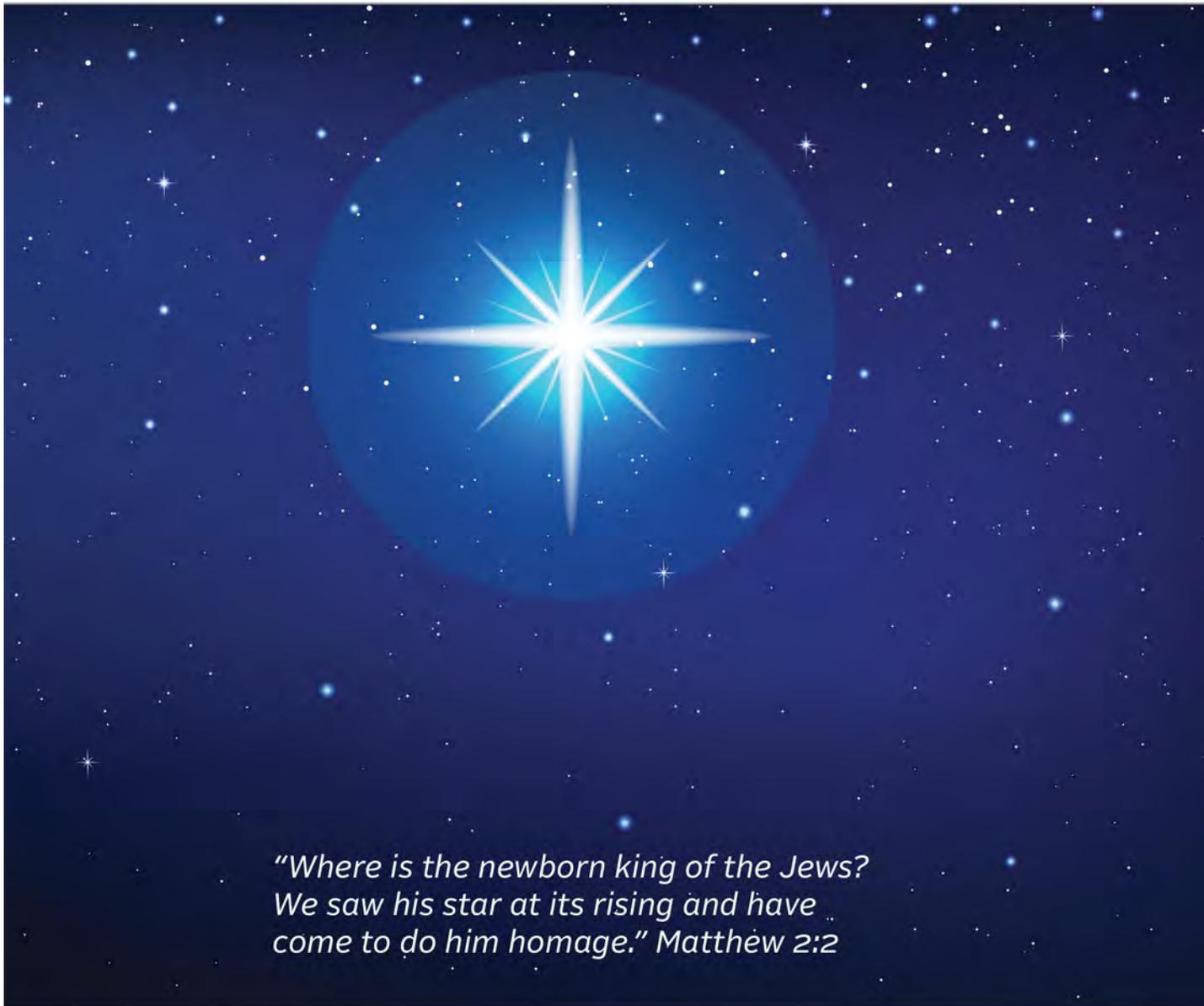


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The Epiphany of the Lord | January 2, 2022



*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have
come to do him homage." Matthew 2:2*

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MASS TIMES SUNDAY AND VIGIL

Queen of the Rosary Sun 8am, 10:30am
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601 Biesterfield Road Sun 9:15am

The Call to Salvation Is Universal

Hello my dear friends. Once again, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!!! The feast of the Epiphany provokes in our hearts a very big happiness. Today's gospel tells us the story of the magi. They saw a star that announced the birth of a new king. They left everything to go meet Him. They went on the way and prostrated themselves before Him and they did Him homages. These magi are the first gentiles (pagans) who come to adore the Son of God. The light that shines in the night of Bethlehem will radiate up to the extremities of the world. On the other hand, Jesus himself will say one day: *"I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness."*

What we must understand very well is that God always makes the first step towards us. In the story of magi, it is Him who made the first move, giving the sign of the star. Because *"it is first God who looks for the man, before the man does the first step."* Then the magi answered to an inner powerful call. They went on the way to understand what this new star means. God uses signs to call us. And if He acts like this, it is because He loved us first. He offers himself to everyone.

Then the Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that God calls all the men and women. Through the magi who come to the manger, it is all the people of the entire world who are invited. The Old Testament says to us that God compromised himself with a precise people, the people of Israel. But choosing Israel as a nation for his covenant, God does not forget other nations of the world. The foreigners have a place also in his heart. He wants us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. It is the mission that Jesus entrusts to his apostles in the day of the Ascension: *"go all over the world. Proclaim the Good News to the whole creation."* (Mark 16:15)

Now then, we understand well that the racism against the foreigners is absolutely opposite to the Gospel. We cannot at the same time announce the Good News of the Gospel and reject our brothers and sisters. All the men and women including the biggest sinners can find their place in the caravan of the magi. This Sunday of Epiphany, God draws our attention. One day, Jesus said: *"I Am the way"; this means that our life is a journey.* We are on our way through the heavenly Father; and Jesus is there every day to guide us by his Word. His Eucharist is offered us to strengthen us.

The problem is that most of the time, we are as the people of Jerusalem who did not come to the manger of Bethlehem. The Light shines always, but we do not look at it. Instead of being open to God and to the others, we protect ourselves, we enclose ourselves; it is the sign of a closed world. And that is awful and very sad. The feast of Epiphany is there to invite us to go out, to go through others and through the Lord. In today's gospel, we see the GENTILES (pagans), who look for God and they go up to the end of their search to do homage to the newborn king of the Jews, to adore Him as the Son of God.

On this day, we pray you Lord: *"Light of the world, we walk towards you. Son of God, you will save us."* Amen.

Your Friend, LOUIS. M.



**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Unity Prayer**

Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our source of unity and strength, bless us as we become Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Grace us with courageous and compassionate hearts, working together as companions on the journey of faith to build this new Catholic Community of Elk Grove Village, dedicated to your glory by sacrament, service, and witness.

You proclaim: "See, I am doing something new!"
Softening our hearts to your will, and make us respond with ready gratitude and love.
Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

O Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the glory of Christians, the joy of the universal Church, and icon of hope, pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

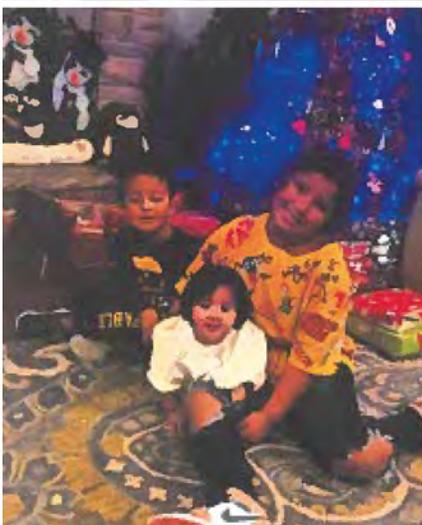
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| <u>Monday</u> 8:15am (SJE) | <u>January 3</u> For the people of the parish |
| <u>Tuesday</u> 8:15am (QR) | <u>January 4</u> Fr. Dan Folwaczny, + Ignacy Folwaczny + Nicolas Mavrakis |
| <u>Wednesday</u> 8:15am (SJE) | <u>January 5</u> + Josephine Anzelone |
| <u>Thursday</u> 8:15am (QR) | <u>January 6</u> + Mario Bartucci |
| <u>Friday</u> 8:15am (SJE) | <u>January 7</u> + Anna Lenart |
| <u>Saturday</u> 8:15am (QR) | <u>January 8</u> + Anita & John Boguslawski |
| 5:00pm (SJE) | Fr. Louis Mboe, + Alexander Gard, + Rev. Martin N. Winters, + Anne Gallagher, + Stanley Pytel, + Renee Prost |
| <u>Sunday</u> 8:00am (QR) | <u>January 9</u> Al & Julia Stanley |
| 9:15am (SJE) | For the people of the parish |
| 10:30am (QR) | + Mary Aileen Pelrine |

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

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| 7:45am | Daily Mon-Sat Morning Prayer (Telephone or App) |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>January 3</u> <i>Parish Office closed in celebration of the New Year</i> |
| <u>Tuesday</u> 7:00pm | <u>January 4</u> Rosary Group (SJE) |
| <u>Wednesday</u> 7:00pm | <u>January 5</u> Reconciliation w/Adoration (QR) |
| <u>Thursday</u> 7:00pm | <u>January 6</u> Handbell Choir Rehearsal (QR) |
| <u>Friday</u> 9:00am | <u>January 7</u> First Friday Eucharistic Adoration begins immediately following Morning Mass and continues until the Closing Benediction at 11:30am |
| <u>Saturday</u> Noon | <u>January 8</u> Chicago March for Life, pick up buses from SJE Reconciliation (SJE) |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>January 9</u> <i>Baptisms are celebrated 1st/3rd Sunday at SJE and 2nd/4th Sunday at QR each month. Please contact the parish office to schedule in advance.</i> |



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of Giving*

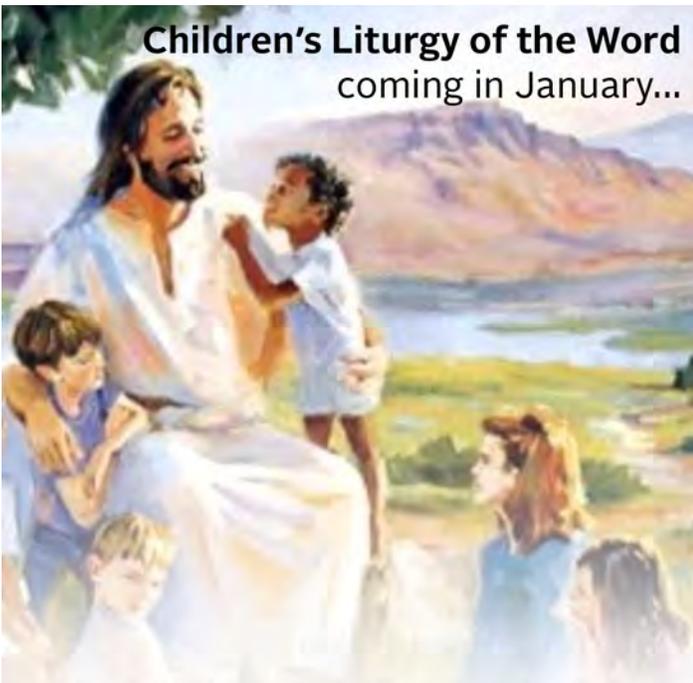




Join Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Respect Life Ministry as we unite with more than 10,000 pro-life individuals across the Midwest at the 2022 Chicago March for Life on **Saturday, January 8, 2022.**

OLBS is sponsoring bus transportation to the 2022 Chicago March for Life. The bus will depart the parking lot at St. Julian at **11:30am** and return to St. Julian between **4:30 and 5pm**, following the Rally and March.

Follow this link to discover more or reserve your seat on the bus: www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-march2



Children's Liturgy of the Word
coming in January...

Children 4 years and older are invited to join CLW leaders for age appropriate liturgy including the weekly readings with a lesson. **We need leaders** for 9:15 and 10:30 Mass! Interested? Please call the parish office **(847) 979-0901.**

Together we can make a powerful difference.
The goal is to have 1,000 parishes contribute \$1,000 (or more if we are able) to lift up our brothers and sisters in parishes that are most in need. Look for the gold envelopes in church or call the office (847) 979-0901!

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH



EXPLORING THE DIACONATE

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session:

7:30–8:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 14 Zoom

Wednesday, January 19 Zoom

Tuesday, February 15 Zoom

Tuesday, March 15 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

Wednesday, April 27 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM

847.837.4563 or conuoha@usml.edu



The Lumen Christi Institute's Newman Forum for High School Students presents

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2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Sunday, October 9, 2022

Run in the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon to support Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

For more info, please contact Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com, 773-486-8431 or visit www.missionola.com/marathon.html

Entries are limited, sign up ASAP!

SPIRITUAL LIFE



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

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To continue to have sick relatives and friends included in the intentions list in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office (847) 979-0901.

Rosary for Life

On the **second Tuesday of each month**, OLBS Rosary Group is joined by the Respect Life Ministry to pray a special rosary recognizing the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

All are invited to join for Rosary and stay for a Respect Life meeting.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides a way to wrap people in prayer. Please call the office (847) 956-0130 or (847) 437-0403 to pick up a shawl, blanket or pocket

prayer cloth for a member of the church community that is in need of our prayers. Meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday and third Saturday of each month in Shea Hall or, weather permitting, the Marian Garden. Please check the parish calendar on our website for upcoming dates.

Follow us on Facebook:

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Grant Unto Them Eternal Rest...

Renee Prost, Allan R. Schmid, June Schwerzler, Eleanor Surdinski, Patricia Dunleavy

Please continue to pray for all lives lost to COVID-19, from our OLBS family and beyond.

Join Rosary Group each Tuesday Evening at 7pm at SJE to pray the Rosary.

Rosary prayer is live-streamed to the SJE Facebook page and website: <https://www.stjulianeynard.org/remote-mass-prayer>





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Mrs. Uhlarik invites RE students to participate in Christ Is Alive! National Essay Contest. The contest is open to children in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a Catholic school or in a parish religious education program. Two winners will be selected in each grade from across the United States.

Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2022.

Discover more: www.comcenter.com/christisalive or contact Mrs. Uhlarik (847) 979-0901.

**“Christ is alive and He wants you to be alive!
He is in you, He is with you and
He never abandons you.”**
– Pope Francis, Christus Vivit

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carol@OLBSEGV.org



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Join YCP Chicago on **Tuesday, January 11th** for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Julia Hogan-Werner, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Chicago and owner of Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC., who will speak on "Living Your True Identity Beyond Work."

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers.

Mass will be at 6:15pm (confession will be available starting at 5:30pm), and networking and the speaker's presentation will take place from 7pm-9pm. Free parking will be available in either of the St. Alphonsus parking lots (next to or behind the theater).

<https://www.ycpchicago.org/events/chicago-jan-executive-speaker-julia-hogan-werner>

Do you desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Are you looking to participate more fully in the life of the parish and connect with other young adult Catholics? Think about bringing a young adult ministry to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in 2022! Check out these online resources from the Archdiocese of Chicago:

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/covid-19-pastoral-resources/young-adult-online-resources>



Hey AfterMass, there's still time to put your faith into action!! We have an opportunity to participate in the Chicago March for Life on Saturday, January 8, 2022!! There's an exciting youth rally in the morning followed by the March for Life and a closing Mass at the end of the day (which would satisfy your Sunday obligation)!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is sponsoring a teen bus. Follow the link below to save your seat...and bring a friend along!

March for Life | January 8
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-2022>

We can't wait to see you there!

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