

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



*This is my beloved Son with
whom I am well pleased. —Matthew 3:17*

Baptism of the Lord | January 11, 2026

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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On this Sunday, the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, we bring the Christmas season to a close and step once again into Ordinary Time—though what we celebrate today is anything but ordinary. In Matthew's Gospel, we are invited to the banks of the Jordan River, where Jesus approaches John to be baptized. As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice resounds: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (*Matthew 3:17*)

Those words are not spoken only over Jesus. Through our own baptism, they are spoken over each of us.

At baptism, we are claimed, named, and sent. Claimed as beloved sons and daughters of God. Named as members of Christ's Body. Sent to live not for ourselves alone, but for the life of the world. Baptism is not simply a moment in the past; it is a lifelong identity and mission. It reminds us who we are—and whose we are.

As we begin this new year, this feast invites us to reflect on how we are living out our baptism here and now, especially as we continue our parish theme of Companions on the Journey and campaign: Being the Hands of Christ: A Parish of Service. If Christ is made known in the world today, it is through the hands, hearts, voices, and actions of His disciples. Through us.

Jesus did not need baptism for repentance, yet He entered the waters in solidarity with humanity. In doing so, He sanctified the waters—and He showed us that love is always expressed through humility, service, and self-gift. To be baptized into Christ means to follow Him into that same loving service. A parish, too, is not an abstract idea or a building of brick and stone. It is a living body made up of individuals who choose, day by day, to show up, to pray, to serve, and to love.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may we remember that **we are beloved**—and may that knowledge **move us to action**. Strengthened by the Spirit and confident in the Father's delight, let us renew our commitment to **be the Hands of Christ for one another, for our parish, and for the world God so loves**.

As we look ahead to the year before us, it is worth pausing to ask: **What are we helping to build at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish?** As a way of grounding ourselves in that question, we share this **Parishioner's Prayer**:

*My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled these things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate
myself to the task of being all things that I want
my parish to be. Amen.*



"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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:15am (SJE)	January 12 Eva Alvarez
Tuesday 8:15am (QR) 1:40pm (QR)	January 13 Theodora Kokosioulis Queen of the Rosary School Mass
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	January 14
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	January 15
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	January 16
Saturday 8:15am (QR) 5:00pm (SJE)	January 17 For the people of the parish
Sunday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	January 18 + Peter & Dorothy Shianna, + Aaron Gates + Diane Gambino Loup, + Connie Ann Freda, + Velia DeSalvo, + Maryanne Capron For the people of the parish

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 9:00am 6:30pm	January 12 Cougar Cubs Morning (QR School) Baptism Preparation (SJE Shea Hall)
Tuesday 7:00pm 7:30pm	January 13 Weekly Rosary (SJE) Respect Life Ministry (SJE)
Wednesday 8:15am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	January 14 Adoration begins w/Daily Mass (SJE) Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE) Confessions (SJE) Bible Timeline (SJE Shea Hall) Bell Choir (QR) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Thursday 7:00pm	January 15 Choir Rehearsal (SJE)
Friday 6:30pm 7:30pm	January 16 Wine 'n Paint Night (SJE Shea Hall) AA/Al Anon (SJE Ministry Center)
Saturday 8:15am 9:00am Noon 6:30pm	January 17 Adoration begins w/Daily Mass (QR) Prayer Shawl Ministry (SJE Shea Hall) Reconciliation (QR) Trivia Night (QR School)
Sunday 10:30am	January 18 Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



January 17/18

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Bob Lester	Linda Fink Nenita Lucero Rich Bellis
8:00am Fr. Erwin Dela Cruz	Ian Padua	Deacon Jerry Patricia Childress Mary Duffy
9:15am	Judy Lorch	Kathy Casterton Dan Storto Theresa Storto
10:30am Fr. Erwin Dela Cruz	Patty Cortese	Carol Styka Donna McGuire Diane Ambrose



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Terry Bauer, Rosemary Beatty, Richard Conrad, Johnny Cogill, Than Van Faughn, Haley & Marilyn Foss, Eileen & Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Michael Grear, Victoria Grzesiakowski, Mayor Craig Johnson, Edward Lang, Laura Tate McCarthy, Eileen Meyer, Alice Mulholland, 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...

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Mass for Life

Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 7pm
St. Julian Eymard Church

Join us for a special Mass on the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade as we unite in prayer for an end to abortion and the protection of every precious life.



9 Days for Life Novena
begins at Rosary on
Tuesday, January 13th
at 7pm (SJE).

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!

Men's Group Pizza Night

Friday, January 23 | 6pm
Moretti's Mount Prospect
1799 S. Busse Road



Grace Night of Prayer

Sunday, February 1 | 6pm
St. Julian Eymard Church

Struggling with mental health, or walking alongside someone who is? Join us for a peaceful evening of prayer, reflection, and hope. Come as you are and experience God's grace and comfort.



Gospel In Focus: January 18, 2026

John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. *"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."* —John 1:34

Discussion Questions


Share a time when you were really excited to tell others about something important to you. How did you feel? How did they receive it?

Share a time when someone talked to you about Jesus. How did you receive it?

What holds us back from sharing Jesus with others? What do you think God says to that?

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

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



Saturday, January 17th

QR School Gym

- Doors Open: 6:00 PM
- Trivia Begins: 6:30 PM
- Cost: \$10 per person
- Registration: Individual or Team (up to 8 members)

Scan the code to register online, download registration from eNews or contact the parish office.



Family Night at Chicago Wolves

Saturday, January 31 | Puck Drop 7pm
 Allstate Arena

Scan the code to reserve your seat for a fun night of hockey when the Wolves take on the Grand Rapids Griffins. Tickets are \$21.05/each and include a Chicago Wolves knit cap!





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*Where faith and learning
feel like home.*

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are filled with joy to be back at school after a truly revitalizing break. This beautiful feast reminds us of our shared call to grow in faith, community, and love—values that are at the heart of our Catholic school. What sets Catholic education apart is the strong sense of family and belonging; our school is more than a place of learning, it is a true home. With small class sizes and personal attention, each child is known, loved, and supported. We warmly invite families to come see what makes our community so special at our Open House on January 25, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We look forward to welcoming you!



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



PAWS UP!

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 Goal	\$14,000
In-pew/Mail-in Offertory Dec 21, 2025 (Sunday Attendance: 1052)	\$10,549.00
Christmas 2025 (Attendance: 2,004)	\$73,526.00
In-pew/Mail-in Offertory Dec 28, 2025 (Sunday Attendance: 1002)	\$9,071.00
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (Projected Rebate \$35,000)	\$97,745.00

Thank You for Supporting OLBS in 2025!

Our parish office is preparing **year-end donation statements** for tax purposes!

Statements will be **sent out by the end of January** for donors whose **contributions totaled \$250 or more.**

Have questions or need a statement? Contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901.

We're happy to help!

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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.



April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament.



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

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

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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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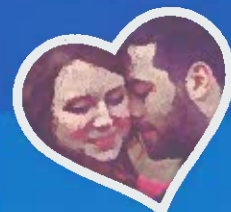
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