelization and Ministry,  
at [d.kelly@stbal.org](mailto:d.kelly@stbal.org) or 847-255-7452.





Hi! My name is Riddhima, and I am the Bulletin News Girl Leader for our Parish **American Heritage Girls Troop IL1317**. This will be my final newsletter for this program year.

Since January, **our Troop girls** have earned 183 badges, 87 patches and **completed 1,875 service hours!** Each year, girls are required to complete a minimum amount of service hours based on their age. This year, some girls have gone beyond the number of hours, and earned the **Presidential Volunteer Service Award**. According to their age level, they can earn either Bronze, Silver, or Gold. This year three girls earned Bronze, one girl earned Silver, and one girl earned Gold.

This year, one girl, **Sofiia Fomina, earned her Stars and Stripes award**. It is the highest award that an AHG can earn as a high school girl, and she must complete a large-scale service project. The project helps girls grow in the skills of leadership, project and time management, communication, and organization. These skills, which are cultivated in our Troop, will be essential for the girls throughout their lives. **Sofiia chose to refurbish Burke Hall for her project**. She was in charge of planning, leading, and implementing and raised funds by having a bake sale after Mass on several weekends.

Sofiia led Troop girls and adults in cleaning Burke Hall, making curtains for the windows, replacing knobs, stuffing and sewing pillows, building small tables from a kit, setting up a prayer corner, purchasing new couches and replacing ceiling tiles.

Over the course of this year, some girls earned their **AHG Catholic Faith Award** segment patches and medals. For each of the Program Levels, the AHG National Catholic committee created workbooks for Catholic girls to learn more about their faith and develop a stronger relationship with Christ. Medals earned included: God & Family, God & Country, God & Community, Woman of Integrity Moral Compass, and Woman of Integrity Quiver of Arrows.

Some events our Troop held this year included: a Troop campfire back in September, a procession for Our Lady of Fatima, a Cultural Christmas Around the World Event, a workshop for the AHG Program Year Theme of "Vision," our Fourth Annual Father-Daughter Dance, the AHG Troop IL1317 Recognition Sunday Mass & Catholic Faith Awards Ceremony, and of course our Flower Sale Fundraiser.

We are a welcoming Troop, and we love having new girls! It makes our Troop merrier, and that is the main reason we are here: it's about Faith, Service and Fun! For more information, or to schedule a visit to our Troop, please **contact Mrs. Sarah Schorsch at [skp480@gmail.com](mailto:skp480@gmail.com)**.



# What is the Jubilee 2025?

We are excited for Jubilee Year 2025, a time of grace, renewal, and celebration for Catholics around the world! This special Jubilee, declared by Pope Francis, calls us to reflect on God's boundless mercy and embrace our mission to live out the Gospel in everyday life.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we will join with the Universal Church in prayer and pilgrimage throughout the year. Cardinal Cupich opened the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating a special Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on December 29, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the year, from December 29, 2024 through December 28, 2025, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated Pilgrimage Sites below.

## **St. Anne Parish**

120 North Ela Street  
Barrington 60010  
[stannebarrington.org](http://stannebarrington.org)

## **Our Lady of the Wayside Parish**

450 South Mitchell Avenue  
Arlington Heights 60005  
[olwparish.org](http://olwparish.org)

## **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

181 West Dundee Road  
Wheeling 60090  
[stjosephworker.com](http://stjosephworker.com)

## **St. Hubert Church**

705 Grand Canyon Street  
Hoffman Estates 60169  
[sainthubert.org](http://sainthubert.org)

## **St. Matthew Church**

1001 East Schaumburg Road  
Schaumburg 60194  
[stmatthewparish.org](http://stmatthewparish.org)

## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

1775 Grove Street  
Glenview 60025  
[olphglenview.org](http://olphglenview.org)

To learn more about the history of the Jubilee and about THIS Jubilee, and Plenary Indulgence and more Pilgrimage Sites, scan the QR code, or visit our website: [saintalphonsusPH.org](http://saintalphonsusPH.org).



## **Prayer for the Jubilee Year**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*

*Amen*

—Pope Francis

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/jubilee-2025>

# SENIOR FUN CLUB

Let's Go Out to the Ballgame!

## SEPTEMBER 12



CHICAGO CUBS

VS

TAMPA BAY RAYS

1:20 PM | \$45

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP BY AUGUST 29

QUESTIONS? CALL ALYCE - 847-255-7452 x 143

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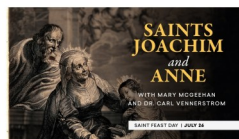
## This Week on Formed

Week of July 20, 2025



### Footprints: The Path of Your Life

Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?



### Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.



### Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

#### CREATE A FORMED ACCOUNT WITH OUR PARISH

(1) VISIT FORMED.ORG (2) CLICK SIGNUP (3) SELECT "I BELONG TO A PARISH OR ORGANIZATION" (4) FIND STS. THOMAS BECKET & ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI PARISH BY ZIP CODE 60070 (5) Enter your email – and you're in!



## AKADEMIA JĘZYKA POLSKIEGO

IM. WANDY RUTKIEWICZ



Akademia Języka Polskiego Imienia Wandy Rutkiewicz ogłasza zapisy dzieci i młodzieży na nowy rok szkolny 2025/26. Przyjmujemy dzieci od lat trzech do klas przedszkolnych oraz starsze - do wszystkich klas szkoły podstawowej oraz do trzyletniego liceum.

Oprócz języka polskiego, lekcji historii, geografii Polski i polskich tradycji szkoła prowadzi zajęcia religii, czym jednocześnie przygotowuje dzieci i młodzież do sakramentu Pierwszej Komunii Świętej oraz Bierzmowania. Uczniowie przystępują do tych sakramentów z ramienia naszej szkoły.

Nasza parafia św. Tomasza Becketa z księdzem proboszczem Grzegorzem Wójcikiem roztaczają merytoryczną i duchową opiekę nad wychowaniem dzieci i młodzieży Akademii Imienia Wandy Rutkiewicz w duchu katolickim.

Zapisy są prowadzone do następujących klas:

KLASY PRZEDSZKOLNE: 3 i 4 latki

KLASY SZKOŁY PODSTAWOWEJ: od 0 do 8

KLASY LICEALNE

KLASY DWUJĘZYCZNE (biligual dla dzieci mało lub zupełnie nie mówiących po polsku)

ZAJĘCIA DODATKOWE – kilka do wyboru

Zajęcia odbywają się w budynku szkolnym przy Euclid Ave i Northwest Hwy w Arlington Heights. Zapisy już trwają, prosimy rezerwować i zapewnić miejsce w klasie swemu dziecku dziś.

Zapisów można dokonać telefonicznie: 847-430-6777, lub wchodząc na stronę RUTKIEWICZ.ORG.

Akademia Imienia Wandy Rutkiewicz – to szkoła dla ambitnych. Zapraszamy.

# Grief Group

As much as happiness is a part of life, so is loss, and its burden may feel a little lighter when it is shared. If you have experienced a loss recently or even long ago, we would like to journey with you.

**Gatherings are the Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month from 6:30pm—8:00pm in St. Thomas Becket Hall**

Questions? Contact Doreen Kelly,  
847-255-7452 x 157

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

10 Families were provided bags of food at the last Food Pantry Distribution.



As always, we are most appreciative for your continued support of the Food Pantry, with your donations which help the needy in our community.

**The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:**

**Canned/Jarred Fruit  
Beans  
Rice  
Spaghettios  
Pasta Sauce  
Tuna/Chicken  
Peanut Butter  
Jam/Preserves**

**For health and safety reasons, we CANNOT accept or distribute the following:**

- Ø Alcohol
- Ø Medicine and Vitamins
- Ø Food in secondary packaging
- Ø Personal hygiene products
- Ø Clothing



Ministers of Care visit the sick and homebound, bringing the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the comfort of human connection.

***Ministers of Care in our parish serve hundreds of parishioners in their homes and in living facilities every week. We would love to have more people bringing God out from our churches to those in need.***

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is offering a two-day basic training course for Ministry of Care on **Saturdays, Oct. 25 & Nov. 1, 8:30am—1:00pm**. Both sessions are required for mandation by the Archdiocese.

Please contact Doreen Kelly at 847-255-7452 or [d.kelly@stbal.org](mailto:d.kelly@stbal.org) for more information on Ministry of Care and getting registered for this training. Space is limited.



## Healing Mass

Join us at St. Als for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing the **first Saturday of the Month at 8:15am**.

Pierwsza Sobota Miesiąca—podczas Mszy Św. o godz. 8:15am sakrament pojednania i namaszczenia chorych—zapraszamy do kościoła Św. Alfonsa.

***Rosary led by the American Heritage Girls after Mass, followed by Hospitality in the Meeting Rooms.***

## SUMMER SCHEDULE! - Every First WEDNESDAY of the Month!



**Join us  
Wednesday,  
AUGUST 6!**

### Monthly Birthdays

The Daily Mass community invites all parishioners to celebrate birthdays the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month **following the 8:15 Mass** in the meeting rooms.

Celebrants are invited for coffee & cake and a special blessing. Even if it's not your birthday, come and enjoy the coffee and conversation!

## Please Pray For:

### ~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

John Balzanto, Shirley Barker, Matthew Fitzgerald Batt, Jamal L. Carraway, Clayton Berrigan, Marie Berrigan, Lawrence Boesen, Thomas Boesen, Lola Bondzinski, Anna Braun, Jeanne Brown, Bernard Buchanan, Maria Budinger, Maria Cacucciolo, Harriett Ciesil, Jennifer Clyder, Terry Condon, Mercirosa DeLeon, John Doherty, Jack Dugan, Mary Dugan, Richard Fallico, Joan Fine, Heather Fischer, Joyce Fitzgerald, Tim Ford, Caryn Garber, Carol Glab, Peggy Gosch, Mary Graff, Johnny Gray, Brian Halpin, Kris Hansen, Liz Hardesty, Judy Hartman, Dale Hay, Kathleen Heinz, Patrick Hendricks, Salvina Hernandez, Jackie Hipelius, Tom Huene, Jr., Itzy, Pam Jackstis, RFK, Terry Kriese, Mary Ann Kudjer, Allan Kulikowski, Carol Lange, Mary Margaret Lazich, Jim Leonard, Carol Lewandowski, Tony Lewandowski, Pat Linhart, Rick Lizars, Bob Ludtke, Harper Lynn, Bernie Majewski, Josephine Mallek, Claudia Marchetti, Mareena Mattison, Wendy Mattison, Michael McDonough, Kathleen McKenna, Jim McGowan, Brian Meschick, Joann Miller, Ann Michals, Gay Miezin, Cathy Moretti, Maeve Morgan, Dolores Murbach, Norine Naselli, John Naughton, Susan Naughton, Marilyn Olson, Bernie Olson, Susan Ostrowski, Sarah Catherine Putman, Xander Quinn, Bonnie Romanowski, Mary Roseri, Bernie Rossbach, Michelle Roti, Halina Rudnicki, Ning Santos, Mary Jo Sheehy, John Shafer, Pat Schaefer, Stan Shafer, Janet Schroeder, Laura Schuerman, Mary Scotkovsky, Robert "Bob" Smith, Stanley, Donna Tadda, Natalie Tadda, Kathy Talken, Barbara Teeple, Bill Teeple, Justin Thompson, Margaret Turansky, Peter Valenziano, Steve Volkodav, Mickey Wallace, Martha Wieland, Richard Wolnik, Michelle Zalewski

To be added to this prayer list, or have your name removed, please call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

### ~ Those in the Military ~

*We would like to keep Active Duty Military who proudly serve our country in our prayers.*



MD LTMC Joshua Junge, USN, *grandson of Sheilya Hackett*  
 SMSgt. Bobby Yarnes, U.S. Space Force, *nephew of Gail & Pat McGeever*  
 Capt. Peter Straka, U.S. Army, *son of Timothy and Carol Straka*  
 Lt. Ryan Pattullo, USN, *grandson of Maria Wirth*  
 Capt. Michael K. Yoshino, U.S. Army, *son of Keith & Kristine Yoshino*  
 Col Michael B. Sheridan, U.S. Army, *nephew of Anita Thomas*  
 Lt. Col Chiara Sheridan, U.S. Army, *relative of Anita Thomas*  
 Maj. Christina M. Rudolph, U.S. Army Reserves, *daughter of Julianne Henington*  
 LCpl. Tim Haerr, USMC, *great nephew of Joyce Patton*  
 LCDR Patrick Mitchell, USN, *son-in-law of Jean and Tom Spiegelhalter*  
 CPO, Matthew Lee, USN, *nephew of Patrick Lee*  
 FCA2 Andrew Fonseca, USN, *parishioner*  
 Sgt. Robert McKavanagh, USMC, *son of Deana McKavanagh*

## WEDDING BANNS

DAWID LENART & ALEKSANDRA SPADLO

PETER CZYZEWSKI & FRANCESCA NASCA

### ~ Our Beloved Deceased ~

*Kathleen Swan*

#### Register with our Parish

Call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220, register on our website, or register in person.

If you would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or have an emergency requiring a priest, please contact us at 847-255-7452.

**Add a Person / Update Rank / Remove from List**

**Contact Deana: 847-255-7452 x 131**

**d.mckavanagh@stbal.org**

## Prayer Circle

Ministers offer spiritual and moral support to those experiencing serious concerns in their lives. They want to pray with you for special intentions, such as a serious illness or emergency situation. When called upon, these ministers pass your prayer request to all members. Prayers are kept within the Prayer Circle and are not announced at Mass unless you wish.

If you are in need of this prayer support, please call or text Diane at 847-630-3564

# Community Events and Support Groups:

## Vicariate I Adult Confirmation | Fall 2025—



Confirmation preparation is offered to adults in Vicariate I who have not yet had the opportunity to receive the sacrament. **PREPARATION SESSIONS: September 15 to November 3, 2025. Mondays at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

St. Edna Church – Doherty Hall (use Door #2)

2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Hts., 60004

**CONFIRMATION MASS: Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00pm**

St. Edna Catholic Church, Arlington Heights

## St. Emily Parish Jubilee Trip to Rome—



Join a pilgrimage to Rome in this Jubilee Year of Hope, featuring the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati **September 5-13, 2025.**

Scan QR Code for more information.

## Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Poland—

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Poland - October 13-23, 2025 (\$1,597 double occupancy) Contact Info: [scwojnar@hotmail.com](mailto:scwojnar@hotmail.com) 224-659-3678 Website: [deaconconrad.com/poland-pilgrimage-in-pictures](http://deaconconrad.com/poland-pilgrimage-in-pictures)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends—

Renew your sacrament by deepening your communication, strengthening your relationship and rekindling your romance! For information, please visit [www.wwme-chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-chicagoland.org)

## Pregnant? Need help?—

Call Crisis Pregnancy at 1-800-662-2678. **Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's Services** Offers **FREE** confidential counseling to assist women with an unplanned pregnancy, depression, miscarriage, stillbirth, post abortion, and a baby closet. 847-870-8181.

## LOSS: Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide—

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide offered by Catholic Charities. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings, and find resources for healing. Call 312-655-7283 or visit [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.catholiccharities.net/loss)

## Support for Loss of a Loved One—

Grief and Loss Services at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care offers one-on-one counseling, support groups and education for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information visit [www.RainbowHospice.org](http://www.RainbowHospice.org) or call 847-653-3141

## Widowed Men & Women's Monthly Support Group—

**To Be Joyful Again**, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone who has lost a significant other, meets the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00pm** at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness. Get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Peggy Emerson at 224-595-3613 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

## Joyful Again! Support for Widowed Men & Women—

For upcoming Retreats and Workshops please check us out at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org), or call 708-354-7211

## NAMI Support Group at St. Emily Parish—

Family members of individuals living with mental health conditions are invited to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family Support Group the **second Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:30pm** 1400 E. Central Road in Mt. Prospect. Questions? Contact Mary Rose at 847-496-1415

## Chicago Behavioral Hospital in Des Plaines, IL—

CBH provides a supportive, compassionate and innovative environment of patient centered care for adolescents, adults and seniors. (Free Assessments) **If you or someone you know is in a crisis and needs help, we are available 24/7 at 844-756-8600.** ADD/ADHD, Addiction, Anger, Anxiety, Depression, OCD, Grief & Loss, Suicidal Ideation, Anti-Social Disorder, Trauma, Self-Injury, Bi-Polar Disorder, Dual Diagnosis, School Refusal, Schizophrenia, Bullying, Teen Pregnancy.

## NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)—



**If you are experiencing a Mental Health Crisis, call or text 988 (24/7)**  
**We are here for you.**

**We want your little one to  
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Just as much as you do.**

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24 hr. National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 • Adult / Teen National Dating Abuse  
Helpline 866-331-9474 • Visit [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org) or scan QR code. **In an Emergency Dial 911**

