

May 19, 2024



Pentecost Sunday



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

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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.

Gospel in everyday English

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.” Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?” (from John 20).

Notes on the Scripture

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the birth of the church occurred. With the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, the season of Easter officially comes to a close. Pentecost begins a string of three solemnity Sundays (Pentecost, Trinity, and Body and Blood of Christ) that transition us into a long stretch of ordinary time.

The readings for today rightly focus on the Holy Spirit. The celebrated Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner declares that the Holy Spirit is the “nearness of God.” Profound. Simple. But how difficult it is to remain aware of that nearness. We’re aware of the busy, the loud, the fast in our world, but trying to be always aware of the silent, constant, life-giving nearness is like trying to be always aware of your own breathing. For most of us, it’s only in moments such as when your hot shower suddenly turns icy cold and leaves you gasping that you realize how much you need and desperately want that next breath.

Without that breath, we die. This is more than metaphor: It is reality. “We must will to believe in such a nearness—in the Holy Spirit,” says Rahner, and this is what we celebrate today: the nearness of God, the breath that will never be taken away, that is keeping you alive in this very instant so that you may whisper, “Thank you.”

Thank You

As we conclude our Easter Season this weekend, I want to take this opportunity to, once again, thank all the ministers and volunteers for making our Easter Season so beautiful. I also hope and pray that with our beautiful environment and great liturgies we all renewed and deepened our faith a little bit more. Once again, thank you so very much!

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. Thank you for your patience and understanding. However, the job is not finished yet. We still need some kneelers in two different sections, but the majority of the job is done. You should be able to finish everything by the end of May.

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 25	Sunday, 8:00 AM May 26	Sunday, 10:00 AM May 26	Sunday, 12:00 PM May 26
Presider	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	Brian Whiteford	Mike Kiley	Timothy McCormick	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Sharon McCaffrey	Cindy Lucio	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	William Farrell (1) Irene Rodriguez (2)	Patricia Flynn (1) Vincent Pryor (2)	Diane Ostrowski (1) Greg Moe (2)	Nancy Palacz (1) Denise Sorpassa (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Klein Katherine Nicholson Valerie Piazza Peter Piazza Casimir (Casey) Pytel Martin Terpstra Brian Whiteford Rev. Rich Young	Nancy Biggio David Burns Gregory Fifer Patricia Goldberg Mike Kiley Sharon McCaffrey Cheryl Pryor Fr. Jay Suero	Deborah Burzinski Mary Greenan Cindy Lucio Timothy McCormick Sharon Moe Kathleen Ostrowski Judee Tan Rev. Ed Upton	Robert Long Joan Ondrus Laureen Pietranczyk Michael Pindelski Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Artur Sowa Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Sabrina Geerdes Adelyn Mroz	Dominic DiFilippo (sub req.) Aiden Lempa (sub req.) Lilly Loizzo (sub req.)	Grace Geghen (sub req.) Amanda Mackowiak Jayden Tan	Nicholas Ghenciu Vincent Ghenciu Brianna Reynolds (sub req.)
Usher	Roxanne Zoladz (HU) Mike Zoladz Lawrence McGrenera	James Pedersen (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Bud Wyman	Diane Mackowiak (HU) John Higgins Janice Ota	John Glass (HU) Laura Tucco Richard Wysocki (sub req.)
Greeter	Renee Farrell Tricia Vidinich	Nancy Biggio Lynne Sparks	Gabby Bach (sub req.) Char Oliver	Susan Campagna Mary Jo Noreikis

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, May 19th (Pentecost)

Eucharistic Revival – Dr. Mary Amore, 3:30PM (CH)

Monday, May 20th

Continuation Committee, 6:30PM (GR)
St. Peregrine Novena, 7:00PM

Wednesday, May 22nd

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)
Matthew Kelly Book Study, 6:30PM (NR)
Summer Scripture Series, 6:30PM (SCF-MP)
PPC Meeting, 7:00PM (GR)

Thursday, May 23rd

Human Concerns Commission, 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, May 24th

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 qrcode or complete the yellow sheet in your monthly envelope packet or call the parish office.

We thank you for your continued support.

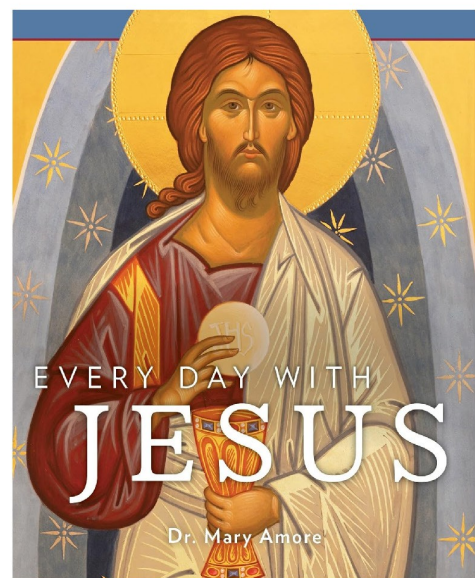


Dr. Mary Amore

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.

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.





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
EUCCHARIST!

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



We joyfully welcomed the following child into our
Christian Community on May 12, 2024

Cameron Zachary Dahleen

Son of Zachary & Dana (Digrispino) Dahleen

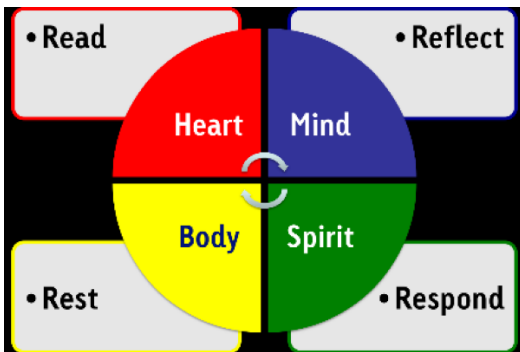


ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join us for the Rosary for Life on
Saturday, June 1st at 10AM.

We will pray at the Mary Statue, up the hill, adjacent to
the Religious Ed. Center. Follow the path to the
Northwest corner of the property.

Inclement weather? We will be in the Eucharistic
Chapel at the base of the Bell Tower!



Lectio Divina

*Experience this beautiful prayer
form*

All are welcome!

DATE: May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Francis of Assisi Church (Great Room)

FACILITATOR: Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart

FAQ:

- 1. Yes**, *Lectio Divina* (pronounced either *Lex-ee-o Divina* or *Leckt-ee-o Divina*) **is** Latin and simply means "Sacred Reading"; the group, however, meets in English and you are not expected to be bi-lingual.
- 2. No**, *Lectio Divina* is not the same as Bible Study, but it is related to it. Instead of studying the historical context and literal meaning of a biblical text, it involves experiencing the text spiritually, exploring its symbolic meaning, and asking what God is saying to YOU through the text.
- 3. Yes**, *Lectio Divina* is Catholic. The tradition of *Lectio Divina* goes back to the beginnings of Christianity when monks would pray over biblical texts believing that the practice would lead to a direct encounter with God.
- 4. No**, you don't have to be a monk, a nun, or a biblical scholar to practice *Lectio Divina*. Together, we explore deeper levels of meaning in a single text; as the layers are peeled away, words, phrases, and symbols begin to communicate with the soul, making us receptive to Divine communication.
- 5. Yes**, everyone has some "takeaway," as each text holds a different message for each of us. The same text, in fact, can speak to you differently on different occasions, offering wisdom, clarity, comfort, challenge, affirmation, and even the experience of union with God.
- 6. No**, you don't have to sign up or commit to joining the group.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SCRAMBLE with the KNIGHTS

Presented by:

Knights of Columbus, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

JOIN US TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

New Venue for 2024!

OLD OAK COUNTRY CLUB

14200 S. Parker Road • Homer Glen, IL 60491

- 7:45am Registration, Continental Breakfast and Free Putting Contest
- 9:00am Shotgun Start
- 1:30pm Lunch and Prizes

Registration includes golf with cart, door prize, free putting contest, continental breakfast and lunch to follow golf.



Additional Contests include: Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive, Golden Ball plus a One-Club Hole. Scan QR code to register!



And Help the St. Francis Youth Group!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 am- 11:30 am Upton Hall (Lower Level of Church)

If the combined totals of the

June & August drives reach 51 or more pints, Versiti Blood Center will give at least \$500 to our Youth Group

Schedule your donation time one of several ways: before or after Masses during the weekends of May 18/19 & 25/26* in the Narthex

Scan the QR Code below

Call 1-800-7TO-GIVE

(mention June 8 date at St. Francis)

or contact Joyce Franklin at (708) 250-9022



Age 16 (with parental consent) and over may donate - WALK INS WELCOME!

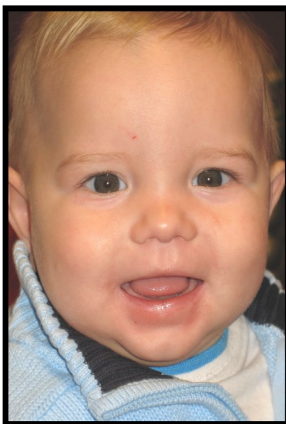
REMEMBER: EAT A GOOD MEAL AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS AHEAD OF TIME

Eligibility questions? Call Versiti Blood Center at (708) 633-0101

Please help us reach our goal!

***we will not be in the Narthex the weekend before the drive due to Corpus Christi procession**

Spare Change Save Babies



Your nickels and dimes do make a difference!



Thank You

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Crisis pregnancy counseling, medical and social service referrals, material goods assistance. www.GoTWC.org or call us at 773.794.1313

Offices located in: Chicago • Des Plaines • Evergreen Park




BABY BOTTLES benefiting THE WOMEN'S CENTER of GREATER CHICAGOLAND are due back next weekend. Don't forget to return your baby bottles by 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.



JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Saturday June 8th is the Annual Hike for Life for Pregnancy Aid Illinois (formerly PASS).

This year's rendition is also a Color/Fun Run! It is to be held on the grounds of Peace Community Church and Old Plank Trail. 21300 S. LaGrange Road, Frankfort, IL.

The color fun run occurs 7am to 9am. The Hike (for us old guys!) begins at 9am. Many fun additions include face painting, jump house, Fire Truck, Police Car and Hero Truck, food and fun! Call 708-614-9777 ext. 130 or

Email Donor_Relations@paihelps.org

COALITION LIFE— Daily sidewalk counseling and prayer vigil at Flossmoor (Planned Parenthood) just north of the Aid for Women office, 3347 Vollmer Road. The sidewalk counseling and prayer vigil occurs on Governor's Highway at the Planned Parenthood driveway.

<http://coalitionlife.com>

They can use bodily help and prayers.

St. Francis Youth Group



Every Monday

Starting June 10

6:30 PM

Open to all incoming freshmen-graduated seniors

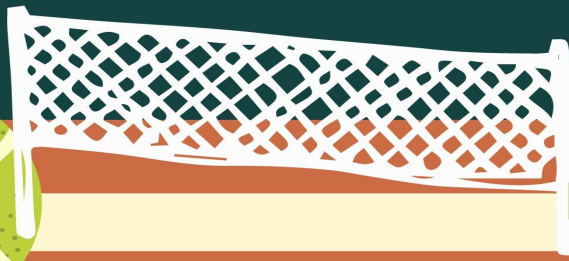
Be on the look out for sign-ups in the next few weeks

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

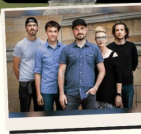


JOLIET YOUTH DAY

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
Romeoville, IL

Group Code: PCGJU2M

Questions? Email Claire sfyg@sfaorland.org



Grace Kinney

Elizabeth Kormaniak

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

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 Glanton rq. by Andrew & Kelly Boyce, John Cison rq. by Weronika & John Habas, Grace McGuire rq. by Tom & Adrienne Wiczorek

Monday, May 20th

8:30AM Jeanette Thelen rq. by The Grekowicz Family, Mary Ruane (Birthday Blessings) rq. by family, Lucy & Hieu Phan (good health) rq. by family, Antoinette Rafferty rq. by family

Tuesday, May 21st

8:30AM Margaret Azzarello

Wednesday, May 22nd

8:30AM Lucy Bratich rq. by Linda & Rich Misiorowski, Gregory Zibell rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynksi

Thursday, May 23rd

8:30AM Denice Umporowicz rq. by family, Ed & Dorothy Chanda rq. by family

Friday, May 24th

8:30AM Linda Huckabee

Saturday, May 25th

5:00PM John O'Farrell rq. by family, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Virginia Zbos rq. by Teri Sankey, Stephen Oleszkiewicz rq. by Paula Belski, John W. Schneider rq. b Millie & Rick Kluchenek, Richard Olson rq. by James & Leanne Hahn

Sunday, May 26th

8:00AM Rose & John Wrubel rq. by family, Patrick McCarthy rq. by family, Amelia Lucchetti rq. by Jim Ward, Robert "Bob" Traversa rq. by Sylwia Tulita & family, Anna & Mitchell Kubicz rq. by Christine Lazar

10:00AM Howie & Edda D'Amico rq. by family, Mary Lou O'Brien rq. by Kelly, John, Ed & Dan O'Brien, Connor Christian rq. by family, Jack Kalley rq. by Andrea Cline, Ed & Dorothy Chanda rq. By family

12:00PM The People of St. Francis

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

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60467-3028

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**
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DEACON MICHAEL KILEY, **Permanent Deacon**
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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@...)

Parish Accountant: Kathleen Biederman (kbiederman@...)

Receptionists: Ann Carroll (acarroll@...), Teri Sankey (tsankey@...)

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

Liturgic 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.