

July 9, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Our Lady of the Woods Parish
Orland Park, IL***

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***Under the protection of the Mother of
God, we are a faith community called
by the Father, energized by the Son,
and moved by the Spirit to unite in
witnessing and proclaiming the Good
News. We share in friendship, gather in
worship, and do proclaim our desire to
minister, welcome, celebrate, and
extend His Kingdom.***

Memos from Mikolajczyk



Dear Parishioners,

I have survived my first week out of retirement! I am grateful for your support. My hope is that through this column I will be to keep you informed and to give you an opportunity to reflect on the Scripture readings of the day.

As we listen to the Scripture readings today for this 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that everything in life is not easy. Each of us has our own challenges to face. We may feel constricted or boxed in with no way of getting ourselves out of a particular situation. Like the yoke that we hear about in the Gospel, we may feel like a wooden bar is fastened around our necks pulling us in one direction, with no chance to break free. Today Jesus reminds us to turn and trust in Him.

Whether we are looking for a new job, caring for a sick relative or dealing with our own health issues, it can be a time of stress or anxiety that can make us feel overwhelmed or depressed. Many of us have been in this situation, feeling helpless and alone.

Today, Jesus offers us a solution. Listen to the Gospel and follow Him. He assures us of His love and is willing to ease the burdens we experience in life that weight us down. We may not have all the answers but Jesus gives us a blueprint to follow to help us on our journey.

I know that as I look to the months ahead as the Administrator, I will be seeking God's wisdom and guidance but will also be looking to you to help carry out the wonderful spirit and continue to develop the faith community that has been established and formed by your generosity and commitment to sharing God's love with one another.

Let us continue to pray for Father Mike in his new assignment and pray for our parish community as we prepare for new leadership.

God bless,



Father Ed

LECTORS

Saturday, July 15

5:00 PM—Mike Gleason, Kathy Curran

Sunday, July 16

8:00 AM—Marty Thomas, Judy Nocek

9:30 AM—Betsy Ready, Steve Kahn

11:00 AM—Merril Casquejo, Jerry Noonan

6:00 PM—Steve Barstatis, Lauren Dytrych



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!

thank you!

*Due to the early production of the bulletin,
collection figures for last weekend are not yet available.*

Thank you for your continued support.



Are You or Someone You Know in
Need of Assistance?

Ask About Our St. Vincent dePaul
Care Card Program

Friends In Need

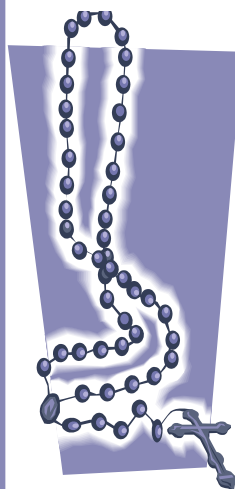
Our Care Card Program Can Assist You With:

Clothing for the Family
Household Items
Infant and Adult Diapers
Feminine Products
Mattress Program

If you are in need of assistance, contact us at
(708) 606-5360.

A representative will return your call within
48 hours.

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.*

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. ED MIKOLAJCZYK, ADMINISTRATOR
REV. ROBERT MARCHWIANY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
MOST REV. JOHN R. GORMAN, 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
KATHLEEN ERICKSEN
Coordinator 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

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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Catechists Make a Difference

Home is the primary place children learn about God and the success of the Religious Education of our children is in part, to the generosity and dedication of volunteers. Thank you to our catechists who are returning from last year.

The volunteers, who want to become Catechists can have the opportunity to share their faith & love for Jesus while teaching the youth of our parish as they grow in their faith.

Many times we ask ourselves, "**What can I do to help change the world?**" Here is an opportunity to help the children to know and love the Lord. You do not need to be a certified teacher, but all you need is to share your love of God and have a willingness to serve others.

If the Lord is calling you to be part of this ministry, please call Kathleen or email (708) 361-9435 —kericksen@ourladyofthewoods.org

We need help in the following grades:

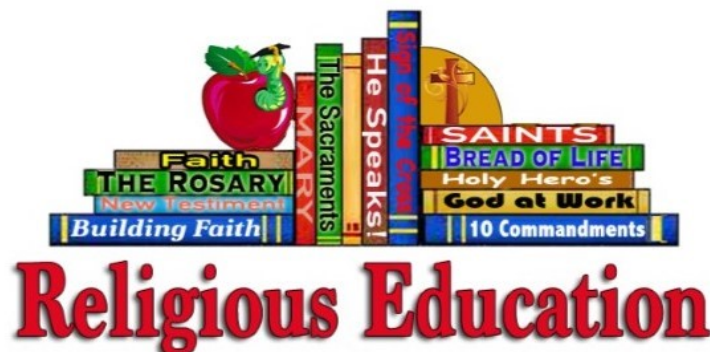
First Grade

Second Grade

Third Grade

Fifth Grade

Sixth Grade





CHILDREN'S ATHLETIC MINISTRY

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

DO NOT DELAY... It is time to register your daughter for:

GIRLS BASKETBALL – GRADES 3 - 8



Season is August through November
All participants must be registered in REP

Registration can be done online by visiting
www.ourladyofthewoods.org/athletics

Questions? Email athletics@ourladyofthewoods.org

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A YOUNG ATHLETE? **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OLOW ATHLETICS?**

Please consider joining the
Children's Athletic Ministry Board!
Meetings are held one time per month
in the evening.

Email athletics@ourladyofthewoods.org
if interested or if you have questions.

EMAILS ARE DUE BY JULY 15TH.



**Our Lady of the Woods Youth,
Young Adult, & Family Ministries
Happy Fathers Day!**



**Youth Ministry
Jr. High School and Older**

**Themed Thursdays!
Contact Christine for details**



**Co-Ed High School &
Young Adult Softball**

**Mondays at 6pm
Please call Christine for
details!
Please Join us!**



**Young Adults: 18-30
Young Adult Ministry!
Next Event!
Feed My Starving
Children -July 21st**



Upcoming Event's

**Adult Pickleball will take a
break for the summer.
Please join us after
Labor Day.**



**Summer is on its Way!
Join us for our Outdoor Mass
at 6pm on July 30th!
Please bring your
own chairs.**



**Thought of the Week
*God Bless Everyone!***



**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!**



MGM Summer Evening Series

Join Men's Group Meetings this summer for thought provoking presentations featuring a literary scholar, philosopher apologist and an evangelist priest. They will lead you to a deeper relationship with our Lord through their words and love of Christ. Each session will feature an hour long video followed by a short discussion.

All sessions start at 7:00pm at OLOW
June 13th - An Evening with C.S. Lewis

July 11th - An Evening with G.K. Chesterton

August 8th - An Evening with Fulton J. Sheen

Grant Me, O Lord My God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.
Saint Thomas Aquinas



Summer Food Drive



Bag Distribution August 5th and 6th after all masses

Food Collection August 12th and 13th

Benefiting Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish

Questions or interested in volunteering

Please contact Sheila Scarim @ 708-228-0991

Special Thanks to Trader Joe's Orland Park

If you miss bag distribution please check out the parish website for needed items.



Creation Care Team and Friends Joined Others in Orland Grassland on Saturday, June 24 to fight invasive species and promote biodiversity



**tools, refreshments, instructions
by the Forest Preserve Experts**

Volunteers provide the muscle



**Sample of Results:
these cutting will
be burned this fall**

Thanks to Volunteers!



\$10 Ticket includes four wine pours, fun food pairings, and beverages

The St. Elizabeth Social Action Ministry invites you a very special Summer event...

WISDOM and WINE

AN EVENING TALK *with*

JODY MAY

Director of Programs & Education
EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Friday, July 14 7:00 pm
McBrady Center

9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, IL (enter CJB school doors)

Discussion Topic:
Learning Through A
Refugee's Journey

Join us for a great night of wine with food pairings — and bring your appetite!

Wisdom and Wine is an adult faith formation event that allows adults to come together in a relaxed atmosphere for social time and spiritual development. Attendees are invited to participate in engaging discussion following a presentation on a current Catholic topic. We begin with a Fair Trade Wine discussion, enjoy **FOUR** refreshing wine pours (Sparkling, Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec and a sweet Red) which are served with four fun and surprising food pairings (including Garrett's Popcorn and White Castles!). Lemonade, water and fair trade coffee provided. **A great night out!**



7 PM—Fr. John Zurek, FAIR TRADE WINE DISCUSSION

Wine growers in developing countries can now rely on stable incomes to provide for their families, pay workers fairly, offer safe work environments that are free from child labor, modern slavery, forced overtime and harassment and practice climate care. Father John begins our night discussing these topics and sharing four Fair Trade certified and sustainable wines from South Africa and Argentina..



8 PM—Jody May, EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Learning Through a Refugee's Journey

Jody May, Exodus World Service Director of Education and Programs, will share highlights of the personal stories of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes due to war and persecution; their experience in a refugee camp; the refugee vetting process set for them as they come into our country; and the transition of becoming resilient neighbors as they begin a new life. Exodus World Service mobilizes the Christian community through education on the plight of refugees and empowering people to be champions for refugees.

TICKET DONATION: \$10

Pay online at [Phttps://www.givecentral.org/location/208/event/37591](https://www.givecentral.org/location/208/event/37591)

[ONLINE TICKET(S) HELD AT THE DOOR]

Tickets sold on JULY 8/9 after Masses in the Seton Church Narthex and in the parish office. M-F, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

(Proceeds benefit Exodus World Service) LIMITED SEATING. 21-OVER EVENT

No tickets sold at-the-door. Questions? Email raila@steseton.com

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES AT OUR LADY OF THE WOODS! July 30th and August 27th for 6pm Mass

**Bring your lawn
chair or blanket**

**Weather
Permitting**

**Finnegan Center
Lawn (Gym)**

Creation Care Corner



*"... the world as God's creation...
is not something indifferent,
raw material to be utilized
simply as we see fit."
— Pope Benedict XVI*

Laundry Energy Saving Tips

There are two ways to reduce the amount of energy used for washing clothes—use less water and use cooler water. Unless you're dealing with oily stains, the warm or cold water setting on your machine will generally do a good job of cleaning your clothes. Switching your temperature setting from hot to warm can cut a load's energy use in half.

- Wash your clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible.
- Wash and dry full loads. If you are washing a small load, use the appropriate water-level setting.
- Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter-weight clothes.
- Don't over-dry your clothes. If your machine has a moisture sensor, use it.

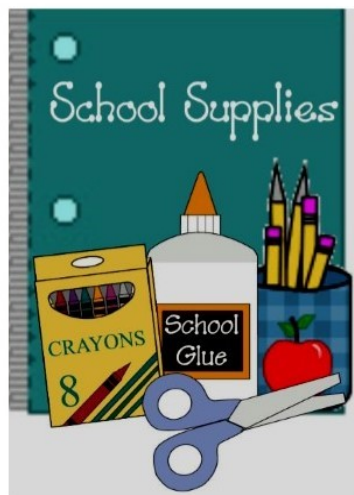
For more tips: www.energy.gov/energysaver/laundry

PSALM 145

**MY GOD,
I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER.**



THE WOMEN OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Please join the Women of the Woods Assoc.
in their Annual School Supply Drive.

Supplies Can Be Shipped Directly to Church
with School Supply Drive Notation

Collecting Donations Until August 6th

**We Are Collecting For
St. John Berchmans School, Casa
Catalina, and Local Students**

PLEASE DONATE NEW ITEMS ONLY

Pens/Pencils/Erasers
Markers/Highlighters
Crayons/Colored Pencils
Glue/Glue Sticks
Folders/Binders
Protractors/Rulers
Scissors
Calculators
Index Cards

Backpacks
Notebook Paper
Spiral Notebooks
Paints /Paint Brushes
Pencil Cases/Sharpeners
Art Boxes
Hand Sanitizer/ Wipes
Paper Towel/Tissues
Ziploc Baggies

Monetary donations can also be made to WOWA for supplies!

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

**Please help prepare these students for this
upcoming and challenging school year!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUSITY!

Welcome to our Parish Family

Mark & Tina Ziolek and their children
Nicholas, Dominic & Sofia



III. James Belluomini &
Gina Marinello
July 15, 2023

I. Evan Sakellaropoulos &
Alexandra Annerino
July 29, 2023

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	Peter Michael Czerwien, USN
Captain John Brooker	Robert Owens
CPL John P. Cherry	Larry Stolinski
CPL Brandon D. Gabry	Major Tom Buller
LCPL Steve Olson	Sgt. Greg Danko
Lt. John Spannuth	Mario Danko
Sgt. David A. Delach	PFC Tim Radcliffe
Brian Allen	Sgt. David Darwent Gavril
Bryan Lampinen	Robert Micham
Sgt. John P. Micham	Danielle Batton
Sgt. Jesus M. Flores	CPT Brendan Girouard
Cpt. Benjamin Feithen	LT Matthew E. Lodwich
Lt. Dylan Conover	CSM Joseph Cistaro
Sean Girouard	SPC Rebecca Buhs
CPL Rowen N. Barker	LTC Nicholas Kamon
1Lt. Jack McGuire	LT Christa Kamon
2Lt. Patrich McGuire	AB Kevin Schwenn
Ian Altieri	AB Sean Schwenn
Battalion Chief Douglas Mayer	CPT Allen Dagys
LTJG Garrett Green,	CPT Justin T. Halligan
Gabe Duda, USN	Sgt. Gavril
E5-VN Francisco J. Gaytan	AJ Pfeiffer
E4-SA Michael A. Gaytan	Sgt. Rafal Hodur
Mark Magliozzi, Air Force	SFC Rosalinda Jaime
Joe Vanderberg, Army	E4 John Luke Schultz
Robert Burns, Army	SO2 John F. Radtke USN
2nd Lt. Anna Loureiro, Army	Cpl. Michael Murphy



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



Our Deceased:

Joseph O'Boyle



"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

Baby Olsen, Paul Dederichs, Ella Krammer, Erin Kuta, Sue Laughran, Maureen Johnson, Kim Pillischasfske, George Pracz, Pauline Pracz, Skip Stringham, Dominic Tucci, Mark Wisinski, Pete Yuska



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 8

8:30 AM—Rich Plachta, Pat Skrezyna
5:00 PM— Richard Shinnors, Joseph & Dolores Bergen

SUNDAY, July 9

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods,
Richard & Dora Pedrosa
9:30 AM—Thomas Wisinski, Sr., Barbara Strahl
11:00 AM—Patricia Griffin, Mary Pat O'Connor
6:00 PM—Joe Bruno, Roberta Zlotow

MONDAY, July 10

6:30 AM—Norbert Mikolajczyk
8:30 AM—Joe Bruno, Sara Arnold

TUESDAY, July 11

6:30 AM—Leo Kaput
8:30 AM—Robert Squires, Joe Bruno, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, July 12

6:30 AM—Bernice & Rudolph Chromisky
8:30 AM—The Deceased Members of the
Anastasia Family, Laverne Toomey

THURSDAY, July 13

6:30 AM—PRAYER SERVICE
8:30 AM—Joseph Nowak, Ed Kazmierczak

FRIDAY, July 14

6:30 AM—Sharon Opiela
8:30 AM—Stephen O'Neil, Jeffry Stokes

SATURDAY, July 15

8:30 AM—George R. Ferrell, George W. Ferrell
5:00 PM— Michael & Marelyn Gorman,
Barbara Vanek

SUNDAY, July 16

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods,
Bernice Mikolajczyk
9:30 AM—Steven O'Flaherty, Nancy Schoenberg
11:00 AM—Jack McNaughton, Joseph McNally
6:00 PM—Fredrick Jasinski, Kevin Nicolei

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
(see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt
9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

