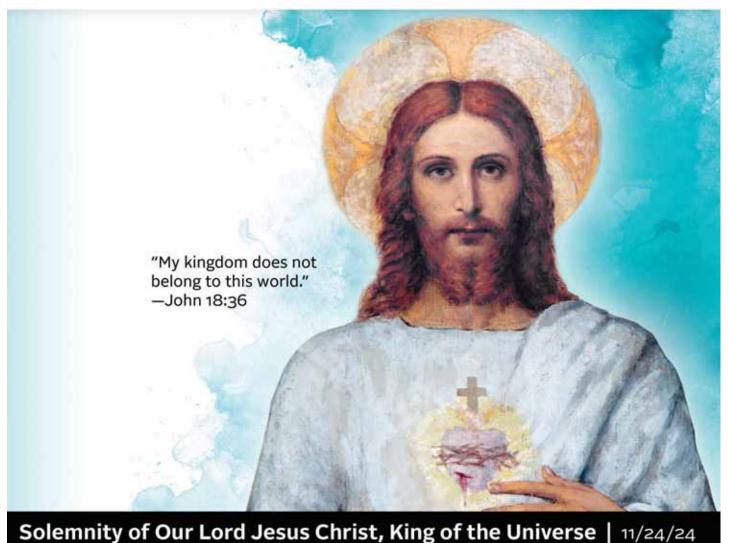
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FISCAL YEAR END AND REFLECTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parish Family, This week, I am excited to share our Annual Giving Impact Statement, which offers a meaningful look at our parish and school journey over the past year. Of course, you'll find the financials included, but moreover, it's filled with insights into our community's growth—the highs, the lows and the many ways we've grown together. And as we continue listening for God's transformative call this year with "Be Transformed: Discerning Our Charisms," I invite you to explore the latest stories from our "What's My Why" series. Enjoy these heartfelt reflections from our dedicated Parish Council Co-Chairs as they share their call to serving God's Kingdom. And don't forget to grab a copy of our FY24 Giving Impact Statement from the vestibule or view it online in the eNewsletter or at <u>OLBSEGV.org</u>. —Fr. Dan

Anita's Why

I moved to Elk Grove Village in 2007 and considered myself a "roaming Catholic." I attended Mass at both St. Julian and Queen of the Rosary, whichever mass time was convenient. As I sat during Mass, I saw people helping—ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc. I thought, "Someday, I want to help." However, I was very comfortable in my pew and hesitant to step out of my comfort zone. I needed a little nudging.

I decided to start by learning more about God and His Word. My neighbor told me about a scripture school that she had attended called Chicago Catholic Scripture School, a Continuing Education Catholic Scripture School through Loyola University. The program guides students through the Bible in four years. I learned the history, geography, and culture of the times. Now, each week in Mass when I listen to the readings, God's Word speaks to me in a deeper way. I continue to grow in relationship to Him.

I was ready to step out of my comfort zone and get involved in the parish. I started as an usher, a member of the bereavement ministry, and the Journey of the Heart grief share ministry. As an usher, we welcome familiar faces and new faces each week. It feels like family. The Bereavement Ministry helps families in preparing the Funeral Liturgy for their loved ones. We listen and offer comfort and support during this difficult time, and we assist at the funeral Mass. *Journey of the Heart*, our grief share Ministry, is a faith-based grief share program where we meet participants where they are in their grief-healing journey. In a small group setting, we pray, read scripture, and share reflections on our "Journey of the Heart."

In 2023, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament convened our first full Parish Council meeting. I participated as the liaison for the Bereavement Ministry, but didn't know what to expect. What is a Parish Council? It was eye-opening for me to hear about all the ministries in our parish. I was excited for our parish and truly felt the Holy Spirit's presence bringing us together as a vibrant and faith-filled team with a collaborative effort to serve. The Holy Spirit continued to guide me. Parish Council needed officers and members for its Executive Committee. I felt called to help and prayed that God would not give me more than I could handle. God had the plan. Julie Hirsch and I submitted our names as Co-Vice Chairs for the Parish Council. We felt that God had blessed us with different talents and gifts. Combining our gifts, we now serve the parish as Co-Chairs of the Parish Council and Executive Committee. (Think Doublemint gum!)

Each ministry that I am involved with, has helped me grow in my relationship with God. It has been both rewarding and humbling. It is not work, but service. It is joyful and joy-filled serving others, by using my time, talent, and treasure. Come join us and find Joy.

Blessings, Anita Dwyer

Julie's Why

The new parish theme this year is "Be Transformed: Discerning Our Charisms," and when speaking about prayer and discernment for identifying spiritual gifts, I speak from experience. My own path to serving on the Parish Council and Executive Committee involved both of those things. In fact, I questioned whether or not I wanted to serve on the Parish Council at all, let alone be on the Executive Committee. Some who know how actively I have been involved in the parish might be surprised by that.

For some backstory, my family moved to Elk Grove Village when I was nine months old. My parents were actively involved in parish life at St. Julian Eymard. My father was a lector, and both of my parents were Eucharistic ministers and catechists. As I got older, I became more involved in the parish as well. My fun fact is that I was the first female altar server at St. Julian. I was also an assistant catechist until I became old enough to have my own class. I joined the Women's Club and assisted in planning Women's Club services projects, events, and activities; and St. Julian Eymard celebrations. When we unified, I participated as a member of the naming committee and had the honor of being asked to be one of the speakers at our parking lot unity service. My faith and love for God have helped me through some extremely difficult times and I wanted to give back. We have been taught to show God our love through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. I didn't have a lot of treasure, and had not completely discerned my talents, but I certainly gave my time. Still, I hesitated when I saw that the parish was seeking new members for Parish Council. I had a lot going on at work, and I was taking online courses after work. So, I did not fill out an application or immediately volunteer to be a liaison.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	November 30/Dece	mber 1
Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Lisa Lang	Rich Bellis Bob Lester Nenita Lucero
8:00am	Dave Cattapan	Julie Beesley Patricia Childress Mary Duffy
9:15am	Donna McGuire	Deacon Jerry Joe Wozniak Virginia Vogt
10:30am	Bill Piscitello	Larry Zabinski Susan Tremko Carol Styka
	MASS INTENTIONS FOR	R THE WEEK

November 25

Monday

8:15am (SJE)	+ Peter & Dorothy Shiana
<u>Tuesday</u>	November 26
8:15am (QR)	+ Lester Santos
<u>Wednesday</u>	November 27
8:15am (SJE)	+ Rosemary Noto
<u>Thursday</u> 9:00am (QR)	November 28 + Wanda Waldamer, + Hermina Lelewski, + Deceased members of the Van Damme, Stompor and Vonderheide families, + Joseph Feszter
<u>Friday</u>	<u>November 29</u>
8:15am (SJE)	+ Frances Suzzi
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 30</u>
8:15am (QR)	+ Peter & Dorothy Shiana
5:00pm (SJE)	For the people of the parish

<u>Sunday</u> December 1 8:00am (QR) + Art Christenson, + Tony Fassen, + Mary Pataky, + Ann Francis, + Sally Vizirito, + Clement Naughton 9:15am (SJE) + Raymond Jakimczyk

+ Donald Kauth

10:30am (QR)

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

7:45am 8:00am 8:45am 2-5pm	Mon-Sat—Morning Prayer (Telephone or App) Mon-Sat—Divine Mercy Prayed Before Daily Mass Mon-Sat—Rosary Prayed Following Daily Mass Tue-Fri—Teen Center Hours (SJE Ministry Center)
<u>Monday</u> 6:00pm	November 25 Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Prayer Service (SJE)
<u>Tuesday</u> 9:30am 7:00pm	<u>November 26</u> Tuesday Morning Scripture Discussion (SJE) Rosary (SJE)
Wednesday	November 27
8:15am	Adoration begins with Daily Mass (SJE)
9:00am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study (SJE Rooms 11/12)
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE)
7:00pm	Reconciliation (SJE)
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (QR)
7:30pm	AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Thursday	November 28
	Happy Thanksgiving. The Parish Office will be closed
	Thursday and Friday in observance of the holiday,
Friday	November 29
7:30pm	AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Saturday	November 30
8:15am	Adoration begins with Daily Mass (QR)
12:00pm	Reconciliation (QR)
Sunday	December 1
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10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR)
Noon	Legend of St. Nicholas (QR)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Eileen Burden, Dave Cattapan, John Connelly, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Frances Gascon, Sandy Gran, Bobbye Knief, Elizabeth Levitzke, Randy Olsen, Michael Ryan, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Ben Sister, Irene Steck, Mary Beth Tomaso, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Jenny & Baby Lily, Baby Zoe

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.

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	ray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

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Then, in August 2023, the parish held a "Be Transformed" morning of reflection. As an educator, I had just returned to work, and the event was at 8:15 on a Saturday morning so I didn't immediately sign up. Then, in the days leading up to the event, there was a voice that kept entering my head telling me that I needed to attend. I was being called, and I am so glad I answered. I was able to reflect on my faith and engage in discussion with my randomly assigned tablemates, most of whom I didn't know. I was able to learn from them and in turn they also connected to what I shared. From these connections, my mindset on joining Parsih Council began to shift and wondering if there was something I could contribute on a larger scale, I volunteered to be the Women's Club liaison.

At the second meeting, the need for Executive Committee members was discussed. I wasn't ready to commit, but another liaison, who had known me most of my life, asked me to pray about it. I did, and I heard that same voice telling me that I could fill the role. But, still I hesitated, concerned about committing without knowing what was involved. Also, Anita Dwyer had been nominated, and I didn't want to take that role from her if she was ready to commit. After connecting with Anita, I discovered that she felt the same as me, willing to serve, but also nervous about what being in line to chair the council meant. We proposed the idea of Co-Vice Chairs.

The plan was accepted and sharing this role with Anita, I have been able to foster connections with our priests and other ministry liaisons. I have learned more about all of the ministries our parish has to offer and what their missions are. I have also been given the opportunity to provide input and help lead discussions about future initiatives within the parish. Finally, I have continued to show my love for God by dedicating my time to making a difference in our parish community. I still don't have a whole lot of treasure, I am an educator after all; however, I am more aware of my talents after taking the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. I was very surprised to learn that one of my charisms is leadership. Even though I was unsure of my charisms, prayer led me to my leadership position and showed me that God knew me all along.

There is a continued need for service to our parish through participation on the Parish Council and our ministries. I invite you to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. Then, take the time to reflect on your talents and pray about how God wants you to use those gifts to show your love for Him and how to spread that love throughout the community.

God Bless, Julie Hirsch



Celebrate Gratitude, Diversity and Unity! November 25th | 6pm OLBS/St. Julian Eymard

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service



Start your Thanksgiving Day out by celebrating God's Goodness at Mass with your OLBS family.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, **daily Mass** will be celebrated at 9am on Thursday, November 28 at QR. We will resume our regular time of 8:15am on Friday, Nov 29 at SJE and Saturday, Nov 30 at QR.

On Thanksgiving Day, we will take up a special collection to help support our OLBS Good Samaritan outreach to the poor.

Parish offices will be closed on November 28th/29th in observance of Thanksgiving.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Blood Drive December 14th 8am - 1pm EG Village Hall, 901 Wellington elkgrove.org/community/communityevents/community-blood-drives





VIEW ALL PARISH EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR olbsegv.org/ public-event-calendar/

Questions? Contact us at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

Ignite the flame of faith!

There's still time to join our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program through November. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and community with a mix of in-person and virtual sessions, meeting a couple of times per month until the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025.

Scan the code to discover more, or call or email the parish office today to learn more or sign up! (847) 979-0901 | info@olbsegv.org





Discover Your Gifts! Scan the code and uncover the unique charisms God has given you to share. Pass it on—invite family and friends to do the same!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gospel in Focus: December 1, 2024 Jesus instructs the disciples to remain vigilant for when He comes again. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." —Luke 21:27

Discussion Questions How do we stay centered on Christ as a family?

What actions in my day allow me to stay close to the Lord?

What can we do this Advent season as a family and as individuals to spend time with the Lord?

52 Week Mass Guide for Families: olbsegv.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide





Wednesday December 4th 4:45 - 6:15pm

School Board Mission Effectiveness and Marriage & Family Ministry

Join us for a heartwarming start to Advent! Students and families are invited to team up with our QR School Advisory Board Mission Effectiveness Committee and parish Marriage & Family Ministry for a fun, impactful evening of giving back at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on December 4th, from 4:45 to 6:15pm. Let's kick off the season of giving together—sign up and help make a difference!

signupgenius.com/go/24AdventFMSC#/

LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 1st Noon Queen of the Rosary Church

Discover the true story behind the beloved figure of St. Nicholas who has inspired holiday traditions for centuries.

Presented by Terry Lynch of HFK Presents.

Free event, light refreshments will be provided.

Especially fun for families with children 12 and younger—no holiday secrets given away!

Kids Christmas Film Night

Friday, December 6, 2024 6pm - 9pm St. Julian Shea Hall

Crafts, Games, Activities, Photo Booth, Christmas Movies, Snacks for kids age 4 and older: <u>signupgenius.com/go/</u> 24KidsXmasFilmNt#/



SPIRITUAL LIFE



Join Rosary Group most Tuesday Evenings at 7pm at SJE to pray the Rosary.

On the second Tuesday of each month, Respect Life joins Rosary to lead a **Rosary for Life**.

Watch the bulletin and website calendars for complete schedule.

Prayer Shawls

wrap people in prayer. To pick up a shawl, please call the office at (847) 979-0901. Knitters/ Crocheters and beginners are invited to join us on the fourth Wednesday and third Saturday of each month in Shea Hall.

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/OLBSPrayerShawl/



Care Ministers bring the Eucharist and the healing presence of Jesus Christ to our parishioners who are ill, homebound or unable to join us in person.

Ministers must be mandated and Virtuscompliant. Watch for Fall training updates.

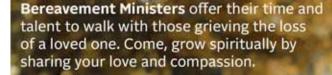


Discover more: olbsegv.org/ministry/ or contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

Are you expecting?

Reach out to Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul or contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 about a Blessing for Expectant Parents.

Family is a precious gift from God!



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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FORMATION

Come grow in faith, knowledge, hope, love and understanding.

3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION

2ND/4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAY: WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS AS SCHEDULED ADULT EDUCATION (THU NIGHT BIBLE STUDY)

> DAILY VIA TELECONFERENCE: MORNING PRAYER

DISCOVER MORE: olbsegv.org/ministry/adult-faith-formation/

"Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mark 9:38)

As our new pastoral year moves forward, Leadership Councils and Ministries have resumed regular schedules.

Please stay tuned to all of our Communication Channels for info on upcoming meetings, events and more to help us grow in faith and community.

Scan the code to discover more about getting involved. Questions? Contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.





If you enjoy sharing your faith and caring for others, please prayerfully consider joining ministry of care. Check the bulletin and eNewsletter for opportunities for training and mandation.

Contact the parish office to discover more! (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.



Liturgical Ministers Needed

Liturgical Ministries enhance our worship and provide unique opportunities to deepen our faith and serve our community. Lectors proclaim the Word of God. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the precious body of Christ. Greeters and Ushers create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We are also looking for both youth and adult Altar Servers to assist the clergy in the celebration of Mass.

Contact the parish office to discover more. (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL REPORT



Raise a slice for these rockstar first graders! They met their October reading goal in the Pizza Hut Book It! program, earning well-deserved slices of victory! Way to turn pages into pizza, little readers!

Meanwhile, over in junior high, our creative students dove into their Día de Los Muertos projects with heartfelt dedication. Their beautiful ofrendas, or altars, honor loved ones and celebrities who have recently passed, bringing culture and creativity to life in a colorful display. Amazing work, everyone!

With our 65th Anniversary First Trimester in the books, we can't wait to see what the next two bring! Here's to more learning and fun ahead!



Get in Line! Make a Difference! Our 65th Anniversary Grand Raffle is here with BIG prizes up for grabs! 💰 Grand Prize: \$10,065! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Don't miss out! Grab yours from a school family or at the office. 📅 Next Early Bird Drawing in December 2! Contact the office for more info (847) 437-3322!



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KAIROS 20 January 17-20, 2025



Calling all High School Jrs & Srs,

Are you searching for meaning, craving real answers or just need someone to listen? Join OLBS and St. Theresa for Kairos 20 over MLK weekend—an unforgettable retreat where you will come together to reflect, connect and recharge in faith! Step away from your routine, meet awesome people, discover God and see how asking big questions can change the way you see life. Plus, thanks to a special grant, the retreat is fully covered for the first 10 teens who sign up! Don't miss your chance—reserve your spot today and get ready for a weekend that just might change everything! *Registrations due 11/30/24*.

Christmas Angels TEEN VOLUNTEERS

A Season of Giving signupgenius.com/go/ 24XmasAngels#/



Faith is like a compass that always points you in the right direction, no matter how wild the adventure! Discover more: olbsegv.org/ministry/#Youth

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Thank you for your generosity. Your stewardship Treasure returned to God for the support of our Church ministries.

Weekly Offertory November 10, 2024 \$10,636.00

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges\$89,333.00(Goal \$63,436, Projected Rebate \$24,308)

Curious about how your generosity is changing lives?

Our Annual Giving Impact Report (7/1/23 - 6/30/24) is here! Inside, you'll find not only the numbers, but also heartwarming stories of transformation. See how our ministries brought our pastoral theme to life in powerful ways! Pick up your copy today and celebrate the difference we are making together!





Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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