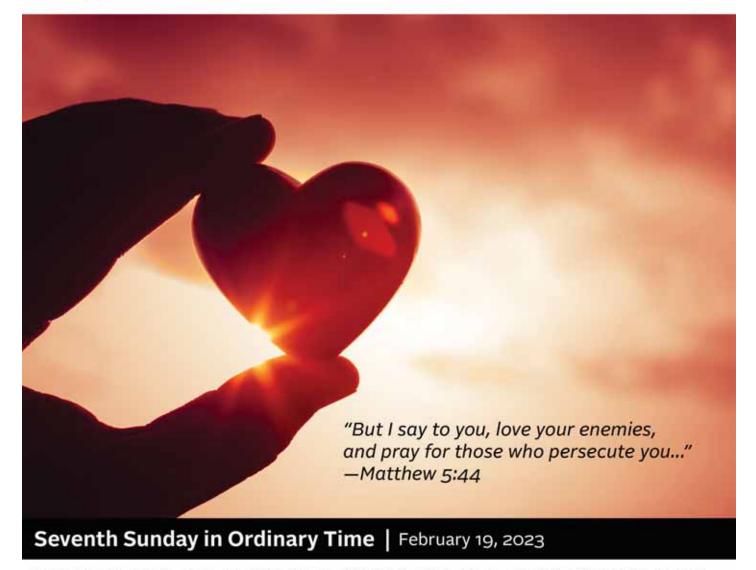
Sat: 5:00pm (SJE) | Sun: 8:00am/10;30am (QR) | 9:15am (SJE) Daily: 8:15am M/W/F (SJE) | Tu/Th/Sa (QR) Reconciliation: Wed 7:00pm (QR) | Sat 12:00pm (SJE) — Check schedule for holy days of obligation/holidays.





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.

#### Be Like Jesus...

Last Sunday we celebrated what is called: "World Marriage Day." We decided to celebrate it in a very particular way in our parish, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. It was the day of the 50th, 60th, and 70th marriage anniversary of some of our parishioners. It is an important event in every life: 50, 60, 70, and more years of marriage, one close to the other. The spouses (33 couples!) were surrounded by their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and all of us as parishioners for a day of thanksgiving and celebration. We surrounded and accompanied them with friendship, affection and prayers. Let us again give thanks to God for all his wonders.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus speaking to us with the very authority of God. He focuses on two weak points: the instinct for violence and revenge. We are often surrounded by people who are not necessarily friendly, and we have trouble loving everyone. We have trouble forgiving; how can we love those who persecute us and make us suffer? And yet, it is this path that Jesus took for our salvation. In one of his homilies, Pope Francis dwelt on the difficulty of loving his enemies. And he wondered how it is possible to love and forgive.

"We too have enemies... some are weak, others strong. We too sometimes become the enemies of others; we do not love them. Jesus tells us that we must love our enemies." (Pope Francis) Yes, but how can we love those who, for the sake of money, do not make affordable medicine for those who need it and let them die? How can we love people who seek only their material interests and do so much harm?

Yes, how can we do that? We indeed feel power-less and destitute. Today, Jesus invites us to turn to the Father: he makes the sun rise on the good and the bad. He wants everyone to be enlightened. His love is for all; this love is for the good and the wicked ones. Saint Paul, who persecuted Christians, allowed himself to be transformed by this love.

Jesus ends his preaching with this word: "Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." We are all called to imitate the perfection of the Father in the perfection of love. Jesus shows us the way: he has forgiven his enemies; he does everything to forgive them. He is full of kindness when he receives Judas at the Mount of Olives while some disciples think of revenge. We hear that revenge is a dish best served cold. But it is not Christian thinking so; it is contrary to the Gospel. Today Christ asks us to love our enemies. How can we do this? He gives us the answer: "Pray, pray for your enemies." The prayer works miracles.

To love as Jesus loved is to forgive as he forgave those who made him die; it is to stop by to hear the cry of the suffering one as he did for the beggar whom everyone wanted to silence; it is to look without judging as he did for the sinners he met; it is to take the time of prayer to recharge oneself at the source of Love.

We sometimes sing, "What Wondrous Love is This." But from experience, we know that it is difficult to love, especially in the way of the Gospel. The Eucharist that we celebrate each day is a reminder of Christ's love for us. May He help us to remain in this love and to live it every day. Yes, Lord, make us peacemakers, artisans of love.

Your Brother, Louis. M.



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Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Mary Jan Cimino	Ray Bauer Virginia Vogt
8:00am	Kathy Hahn	Julie Beesley Mary Duffy Kathy Casterton
9:15am	Paul Rettberg	Deacon Jerry Joyce Leach Dan Storto
10:30am	Bill Piscitello	Bill Vance Karen Vance Norene Koziatek

To sign up to help at any of our Ash Wednesday services on February 22, 2023, please sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/ashwed23#/

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday 8:15am (SJE)	February 20 + Mary & Bruno Fondriest	
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:15am (QR)	February 21 + Mike Martinez, + Norma Rainda, + Sam Realmutto	
Wednesday 6:30am (QR) 8:15am (SJE) 12:15pm (SJE) 4:00pm (SJE) 7:00pm (SJE)	February 22 Word Service + Mike Martinez Word Service Mass Mass	
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	February 23 + Mike Martinez	
<u>Friday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	February 24 + Ronald Ostrega	
Saturday 8:15am (QR)	February 25 + Mike Martinez	
5:00pm (SJE)	+ Nancy Freeman	
Sunday 8:00am (QR)	February 26 For the people of the parish	
9:15am (SJE)	+ Joseph & Genevieve McGinty, + Tony & Elena DiCrescenzo, + Ralph Anthony Freda, + Josephine & Charlotte Gambino, + Diane Gambino Loup, + Kathy Grear Vlamis	
10:30am (QR)	+ Robert Schott	

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR		
7:45am	Daily Mon-Sat Morning Prayer (Telephone or App)	
<u>Monday</u>	February 20	
Tuesday 9:30am 7:00pm	February 21 Tuesday Morning Group (SJE Shea Hall) Rosary Group (SJE) Finance Council (SJE Shea Hall)	
Wednesday 11:00am 2:45pm 7:00pm	February 22 Drive-Up Ashes (in front of Tasty Catering) Kids Choir Rehearsal (QR Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJE)	
Thursday 7:00pm 7:30pm	February 23 The Case for Jesus (Zoom) Bell Choir (QR)	
Friday 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	February 24 Spaghetti Supper 1st Seating (QR School) Stations of the Cross (QR) Spaghetti Supper 2nd Seasting (QR School) AA (SJE)	
Saturday 9:00am 10:00am Noon	February 25 Prayer Shawl (SJE Classrooms) RE First Reconciliation Service (SJE) Reconciliation (SJE)	
Sunday 9:15am	February 26 Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJE)	

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Delphine Behrmann, Joan Butzen, Contreras family, Cook family, Karyn Cousin, Arlene Figlia, Herbert Fink, Frances Gascon, Sandy Gran, Richard Groves, Peter Hadler, Charles Hall, John Kuhlman, Delores Lauschke, Michelle Markech, Rhonda Mattey, Charlotte McNamara, Morlier family, Mary Raimondo, Sam Realmuto, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Verne & Mary Semrau, Linda Sink, Jackie Vrtis, Helena Wermuth

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.

#### **GRANT UNTO THEM ETERNAL REST**

#### **Grant Unto Them Eternal Rest...**

Patricia Sharpitis, Richard O'Young, Charles & Jill Barthel, Fred Kubas

Please continue to pray for all lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

2023 Ash Wednesday Schedule Wednesday, February 22nd (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 Thursday, March 2nd 5:00-6:30pm If you are able to help shop, cook, prep or pack, please sign up here signupgenius.com/go/winter23-Mar2



It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute anonymous survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



#### **STATIONS** AND SUPPER

Join us each Friday during Lent to walk the Way of the Cross. Each week a different ministry will lead the Stations of the Cross at 6pm, and then host a light Lenten Supper.

On **Friday, February 24** our Queen of the Rosary School will host Stations and serve a Lenten spaghetti dinner. There will be 2 seatings for this supper (this week only):

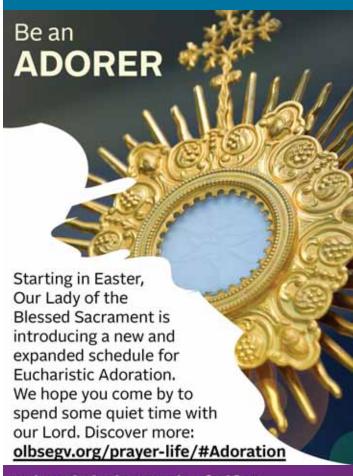
5:00pm Before Stations 6:00pm Stations 6:30pm After Stations

Purchase tickets: e.givesmart.com/ events/vfg/

Bishop Grob and members of YAM NW will also join us on 2/24!



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



"The Christian Path of Life" Spanish Language Lenten Retreat

When: Saturday, February 25, 2023 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration: 8:30 am—no lunch

Place: Parish of St. Joseph the Worker 181 W. Dundee Rd. Wheeling, IL 60004

In Bonner Hall

Facilitator: Dr. Ricardo López, PhD

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#### Gospel In Focus: February 19, 2023

Jesus tells us we need to love others, even our enemies and those who wrong us... "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." —Matthew 5:44

#### **Discussion Questions**

Who can be hard to love for you? Why?

Share a time when you were persecuted.

Pray together as a family for those who have persecuted each of you.

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

#### Gospel In Focus: Ash Wednesday, 2023

Be sincere in prayer and fasting, without boasting about what you're doing... "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

—Matthew 6:6

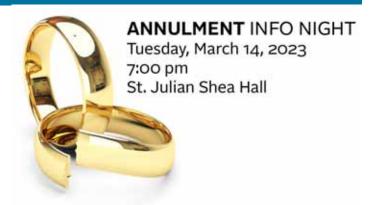
#### **Discussion Questions**

What are you doing for Lent?

What can we do as a family for Lent?

How do we balance Jesus' call to pray and fast in secret with being a shining light, a city on a hill?

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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**

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#### Discover more:

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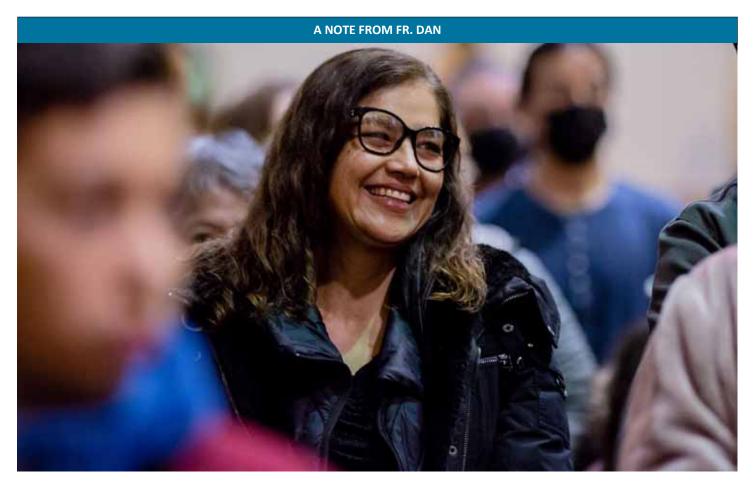
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Dear Parishioners,

I am very excited that this Lent we are inviting everyone to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament! The survey opens this week on Ash Wednesday and will remain open until March 31.

Please participate so our parish can better support you on your spiritual journey as a Catholic, and gauge where our parish needs to focus its energies on building up our community.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Go to <a href="mailto:portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g412d4">portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g412d4</a> to complete the survey. If you prefer a paper copy:

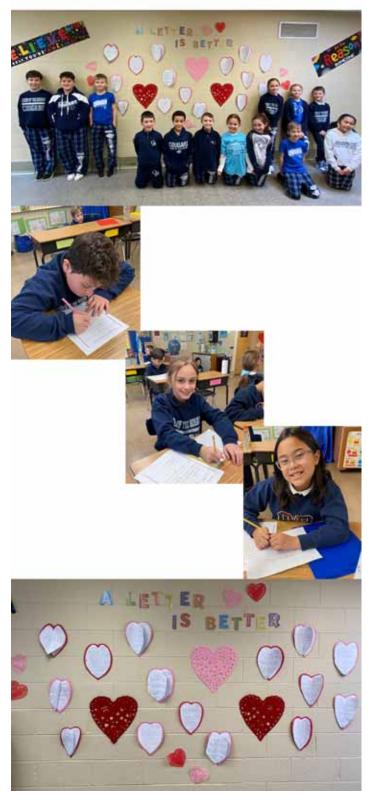
- You may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. Ask a greeter/usher or stop in the parish office to pick up your paper copy.
- Alternately, you may download a printable version of the survey from the eNews or by visiting: olbsegv.org/dmi23.
- To submit a completed paper survey, please drop off or mail to the parish office by March 23, 2023:
   ATTN: DMI, 601 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
- To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Mary Ellen Ottenstein at (847) 979-0901 x1007 or maryellen@olbsegv.org.

The survey only takes 10-15 minutes to complete but the results will help us for years as we plan and resource our ministries for the future. Additional details may be found at <a href="https://oliver.com/oliv

Thank you for helping Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish! —Fr. Dan Folwaczny, Pastor

#### QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL REPORT

The third grade has been busy using their writing skills. They created Valentine appreciation essays for the helpers of our school and parish. We really appreciate them all. Happy Valentine's Day!







#### **YOUTH FORMATION**

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Presents



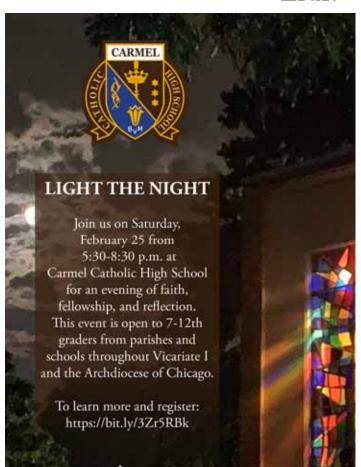
# WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

#### St. Bakhita Youth Video Contest Deadline for Submission is March 31, 2023

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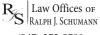
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