

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

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
—Matthew 1:23*



Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 21, 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.

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As we prepare to **celebrate the birth of our Lord this week**, I am grateful for these past months and my first Advent and Christmas season here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. When I arrived this summer, I shared how much I value having open office hours—what I like to call my “ministry of presence.” I hoped to be available, to listen, and to walk with you. What has moved me is how you have shown me the presence of Christ through the way you serve, care, pray, and lift one another up.

This year has not been without challenges. Many families are feeling the strain of rising costs for food, gas, and everyday essentials. The uncertainty brought on by the government shutdown and increased immigration enforcement activity has added stress and worry to many households. Yet in the midst of these heavy concerns, our **parish has responded**, not with fear, but **with courage, compassion, and generosity**.

It has been a joy to witness my first **Season for Giving**, and to see the heart of this community. Whether through **Christmas Angels** who adopted families in need, the **Christmas Elves** who filled stockings with joy, the **WINGS Pantry Drive** supporting survivors of domestic abuse, the end-of-year **blood drive**, or our **Oh, SNAP! Food Drive** supporting both the local Food Pantry and Catholic Charities—your response has shown what it means to “be Christ” to one another.

One of Advent’s highlights was experiencing our **Queen of the Rosary School’s Winter Wonderland** for the first time and seeing the students’ enthusiastic contributions to the Oh, SNAP! Food Drive. Watching those **gifts pile up beneath the decorated trees** reminded me that **generosity is learned early and carried forward through life**.

I have also come to appreciate the quiet strength of our parish’s ongoing ministries. Our **Bereavement Ministry** surrounds grieving families with compassion during difficult times. Our **Care Ministry** brings the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, and also helps make possible our monthly Mass at Victory Centre, offering comfort and connection to those who may feel isolated. In these moments, I have experienced your faith and your love for one another.

Shepherding a **parish rooted in service** has reminded me of the **true meaning of Christmas**. Christ first came to us as an infant, vulnerable and small, reminding us that God’s greatest gifts often arrive in the humblest of forms. Our parish emulates this in how we have chosen to **be present to one another** through acts of mercy, generosity, and care.

Whether you are traveling to be with loved ones or staying here in the parish this year, please **know of my continued prayers for you**. May the **peace of the Christ Child fill your homes and hearts**. And may you enjoy a **happy, healthy, and safe Christmas season**.

Merry Christmas and God bless you, Fr. Arthur

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:15am (SJE)	December 22 + Peter & Dorothy Shianna
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	December 23 + Peter & Dorothy Shianna, + Mary Ann D'amato
Wednesday 3:00pm (QR) 5:00pm (SJE) 10:00pm (SJE)	December 24 Leach family, Joseph Umberto D'Angelo For the people of the parish Martha Lee Beck, + Clinton Bliss, + Mary Bliss, + Steven Bliss
Thursday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	December 25 For the people of the parish For the people of the parish + Filippo Brunetti, + Jean M. and Nunzio Truppa
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	December 26 + Irene & Jan Kopaczewski, + Oscar Meyer, + Brent Lindorfer, + Karen Fidler
Saturday 8:15am (QR) 5:00pm (SJE)	December 27 + Irene & Jan Kopaczewski, Deceased members of Vonderheide family
Sunday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	December 28 + Irene & Jan Kopaczewski, + Tony Faassen, + Art Christenson, + Mr. & Mrs. Owen Kelly, + Sophia Prestia, + Karen Fidler For the people of the parish + Barbara Burke

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 7:00pm	December 22 Choir Rehearsal (SJE)
Tuesday 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	December 23 Christmas Chair Setup (QR) Christmas Chair Setup (SJE) Weekly Rosary (SJE)
Wednesday 7:30pm	December 24 Merry Christmas! Parish Office Closed. Please refer to Mass schedule. AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Thursday 9:30pm	December 25 Merry Christmas! Parish Office Closed. Please refer to Mass schedule. Program of Carols (SJE)
Friday 7:30pm	December 26 Parish Office Closed. AA/Al Anon (SJE Ministry Center)
Saturday 8:15am Noon	December 27 Adoration begins w/Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)
Sunday	December 28 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



December 27/28

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm Fr. Art	John Finn	Linda Fink Nenita Lucero Ron Matthey
8:00am	Donna Tognocchi	Paul Tognocchi Julie Beesley Mary Duffy
9:15am Fr. Art	Dave Cattapan	Deacon Jerry Joyce Leach Lisa Lang
10:30am	Donna McGuire	Diane Ambrose Charles Glomski Susan Tremko

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Rosemary Beatty, Richard Conrad, Johnny Cogill, Than Van Faughn, Haley & Marilyn Foss, Eileen & Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Michael Grear, Victoria Grzesiakowski, Mayor Craig Johnson, Gordon Lah, Edward Lang, Eileen Meyer, Amy Norbot, Debby Novoryta, Randy Olsen, Gail Quick, John Schneider, William Seiwert, Eileen Showalter, Thomas Smith, Tilla Tillnon, Mary Beth Tomaso, Luis Alfredo Villacress, Jackie Vrtis, Marge Yackem, Ben's Sister

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...
Jeanne Roller, Eileen Frey

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Come experience the joy of the season and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with us this Christmas! Bring your family, invite your friends, and remember—we'll be welcoming you at both Queen of the Rosary Church (QR), next to Rainbow Falls, and St. Julian Eymard Church (SJE), across from the hospital.

Christmas Eve

3:00pm QR

5:00pm SJE

10:00pm SJE

Program of Carols begins at 9:30pm

Christmas Day

8:00am QR

9:15am SJE

10:30am QR



Let's Do Lunch...and Learn!

OLBS Prayer Shawl Ministry is excited to treat our 65+ community to a free, fun, and delicious Luncheon coming sometime after Easter 2026! Before we set the date, we're gauging interest—so if you'd love to join us for great food and even better company, let us know!

Scan the code or visit [signupgenius.com/go/904054DADAC2CA7F49-60942127-lunchand#/
/](https://signupgenius.com/go/904054DADAC2CA7F49-60942127-lunchand#/)



Become a Minister of Care

A one-day Minister of Care training is being offered on **Saturday, January 31** at AdventHealth LaGrange Hospital (5101 Willow Springs Rd, LaGrange), and it's open to anyone across the Archdiocese who feels called to serve. Ministers of Care bring the comfort of Christ in the Eucharist to the sick and homebound—a powerful and grace-filled ministry of compassion. If you're interested in becoming a Care Minister, please contact the parish office for more details.

If we have a few folks attending Care Ministry training, there may even be a chance to carpool together for a fun, shared ride!



"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8

Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join us at **7:00 PM on January 19th**, at the Office of the Diaconate, 816 Marengo, Forest Park, IL.

For more information and to register, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.

Gospel in Focus: December 28, 2025
In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod. "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt."
—Matthew 2:13

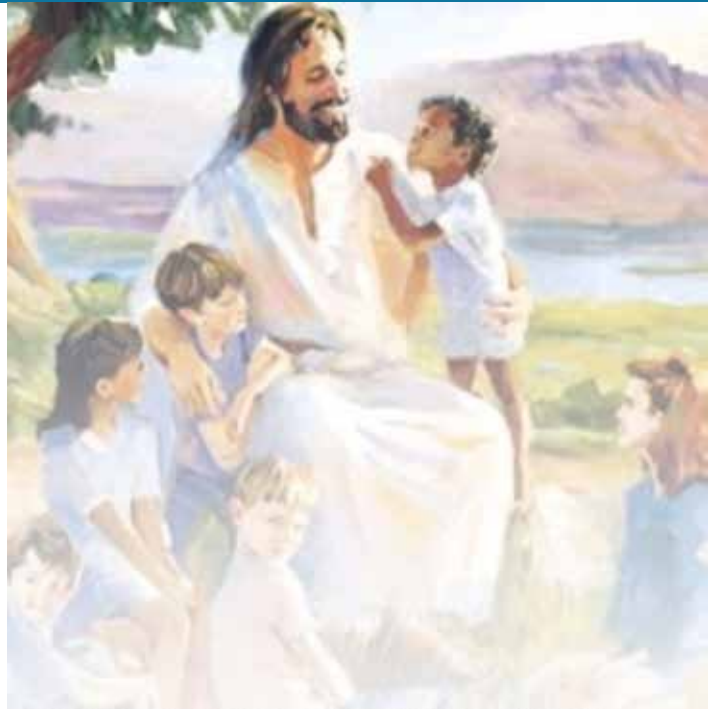
Discussion Questions

After Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to leave home and travel to a new place, how do you think they grew closer and learned to love each other even more?

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph each have a special role in the Holy family. What can their different roles teach us about the special part each of us has in our own family?

Joseph protected Jesus and kept Him safe. How does our own family keep us safe and teach us what it means to truly care for one another?

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take a break for the Nativity of the Lord and the Solemnity of Mary. CLW will resume in the new year on January 4th at SJE at 9:15am!



Wine 'n Paint: Friday, January 16th
(If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, January 23rd)
6:30pm | Shea Hall
\$20 per person, RSVP by January 4th
Sponsored by Women's Club, all are invited to join the fun!

Are you thrilled with your child's education?
If not... come see what you're missing!

Queen of the Rosary School: Where faith and learning feel like home! **PAWS UP!** 

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 25, 2026
immediately following 10:30am Mass





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Christmas joy is bursting all over Queen of the Rosary School! From festive treats and creative crafts to cozy outfits and sparkling decorations, our students are soaking up every bit of holiday fun. As we near the end of the Advent season, we're feeling hopeful, excited, and ready for all the wonderful things ahead at QR.

If you—or anyone you know—would like to tour our school or enjoy a shadow day with one of our classes, please reach out. We love welcoming new families and sharing all the good happening here. Merry Christmas!



If you'd like to learn more about our school, we'd love to connect!



PAWS UP!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT


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<i>Weekly Offertory Goal</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>
In-pew/Mail-in Offertory Dec 7, 2025 (<i>Sunday Attendance: 828, more snow!</i>)	\$10,410.00
Queen of the Rosary School Support	\$415.00
Votive Candles	\$161.00
Christmas Flowers	\$250.00
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (<i>Projected Rebate \$35,000</i>)	\$97,745.00

Pray, Donate or Volunteer to help us launch Alpha at OLBS!

Donate: 

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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. Arthur's Christmas Letter, or scan the code below to donate online. Our generosity makes a difference!



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BONUS FEATURE: LOOKING AHEAD



December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.



February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



March is dedicated to St. Joseph.



Young Adult Ministry

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

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Book Club

Dive into engaging discussions on faith-filled 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.

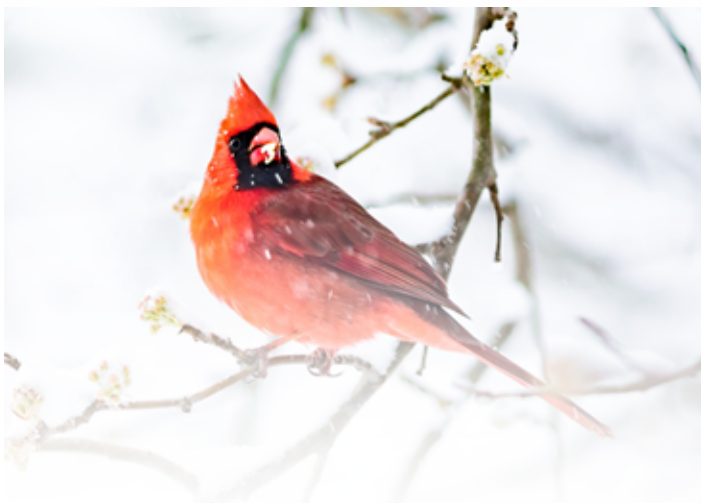
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Bereavement

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

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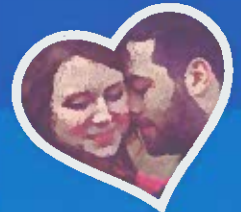
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