May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

Our Lady of the Woods Parish
Orland Park, Illinois

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, Father Francisco 'Paco" Pagan is ordained and celebrating his first Mass. So many of you have been part of his journey these past four years and so I have invited Father Paco to write the Pastor's letter in this week's bulletin.

Father Mike

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Woods,

Through the last four years, I have had the privilege of being part of Our Lady of the Woods parish. I can say today that this community feels like my family. I remember how I was able to help in the religious education program, CHRP, Walk to Mary, the RCIA, at Baptisms and at weddings. During my internship here, I gave the art and prayer class, which was a great opportunity to learn about the Bible and work on the spiritual life. Many people participated in these classes and learned how art and prayer help us to get closer to Jesus. All these helped me to learn from all of you how to be a pastor of souls.

I would like to share that I had many important moments here in our community. I have been at many funerals of parishioners, who have left an important mark in my life. At many of these funerals I felt that I was losing a family member. This changed my ministry and allowed me to see how much I love the people here at Our Lady of the Woods. I was able to have dinner with many families that opened their home to me. This allowed me to see the support and affection of all of you. **One important thing that I will always remember from Our Lady of the Wood is the love of the people.**

This parish has taught me the value and importance of spending time for those who are suffering and the poor. This reminds me of *Proverbs 19:17 "One who is gracious to a poor person lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed from him."* Especially for this community, the good people are always looking for ways to help those most in need both here and in other countries. This shows how big your hearts are and how great your love is. Moreover, as a seminarian, also I need to be thankful for to all the TTPP committee members who helped me to grow in my pastoral skills. These committees met with me six times per semester to help me to see how life is in a parish and what people are expecting from their future priest. These meetings formed me to learn the importance of listening to the people. These meetings helped me to see how much people care for their future priest(s).

I have been fortunate to have the blessing of living and working with Fr. Mike. He has been a great mentor and great pastor. Fr. Mike helped me to acquire a love of reading. He is always helping me to be better not only in the ministry, but in my personal life. I am grateful for all his support and trust. Many seminarians, during their formation, can go to parishes; but they will not have the privilege of living with three priests and one bishop. This has been very special for me because they have been working and teaching seminarians for many years.

Also, I am very grateful to Bishop John Gorman, who has been an excellent example of love for the Church and his priesthood. He is always asking me about my classes and formation. He pushes me too to keep studying and learning new things. He gave me a witness of what it means to be a priest and bishop for many years. Another example of what it means to be an excellent priest is Father Ed, who is always willing to serve others. Plus, he always supports me with advice and stories from his priesthood, which I value. Father Andrew and Father Robert have always supported me and encouraged me to serve in this Church of so many challenges and blessings.

For all these reasons, I am grateful to all the people that God had put in my path, especially the families, staff, Knights of Columbus, church members, and Sacristans. Also, many good friends have supported my vocation during these last four years. After all these years, I have been able to see how God uses many of you who love me, to help me get closer to Him. Therefore, I want to be the priest He wants me to be.

This is not a goodbye, but I will see you later. I will always be grateful to you for so much you have given me. God has been generous with us, and we are glad for His love that is evident in this wonderful parish. They know they can count on me. Please keep in touch and know that you are in my prayers. Please continue to pray for me as well.

Fr. Francisco "Paco" Pagán

St. José Sanchez del Rio Parish
3647 W North Ave,
Chicago, IL 60647

LECTORS

Saturday, May 27
5:00 PM—Mary Hauwiller, Skip Stringham
Sunday, May 28
8:00 AM—Mary Ellen Stanley, Ron Simmons
9:30 AM—Peg DeWilkens, Al Wagner
11:00 AM—Father Ed's Anniversary Mass
6:00 PM—Kelly Peltz, Morgan O'Brien

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

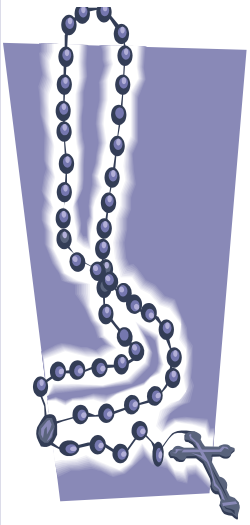
Weekend of May 14, 2023

God Bless All for your continued generosity to our Parish.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week	$20,914	$22,000	($1,086)
Year	$947,843	$1,012,000	($64,157)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP GORMAN

Retired bishops, priest celebrate over 70 years ordained

Bishop Raymond Goedert, Bishop John "Jack" Gorman and Father William "Bill" Flaherty celebrated their 71st ordination anniversary with family and friends on May 1, 2023. They are the last remaining classmates who were ordained in 1952 from University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary. Retired Auxiliary Bishop Francis Kane read a congratulatory letter from Cardinal Cupich and Monsignor Wayne Prist read the names of all who were ordained in 1952 who have passed away during the gathering. Bishop Gorman was rector of USML, Bishop Goedert was president of the Canon Law Society and vicar general. He was also a survivor of the Andria Doria which sunk in 1956. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

Bishop John Gorman, Bishop Raymond Goedert and Father William Flaherty share a laugh at their celebratory event.

Calling all of our famous bakers

We need your treats

Please help us to create a beautiful dessert table for Fr. Ed's 50th Anniversary Party by baking a batch or two of your favorite cookie, brownie, bar or special treat!

We are asking that the desserts be dropped off at the parish on Friday, May 26th between 8:00am and 8:00pm or on Sunday during Mass times.

Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 708-361-4754.

Thank you and happy baking!!

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS SENIORS

Do you like to socialize, play Bingo or Split the Pot?

OLOWS is looking for both men and women age 60+, to join us at our monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month from February to December.

Doors open at 11:00 am and the Business Meeting begins at 12:00 pm. Our yearly dues are $14. The monthly $2 entrance fee covers coffee and sweet rolls. Birthday month get a free 50/50 ticket.

Come join us! Have some fun socializing, playing BINGO and making new friends!

Hope to see you at the June 6th Meeting.

Any questions, please contact Barb Stube at 708-209-6034.

REBUILD TOGETHER

Earlier this week I celebrated Mass and May Crowing at the Joseph P. Kennedy School\Saint Coletta. It is always a pleasure to join that special community and is a reminder for me that our parish was born out of the Kennedy School in 1984. Our first parish church for 8 years was Saint Coletta Chapel.

Some years ago a wise parishioner reminded me that this parish is so active in various outreach efforts for the needy because it is our heritage. We began in a community of young people with special needs.

Two weeks ago several of our parishioners partook of the annual *Rebuild Together* in which a community works to repair homes of those in need. I stopped by the home our parishioners were working on and thought I would share this photo.

Father Mike

PARISH COOKBOOK

The Women of the Woods are creating a one-of-a-kind parish cookbook filled with favorite recipes from our parish families. These will be filled with love and anecdotes.

We ask you to be part of the incredible cookbook along with some surprise chefs who will be submitting their own recipes. Some of which you will know, others you have only heard of.

Please submit 3 to 5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook! We are using Morris Press Cookbook's website to easily submit recipes online. If you do not have Internet access or would like to just write them out, our committee can enter them for you.

To Submit Recipes in Writing:

Pick up and use our "**Recipe Collection Sheet**" found in the basket outside of the parish office. It includes tips and information on writing your treasured recipes. Then write out your recipes and drop off at office.

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: **OLW**
- Enter the password: **thyme062** and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipe

Please submit all recipes online by **July 31, 2023,** so we can meet our deadline.

Questions? – Call 708-361-4754

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

Youth Ministry
Jr. High School and Older

Drop-In/Open Gym
Thursdays 6-8pm

Inviting All current Freshman & older

Its not too Late! Join us!
Mission Trip Registration
Call Christine for details!

WHERE THE ADVENTURE BEGINS
HARLAN COUNTY
KENTUCKY

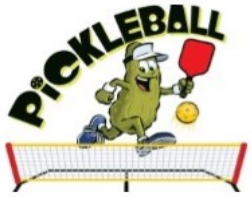
Young Adults: 18-30

Young Adult Ministry!
Please join our planning team!

Our Lady of the Woods
Family Ministry
Strong Catholic Families

Upcoming Event's

Don't forget! Adult Pickleball Open Gym Sunday from 7-9pm



Summer is on its Way!
Join us for our Outdoor Masses at 6pm on the last Sunday of June, July, & August!

Thought of the Week

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

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!

34th Annual Parish Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 20th
Silver Lake Country Club
South Course
Tee Times: 9:08 - 10:40 a.m.

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$10,000 Hole-in-One Prize

Prizes

Best Ball Scramble * Longest Drive * Closest to the Pin

$150 Donation

Includes:

Greens Fee and Cart
Refreshments at the Turn
Post-Round Golfers Dinner Buffet
(Grilled Italian Sausage, Hamburgers, Chicken Breasts,
Baked Beans, Sauteed Sweet Peppers, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips,
Vegetable Tray with Dip, Fruit Tray, Dessert, Coffee & Tea)
Cash Bar

Reserve your spot after weekend Masses
May 27th - June 17th
Or call Kevin O'Boye at
708 446-9490 (c) or 708 448-8267 (h)

Hole sponsorships for businesses and families available
Example shown or your artwork, QR code,
business card, etc. (18"x24" sign on hole) . . .
please contact George Griffin 630 240-1715
for Information. Sign deadline June 1

Company Name
Phone / Other

Our Lady of the Woods

Don't golf? . . . Join us for the buffet.
$40 per person/cash bar
Reservations required

Come and join the fun!

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program)
No overnight available at this site.
Where: St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

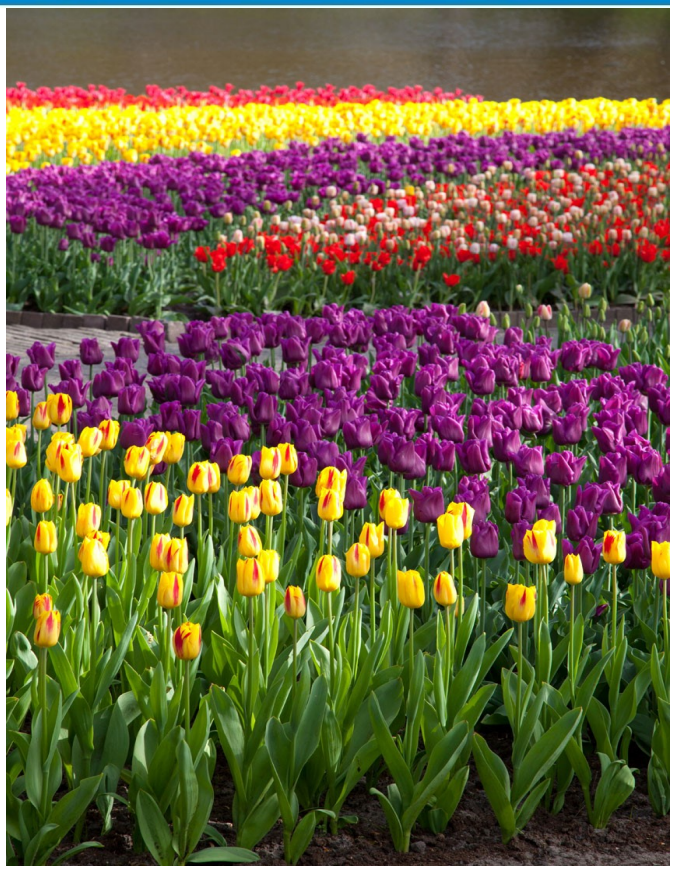
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org

Creation Care Corner

Celebrating the Anniversary of Pope Francis' transformational encyclical, Laudato Si'

"Care for Creation" and *Laudato Si'* (Part I)

- The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.
- Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our "common home," which is like our sister.
- But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.
- The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
- Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home … to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.



WELCOME

Welcome to our Parish Family

Steve & Joanne Rhodes and their daughter Alexandra

Thomas & Eileen Gill

II Benjamin McClarey & Amy Calandriello
May 30, 2023

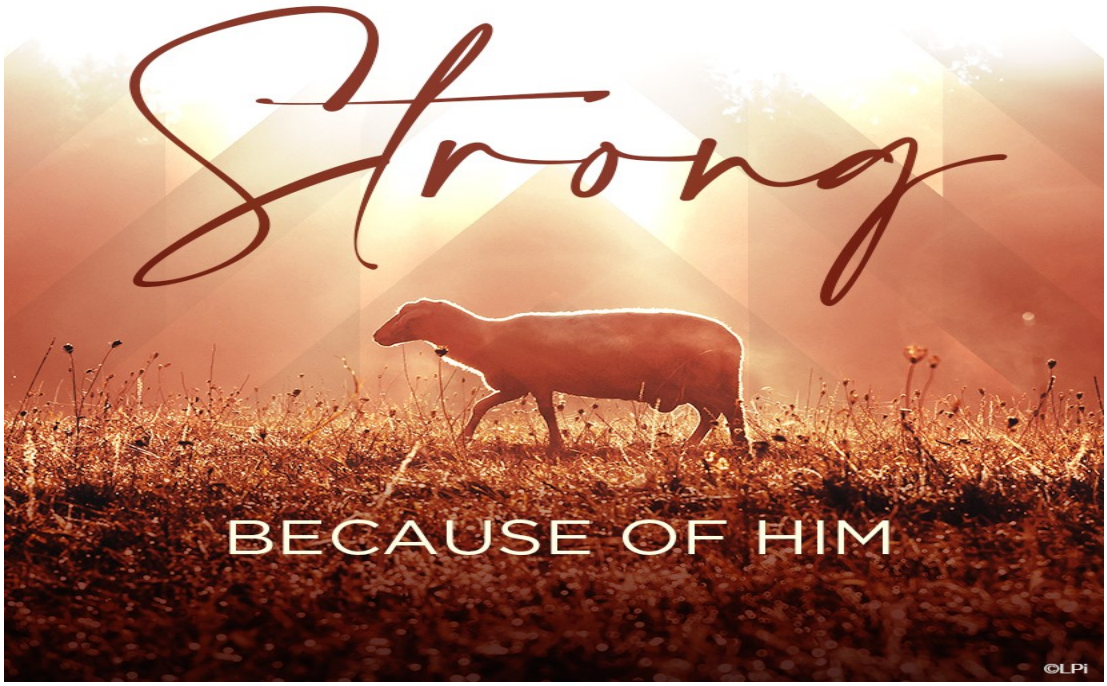
Those needing good health,
We wish you comfort and peace:

Baby Olsen, Christine Collins, Paul Dederichs, Ella Krammer, John Lee, Jr., Kim Pillischafske, George Pracz, Pauline Pracz, Jerry Schiera, Skip Stringham

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, USN
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
SO2 John F. Radtke USN



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 20
8:30 AM—Bill Colby, Ted Eisechen
5:00 PM—Michael & Marelyn Gorman, Agatha & Walter Merwin
SUNDAY, May 21
8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods, Charles Burian
9:30 AM—Barbara Strahl, Brett, Stearns
11:00 AM—George Ferrell, Eric Horabik
6:00 PM—Michael Kopera, Wayne Bielski
MONDAY, May 22
6:30 AM— Joan Yerkes
8:30 AM—Dora & Richard Pedrosa
TUESDAY, May 23
6:30 AM—Loretta Luzin, Francisco Carpo
8:30 AM—John J. Meenaghan, Betty Murray
WEDNESDAY, May 24
6:30 AM—JohnO'Gorman
8:30 AM—Ken Reilly, Stella Polcyn
THURSDAY, May 25
6:30 AM— Michael Emerson, Alicia Borja
8:30 AM—Emma Perna, Herbert Horn
FRIDAY, May 26
6:30 AM—Joe Bruno
8:30 AM—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maier, Rosario Bongiovanni
SATURDAY, May 27
8:30 AM—Joe & Louella Hohol, Francisco Carpo
5:00 PM— Patricia Rowley, Harriet Kojro
SUNDAY, May 28
8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods, Jimmy Dubina
9:30 AM—Fred Butella Sr., Helen & Tom Niemiera
11:00 AM—Fr. Ed Mikolajczyk, 50th Anniversary Mass, Timothy Haberkorn
6:00 PM—Rich Plachta, Special Intention

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday:
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:
Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:
Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Livestreamed), 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Daily Masses:

Monday through Friday — 6:30 am

Monday through Saturday — 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass & after the 5:00 pm Mass

ADORATION

Thursday 2:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00—10:00 am

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

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)

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