

November 26, 2023



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the  
least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40



## Memos from Mikolajczyk



Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We are reminded in the Scriptures of what the final judgement will be like. The question remains, are you prepared and ready for that moment in your life? Are you doing your part in living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy? Have you been a good neighbor? Have you attended to the needs of others? It is the simple things that sometimes get away from us. As we begin the Season of Advent, maybe this is something we could be attentive to and work on as we prepare for the Christmas Season and the New Liturgical Year. I would encourage you to take some time during the Advent Season to do some spiritual activity with your family. Maybe its lighting the Advent candles once a week at the dinner table and thanking God for one thing, going to a soup kitchen and serving food to the homeless, participating in the giving tree to support a family who is in need or inviting someone for dinner who has no family to celebrate the holidays.

A reminder that next Sunday is the annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus after the Sunday morning Masses.

This Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, the Bereavement Ministry is sponsoring a talk called Grieving Through the Holidays with Kathy Beary, RN of Palos Hospice. If you are having difficulty after losing a loved one, this talk offers you ways to cope with your loss. If interested, you are asked to call Michelle Hilliard, our Pastoral Minister to respond.

I would ask you keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes of Religious Education in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. I am grateful to Kathleen Ericksen, our Coordinator of Religious Education, our Catechists and parents for preparing our students for this special occasion in their life.

I pray that this Advent Season will be a spiritual and uplifting one for you as you prepare for the holiday season.

Enjoy your week.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. ER'.

Administrator



## LECTORS

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

5:00 PM—Kathy Curran, Ann Lipuma

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

8:00 AM— Sue Laughran, Ron Simmons

9:30 AM—Bridget Duffy, Betsy Ready

11:00 AM—Ann Marie Zapolis, Merrill Casquejo

6:00 PM—Steve Barstatis, Morgan O'Brien



Please consider continuing your weekly donations via online giving by visiting: [ourladyofthewoods.org](http://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**

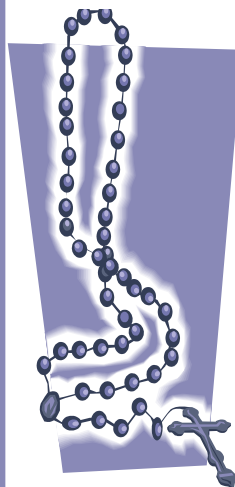
Our Care Card Program Can Assist You With:

Clothing for the Family  
Household Items  
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Feminine Products  
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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.*



**Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe**

**November 26, 2023**



**Important Dates: Children  
of the Lord**—9:30am Mass  
(Ages: 4, 5, 6)

November / December Schedule:  
November 26,  
December 3, 10, 17—(Advent  
Pageant)

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**Religious Education:**

Monday—4:30—6:00 &  
6:30—8:00

Wednesday—5:00—6:30

**Service Hours:** 6th, 7th &  
8th grades

\*The information is in the file near  
the Religious Education office.

**Grade Level Information:**

2nd Grade—Reconciliation—  
November 28, 7:00pm.

7th Grade— Rite of Enrollment—  
December 10, 6:00pm.

**Religious Education Needs your help:**

**1—Traffic**—during Monday and  
Wednesday classes

**2—Attendance**—during Monday &  
Wednesday classes

**3—Catechist**—Wednesday - 5:00—6:30

The Readings for this Sunday: Jesus tells his  
disciples that they, the sheep, are to take care  
of each other.

**Challenge:** How can you recognize that  
they encounter Jesus in everyday life,

**What can we do this week?**

- 1—How do you experience God as a  
“shepherd” in your own life?
- 2—What specific actions can you take to be  
an “active participant” in God’s work of  
shepherding?
- 3—Is there a time when an act of service  
changed you and your attitudes toward  
those you were serving?



**Our Lady of the Woods Church—  
Religious Education Program**

**(708) 361—9435**

**religioused@ourladyofthewoods.org**





## GIVING TREE

There is still time to **get your Giving Tree Tag**. Email your request: **OLWGivingTree@aol.com** or pick one up in the **Gathering Space at weekend Masses**.

**Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** with the original colored ribbon/yarn attached. The Giving Tree shares your Christmas generosity with seven organizations, each with a special emphasis of helping those in need:

**Casa Catalina Food Pantry**, a Catholic Charities facility, meets many basic human needs. We will provide gifts through an “Angel Program.” **YOU** are considered those sharing angels who make Christmas happen for these families.

**Mother of the Americas** created by the Renew My Church grouping of **St. Roman, Assumption and Our Lady of Tepeyac**, is made up of struggling families, with no extra money beyond essentials. Our generosity would provide the Religious Education students with a Christmas gift.

**St. Coletta’s of Illinois Foundation’s** residential program is designed to provide quality housing for special needs individuals, allowing clients to be integrated into the community and become productive members of society. The program consists of group homes within southwest suburban communities. We are assisting with gifts for some of the group home residents.

**Port Ministries** provides the fundamental needs of mind, body and spirit by offering free services and resources to South Side Chicago residents so they can better themselves and their families and strengthen their community. The children of the After School Program receive tutoring, mentoring, homework help and social activities. And your Giving Tree gifts!

**Sertoma Centre** (Service to Mankind) is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities including small Community Integrated Living Arrangements for adults diagnosed with an intellectual/developmental disability. We are furnishing gifts for some of their clients in group homes as well as individuals struggling with homelessness.

**Our Lady of Sorrows**, one of only three Basilicas in the state, is located in Garfield Park. Our generosity would provide a Christmas gift to needy children within the Parish.

**Please have gifts back by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thank you!**





## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Crusaders Council 10151**



### **St. Nicholas PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, December 3**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Finnegan Center Gym**

**Adults: \$10 • Seniors: \$8 • Children (under 12): \$5**

**Family Package Pricing Available**

**Tickets on Sale after all Masses**

**Pancakes, Chocolate Chip Pancakes, GF Pancakes, Ham,  
Sausage, Tater Tots, Juice, Coffee, Tea  
Take Out Available**

**Juan Manuel from Nuestros Pequeños  
Hermanos (NPH) Family Center  
Performing after the 8 and 9:30 Masses**

**Visit by Fr. Michael Foley**

**Blind Veterans from Hines Hospital will be our  
special guests. Stop by and say "Thanks."**

**Santa and St. Nick will be available for photos.**

**Split the Pot**

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

**Please come join us!**



**Our Lady of the Woods Youth,  
Young Adult, & Family Ministries**  
**[ourladyofthewoods.org](http://ourladyofthewoods.org)**



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

**Drop-In & Open Gym**  
**6-7:30pm**  
**Co-Ed Basketball League for**  
**High school and older**  
**Thursdays at 7:30pm**



**Save the Dates!**

**Christmas Roller Skating**  
**Party December 23rd**  
**8-11pm at Tinley Park**  
**Roller Rink**

**New Years Eve EVE Lock-In**  
**December 30th**  
**10pm -7am at OLW**

**Young Adults: 18-30**  
**Friendsgiving**  
**December 3rd at OLW**  
**Mass at 6pm and dinner**  
**to follow**



**Family Ministry**  
**Upcoming Events**

**The Giving Tree and tags to**  
**help those in need will be in**  
**the Gathering Space.**

**St. Nicholas Day and**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**December 3rd**

**Wreath & Poinsettia Sale**  
**December 9th & 10th**

**Tree Lighting and**  
**Hospitality on**  
**December 10th at 6pm Mass**



**Thought of the Week**  
***Give Thanks with a***  
***grateful heart!***



**Come join us for lots of fun!**

**Please Call Christine Collins at (708)269-6315 or**  
**email at [ccollins@ourladyofthewoods.org](mailto:ccollins@ourladyofthewoods.org)**

**Weekly updates can be found at**  
**[ourladyofthewoods.org](http://ourladyofthewoods.org) or on Facebook's**  
**Our Lady of the Woods Family & Youth Ministries**  
**All are Welcome!**







***Grieving Through the Holidays***  
***Sponsored by OLW Bereavement Ministry***

**Are you fearful of the  
upcoming holidays? Are you  
wondering how to cope?**

Come join like minded people at Our Lady of the Woods, to listen, talk and share experiences of the loss of a loved one. You are invited to *bring your loved ones favorite mug or cup* to use for coffee or tea as Kathy Beary, R.N, BSN of Palos Hospice offers ways to cope with the holidays .


**Tuesday, November 28th ~ 7:00 PM**

**For more information call and to RSVP**

**708-361-4754**



**Our Lady of the Woods Wreath & Poinsettia Sale**  
**After all Masses December 9th & 10th**  
**25" Traditional Wreaths, Swags,**  
**Holiday Pots & 6" Poinsettia Plants will be**  
**available for sale.**



**-Quantities are Limited-**

**Proceeds will support the Youth Ministry programs of Our Lady of the Woods Parish. We thank you for your support.**

**\*Don't Forget to participate in our Gift Certificate program.**  
**Orders can be placed in our Parish Office.**



## Advent Wreath Making and Blessing!

### A Family Tradition

Preparing to celebrate the mystery that is Christmas is what Advent should be about, but for most of us, it is a time of ceaseless marketing and relentless advertising. Add to that personal rounds of social events at school and work and it is very difficult to keep a spiritual focus during this time.

One very good way to focus our thoughts and prayers during Advent is with an Advent Wreath. Our Lady of the Woods Parish will have a wreath making party on **Sunday, December 3rd following the 11:00am Mass**. After the artistic efforts are complete, we will take our wreaths into the church where both wreaths and artists will receive a blessing. We invite everyone in our parish to join us for this event. It will be an afternoon that will warm your heart. It can be a great family activity, but it certainly is not limited to the "traditional" idea of family. If you are single, bring a friend or come and meet a few new friends. If you are a single parent, gather your kids of all ages.

What could be easier? We supply the materials AND clean up the mess! We expect this event to last approximately 1 ½ hours. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. We are asking for a donation of \$20.00 per wreath to help defray the costs.



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Please detach and return to parish office with your check by Dec 1st.

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per wreath.





**The Women of the Woods Associations  
invites all women of our Parish  
to join us for our  
Annual Christmas Party  
on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm**



**Deck yourself out with ALL your Christmas finery  
for a fun evening that includes dinner  
& WOWA's traditional grab-bag game.  
Please bring a new wrapped Christmas item  
(\$10.00-\$15.00) for our grab-bag game.**



**We welcome all Christmas goodies  
for our sweet table!**

**We hope to see you there as we celebrate  
the Christmas Spirit.**



Another Bible Study/Reflection took place on November 9th, 2023. We are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival. Our focus during the meeting was the "Eucharistic panels" online. The panels were reintroduced and used to get deeper into the topic. Thank you all for being there and for participating so well during the meeting. You make the Catholic faith and love for the Eucharist contagious.

Blessings!!!  
Fr. Robert Marchwiany.



Please mark your calendars for the  
Our Lady of the Woods Parish  
40th Anniversary celebrations and events



Dec. 3—*Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast*

Dec. 10—*Tree Lighting Ceremony*

Jan. 27—*Trivia Night*

Feb. 10—*Dinner for Two*

Feb. & March Fridays—*Stations & Soup*

Feb. 26, 27, 28—*Parish Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy*

March 19—*Family Meal Night*

March 22—*Fish Fry*

March 30—*Easter Egg Hunt*

TBA—*International Family Lunch*

May TBA—*Volunteer Appreciation*

June 18—*Golf Outing*

Aug. 25—*Parish Picnic*

Sept. 14—*Dinner Dance*

Oct. 19—*Pasta Dinner*

TBA—*40th Anniversary Mass*



## OUR LADY OF THE WOODS COOKBOOKS

Have you purchased your cookbook yet? Our Lady of the Woods Cookbook is filled with so many great recipes from appetizers & beverages, soups & salads, breads, main dishes, desserts & candies, something for everyone!

Cookbooks are only \$15.00 and available in the parish office.

**Calling all  
shoppers!!**



The Our Lady of the Woods Manna Gift Certificate

Program offers many options to meet all of your gift certificate needs! We offer gift certificates from over 150 locations with different monetary amounts available. This program is a fundraiser for our Parish and a portion of the profit will benefit the Parish and its Ministries. Certificates can be purchased in the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please stop in the Office to see a list of the certificates we have to offer. If we do not have what you need, we can place an order for you. Thank you for your continued support of  
Our Lady of the Woods!



## Welcome to Our Parish Family

Sonia Enciso and her children  
Carlos F. Macias-Enciso, Oswaldo Macias-Enciso &  
Aileen Macias-Enciso



**Those needing good health,  
we wish you comfort and peace:**

Mark Bulaw, Christy Bruno, Bernadette Colletti,  
Joan Dust, Margaret Fountain, Mary Gaboroski,  
Thomas M. Gill, Michael Grieco, Tina Harwell,  
Gerry Hill, Tony Kostiuik, Kim Pillischafske, Con-  
nie Richardson, Carmelo Schifano, Avery Skiba,  
Leo Smietanski, Drew Stanko



### *Our Deceased:*

*Peter Yuska*

*"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord."*

### *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  
2nd Lt. Anna Loureiro, 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 Dags  
CPT Justin T. Halligan  
Sgt. Gavril  
AJ Pfeiffer  
Sgt. Rafal Hodur  
SFC Rosalinda Jaime  
E4 John Luke Schultz  
SO2 John F. Radtke USN  
Cpl. Michael Murphy*



## 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

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am

Christmas Eve Masses 4:00pm 5:30pm 10:00pm

### Monday, December 25th

8:00am 9:30 am 11:00am







## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, November 25**

8:30 AM—Michael Emerson

5:00 PM— Patricia Rowley, Sally Poremba

### **SUNDAY, November 26**

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods,  
Emma Perna

9:30 AM—Shelia Boyle, John Nickas

11:00 AM—Marian Johnston,  
Daryl Dean Murken

6:00 PM—Jerry Sears, Sally Poremba

### **MONDAY, November 27**

6:30 AM—Intentions of Ellen Elizabeth

8:30 AM—Sister Christetta, Dr. Joseph Pavletic

### **TUESDAY, November 28**

6:30 AM—Joseph B. Miroballi

8:30 AM—Thomas Wisinski, Sr.,  
Dr. Joseph Pavletic

### **WEDNESDAY, November 29**

6:30 AM—Father Bill Finnegan

8:30 AM—Jack Barrett, 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary – Mike & Arlene Kelly

### **THURSDAY, November 30**

6:30 AM—Communion Service

8:30 AM—Charles Maier, Alice Frost,  
Angela Williams

### **FRIDAY, December 1**

6:30 AM—Joseph B. Miroballi

8:30 AM—Martin Winters, Jeffry Stokes

### **SATURDAY, December 2**

8:30 AM—Neil Borgstrom

5:00 PM—Joseph & Dolores Bergen, Studin &  
Nelson Families

### **SUNDAY, December 3**

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the Woods,  
Laurie Kaput, Irene Ruisz

9:30 AM—Steven O'Flaherty, Pauline Pracz

11:00 AM—Antonio & Raffaella Gentile,  
Felix Jr., Alfonso & Estela Ramirez

6:00 PM—Carmelo & Maria Chiaro,  
Neil Borgstrom

## Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

### **Sunday:**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### **Monday:**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

### **Tuesday:**

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

### **Wednesday:**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

### **Thursday:**

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

### **Friday:**

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

### **Saturday:**

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

### **Next Sunday:**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37





## **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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 6:30 am

Monday through Saturday — 8:30 am

**Communion Service** on Thursdays — 6:30 am

## **RECONCILIATION**

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

## **ADORATION**

Thursday 2:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00—10:00 am

**REV. ED MIKOLAJCZYK, ADMINISTRATOR**  
**REV. ROBERT MARCHWIANY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**  
**MOST REV. JOHN R. GORMAN, RESIDENT**  
**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/Bulletin Editor

**JOHN MAIER**  
Sacristan  
**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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