March 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent

Congratulations

Confirmation Class of 2023

Benjamin Baker
Ava Brennan
Griffin Broderick
Jack Burke
Jack Clifton
Andrew Coleman
Gerald Connors
Briggs Corona
Avery Debow
Jacob Dobowski
Elena Dorantes
Grace Duckhorn
Aiden Dudczyk
Dennis Dwyer
Jack Edison
Kacey Fitzpatrick
Monika Gal
Paul Gifford
Savannah Goebel
Cain Guerra
Declan Haubenreiser
Kenadie Haubenreiser
Grace Heafey
Henry Hogan
Matthew Jarmoszka
Abigail Jones
Blake Jones

Leah Joyce
Katherine Kanagy
Egan Kelly
Brody Knoll
Cade Koehler
Julia Koeppen
Hope Kohler
Sebastian Kowalczyk
Marie Krikorian
Karolina Kroplewski
Jaiden Llaguna
Alexis Mackey
Anna Mackey
Kristina Maerz
Elizaveta Martin
Evan McCallion
Jack McQuaid
Audrey Mitchell
Gemma Moran
Aidan Murphy
Shane Murray
Luke Nayder
Ella Olsen
Jeremy Orrico
Valerie Padgurskis
Allie Panozzo
Anthony Pecoraro

Alexzander Petersen
Parker Peterson
Taylor Reilly
Ryan Roe
Carlos Ruiz
Miles Sanchez
Ethan Sandowski
Manuel Segovia
Talia Shelton
Todd Shelton
Mya Slowikowski
Emma Snider
Lulu Solorzano
Evan Speh
Deividas Taras
Isabelle Thomas
Hutsyn Timosciek
Jake Tomasovich
Emma Tomczak
Jake Tomczak
Emily Tylka
William Vajarsky
Jillian Walery
Nicholas Wnek
Claudia Wrobel
Nayeli Zamora
Jack Zielinski

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Saint Joseph's Day! Many probably will be surprised by the fact that this year Saint Joseph's Feast is on March 20th. It happens whenever the 19th falls on a Sunday. But just like March 17th, is always seen as Saint Patrick's Day. May we all learn from this example of this holy, just, and honorable man.

This Sunday is also Confirmation Day here at Our Lady of the Woods. We welcome Bishop Mark Bartosic to our parish as he confirms our 8th graders and high school students. Please continue to pray for our young people who are confirmed this weekend. May they grow in love of the Lord.

Last weekend we hosted Miguel Polo from NPH Dominican Republic. I want to thank you for your generous support of NPH and your kind welcome to Miguel, who was deeply grateful for your hospitality.

Lent is moving along. It seems to me that there are two ways to approach Lent. One is to see Lent in terms of what we do or do not do. We give up something. We give to the poor. We spend more time in prayer. The other is that Lent is about who we want to become in relationship with God. In the latter image, the activities are not an end in themselves but a means to an end.

If this is true, then can we say we are having a successful Lent if we keep our commitments but haven't changed our lives in the long term? I think not. May this Lent be a time of change for all of us. May we keep our eyes fixed on Christ as we follow him to the cross and ultimately to the resurrection.

Lent is called a penitential season and rightly so. We begin with the admonishment that we are not in charge – God is! The ashes are distributed with words that remind us that we must change because we are all accountable to God. One hallmark of the season is the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. Making a good confession is important. We celebrate the sacrament every Saturday morning. Our parish evening times will occur on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM and from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on Holy Saturday.

Two final items of interest. The annual Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 31st in the Finnegan Center. Easter Crosses will be available beginning next week.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike

Father Mike

LECTORS

Saturday, March 25
5:00 PM—Gail Stambor, Skip Stringham
Sunday, March 26
8:00 AM—Marty Thomas, Ron Simmons
9:30 AM—Steve Kahn, Bridget Duffy
11:00 AM—Rick Duda, Merrill Casquejo
6:00 PM—Kelly Peltz, Steve Barstatis

give central

Please consider continuing your weekly donations via online giving by visiting: ourladyofthewoods.org. Just look for the little gift box.

You can easily set up an account to make recurring gifts, or you can make a one-time donation through Give Central. Under payment type, you can choose either a Debit/Credit Card or Bank Account.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

Our Weekly Offering

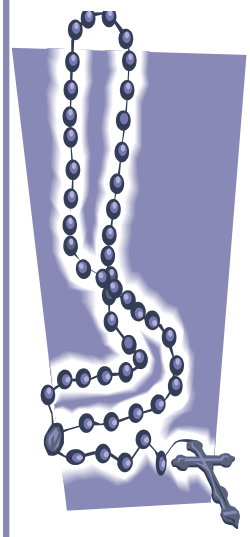
Weekend of March 12

God Bless All for your continued generosity to our Parish.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week	$18,205	$22,000	($3,795)
Year	$770,402	$814,000	($43,598)

SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHICAGO

If your family or someone close to you is in need, please contact us at (708) 606-5360. A representative will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a confidential conversation. Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our Ministry.



Please join us every morning after the 8:30 Mass to say the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Every Friday after 8:30 Mass a Holy Hour for the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Benediction is hosted. Please feel free to join us.

REV. MICHAEL G. FOLEY, PASTOR
REV. ROBERT MARCHWIANY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
MOST REV. JOHN R. GORMAN, RESIDENT
REV. ED MIKOLAJCZYK, RESIDENT
REV. WILLIAM J. FINNEGAN, PASTOR EMERITUS
DEACON JOHN J. AND TERE MACAROL
DEACON DOUG AND CAROLYN SZARZYNSKI
TRANSITIONAL DEACON FRANCISCO PAGAN

MIKE CALLAHAN
Pastoral Minister
SHELLY STANKO
Business/Office Manager
KIMBERLY DUDA
Director of Religious Education
ERIN KUTA
Religious Education Secretary

MICHELLE HILLIARD
Pastoral Associate
ANDY PERZ
Director of Music Ministry

DIANE VANDERPOOL
Parish Secretary

JOHN MAIER
Sacristan
LAURIE LYONS
Bulletin Editor
CHRISTINE COLLINS
Youth Minister
TOM DUFFY
Athletic Coordinator
BRITTNEY LITTLE
Athletic Administrator

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday — 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM
Sunday — 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
WEEKDAY MASSES: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 9:00-9:30 AM
and after 5:00 PM Mass

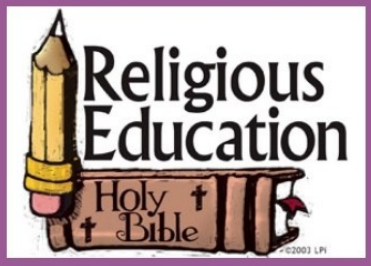
BAPTISMS: Sunday at 12:30 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office.
MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office six months in advance. Pre-Cana required.
REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH: Newcomers are welcome to the Parish and are requested to register at the office.

PARISH BOUNDARIES: East 80th Ave., (west side), **North** Rte. 83 (south side), **West** Bell Rd. (east side) to 123rd Street to Parker Road (east side), **South** 135th Street (north side)

Fourth Sunday

IN LENT

March 19, 2023



Important Dates:

Final Class sessions
March 20th & 22nd

First Holy Communion
Saturday, April 22nd
12:00pm
&
2:30pm

REP

RESPECTFUL
ENGAGED
PRAYERFUL

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent are about sight and blindness. In the first reading, when God chooses David to be anointed, rather than his older brother, we are reminded that God sees what we do not see and that outward appearances do not always match what is in our hearts. In the second reading, we hear that we must reject the darkness and live in the light. And the gospel reading (John 9:1-41) this week is the story of the man born blind, whom Jesus cured. Jesus heals the man with his saliva and dirt, neither of which are extraordinary things and both of which were considered unclean in Jewish culture, yet by healing the blind man with a simple gesture, Jesus shows his divine power and authority over creation further emphasizing Jesus' ability to transform and sanctify all things. **To read the Gospel visit** https:usccb.org/bible/readings .

Reflection Questions to discuss with your family:

- How does Jesus use for healing what is ordinary or even undesirable in my life?
- How do people react when I tell others about Jesus? Does this embolden me or make me cautious?
- In what ways am I spiritually blind?

https://young-catholics.com/3727/4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI

Class of 2023!

May God Bless You!

STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us every Friday evening in Lent - 7:00 PM.

Followed by a simple supper of soup and bread!

Our Lady of the Woods Church-Religious Education Program

(708) 361-9435 religioused@ourladyofthewoods.org

Family Meal Night

TACO TUESDAY!

Tuesday, March 21st at 6pm

at Our Lady of the Woods

Please join us for a Taco Dinner and stay for Karaoke and Game Night with your family.

All are invited!

Questions? Call Christine at (708) 269-6315

Mosaic Cross Workshop

Join us for a spiritual workshop that's filled with creativity and meaning.
You'll be creating a unique symbol of faith: a stained glass mosaic cross.
Jenny Spontak will share Biblical teachings on how to have peace with God, yourself and others.

Our Lady of the Woods
10731 W. 131st, Orland Park,

Saturday March 25th
9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Cost is $35

To register stop in or call the Parish office at 708-361-4754

PEACE BY PIECE MINISTRIES

peacebypieceministries.org

Our Lady of the Woods

Men's Day of Reflection

Time to "recharge" your spiritual batteries

What is it?

A totally free experience through which individuals are renewed in faith. The day begins with continental breakfast and continues with a series of presentations by several speakers about their life and spiritual experiences. There are opportunities for reflection, sharing and some fun. Lunch occurs at mid-day. Opportunities for Confession are available. The day concludes with Mass and dinner.

When is it?

Saturday, March 25th 9:00am to 5:00pm.

How do I sign-up?

Go to: **ourladyofthewoods.org** or use your phone's camera to scan the **QR CODE** below.

Our Lady of the Woods and Fr. Ed are excited to announce our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!!
This will take place on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM on the parish grounds.
*We are asking for donations of PLASTIC multicolored Easter eggs and CANDY to fill the eggs for this special event. Please bring to the Parish office by March 19th.
Thank you for your generosity.

LENT IS HERE and the FISH FRY is NEAR!

Friday, March 31st

4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Finnegan Center

Tickets Available
At the Door

Adults:	$12.00 (11-64)
Seniors:	$10.00 (65+)
Children:	$ 5.00 (3-10)
Under 3:	free!

MENU

Seasoned or Classic Fish
French Fries, Cole Slaw
Grilled Cheese
Pasta Salad
Soft Drinks/Water
Coffee & Tea
Desserts

And speaking of desserts . . . You can help

We would appreciate your baking talents to share your dessert treats with fellow parishioners. Your dessert is needed by Thursday afternoon, March 30th. We are unable to accept desserts requiring refrigeration.

Knights of Columbus sponsoring:
Face Painter 5:30-7:30 p.m.
50/50 Raffle benefitting the Parish

Consider a full Friday of Lenten activity:

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church and attend the FRY before or after

Our Lady of the Woods Youth, Young Adult, & Family Ministries ourladyofthewoods.org

Youth Ministry
Jr. High School and Older

Drop-In/Open Gym
Thursdays 6-7:30pm
High School & Young Adult Volleyball Games at 7:30pm

Inviting All current Freshman & older
Mission Trip Registration Happening Now!
Please Join us!
Details and registration information can be found on our website.

Young Adults: 18-30

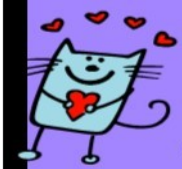
Young Adult Ministry!
Please join our planning team!

Upcoming Event's

Family Service Project
This Lent Our Lady of the Woods is offering an opportunity to touch the lives of Children by creating an Easter Basket for those who are less fortunate. A project the whole family could enjoy! Our baskets are distributed to Catholic Charities!
Register to donate an Easter Baskets at ourladyofthewoods.org

Thought of the Week

Lent is a journey that moves us towards the Cross



Come join us for lots of fun!
Please Call Christine Collins at (708)269-6315 or email at ccollins@ourladyofthewoods.org
Weekly updates can be found at ourladyofthewoods.org or on Facebook's Our Lady of the Woods Family & Youth Ministries
All are Welcome!

GRIEFSHARE®

Thank you to our GriefShare team for their dedication and commitment to a much needed ministry. You are a blessing to all those who have crossed our paths in this beautiful Ministry

Easter Food Drive

Bag Distribution March 25th and 26th after all masses

Food Collection April 1st and 2nd

Benefiting Casa Catalina and Blesssed Carlo Acutis Parish

Questions or interested in volunteering

Please contact Sheila Scarim @ 708-228-0991

Special Thanks to Trader Joe's Orland Park

We welcome to the Family of God:

Richard Paul Zarycka

We welcome to our Parish Family:

Wayne & Genny Blouzdis

WELCOME

Let us Pray

Please join Our Lady of the Woods Parish as we continue to pray for those who have or are serving in the military. We pray for those who protect our country, for their safety, and well-being, especially,

Adam Rodrigues
Captain John Brooker
CPL John P. Cherry
CPL Brandon D. Gabry
LCPL Steve Olson
Lt. John Spannuth
Sgt. David A. Delach
Brian Allen
Bryan Lampinen
Sgt. John P. Micham
Sgt. Jesus M. Flores
Cpt. Benjamin Feithen
Lt. Dylan Conover
Sean Girouard
CPL Rowen N. Barker
1Lt. Jack McGuire
2Lt. Patrich McGuire
Ian Altieri
Battalion Chief Douglas Mayer
LTJG Garrett Green, Gabe Duda, USN
E5-VN Francisco J. Gaytan
E4-SA Michael A. Gaytan
Mark Magliozzi, Air Force
Joe Vanderberg, Army
Robert Burns, Army
Peter Michael Czerwien, Navy
Robert Owens
Larry Stolinski
Major Tom Buller
Sgt. Greg Danko
Mario Danko
PFC Tim Radcliffe
Sgt. David Darwent Gavril
Robert Micham
Danielle Batton
CPT Brendan Girouard
LT Matthew E. Lodwich
CSM Joseph Cistaro
SPC Rebecca Buhs
LTC Nicholas Kamon
LT Christa Kamon
AB Kevin Schwenn
AB Sean Schwenn
CPT Allen Dagys
CPT Justin T. Halligan
Sgt. Gavril
AJ Pfeiffer
Sgt. Rafal Hodur
SFC Rosalinda Jaime
E4 John Luke Schultz

Those needing good health:
We wish you comfort and peace:

Baby Hailey, Christine Bruno, Keith Buhs, Paul Dederichs, Bernie Dion, Brandy Filvio, Sergio Gaytan, Mary Gibson, Kristie Kaczmark, Bronislawa Krzysiak, Katie Lucarelli, Linda Lucas, Linda McDonald, Brodie McIntosh, Robin Moll, Mark Monahan, Logan Muchowski, Rosemarie Noga, Joey Oberholzer, Mary O'Boyle, Bill Owens, Lynn Pacetti, Maggie Pack, Gerald Pavlovic, Ken Pershinske, Kim Pillischafske, Pauline Pracz, Brian Raimondi, Daniel Ray, Kathy Rowan, Anne Shanahan, Dan Sloan, Robert Strejc, Jerry Szymanski, Leianna Tanedo, Julie Tkachuck, Dominic Tocci, Thomas and Judy Veen, Ray Wawrzyniak, Zenon Wiercimak, Mark Wisinski, Jerold Wojcki, John Wozniak, Greg Zander, Deirdre Zielinski

Our Deceased:

Carol Bromley

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord."

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Ministry Team is here to help you during this difficult time:
Michelle Hilliard—708-361-4754
"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 18
5:00 PM— Michael & Marelyn Gorman, Donna Nicolai-Schulz
SUNDAY, March 19
8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods, Laverne Toomey
9:30 AM—Louise Miller, Nancy Schoenberg
11:00 AM—John Boyle, Jacqueline Bogner
6:00 PM—Cosentino Family, Antoinette M. Murnyak
MONDAY, March 20
6:30 AM—Barbara Jelderks
8:30 AM—Joe Bruno, Pasquala Labriola
TUESDAY, March 21
6:30 AM—Carol Ann Bromley
8:30 AM—Zieba, Ricker & Clark Families, John Biegel
WEDNESDAY, March 22
6:30 AM—Joe Bruno
8:30 AM—Neil Borgstrom, Jenny Baeza
THURSDAY, March 23
6:30 AM—Nancy Schoenberg
8:30 AM—Mary F. Arndt, Natalie Orobello-Toney
FRIDAY, March 24
6:30 AM—Tom Schoenberg
8:30 AM—Jenny Baeza, Michael & Chris Biegel
SATURDAY, March 25
8:30 AM—Francis Stambor
5:00 PM— Patricia Rowley, Michael Emerson
SUNDAY, March 26
8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods, George Ferrell
9:30 AM—Delores Kramarski, John Gavin
11:00 AM—Rose Rita, Geraldine Toomey
6:00 PM—Special Intention for Victoria, Addy, & Elle
Maria Fudala

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd 14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21 22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7 8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45