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**CELEBRATION OF  
THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekends**

Saturday Eve ..... 4:00 PM

Sunday ..... 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

**Holy Days**

Vigil ..... 7:00 PM

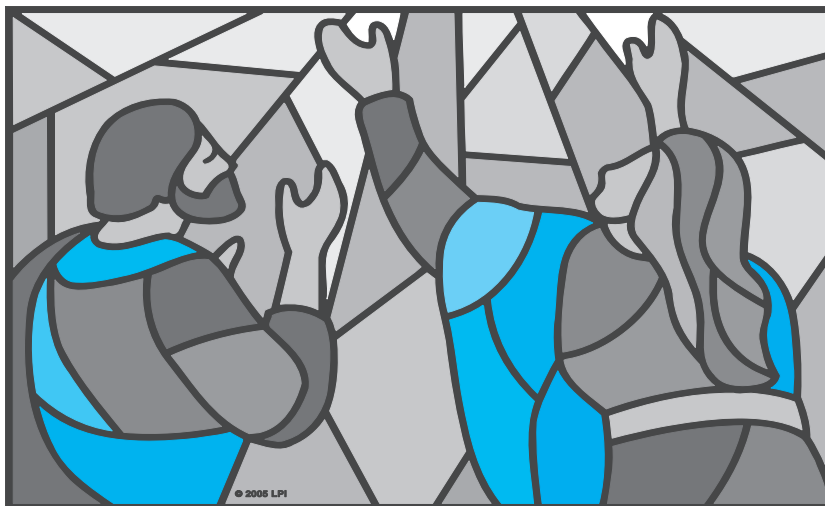
Day ..... 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

**Weekdays**

Daily ..... 7:00, 8:30AM

# INCARNATION

## *Parish News*

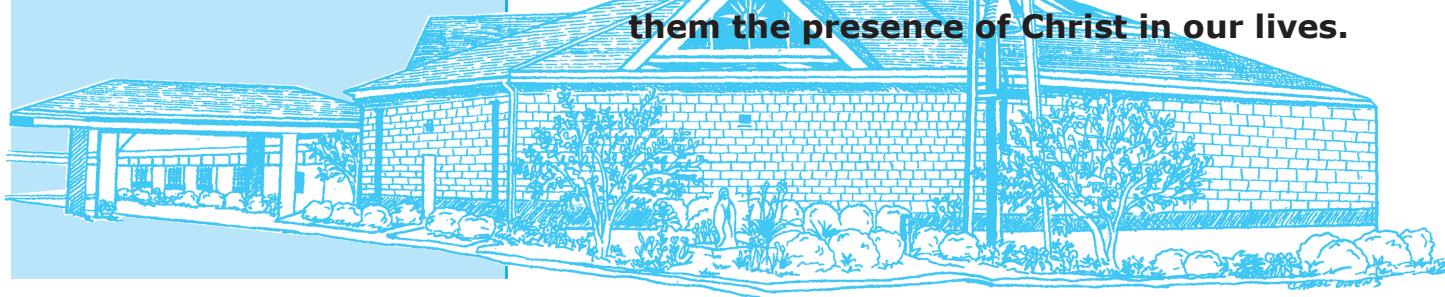


*Twenty-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 25, 2011*

**Our faith in the life, death and resurrection of  
Jesus Christ defines who we are,  
provides meaning and direction to our lives,  
and gives us hope for the future.**

**Incarnation Parish, through its worship,  
education on all levels, service to others, and  
commitment to peace and justice,  
proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**Our vision is to welcome all and share with  
them the presence of Christ in our lives.**



### Mass Intentions



**SUNDAY - September 25th**

8:00 - Mary and William Devine  
Catherine Nauseda  
Eugene Lang

9:30 - **PEOPLE OF INCARNATION**

11:00 - Marice Schwab  
Elizabeth Costello  
Charles G. Cozzo

**MONDAY - September 26th**

7:00 - Danny Peck  
Angela Canner  
8:30 - Incarnation Purgatorial Mass Society  
Anna and Stanley Szarwila

**TUESDAY - September 27th**

7:00 - Raymond Malatt  
8:30 - Jim Lynch  
Helen Hardin

**WEDNESDAY - September 28th**

7:00 - Presentacion Buenaventura  
8:30 - Marie and Theresa Ghilarducci  
Carl J. Salamone

**THURSDAY - September 29th**

7:00 - Walter Golec  
8:30 - Cecelia and Casimir Spaniek  
Deceased members of the Delacruz and Diaz Family

**FRIDAY - September 30th**

7:00 - Mary Stefinsky  
8:30 - Bob Stevens  
Lourdes Medrano

**SATURDAY - October 1st**

8:30 - Birthday Blessings for Fran Shantz  
Jennie Micelli  
4:00 - Jim Lynch  
Charles, Anna and Nancy Schwab  
Ronald Whiting, Sr.

**SUNDAY - October 2nd**

8:00 - Lorraine Waszak  
Patrick Taylor  
Louis Sink  
9:30 - **PEOPLE OF INCARNATION**  
11:00 - Chester Pulak  
Mike Fitzgerald  
Margaret Betts

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**October 1st/2nd - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 PM - J. Garcia, K. Garcia, P. Stach, B. Fuesel  
8:00 AM - A. Doherty, K. Breyer, A. Piper  
9:30 AM - J. Widing, P. Stevens, M. Helmke  
11:00 AM - P. Nuel, L. Albright, J. Nieukirk

**October 1st/2nd - LECTORS & COMMENTATORS**

4:00 - (L) Marilyn McInerney (C) Therese Maduzia  
8:00 - (L) Carl Gerchman (C) Marilou McInerney  
9:30 - (L) Kathy McNicholas (C) Mary Ellen Conlon  
11:00 - (L) Terry Szyper-Molloy (C) Gil Opferman



### October 1st/2nd

**4:00PM**  
Tori Churin  
Eddie Leyden  
Meghan O'Keefe  
Sarah O'Keefe

**8:00AM**  
Heather Banis  
Analisa Fandino  
Megan Sullivan  
Brian Welch

**9:30AM**  
Devin Danek  
Emily Bartle  
Izalina Santoyo

**11:00AM**  
Ryan Gapski  
Gerald McPherson  
Dan Poncer

### 8:30 A.M. DAILY MASSES

**September 26th**  
Lizzie Dykstra  
Julia Randich  
Matt Dykstra  
Matt Randich

**September 27th**  
Krysta Buche  
Andrew Mariotti  
Michaela Mariotti

**September 28th**  
Jenny Kempczyinski  
Anna Golding  
Caroline Staszak  
George Stock

**September 29th**  
Lizzie Besenhofer  
Ashley Canner  
Grant Sibley  
Gerald McPherson

**September 30th**  
Frankie Fleming  
Cassie Eraci  
Izalina Santoyo

**October 1st**  
Lizzie Besenhofer  
Ashley Canner  
Sarah Quattrocci

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Budgeted for September 18, 2011 .....	\$ 15,000.00
Collected for September 18, 2011.....	\$ 12,268.70
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$ (2,731.30)
Year-To-Date Budgeted.....	\$180,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected.....	\$168,414.79
Year-To-Date Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$( 11,585.21)

*It's time again to update the Sick Relatives and Friends names. If you would like to have a name listed again, please call the rectory before October 10th. If we do not hear from you by that date, we will assume that the person previously listed is well and no longer in need of our prayers. Thank you!*

### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING.....**



Maggie Brennan  
Michael Carollo  
Charles Edgeworth  
Irene Edgeworth  
Joseph Evoy  
Ralph Fisher, Jr.  
Ralph Fisher, Sr.  
Michael Hardin

Tom Hartigan  
Lee Hedman  
Tom Henehan  
Eugene Howell  
Danny Kurtz  
Dolores McCormick  
Beatrice O'Grady  
Denise Oravec  
James Oravec

Mary Orth  
Jillian Palenik  
Matthew Palenik  
Baby John Paliga  
Ken Peloquin  
Donna Reindl  
James Rickord  
Pat Struska  
Tom Struska

*From the Pastor's Desk...*



- The Gospel parable this weekend is a reminder that God is always giving us an opportunity to respond to the invitation to salvation. But, we must respond. In the parable, the first son initially ignored his father's request, but then later changed his mind, while the other son, although initially paying lip service, never acted upon his father's request. We cannot ignore God. We may put off our response, or we may find some excuse for not acting on God's invitation right away, but to ignore God forever leaves us without hope. The way of righteousness lies before us. We only have to choose to act.

- This weekend we will take up the annual collection for the support of the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our seminaries provide us with the priests that serve us in all the parishes of the Archdiocese. Our support is vital. Please be generous.

- Next weekend we start our annual "October count". The ushers will be counting the attendance at all our weekend masses. The data is then shared with the Archdiocese and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The information can tell us something about the growth, health, changes and spirituality of our church. That information, in turn, can help us to respond better to the needs of our people.

- On Saturday, October 8, we will have our annual Mass of Anointing at 11:00 AM in the church. All homebound parishioners on our sick call list have been invited and anyone else with chronic illness is welcome. Please see the article on the anointing of the sick in the adjoining column to help you understand better who are suitable candidates for this sacrament. All those attending are also invited to stay for a lunch in the Bernardin Center, sponsored by the Altar Guild of Incarnation Parish. In order that we might properly prepare for this event, it is important for you to call the parish office by Tuesday, October 4, to make a reservation [597 - 3180].

*J. Ron Mass*



**All Life Leads to, and from, the Mass**

By Terry McGuire

Ask a Catholic liturgist where Catholics find their identity, and the answer comes without hesitation: the Mass. "It's where we are most 'church,'... where we are most the body of Christ,".... "The Mass is at the very heart of our Christian experience." ...the Mass is far more than a Sunday obligation or even a mere ritual. "We cannot be Roman Catholic without Mass,"... "Mass actually defines for us who we are as baptized members of the body of Christ." And that...is why the Mass is so important to Catholicism.

The Mass is where Christ gives himself to us in word and sacrament, offering his "total self-giving love" that marks his divinity and humanity. "That total self-giving is what our life as baptized people is also all about,"... At Mass, "we enter into and rehearse who we are to be and how we are to be as the visible presence of Christ in the world today."

Catholics' participation in the celebration of the Mass is a celebration of salvation.... "This is one of the primary reasons that the Mass is at the center of our life as Catholics,"....."The bread and wine offered on the altar truly become the body and blood of Christ which was sacrificed for our salvation. This Eucharistic food nourishes us spiritually. It is our food for the journey of life."

Some tend to become very protective in the face of change....But the liturgy is a communal gathering and not an individual event. When a person comes through the church doors and enters the sacred space, they leave the individual self outside and join the gathering as members of the body of Christ, becoming "we" instead of "I,".... The realization that the "liturgy isn't about me" should help people prepare for the changes...They have to "let go" and place their trust that the Spirit and the teaching office of the Church will be moving them forward.

The new changes are not being made for the sake of change but to be as "faithful as possible to the Latin texts from which they were translated,"...While they may take some getting used to, "they can be for us a way to grow in a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the power and beauty of the great treasure we have in our Mass."

The Mass, as the summit of all the Church's services, differs from the other sacraments and popular devotions such as the rosary, Stations of the Cross, novenas and other forms of private prayer. "Both private prayer and popular devotions are strongly encouraged by the church,"... but "while they are a help to our celebrating liturgy well -- to putting us into the spirit of the liturgy -- they are in no way equal to the liturgy."

As Catholics, all of life leads to the Mass...and "all of life leads from it."

# Human Concerns

## Respect Life

**Life Chain 2011, 2:30-3:30, October 2, 146th and LaGrange Ave., Orland Park.**

Next Sunday we have the opportunity to stand up and be counted among the pro-life majority as we join our hearts in silent, prayerful witness against the ‘procedure’ that takes the life of the unborn. Stand with us as we prayerfully let our neighbors know that the right to life is sacred for all. The location for Incarnation parishioners is in front of the Orland Chateau, 14500 LaGrange Road. If you would like to attend but need a ride, please call the rectory (597-3180).

Additional Respect Life month events:

Oct.16, “Educating Minds, Inspiring Hearts” Dinner to benefit the Chastity Education Initiative of the Respect Life Office, Drury Lane. Call 312.534.5355

Sept. 28 - Nov. 6, 40 Days for Life, <http://40daysforlife.com/chicago/> For more information, use the contact information noted, or call the rectory (597-3180).

## **PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

*“If you want peace, work for justice.” Pope Paul VI*

Pope Benedict XVI tells us, “The dignity of the individual and the demands of justice require, particularly today, that economic choices do not cause disparities in wealth to increase in an excessive and morally unacceptable manner....Through the systemic increase of social inequality,...democracy is placed at risk.” (Caritas in Veritate 32.)

“Many of us may know that there is a large and growing wealth gap between a tiny fringe of super-rich Americans and most of the rest of us. But how many realize that this gap robs all of us?...It helps keep people in poverty, [and] erodes the middle class....” In addition, as Pope Benedict notes, “such enormous wealth concentrated in the hands of the elite few is cracking the democratic foundation of our nation....[A]n extreme concentration of wealth translates into political power, which is helping to shape our government’s actions and laws. The elite few can afford armies of lobbyists and legal expertise, and they can funnel enormous amounts of money into elections. This helps a small minority keep and grow their power and wealth – even though millions of people struggle and suffer at the economic margins.” (Network, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, <http://www.networklobby.org/campaign/mind-the-gap>, Accessed 9.16.11) Further information about why our Pope warns us about “excessive disparities in wealth” is available at the Peace and Justice table in the church lobby. There is also contact information for U.S. legislators.



## **HAITIAN BURIAL PALLS**

**On September 28th, the Committee will meet 7-9pm in the Bernardin Center.**

Incarnation Pall Committee has produced and donated 250 palls, 25 shorts and 50 dresses. By providing these simple gifts, we are helping the needy in a very personal way. This is a great activity for all ages as it does not require any specific artistic skills. **If you can cut and paste, you’re ready!** Students needing volunteer hours are encouraged to join.

# Spiritual Life

*Deacon James Langwell was the celebrant at the Baptism for ...*



**Raymond Thomas O’Leary  
Sunday, September 4, 2011**

Proud parents, Raymond and Emily

Congratulations to all of you on this special day in your lives and welcome to our ever growing Incarnation family.

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for anyone whose health is impaired by serious and/or chronic illness and old age. Appropriate candidates for the sacrament are those who suffer from heart disease, cancer, strokes, chronic arthritis, diabetes, Alzheimer’s, the debilitating effects of old age, those with serious mental or emotional problems, depression, bi-polar disorders or any other serious illness that seriously limits ones activities or is a threat to life.

We will have our annual anointing of the sick here at Incarnation Saturday, October 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a luncheon after the Mass in Bernardin Center. If you are planning on attending the luncheon, please call the Rectory at 597-3180, before Tuesday, October 4th and inform us of the number of persons that will be attending.

## *Support their call to the priesthood...*

How many times in our lives has a priest brought healing to you and to your families?

How many times has a priest celebrated the liturgy on Sunday, throughout the week and at special parish and family celebrations, bringing Christ to you through the Eucharist?

How many times has a priest stood with you in joy at the birth of a child; at your bedside in the hospital, or in sorrow at the death of a loved one?

Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood; that we may have priests whose lives are directed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the service of God’s people.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support for this Collection for the Seminary System of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**The Collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago September 24-25, 2011**

# Parish Life



T.R.A.I.N.

Teens Reaching out Addressing Incarnation

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,  
he does what is right and just,  
he shall preserve his life;  
since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

A HUGE thank you to all those who attended FAMILY FALL FEST, despite the rain it was a huge success! Lots of games, chili and pie!

A big TRAIN thank you to Mr. Stevens who helped us tremendously by setting up and getting us started. He even came up with a great process for getting the hot dogs and pop/water out the door!

Thank you to Sam, Kathy, Lee and Brandon for selling hot dogs, water and pop. We raised over \$150! Thank you also to Marie and Sarah their face painting raised \$30!

NCYC deadline has passed, if you still want to go, you will need to give me a call, 708-790-7890!

Basketball started Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. See me for permission slip and game schedule, we have a great time and meet other teens from the area.

Want a fun place to hang out with your friends? Help TRAIN get ready for the couches and television we will be putting in the TRAIN "Station"!

Please call, text or email me about anything you have read here or heard about, chances are I'll have information on it or I can find out something about it! I am waiting! 708-790-7890 and [train@incarnationcatholic.com](mailto:train@incarnationcatholic.com). -Carrie



**IS BACK...With a Slight Twist!!!**

**More Winners!!! 30 winners per week!**  
**Guaranteed \$20 Incarnation winner each week.**  
**Tickets are \$20 each and will be sold in the foyer after Mass this weekend. If you are interested in selling Football Mania tickets, please contact: Sandy McNicholas at 708-557-3119.**

**Sponsored by The Incarnation Parents' Club**



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

### FUTURE EVENTS



### "The Shrine of Christ's Passion"

Where: 10630 Wicker Ave.  
St. John, IN 46373

When: Saturday, **October 1, 2011**

Time: 8:30am -- 2:30pm

Transportation from Incarnation provided by motor coach/mini-bus. Lunch Included. Ticket Cost: \$28.00 per person. For more information contact Denise Sibley (708) 389-4096.

Also, mark your calendars for **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, which will be **Trivia Night** in Bernardin Center. Gather a group of your favorite trivia experts together for a fun evening of friendly competition to see who knows the most trivial information.

Join us for our Incarnation **Candlelite Bowl**, Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Check-in at 9:00PM - \$25 per person. Includes bowling, shoes, pizza buffet, pasta and salad. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are available after masses!!

As part of Incarnation Parish's 50th Anniversary, we are planning a huge **Wedding Celebration** - a celebration for all couples who were married at Incarnation in the past 50 years.

So, if you were married at Incarnation, please contact the rectory with your name, address, phone number and wedding date.

Also, if you know of someone who was married here, but is no longer in the parish, please contact the rectory with their information - or have them call - so we can make sure we invite as many couples as possible. The rectory phone number is 708-597-3180.

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact: Terry Lee (708.388.4417) or Mary Stocklen (708.293.1102).

### COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARD

**\$10 The Fund Raiser that makes Dollars and Sense \$10 SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN DISCOUNTS AT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

*Discounts are reusable until the printed expiration date.*

- \*Capri Restaurant \*Pepe's \*KFC \*Panini Xpress
- \*McDonalds \*Durbins \*Funtime Square \*Aurelios Pizza
- \* Joe Daniels \* Oak Forest Bowl \*Pretty Nails
- \*Dunkin Donuts \*Crestwood Florist \*Jr's Hot Dogs
- \* Taco Bell \* Tastee freez \*Royalberry \*Bon a pit
- \*Barracos pizza \*Country House Restaurant \*Fannie May
- \*Fuller's Car Wash \*Sperone's \*Caprios pizza & catering
- \*Papa's Fresh Foods \*Simply Slices \*Popeyes chicken

**Last day of sales will be September 25th!!**

**Supporter who buys/sells the most cards wins \$25 visa gift card!!! Contact Ann for order forms/more details: 708-772-1729**

# Formation & Education

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Class mass for grades Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd is on Sunday, October 2nd at the 9:30am mass.

2nd, 4th and 7th graders, please return your service project forms as soon as possible. 8th grade Confirmation candidates - if you need Confirmation hours - contact the REP office or Mrs. Wanatowicz at (708) 597-1803 for some upcoming opportunities...

REP Board meeting is today, Sunday - September 25th at 11:00am in the teacher's lounge. If you're interested in finding out about the REP board, please come to this meeting.

## **TEACHERS AND AIDES NEEDED FOR THE REP PROGRAM**

*A young child stood holding a sign. The sign said: "I want to learn about God." Several people passed by and saw the child.*

*The first person said: "I can't help you. I have my own children, too much work to do, and not enough time. I'm sorry."*

*The second person said: "I can't teach you either. I have no children, so I don't know how to deal with you. Anyway, I'm sure someone else will do it."*

*The third person said: "I don't know how to teach and I have no experience. Besides, I don't know enough about God or religion to help anyone else."*

*The fourth person paused for a moment, then went to the child and said: "I'm awfully busy, too, and I'm not a teacher or an expert on religion. I have my hands full but, since you need me, I'll try to show you."*

**Please consider joining us in working with the children in the Religious Education Program (REP). We need help this year with Sunday morning catechists (teachers) and classroom aides. We'll get you started and give you lots of resources and training. And your faith will never feel as strong as it does when you share it with children!**

**Call the REP Office at 708-388-4004.**

## **Confirmation for Adults**

Are you a practicing Catholic age 18 or over who has received First Communion but has not been confirmed? A Confirmation preparation program will be held on Mondays, 7:00pm-8:30pm, starting October 3rd at St. George, 6707 W. 175th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Confirmation will be celebrated on December 3rd, 12 noon, at Our Lady of the Snows in Chicago. Please call the rectory, 708-597-3180, for further information.

On September 27th, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.



This month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families, providing food, and helping with utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Whether your need is for one time only, or for a period of time, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be happy to consider your need. Please remember that all calls are confidential and no one needs to know that you have fallen upon hard times. If you do not need help at this time, but do know a Parishioner neighbor who needs some assistance, you should tell them to call the rectory direct at 597-3180 and ask them to refer this matter to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their consideration.

**SENIORS** - We will meet Tuesday, September 27th at 11:30am in the Bernardin Center.  
*All are welcome!*



## **The Mass Book for 2012 is OPEN!!!!**

If you would like to book masses for your loved ones, please come to the rectory to reserve your masses. Masses fill up quickly, especially the 4 p.m. Saturday mass and the Sunday masses, so don't wait too long. The donation for a Mass is still only \$10.00. There are also some masses left for 2011, if anyone is interested. The Incarnation Parish Staff looks forward to helping you book masses for your loved ones.

The Parish Office hours are from 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m., Monday thru Friday. Thank You!

## **OPEN HOLY HOURS**

4:00 AND 5:00PM - SATURDAY  
11:00PM - WEDNESDAY  
6:00PM - SUNDAY

Please call Bob Fuesel @ 388-1521 or Joe Bettinardi @ 448-3920 if you can take an open Holy Hour.

## **Community Events**

**OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH - 60th Anniversary**  
*Saturday, October 8th*

A very special celebration for the 60th Anniversary is being planned for all parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Loretto Parish. There will be an elegant sit down dinner catered by Mario's, a four hour open bar and dancing to the music of the *Connexion Band* under a big party tent on parish grounds...it will be a very special time for all of us.

The anniversary mass is scheduled at 5pm in the church with many former clergy joining us and Fr. Bill Burke as homilist. Spread the word! Get your family and friends together for a wonderful evening. Tickets are \$60 per person; seating is limited. For questions, please call the rectory 708-424-7471.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Please register at the rectory as soon as possible. Persons seeking religious instruction or information about parish organizations are requested to contact the rectory.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Parents are to attend one Baptismal Session prior to the baptism (preferably during the pregnancy). Baptisms are celebrated on the first three Sundays of every month at 12:30 PM in the Church. Please call the rectory for available baptismal dates and to register for the session. No Baptisms during Lent.

**MINISTRY OF CARE  
(COMMUNION CALLS):**

Twenty six members of our parish community have been trained and mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago to pray with and bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound of the parish.

If you or someone you know is in need of this service, please call the Parish Office at 597-3180.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

All wedding arrangements must be made with a Parish Priest or Deacon at least four months prior to the wedding date. No weddings celebrated during Lent.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION):**

Every Saturday from 2:30-3:30 PM and prior to major Holy Days as announced. Also anytime by appointment. Parish service with individual absolution celebrated during Lent and Advent Seasons.