



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES CATHOLIC PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 4, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE AT SAINT GILES CHURCH

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday at 6:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM
(Confessions following the
8:00 AM Mass on Saturday)

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:30 PM,
Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Family Mass Community

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Saint Giles School Gym

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Monday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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As we begin a new year and celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, many individuals and families do so carrying uncertainty rather than clarity. Loss, financial strain, rising food costs, and fears around immigration, deportation, and national stability remain very real. The turning of the calendar does not magically remove

these burdens. Yet the Epiphany reminds us that God does not wait for life to become easier before revealing Himself. Just as the Magi set out into the darkness, unsure of the road ahead, we too are invited to begin this new year trusting that God's light is already present, even when the path forward feels uncertain.

The Magi followed a star - not a detailed map. Their journey was marked by questions, risk, and perseverance. In the same way, hope for the new year is not found in having all the answers, but in continuing to move toward God. Prayer becomes our guiding star; a place where we bring our fears honestly before the Lord and allow His presence to steady our hearts. Through prayer we learn to look for God's light in small but real ways - in moments of kindness, resilience, and unexpected grace.

At the heart of that light is the Eucharist. In every Mass, Christ reveals Himself to us just as truly as He did to the Magi, offering not explanations but His very presence. Gathered as a parish community, we discover we do not walk into the new year alone. Together, strengthened by the Eucharist and by one another, we become bearers of Christ's light for our families and our world. As the Epiphany teaches us, hope is born when we recognize that God is already with us, leading us forward - one faithful step at a time.

On behalf of Father Rex, Father Bob, Father Vittorio, Father Tom, Father Larry, Father Ed and Father David, Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year to all. Thank you to everyone who helped plan our beautiful liturgies and the church environment during this sacred season. To our liturgy planners, choir members, directors and musicians, lectors, ushers, greeters, ministers, and altar servers - your time, preparations and service help our parishioners and visitors encounter the presence of God. I hope you know how deeply your service is appreciated.

With you a Christian. For you, a priest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Manuel Aguilar, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Mark Andersen, Antoine Ashley, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Katie Barnicle, JoAnn Boyle, Eloise Brown, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, Irene Camasta, Earnest Cameron, Timothy Carraher Carwinski, John Celarek, Lucille Dalbis, Nancy D'Agnolo, Carole DiCicco, Andrea Dickson, Paula Dote, Baby Margaret Mary Doyle, Katherine Fisher, George Fleming, Jim Fletcher, Kitty Foley, Baby Ford Gallagher, Sr. Regina Gallo, Deacon John Henricks, Lois Henricks, Bill Holmes, Jennifer Hoyt, Bernard Jennings, Joe Karas, Hardie Kressler, Gary Lo Dolce, Rossana Lopollo, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Marilyn Maggio, Linda Malloy, Preeti Manadan, Lauren Marshall, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Chuck Mauter, John Megall, Paul Michael, Dave Mills, Barbara Moch, Joseph Musso, Sr., Jamie O'Reilly, Amelia Patterson, Geraldine Pedersen, Lorenzo Perez, Andrew Perricone, Patrick Pollard, Gia Rapacki, Hannah Rice, Peg Sabatino, Deborah Sobreira, Anita Spina, Eleanor "Elle" Taylor, Regina Thorpe, Shirley Venerable, Lucien Vincent, Nancy Wesclitz.

Names will be removed from this listing in the bulletin after six months and from the intercessions spoken at the weekend Masses after four weeks. Also, some parishioners have received a Prayer Shawl to represent the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the Parish Office to include someone on this prayer list, or to request someone's inclusion in the intercessions at the weekend Masses, and/or to request a Prayer Shawl.

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Gerry Petrecca, Mother of Joe Petrecca.

POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX



Though the Jubilee year has drawn to a close, the hope that we have sought and received does not end. We always need hope, for without it we are dead; but with hope, we are born and renewed. It is more powerful than threats and violence, because hope

generates life in God.

LIVE THE LITURGY

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT GILES CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM Edward Wygonik

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

6:30 AM Owen Petrzelka

Joey Cocco

Jack Egan

8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM James Quilter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 AM Betty Shaker

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Valerie Gantner

4:30 PM Janet Lenihan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM The Cathy & Bill White Family

10:00 AM Family Mass Community in Saint Giles School Gym

*10:30 AM The Evelyn & Jerry Dunne Family

*This Mass will be live-streamed from the new parish website www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org.

SAINT EDMUND CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Community Mass





PEACE, POWER, AND PASSION AFTER YOUR DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. It includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings and finances.

Meets Twice Monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM
Next Meetings: January 8 and January 22

Dore Parish Center Living Room
Saint Giles Campus,
1025 Columbian Avenue,
Oak Park

Join us on this powerful journey to hope
and healing

Registration is not required, but appreciated.

For more information, please contact:

Chris Malagoli, cvmalagoli@yahoo.com or
708-912-4378

Tobin Counts, atlantacounts@att.net
or 678-571-5220



Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

At a Griefshare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
January 28 to April 22
McDonough Hall
Saint Giles Campus
1101 Columbian, Oak Park
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org
www.Griefshare.org



RESOURCE DOCUMENT FOR CAREGIVERS AVAILABLE FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our local council of the Knights of Columbus has completed its resource document for those caring for ailing or elderly loved ones. The document includes information on individual caregivers as well as agencies and offers insights from those who have provided or arranged for care for an elderly or ailing loved one.

The Ascension Council of the Knights of Columbus invites anyone who would like to receive the document, or offer additional insights to it, to send an email to KnightsCaregiverProject@gmail.com. We hope to collect additional names of caregivers or agencies used and recommendations by fellow parishioners so that we can regularly update the document. Please help us do so. And thank you to those who have already provided input!





**WE WELCOME INTO
THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH & THE
PARISH COMMUNITY**

Maeve Fitzgerald Laster
Daughter of Ryne and Charlotte (Soudek) Laster

Vincent Stanley Burton Russo
Son of Patrick Russo & Chloe Conti

Zuzanna Marla Strugala
Daughter of Daniel & Rebecca (Janke) Strugala

Anthony Okal
Son of Anthony Okal and Christine Pacer

Alexandra Faye Schulz
Daughter of Richard K. and Dawn (Berry) Schulz

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**



**WE RECENTLY
WELCOMED
THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE INTO OUR
PARISH FAMILY.**

Emily & Patrick Nash

2026 CALENDARS

2026 Religious Calendars are now available. You can pick one up at all entrances of the Church and at the Parish Office. Thank you once again to Julie and Gerard Sciaraffa for providing these calendars to our Parish community!

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Deadlines: Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to mboos@archchicago.org. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

PARISH WEBSITE

WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITIESOFOAKPARK.ORG

Please visit our website. This is a work-in-progress as we continue to add content and updates. Hugo Lugo and Marybeth Granholm are the primary contacts for each parish.

As you explore the website, please share your feedback with us. We hope the website reflects the vibrant, welcoming spirit of our Catholic community.



PARISH E-NEWS

Want to know all the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news via our broadcast email program,

Flocknote! To sign up, just scan the QR Code here or go to this URL in your browser: <https://stgilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the Information you need will be right in your inbox.



NEXT: NEW CATHOLICS IN CONVERSATION

NEXT is a program for newer Catholics to explore the richness of the Catholic faith. Each session we explore a fresh topic in faith and spiritual life through The Bible and faith sharing. We try to uncover the hidden ways the Gospel transforms our life. Each evening includes a "The Church in The Wild" segment where a participant presents a song they love that represents for them something meaningful about our life together in Christ.

We meet on the second Monday of the month from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM, at The McGovern Center on the Saint Edmund campus. (January 12 - February 9 - March 9 - April 13 - May 11). For more information, contact Pat Carew at pat@enerstar.com.



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

*A facilitated conversation with
Spiritual directors*

Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 PM
Murphy Hall, Saint Edmund Campus

As we try to navigate life's twists and turns, it is often helpful to talk to someone who is skilled at listening. That person may be a Spiritual Director. But what does that mean? What happens during a spiritual direction session? How do I even find such a person? Those questions and more will be explored with a panel of Spiritual Directors who practice in the Oak Park area.

For more information, contact Marci Madary at mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org.



JOIN US - ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ MINISTRY



Saturday, January 10
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Saint Giles Parish Center
1025 Columbian Avenue
Oak Park

ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month.

Please join us for a safe and respectful conversation. You are free to share your story, resources or whatever is in your heart that day, or just listen to others with an open heart.

We offer a friendly and safe place for The Catholic Communities of Oak Park and our Neighbors, where we welcome LGBTQ+ individuals, their partners, families and Allies to share through deep listening circles.

If you have questions, please contact Kathie Nash at kathienash1023@att.net

CREATION CARE CORNER



*"With the help of
God's grace, let us
adopt lifestyles
marked by less
waste..." "Truly
much can be done."
- Pope Francis*

New Year's Resolution Ideas: More Efficiency, Less Pollution and Waste

Studies indicate that a large portion of a household's pollution emissions are linked to their home energy usage. Improving home energy efficiency helps care for Creation and contributes to climate stability. Consider creating a plan to upgrade your appliances to Energy Star when they reach the end of their service life. This could include water heaters, stoves, furnaces, air conditioners, clothes dryers, washing machines, microwaves, and dishwashers. Consider replacing appliances at the end of their service life but before they break down (avoiding the mad rush to replace). Switching away from fossil fuels is an added plus but may require some advance planning (i.e.-like where to place 240-volt outlets). Adding weatherstripping, insulation and low-flow showerheads to the home will further contribute to energy efficiency. Check out tax credits and utility rebates. For more details <https://www.energystar.gov/>



OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

December 21

	Weekly Total	YTD Budget Collection	YTD Collection
Envelopes	\$ 16,046.00		\$ 409,041.11
Loose—Total included in YTD count	\$ 2,169.25		
Online Giving 12/16/2025—12/22/2025	\$ 14,241.50		\$ 297,822.71
Mail Collection	\$ 7,231.00		
Total Collections	\$ 39,687.75		\$ 706,863.82
YTD Budget Collection		\$ 815,450.00	
YTD Budget Overage / Shortfall			\$ 108,586.18



Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church website: www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/giving

Contact Carol Coleman at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430, Ext. 419 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!



MASS COUNT

**Saturday,
December 20, 2025**

4:30 PM – 173

**Sunday,
December 21, 2025**

8:00 AM – 184

10:30 AM – 331

Family Mass - 171

Total Mass Count - 859

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILES SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



SAINT GILES SCHOOL CASINO NIGHT

March 7, 2026

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, scan QR Code!



SAINT GILES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Giles School warmly invites all families to our upcoming Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Come tour our campus at 1034 Linden and learn more about our vibrant PreK–8th grade programs. Meet our teachers, explore classrooms, and experience the welcoming community that makes Saint Giles such a special place for students to learn and grow.

All are welcome!

For more information, complete an inquiry form!



JOIN THE WOMEN OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES FOR A WINTER 2026 COOK-OFF EVENT



What is it?

Willing women cook and taste our way through the best of Ina Garten's Barefoot Contessa cookbooks.

How will it work?

Participants choose an available course, select your choice of a Barefoot Contessa recipe within that course (no duplicates, please), prepare it at home and bring it to share at the event.

How much does it cost?

It's free, but byob.

To RSVP
and pick a
course contact
Terry Clancy
terryclancy12@gmail.com
708-819-1580

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 PM

**MCDONOUGH HALL
1101 COLUMBIAN AVENUE
OAK PARK**



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

We wish to recognize all families who had their child/children baptized at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish during 2025. Please join us at any of our weekend

Masses on Saturday, January 10 or Sunday, January 11. You will be invited forward for a special blessing after Communion. We hope to see you there!

MAGI, THREE KINGS, THREE WISE MEN...WHO WERE THEY?

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: NEW YEAR!!! NEW LOCATION!!!



Indeed the Holy Spirit works in amazing ways!

When we learned back in June that we would have to leave Saint Edmund, our first thought was on the availability of the former Saint Bernardine

School in Forest Park which had been closed for a number of years. We were told that it was not available, as the rooms were being used for Archdiocesan offices and storage. Almost six months later, at the brink of signing a lease to rent space at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, we received notice that Saint Bernardine School was now available, as a number of formerly-occupied rooms were no longer being used.

Wow! Six large classrooms, a parking lot, and close to the Blue Line el. A side entrance off the parking lot offers access less noticeable to federal agents. And, the blessings of Father Carl who graduated from Saint Bernardine!

After moving our shelves, tables, and supplies, our plan is to start receiving donations and organizing the rooms ("free stores") on Monday, January 12 and Monday, January 19. We will open once again to migrants and immigrants on Tuesday, January 20.

In the meantime, we continue to distribute coats, blankets, and winter gear from Saint Edmund. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this very acute need! Any questions? Please email us at immigrantministry@gmail.com. MIL GRACIAS!

To donate online through GiveCentral use the link below OR send donations to Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian, Oak Park, IL 60302. Include a note that the donation is for the "Migrant Ministry". Thank you for your generous hearts! (<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>).

Human Dignity and Solidarity

IMMIGRANT ASSISTANT RESOURCES

Get connected to organizations that offer pastoral, humanitarian and legal advocacy support for immigrants, refugees and all in need.

Scan the QR code:

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/immigrant-assistance-resources>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Housing Forward provides year round emergency overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness in two locations in our community. The parishes of Oak Park support this effort in several ways. Housing Forward has expanded its shelter options with the opening of a new 40-bed shelter at 112 S. Humphrey in Oak Park. They are once again asking the women of Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles to help by providing a continental breakfast for Housing Forward clients on the first Monday of each month. This is a great service opportunity for teens and families and can be shared between households.

Sign up for the monthly dates are online and can be found at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAAE2EA2FA758142351-stgiles#.

To learn more about the shelter program, and volunteer opportunities, contact Theresa Lipo, at 708-692-4404 or tglico@sbcglobal.net

BECOME AN ADVOCATE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGE



We are recruiting volunteers to serve as Advocates—trained companions who walk alongside families as they navigate services and pursue their goals. This unique role provides meaningful one-on-one support and connection. Learn more at theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer or contact Jeanne Gallo at jeanne.gallo@theneighborhoodbridge.org

The Neighborhood Bridge, born out of the Renew My Church initiative, is dedicated to connecting Austin families with the services they need to thrive. Learn more about our organization at www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/the-neighborhood-bridge.



ECUMENISM METRO CHICAGO

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 24
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Growing in Christian unity and the care for God's creation, we gather in prayer and action for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) at Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, 6700 W. Diversey Avenue, Chicago.

This ecumenical prayer service will be grounded in the WPCU theme "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). This reflects the mission of EMC that "seeks to engage all the baptized, their communions and extended ministries in Chicagoland in living together with prayer, action and a coordinated voice that respects distinctions among traditions and extends God's love through Christ and the Holy Spirit, for all the world."

At the closing of the service, EMC judicatories will sign joint statements of actions which are grounded in EMC's Declaration to care, protect and preserve God's gift of creation, for all of the earth is the Lord's. (Psalm 24:1). The two statements proclaim our Christian resolve to Protect Children, Grandchildren, Future Generations by Adopting Climate Change Mitigating Strategies and Protect Children, Grandchildren, Future Generations by Providing Clean, Safe Drinking Water. These statements are a clear public witness of EMC's Declaration that "taking decisive restorative action is a moral and religious imperative."

Ecumenism Metro Chicago: "Bringing Christians together for prayer, action, and the creation of a coordinated voice to provide a clear witness of Jesus Christ in Chicagoland." <https://eia.archchicago.org/ecumenical-relations/ecumenism-metro-chicago-emc>.

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MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to Catholics from all walks of life who are unable to participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy at their parishes. Recipients may include Catholics who are homebound, residing in nursing homes, or patients in hospitals. The Archdiocese conducts periodic training to help insure those called to Ministry are educated in the spirituality, theology, and the rites of Pastoral Care of the Sick. This training also insures people are properly prepared to participate in this important ministry.

Ministry of Care training will be offered from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, January 31, at AdventHealth LaGrange Hospital, 5101 Willow Springs Road, LaGrange, Illinois. Lunch will be provided during the free training.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and have the support of their pastor and the Minister of Care Parish Coordinator. Topics will include the spirituality, theology and the rites of the Pastoral Care of the Sick.

Contact Deacon Tom Carlson to enroll: tcarlson@archchicago.org or 630-746-8384.

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DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSION JANUARY 19

Have you or someone you know considered the call to be a deacon of the Catholic Church? Join us at 7:00 PM on January 19 at Office of the Diaconate (816 Marengo, Forest Park, Illinois). We will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands. For more information and to register for this session, contact the Office of the Diaconate at 708-366-8900.



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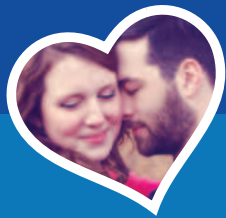


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