



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 23, 2025

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY REFLECTION

Life, Love and Family: Here for One Another by Jim & Carol Styka

The Vance's February 16th "Lessons in Love" did a thorough job of emphasizing the importance of communication, keeping priorities straight, maintaining family traditions and the role of the parish in nourishing their spiritual life and fostering the social connection with other families.

Carol and I have enjoyed over 57 years of marriage since saying "I do" in 1967, moving from Chicago to Elk Grove Village in 1972. We were blessed to have four children who each found the right partner to successfully launch their own marriages and establish families which include ten grandchildren. The role of QR School and QR/OLBS parish played a pivotal role in helping to educate our children, giving them the background to establish their own approach to a positive Christian family life experience.

During the past two summers, grandchildren Katelyn and Christopher have each married the love of their life. In both cases, I was asked to open the wedding reception with a prayer and comments. This was an honor I took very seriously. In both cases, I congratulated the bride and groom on their special day and commented on why together they deserved to be the center of attention. Then I pointed out that starting the very next day, the focus of their lives needed to change. Each of them had the responsibility to help their spouse become the very best person they could possibly be. In fact, their biggest satisfaction in life should come from a selfless commitment to help their partner to follow their calling, personally and professionally, to grow in wisdom and thoughtfulness. This concern for one's partner will need to expand even further with the arrival of children. That's why Jesus looked so fondly upon married people, recognizing that they have a helper in all that life brings their way. Truly, God looks to us to assist one another in striving to be His hands and feet in this world, to be pilgrims in the journey of this life, to prepare us for the eternity He ultimately wants all of us to share in to the fullest extent possible.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the Appeal and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services and to extend a worldwide hand of help through Catholic Relief Services. It is our way to affirm the theme of this year's Appeal: **Together we bring hope**.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at: annualcatholicappeal.com.

A special benefit of the Appeal is that funds raised beyond our parish goal are returned to us as a rebate, which we use for special parish projects. Past rebates have helped fund sound systems, security cameras and vestibule screens at both Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian Eymard Churches. With last year's rebate, we will soon begin much-needed bathroom upgrades at both worship sites. This year, we plan to use our rebate to enhance the playground at our Queen of the Rosary site, a space enjoyed by both our parish and Queen of the Rosary School community. In addition to early childhood curriculum and recess while school is in session, our Religious Education ministry uses the playground for Totus Tuus and Marriage & Family Ministry for Pray & Play Sundays.

Your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for your support!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 24
8:15am (SJE)	+ Dan Showalter
Tuesday	February 25
8:15am (QR)	Elizabeth Juras
Wednesday	February 26
8:15am (SJE)	+ Joseph Albergo
Thursday	February 27
8:15am (QR)	+ Manuel Torres
Friday	February 28
8:15am (SJE)	+ Rosemary & Donald Ottenstein
Saturday 8:15am (QR)	March 1
5:00pm (SJE)	+ Tommy DeLorenzo, + Manuel Torres, + Raymond Jakimczyk, + Jerry Russell, + Diane Schuldt, + Elaine Taraszka
Sunday 8:00am (QR)	March 2 For the people of the parish
9:15am (SJE)	+ Joseph & Charlotte Gambino
10:30am (QR)	+ Sr. Lori Keen

MINISTRY & EVENTS



7:45am 8:00am 8:45am 2-5:00pm	Mon-Sat: Morning Prayer (Tele or App) Mon-Sat: Divine Mercy Prior to Mass Mon-Sat: Rosary Follows Mass Tue-Fri: Teen Center Hours
Monday	February 24
Tuesday 9:15am 7:00pm	February 25 Tues Morn Scripture Group (SJE Shea Hall) Rosary Group (SJE)
Wednesday 8:15am 1:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	February 26 Adoration begins with daily Mass (SJE) Prayer Shawl Ministry (SJE Shea Hall) Divine Mercy Prayer (SJE) Confessions (SJE) Bell Choir Practice (QR) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Thursday 7:00pm	February 27 Adult Education (SJE Rooms 11/12) Choir (QR)
Friday 7:30pm	February 28 AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Saturday 8:15am 12:00pm	March 1 Adoration and First Saturday devotions begin with daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)
Sunday 10:30am 6:00pm	March 2 Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR) OCIA (QR Vestibule)

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 1/2

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Kathy Casterton	Ron Mattey Rich Bellis Bob Lester
8:00am	Ian Padua	Deacon Jerry Judi Necek Elizabeth Luong
9:15am	Paul Rettberg	Virginia Vogt Joyce Leach Joe Wozniak
10:30am	Diane Ambrose	Susan Tremko Carol Styka Norene Koziatek

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Bonnie Costa, James Edfor, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Elizabeth Juras, Bobbye Knief, Gordon & Carol Lah, Kim O'Connor, Randy Olsen, Bill Piscitello, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Irene Steck, Mary Beth Tomaso, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Marge Yackem, Fay Zalecki, Jenny & Baby Lily, Baby Zoe, Pope Francis

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...

Myrtle Myers, Orquidea Hernandez, Barbara Moore, Cecylia Danek, Martin Kane

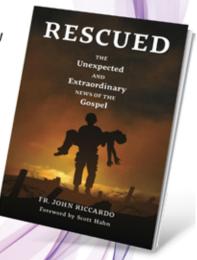
Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Using Fr. John Riccardo's powerful book, Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel, let's start meaningful discussions about seeing the world through God's lens and discovering our role in His good plan.

Scan the code below to sign up for a Lenten Small Group today! Books will be provided.









March for Life March 25 | Springfield, Illinois bus departs from SJE at 8:30am

Let's stand for a culture that honors life from conception to natural death at this year's March!



Scan the code to save your seat on the bus!

FAMILY RESOURCES & EVENTS

Gospel in Focus: March 2, 2025
Jesus teaches His disciples about humility in dealing with others. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."
Luke 6:43

Discussion Questions

Today's Gospel reminds us to discern our own actions rather than condemning others. Looking at this past week, have I fallen into this habit?

Jesus says "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What does this mean to you?

How can you treat others in a way that would please Jesus? What "good fruit" do we have to offer others this week?

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

Stations & Supper

3/7/25 | 5 | 6 | 6:30pm QR
Parents Club Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm (Gym)

"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

2025 Ash Wednesday Schedule Wednesday, March 5th (w/distribution of Ashes)

6:30am Word Service at QR

8:15am Mass of the Day at SJE

11:00am to 1:00pm Drive-Up in front of Tasty Catering (1900 Touhy, Elk Grove Village)

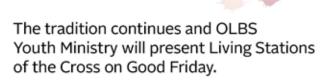
12:15pm Word Service at SJE

4:00pm Evening Mass at SJE

7:00pm Evening Mass at QR

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 | 7pm St. Julian Eymard Church



Rehearsals begin **March 9, 2025** and will continue **on Sundays at 3pm** at St. Julian Eymard until April 13th.

Questions? Please contact Mr. Van at (847) 979-0901 x1006 or MrVan@olbsegv.org.

PARISH SCHOOL—QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL



Faith ROARS at Adoration! As we celebrate 65 years of faith, learning and community, our Queen of the Rosary School continues to nurture hearts that are on fire for Christ! This past week, our students had the opportunity to spend some quiet time with Jesus in Adoration, pausing in the midst of their busy school days to reflect, pray and grow in faith.

Leading the way with courage and conviction, our 8th Graders guided their 6th Grade classmates in the Rosary, showing that faith isn't just something we practice, it's something we pass on!



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Get Your Tickets! Purchase individually or grab your crew and reserve a table for a full house of fun.

Donate to Wine 'n Dine! We're collecting bottles of wine and restaurant gift cards (\$25+ value) to up the ante on our raffles. (Drop off at the school or parish office.)

Be a Sponsor! Own a business? Know someone who does? Sponsorships come with big perks! Scan the code to signup or discover more!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Offertory February 9, 2025	\$9,058.00
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (You should have received mail-in envelopes. Commitment weekend is 2/23/25. Thanks for your generosity!)	\$





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Worship Sites

Queen of the Rosary Church (QR) 750 W. Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove Village

St. Julian Eymard Church (SJE) 601 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village *Office Hours*

M/W 9am-5pm; Tu/Th 10am-6pm; F 9am-Noon

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BONUS FEATURE: LOOKING AHEAD





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.





Book Club

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

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

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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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Respect Life

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

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Proclaim God's Word, distribute the Eucharist or assist at the altarserve 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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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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