Sat: 5:00pm (SJE) | Sun: 8:00am/10;30am (QR) | 9:15am (SJE) Daily: 8:15am M/W/F (SJE) | Tu/Th/Sa (QR) Reconciliation: Wed 7:00pm (SJE) | Sat 12:00pm (QR) – Check schedule for holy days of obligation/holidays.



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



Under Mary's mantle, and with the guidance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament seeks to share God's love by celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the gospel, and serving the needs of all His children.

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WHAT'S MY WHY?

Each of us has a unique journey of faith, much like the Magi who followed the star to find Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew for Epiphany. Their quest was guided by hope, purpose and a longing for something greater. In that same spirit, we invite you to discover what inspires and sustains faith in the hearts of our parishioners. Here's a former parishioner's "What's My Why" story—a reflection on how God's light has guided her path.

I was born into our Catholic faith. I attended a Catholic grammar school, St. Tarcissus Parish on the northwest side of Chicago. It was very comfortable for me to be there as my older brother and sister had also attended St. Tars and eventually went on to Catholic High Schools, Gordon Tech and Cardinal Stritch. But when I was 10 years old, in 5th grade, my Dad passed away at only 46 and this set a little different path for me. I finished out St. Tars, but went on to a public high school—Taft High School in Chicago. I don't think it bothered me then that I wasn't continuing with Catholic education, thinking I had the foundational 8 years of it at St. Tars and was obviously baptized, made my First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation there. But I didn't realize how much more there was to learn and grow with further instruction and influence.

In Senior year at Taft, I met my husband to be, and we dated 8 years before we finally married after he finished law school. During this time, I grew close to his family, particularly his mother, an angel of a woman, who treated me as her own. During these years, and for a couple years after I married into the family, she had two battles with cancer, and her resolute faith kept her, and all of us, through the worst of days. She was so courageous and showed us such strength as she faced her fate, depending solely on her steadfast belief in her faith. With daily Mass, rosary and prayers, she grew very close to the Heavenly Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the Virgin Mary. It became her lifestyle and influenced us all. Her honor to Mother Mary set the tone for our entire family, and to this day, we rely heavily on the Virgin Mary when we are feeling weak and in need of support.

As I had children, I grew more in my faith, realizing the miracle of birth and how blessed I was to have 3 children, and I wanted the best for them. This meant a Catholic upbringing and brought me to Queen of the Rosary over 37 years ago. My 3 children went to preschool through 8th grade, making all their sacraments at QR, and I was involved with many volunteer opportunities at the school. My children continued on to Driscoll Catholic High School, and then DePaul University, carrying on the Catholic tradition. Both of my daughters were married at Queen of the Rosary Parish, as there would be no

other way to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage but to seal their unions in the Catholic church. My children's exposure to our faith through our Parish and school, made a deep and lasting impression on them. All 3 of my grandchildren were also baptized at QR and attended QR School (we just recently moved out of state), and I was back there also—volunteering as a Lunch Supervisor two days per week.

As I was busy raising the children during those early years at QR, I had an epiphany in my life. One day I was approached going into Sunday Mass at QR and asked if I would consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. I wouldn't have thought about it before that moment as I'm not one to get up in front of people and have attention on me like that, and I thought I was busy forming my children's spirituality. But what about me doing some more growing? When I was asked that question that fateful day, I felt the Holy Spirit was encouraging me to do it. It was time for me to grow in my faith some more. So, I decided to do it. I so enjoyed being a minister, it made me feel even closer to the Lord by serving Him and my fellow parishioners. It was the best thing I could have done for my own faith life, to grow in relationship to Our Lord. Before we moved, I also volunteered with the Good Samaritan Ministry, cooking for Suppers throughout the year. Taking care of, and giving to people less fortunate than I, is so important, something we are called to do, and something I take joy in.

I hope reading about my 'why' encourages you to challenge yourself to always grow in faith and find ways to "Be Transformed" in your relationship with Christ. Rejoice in the faithfulness of God and the enduring mercy He shows us. He wants us to transform to be the best Christians we can be! Take His challenge and you will only be the better for it. And when the day comes for each of us to meet our glorious Lord, let us impress Him by showing how we took all His blessings on this earth and nurtured the growth and development of our faith, for ourselves and others!

Rosemarie Flosi (Rosemarie and her family moved to Indiana in the Summer of 2024. She and her family have found a new parish where they continue to nurture their faith and deepen their relationship with the Lord. We are grateful for the time they shared with us and pray that God's light will keep guiding their journey.)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:15am (SJE)	January 6 + Lenny Prasczewi
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	January 7 Jan Such
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	January 8
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	January 9
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	January 10
Saturday 8:15am (QR)	January 11
5:00pm (SJE)	+ Don & Rosemary Ottenstein
Sunday 8:00am (QR)	January 12 + Joseph Feszter
9:15am (SJE)	For the people of the parish
10:30am (QR)	+ Mary Dzike





LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 11/12

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Bob Lester	Linda Fink Ron Mattey Nenita Lucero
8:00am	Mary Ellen O'Shea	Mary Duffy Kathy Casterton Patricia Childress
9:15am	Kathy Hahn	Joe Wozniak Norene Koziatek Dan Storto
10:30am	Chris Schiffer	Deacon Jerry Dan Schiffer Lisa Lang

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Bonnie Costa, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Patty Kaczor, Bobbye Knief, Randy Olsen, Michael Ryan, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Ben Sister, Irene Steck, Georgianne Stralina, Mary Beth Tomaso, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Jenny & Baby Lily, Baby Zoe

Please contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 to continue to have sick relatives or friends included here.

GRANT UNTO THEM ETERNAL REST

May God bless them and keep them...

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Epiphany

January 4th & 5th All Masses Start the New Year blessed!

Epiphany blessing and chalk kits will be available in church, but we also invite you to contact the parish office and arrange a house blessing with Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul: (847) 979-0901.

Pray for Life

Come together to pray the Rosary & Novena for Life, January 16-24: 1/16 & 1/17 | 7pm SJE 1/18 | 8:45am QR 1/19 | 9am QR 1/20-1/24 | 7pm SJE

On Jan 22, we'll include a special prayer service for the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Let's unite in faith, hope and love for life!





FINDING GOD IN OUR GRIEF

Starting our Winter Season: January 16th at 2:30pm at SJE. Registration is required, due to the sensitive nature of discussions, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 to discover more.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 1 and 2, 2024, All Masses

Bring a candle to be blessed! Christ's light shines brighter than death, dispelling the darkness of the world. Let His light guide us always!

FAMILY RESOURCES & EVENTS

Gospel in Focus: January 12, 2025 After John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, God the Father affirms the identity of the Son, "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

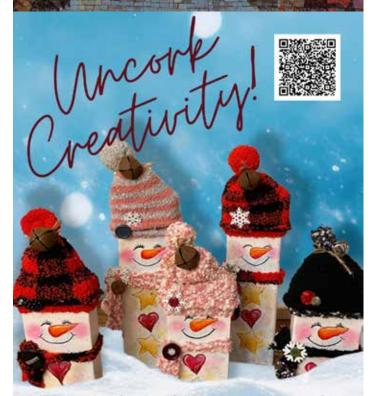
Discussion Questions

When you were baptized, you became a beloved child of God. How should we act everyday and treat others as children of God?

Imagine God the Father speaking these words over you. How does it make you feel?

How can we encourage one another in our individual gifts and abilities from God the Father?

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



Wine 'n Paint: Friday, January 17th 6:30pm | Shea Hall \$35 per person, RSVP by January 8th



Discover the difference of Catholic education during Catholic Schools Week, January 26– February 1, 2025! Join us for Mass, schedule a tour or shadow day and keep an eye out for upcoming details on exciting events. Come see why our Queen of the Rosary School is the place for your child to grow in faith, knowledge and community!

Our Queen of the Rosary School lobby became a Winter Wonderland this Advent, with each class decking out their very own Christmas tree! Even our Religious Ed students joined the festive fun, handcrafting ornaments for two special trees of their own.

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PARISH SCHOOL—QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL



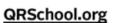
Our school's 65th anniversary year keeps getting better. Before Christmas break, our principal stepped into storytime. Mr. Andersen delighted Mrs. Ellefson's PS4 with a spirited reading of *I'm Not Scared, YOU'RE Scared*! Giggles and gasps filled the room as the students journeyed through the tale of courage and friendship. It was a heartwarming reminder that at Queen of the Rosary School, learning is an adventure filled with support, laughter and a sprinkle of bravery.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Minard's first-grade readers paged through their November reading goals like pros! Their reward? Pizza Hut gift certificates to fuel even more literary adventures. Sixty-five years of learning, growing and achieving—proof that Queen of the Rosary School is still serving up plenty of food for thought!

SAVE THE DATE!

Catholic Schools Week January 26 - February 1, 2025

Get ready for a whole week of faith, fun and learning as we come together to celebrate the joy and impact of Catholic education! Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss the excitement!





Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Your Stewardship Treasure returned to God for the support of our Parish ministries and His Church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Weeklly Offertory December 8, 2024	\$11, 944.00
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (Projected Rebate \$24,308)	\$89,333.00



This Christmas season, let's let our giving reflect the joy of our Lord's birth!

Our support keeps OLBS thriving as a place of worship, love and service.

Use the special envelope in your offertory packet or in Fr. Dan's Christmas Letter, or scan the code below to donate online. Our generosity makes a difference!



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BONUS FEATURE: LOOKING AHEAD

Our complete Christmas & Advent Schedule is available here:

olbsegv.org/christmas24/

If you have questions or need help, please do not hesitate to contact us:



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We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!





Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament **Youth Ministry visits Victory Centre** in Elk Grove Village to lead games and activities for residents approximately twice per month.

Watch parish weekly electronic newsletter and Mr. Van's e-mails for schedule or contact the parish office: (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 8, 2025 6:00pm St. Julian

Calling all Teens! If you are heading to CHWC this Summer, service is required, but all teens are welcome to help. *Mr. Van needs adult cookers also*.

Sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/ YMPasta_8Feb25#/





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!

BONUS FEATURE: MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT





Young Adult Ministry

If you're 18-39, find faith, friendship and fun through community events and spiritual growth!

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





Grounds & Environment

Help Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament shine. Let's create an inviting, prayerful space—from the parking lot to the altar.

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Book Club

Dive into engaging discussions on faithfilled and inspiring reads—let's share stories that uplift!

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Women's & Men's Groups

Build friendships and community with fellow parishioners. Come as you are and make it your own!

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Care Ministry

Bring Christ's presence through the Eucharist and compassionate visits to homebound parishioners.

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Journey of the Heart

Be a beacon of hope for the bereaved, helping them discover God's love through their grief.

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Bereavement

Walk with grieving families, offering compassion and guidance while planning funeral liturgies.

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Respect Life

Pray, advocate and witness for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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BONUS FEATURE: MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT





Liturgical Ministries

Proclaim God's Word, distribute the Eucharist or assist at the altar serve with joy and purpose!

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Prayer Shawl

Knit, crochet and craft comforting shawls, blankets and more wrapping others in warmth and prayer!

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Adult Faith Formation

Grow deeper in faith through Bible studies, Scripture discussions and more spiritual learning opportunities!

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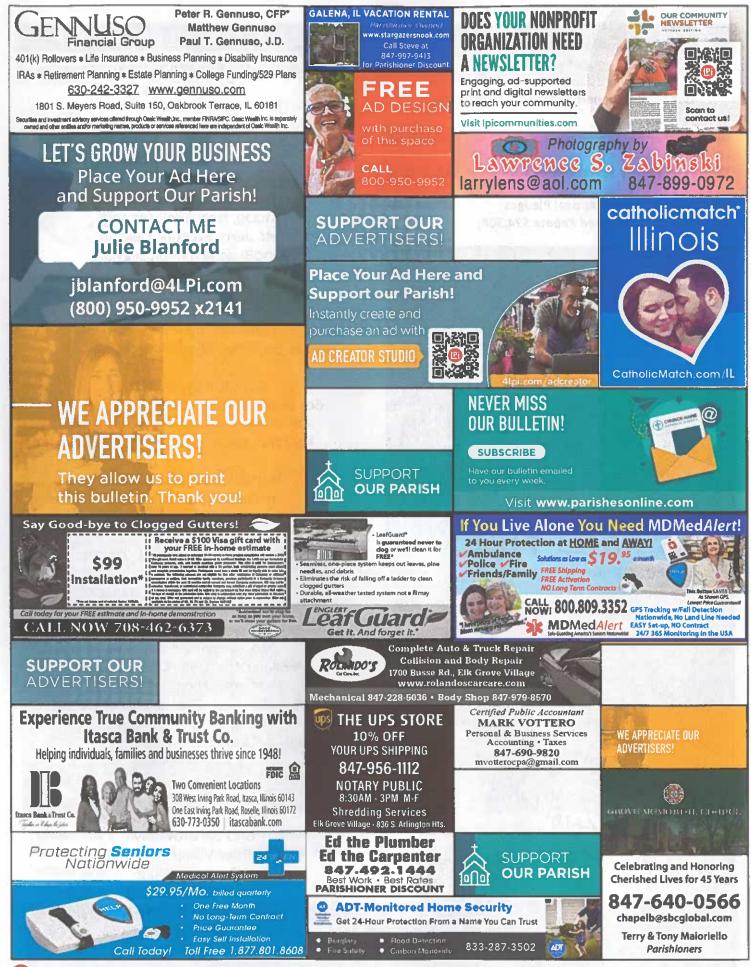


God's Work, Our Hands

There's something for everyone! Don't see your calling? Let's talk and explore how we can invite others to Christ—together!

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