

MOTHER'S DAY
**WE ARE
NURTURED
IN LOVE**



MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

May 12, 2024

The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

Notes on the Scripture

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus goes to the Father, but as he ascends to heaven, he is entrusting his ministry and work to this diverse group of men and women whom we call “the Church”. He says: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”. You can see where all this is heading, can’t you? The work is not finished. Volunteers are needed to spread the Good News in a world that sometimes can seem far from the kingdom of God. Men and women, young and old, clergy and lay – it is from this group that the disciples of Jesus will be taken. It is us, **WE** need to continue the mission of Jesus here on earth. How do we witness to our faith?

Mother’s Day

Today we celebrate Mother’s Day, we remember our mothers and all those who have mothered us on our journeys to God. Happy Mother’s Day to All Moms!!!

Loving God,
as we celebrate Mother’s Day
we ask You to bless our mothers,
that they may be strengthened by your grace.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Mary Mother of God

May, in a special way, is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. We try to honor her in different ways and through different prayers. Growing up, we used to gather as family and neighbors, to sing the Litany of Mary every day of May. Let us continue to praise God through Mary. (Our May Crowning is on May 13th as part of our morning Mass)

Priesthood

The month of May is always very busy: First Communions, Graduations, Weddings and also Priesthood Ordinations. Next week, Cardinal Cupich will ordain new priests for our local church. It is my 18th anniversary, 5th for Fr. Jay, 28th for Fr. Rich and 55th for Fr. Ed. As we give thanks to God for those wonderful vocations, we also want to pray and encourage more people to consider religious life and priesthood. It really is a great vocation!!!



Pew Project Update

Our pews are finally here. I know it took a lot of time, but they are beautiful and it is good to be back in the church. However, the job is not finished yet. We still need some kneelers in two different sections and those should be in by the end of May. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend (Please visit the Ministry Scheduler for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer)

	Saturday, 5:00 PM May 18	Sunday, 8:00 AM May 19	Sunday, 10:00 AM May 19	Sunday, 12:00 PM May 19
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Ed Upton
Deacon	Timothy McCormick	Michael Pindelski	Brian Whiteford	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Adrienne Wieczorek	Olga Bartell	Marjorie Curran	Jean Nielsen
Lector	Kim Reid (1) Martin Terpstra (2)	Sr. Gael Gensler (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Rich Becker (1) Regina Knapp (2)	Martha Jaquez (1) Lee Trimble (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Lisa Kacerovskis Lorraine Martenson Timothy McCormick Maureen Niswonger Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko Mary Ann Smith Fr. Jay Suero	Harriet Antkiewicz Olga Bartell Lauren Fixel Daniel Fixel Patricia Grasso Ray Narbone Michael Pindelski Rev. Rich Young	Michael Curran Rosemary Januszyk Betty Kameron Marilyn Nelson Frank Scellato Rev. Artur Sowa Brian Whiteford Rosemary Zielinski	Robert Carlo Gerardo L. Garcia Mike Kiley Jean Nielsen Nancy Palacz Denise Sorpassa Rev. Ed Upton Jeannine Witowski
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Max Meyer (sub req.) NOT FILLED	Zach Fixel Adelyn Mroz NOT FILLED	Grace Geghen Amanda Mackowiak Brianna Reynolds (sub req.)	Sofia Alvarez Lagunas (sub req.) Aiden Lempa (sub req.) NOT FILLED
Usher	Teri Sankey (HU) Jim Arzbaeher Cathy Arzbaeher	Gregory Fifer (HU) Roger Malinowski James Pedersen	Janice Ota (HU) Wayne Kameron Keith Nelson	Susan Campagna (HU) Laura Tucco John Glass
Greeter	Renee Farrell Lisa Kacerovskis	Harriet Antkiewicz Lynne Sparks	Gabby Bach Pat Depcik	Mary Jo Noreikis Denise Sorpassa

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day)
Helping Hands Baby Bottle Distribution

Monday, May 13th
May Crowning & Potluck Breakfast, 8:30AM (CH&UH)
Grief Support, 3:30PM (GR)
St. Peregrine Novena, 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 14th
Prayer Shawl Mtg., 12:30PM (SFR)
CJB Advisory Board Mtg., 6:30PM (GR)
Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM (UH)

Wednesday, May 15th
OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)
Matthew Kelly Book Study, 6:30PM (GR)

Thursday, May 16th
St. Vincent DePaul Mtg., 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, May 17th
CJB Scouts Rank Advancement, 6:30PM (UH)
AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. At the beginning of the pandemic, we made the decision to stop passing the collection basket and instead placing a basket at both entrances. We have decided to continue that practice.

Parish Stewardship Month of April, 2024

Electronic Givings	\$37,993.65
Envelopes & Loose	<u>\$46,576.20</u>
Total for April 2024	\$84,569.85



We would ask that you consider electronic giving. It is safe, flexible, convenient and consistent. Simply scan the qr code or complete the yellow sheet in your monthly envelope packet or call the parish office.

We thank you for your continued support.

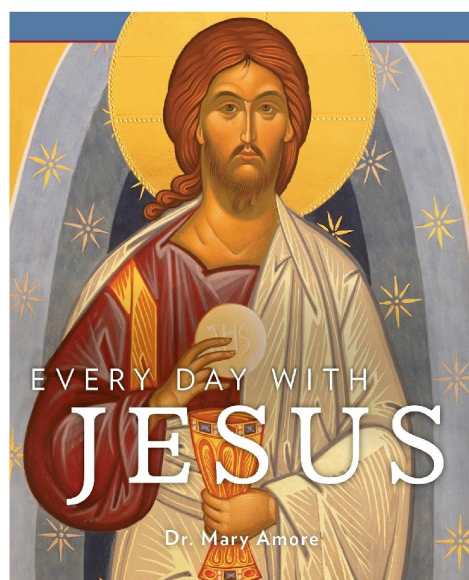


Dr. Mary Amore

Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Becoming the Very Mystery We Receive

**Join us at S.F.A. Church
Sunday, May 19th at 3:30 pm**
as Dr. Mary Amore explores the
spiritual opportunities that await
us when we receive Jesus in the
Eucharist. The Real Presence of
our Lord invites us to experience
spiritual transformation, healing,
and a renewed call to discipleship
each time we encounter Him in the
Eucharist.

Dr. Amore is the executive director of Mayslake Ministries who holds a Masters in Pastoral Studies and a Doctorate of Ministry in Liturgical Studies from Catholic Theological Union. She is a Cardinal Bernardin scholar who has also written numerous articles in the area of liturgical spirituality and authored numerous books; her latest book, **EVERY DAY WITH JESUS**, will be available on May 19.



Baptism

We joyfully welcomed the following child into our Christian Community on May 5, 2024

Luciana Lynn Battistoni

Daughter of Joseph & Cassandra (Boll) Battistoni

Maggie Ann Doyle

Daughter of Michael & Sara (Tesmond) Doyle

Augustus Eugene Fula

Son of Eugene & Magdalena (Kurnat) Fula

Theodore Adam Fula

Son of Eugene & Magdalena (Kurnat) Fula

Robert Walter Kielczewski

Son of Krzysztof & Caroline (Wojtowicz) Kielczewski



Join us for the 8:30 Morning Mass & May Crowning Monday, May 13th

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The celebration will continue with a potluck breakfast in Upton Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share. Hope you can join in this wonderful tradition.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion

BEGINS
FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024
6:30PM Opening Mass

CONCLUDES
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024
11:30AM Closing Mass

**JOIN US IN ADORING
THE TRUE PRESENCE OF
CHRIST IN THE
EUCHARIST!**

We are in need of
Adorers! Please scan
QR code to register.



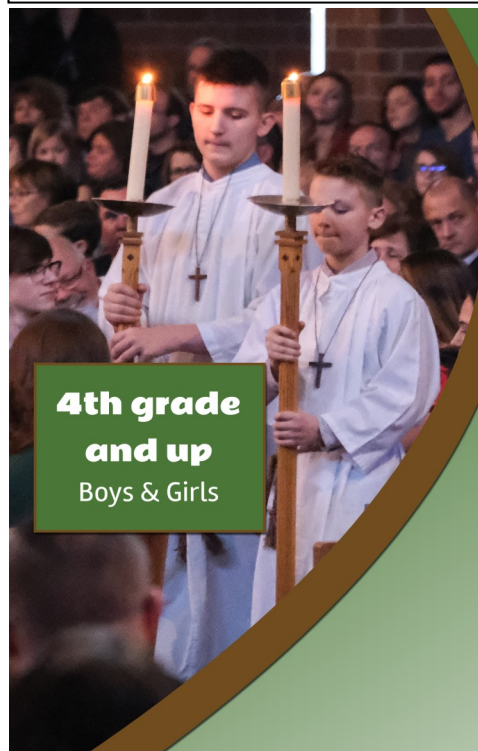
**Saint Julie
Billiart**
CATHOLIC CHURCH
7399 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park, Illinois



Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA
Guest Speaker
Sat, June 1st at 10:30am



Meg Hunter-Kilmer
Speaker and Author
Sat, June 1st at 7:30pm



**4th grade
and up**
Boys & Girls

**Want to
become an
ALTAR
SERVER**

at St. Francis?

[Register here](#)



SCAN ME



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SCRAMBLE with the KNIGHTS

Presented by:

Knights of Columbus, St. Francis of Assisi Parish



*New Venue for 2024
Old Oak Country Club*

**JOIN US TUESDAY,
JUNE 18, 2024**

OLD OAK COUNTRY CLUB

14200 S. Parker Road • Homer Glen, IL 60491

- 8am Registration and Putting Contest
- 9am Shotgun Start
- 3pm Dinner and Prizes

Registration includes golf with cart, door prize, goodie bag, lunch on the course and premium dinner, prizes, and free putting contest. Additional contests for closest to pin, straightest drive and golden ball.



GRIEF SUPPORT



**GRIEF SUPPORT on Monday, May 13th,
3:30-5pm in the Great Room.**

**Topic: Grieving and Post-traumatic growth.
Can they co-exist?**

Consider joining other Grieving Hearts to explore the sixth stage of grief, Post traumatic growth. There is no specific timeline as you work through the difficult stages of grief.

However, research shows that moving toward "finding meaning" through the life of our loved one, can lead to healing and personal growth. You are not alone.

Facilitated by Valerie Piazza LCPC



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland are dedicated to saving the lives of unborn children threatened by abortion through the most effective, morally acceptable means of reaching, informing and helping their mothers and families with appropriate loving alternatives.

Every year, thousands of women facing a crisis pregnancy come to The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. A large portion of them are actively seeking abortion and others are vulnerable to abortion. Many feel scared and alone, without hope or support. Our professional and compassionate client advocates connect with each client, allowing her to share her story and express her feelings.

Each woman who enters our doors is encountered by someone who sincerely cares and believes in her. Our client advocates access the problems that led her to a crisis situation. Once they review all options and consequences, they identify resources that will help eliminate barriers that stand in the way of choosing life. Together, they develop a plan of action to implement that life-affirming decision.

Our services include: Initial Pregnancy Test, Ultrasounds, Crisis Intervention Counseling, Material Goods Assistance, Financial and Social Service Referrals, Adoption Referrals, Sexual Integrity Education, Family Dynamics Counseling, Life Skills Education, Post-Abortion Counseling to Heal A Previous Loss.


Through the generosity of hundreds of donors who believe in our frontline pro-life work, The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland has saved the lives of more than 40,000 babies over the past 35 years, and has provided assistance to thousands of others.

**Please take a bottle home with you after Mass on May 11th or 12th
Fill your bottle with change, and return it on May 25th or 26th**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL HELP BUILD HOPE

June 21 and 22

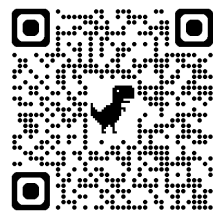
To be held at St. Terrence parish site. Sponsored by the area parishes: St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Stephen, St. Michael, St. Julie & Incarnation/St. Terence.

**SIGN UP WEEKEND MAY 18-19 AFTER ALL MASSES or
SIGN UP NOW using the QR Code** 

All ages welcome – anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tee shirt order is due at time of signing - \$10. All Sizes

WATCH A VIDEO FROM LAST YEAR'S BUILD 



Scan the QR code below to watch a video from last year's build.





St. Dymphna
Patron Saint for
those with Mental Afflictions
Pray for Us

**St. Michael Ministry
for Mental Health
Awareness**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

and the feast day of St Dymphna, patron saint of those with mental afflictions, falls on May 15th . The story of St Dymphna is both a tragic yet inspiring story about how a community can support those with mental illnesses. As we know, for many there is an increase in mental health concerns especially for those dealing with mental health illnesses and their families. We can learn from what happened with Dymphna and her father in the town of Gheel, Belgium back in the 13th Century. Copies of this story are available on the kiosk in our St. Michael Parish narthex.

Communities of faith can be instrumental in helping one another. Let us pray: St Dymphna, we ask you to intercede for us with God, that we may be given peace and strength of mind, body and spirit. Pray that we may experience the love and support of the faith community we are part of. Pray that governments around the world will recognize the need for better mental health services in their local communities. Amen. (Deacon Tom Lambert - Chicago Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness: www.catholicmhm.org/chicago)

To gather to pray, St. Michael Parish Mental Health Awareness Ministry's next gathering will be Wed. May 22nd at 7:00pm in our parish Chapel. Come and pray for all with mental health afflictions and their family and friends who care for them.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

St. Francis Youth Group



Every Monday

Starting June 10
6:30 PM

Open to all incoming freshmen-graduated seniors

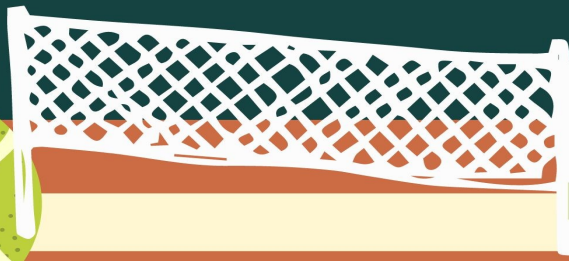
Be on the look out for sign-ups in the next few weeks

Questions? Email Claire at sfyg@sfaorland.org

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

PICKLEBALL

Thursday Nights in May



Open Gym 6:00-7:30

Pickleball 7:30-9:00

Open to all highschoolers!
Come for part of the time, or the whole time!

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

email Claire at sfyg@sfaorland.org with any questions

JYD JOLIET

JOLIET YOUTH DAY

June 1, 2024

LEARN MORE AT PARTNERSHIPFORYOUTH.ORG/JOLIET-YOUTH-DAY/

MINISTRY TEAM

sonar

katie prejean mcgrady

oscar rivera

bishop ronald hicks

10 spots available!
Open to all incoming 8th graders through graduated seniors

Lewis University
Romeville, IL

Group Code: PCGJU2M

Questions? Email Claire sfyg@sfaorland.org



Neat Repeats Resale Stores are looking for volunteers!

Come and work in our stores with a boutique atmosphere. Share your compassion, talents, and time. Give five hours a week and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Join the Neat Repeats team, develop new skills, and make a difference in your own community. All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit domestic violence agency. For additional information, contact Michelle McCarthy at (708) 429-7255 option #5 or mmccarthy@crisisctr.org

CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, Names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.

Richard Albanese	Jeff Lapsansky
Charlotte Ambuehl	Debbie Lipien
Jerry Baldwin	Julianne McGrenera
Leslie Bartosz	Laurel McGrenera
Frances Bonaguro	Joelle McMaster
Carol Buckner	Rich Misiorowski
Vincent Candelero	John Moritti
Mike Celeski	Isabel Nocera
Patricia DiGangi	Gwen Norvilas
Edmund Dizon	Donna Parzynski
Kevin Drown	Jose Ramirez
Rich & Ann Marie Egan	Leonard Rzeszutko
Elizabeth Gill	Anthony Sabbia
Lucila Gonzalez	Aurelia Samson
Kathy Horsch	Karen Singer
Carol Janes	Albert Sparks
Kimberly Jassor	Dorothy Stoterau
Eleanor Katauskas	Karen Sutera
Joseph Katauskas	Michaelle Wisniewski
Irene Komara	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, May 11th

5:00PM Mary Blaschke & Anna Herman rq. by family, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Mary Hellman rq. by daughters, Virginia Zbos rq. by Kathy & Bob Russo, Martin Bonato rq. by Tina Bonato, Josephine & John Forst rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski

Sunday, May 12th

8:00AM John, Mary B. & Mary T. Foley rq. by family, Joe Perez rq. by Frances Perez, Dolores Zavodny rq. by The McKane Family, Virginia O'Farrell rq. by family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Kathy Biederman

10:00AM Barbara Horvath rq. by The Horvath-VanKampen Family, Barbara Boscarino & Nancy Heebner rq. by family, Sophie Liptak rq. by The Pytel Family, Cecilia Wolf rq. by Marianne, Martha Lopez rq. by Maria Weber

12:00PM The People of St. Francis

Monday, May 13th

8:30AM Maureen Galvan rq. by The Bonaguro Family, Lucy & Hieu Phan rq. by family, Adolfin Stanek & Natalia Lopuszynski rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski, Virginia Zbos rq. by family, Anna Sroka rq. by family & friends

Tuesday, May 14th

8:30AM Anna Deliowska rq. by Teri Sankey, William O'Neill rq. by The O'Neill Family

Wednesday, May 15th

8:30AM Gail Blum rq. by Rita Killoren

Thursday, May 16th

8:30AM Tony Ciarrocchi rq. by family, Rita Costanzo rq. by Angie Mannino

Friday, May 17th

8:30AM Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by family, Joyce March rq. by Joe March, Helen Kovalcik rq. by The Januszyk Family

Saturday, May 18th

5:00PM Cosmo Ciarrocchi rq. by family, Robert Blaschke rq. by family, Wallace Englehart rq. by Patricia Englehart, Paul Sullivan rq. by Phyllis Sullivan, Virginia Zbos rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz

Sunday, May 19th

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Donald Staab rq. by family, Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by family, Thomas Zinkus rq. by The Bonaminio Family, Carlo Bonaminio rq. by The Bonaminio Family, Earl & Betty Bennecke rq. by Cindy Bennecke

12:00PM Anthony Catalano Sr & Charles Vins rq. by Carlene Catalano & sons, Susan Neubauer rq. by Anita Hickey, Barbara Ganton rq. by Andrew & Kelly Boyce, John Cison rq. by Weronika & John Habas, Grace McGuire rq. by Tom & Adrienne Wiczorek

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Parish office e-mail: parishoffice@sfaorland.org Parish phone: 708-460-0042

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**
(asowa@sfaorland.org)

SR. GAEL GENSLER, OSF, **Pastoral Associate**
(ggensler@sfaorland.org)

REV. JAY SUERO, **Associate Pastor**
(jsuero@sfaorland.org)

REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**
(edfupton@aol.com)

REV. RICH YOUNG, OSA, **Weekend Presider**

DEACON DANIEL CARROLL, **Permanent Deacon**

DEACON JOHN DONAHUE, **Permanent Deacon**
(jdonahue@sfaorland.org)

DEACON MICHAEL KILEY, **Permanent Deacon**
(mkiley@sfaorland.org)

DEACON TIM McCORMICK, **Permanent Deacon**
(tmccormick@sfaorland.org)

DEACON MICHAEL PINDELSKI, **Permanent Deacon**
(mpindelski@sfaorland.org)

DEACON BRIAN WHITEFORD, **Permanent Deacon**
(bwhiteford@sfaorland.org)

The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136

Office Manager: Paula Belski (pbelski@sfaorland.org)

Director of Facilities: Jim Hahn (jhahn@...)

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Comm. Coordinator: Allison Domenick (adomenick@...)

Liturgy Coordinator: Gina Vitucci (gvitucci@...)

Facilities Maintenance: Monika Czajczyk, Tony Candelaria

MUSIC MINISTRY

Phone: 708-460-9831

Director: Leanne Stoterau (music@sfaorland.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Phone: 708-460-0042

Youth Minister Coordinator: Claire Resuta (sfyg@sfaorland.org)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

15010 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467

Phone: 708-460-0155; **FAX:** 708-460-5086

Dir: Mary Kay Burberry, ext. 240 (mkburberry@sfaorland.org)

Coordinator: Jackie O'Malley, ext. 242 (jomalley@...)

Office Manager: Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL

9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487

Phone: 708-403-6525

Principal: Jeanne Pagliaro

Web page: www.cjbschool.org

Our elementary Catholic Regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave.

REGISTRATION Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 9:00 - 10:00 AM before Funerals and Weddings.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042. Anointing will also be offered on Mondays after Morning Mass.