

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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will be great
in heaven*

February 17, 2019 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI
Pastor

Deacon Peter J. Rooney
Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The following are our parish societies and organizations. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of our activities, kindly contact the parish office or number listed below. We welcome and encourage all members.

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mr. Joe Ciaccio
Council of Catholic Women	Mrs. Mary Thon
Legion of Mary	Mrs. Pauline Mitchell
Pastoral Care Ministers	Mrs. Pauline Mitchell
Prayer Group	Ms. Nilda Cinco
St. Vincent de Paul Society	630-953-4419

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife
 † Mildred Novy - Family
 † Star Soderstrom - Bojan Family
 † Edward Fik - Pam Becker, daughter
 † Maryann Granby - Gail Granby
 † George Talge - Loving Wife & Daughters

Monday, February 18, 2019

12:00 PM † Helen Marie Smith - Klazura Family

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

12:00 PM † Raymond Majewski - Loving Wife

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
 Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Thursday, February 21, 2019

12:00 PM † Fr. William Cullen - Parishioners

Friday, February 22, 2019

12:00 PM † Ernesto Mazzulla - Family

Saturday, February 23, 2019

4:00 PM † Tito Fonte, Loving Husband - Gloria Fonte
 † Bud Grane, Jr. - Adele Randell
 † Sr. Ancilla Dwyer - Friends
 † Tory Lezza - Ascension Ushers
 † Dr. George Lee - Loving Family
 Special Intention - Bunnie Agliato

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Hilda Galiano - Jaime Galiano & Children
 † George Novy - Family
 † Jack McCrory - Bob and Albey Janis
 † Star Soderstrom - Bill & Barbara Cizek

† Denotes Deceased



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Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 18
Weekday
Gn 4:1–15, 25
Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 19
Weekday
Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10
Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 20
Weekday
Gn 8:6–13, 20–22
Mk 8:22–26

Thursday
FEBRUARY 21
Weekday
Gn 9:1–13
Mk 8:27–33

Friday
FEBRUARY 22
*Chair of St. Peter,
Apostle*
1 Pt 5:1–4
Mt 16:13–19

Saturday
FEBRUARY 23
*St. Polycarp,
Bishop and Martyr*
Heb 11:1–7
Mk 9:2–13

Sunday
FEBRUARY 24
*Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,
12–13, 22–23
1 Cor 15:45–49
Lk 6:27–38

Dear Padre,

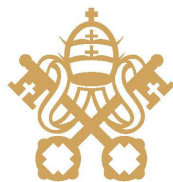
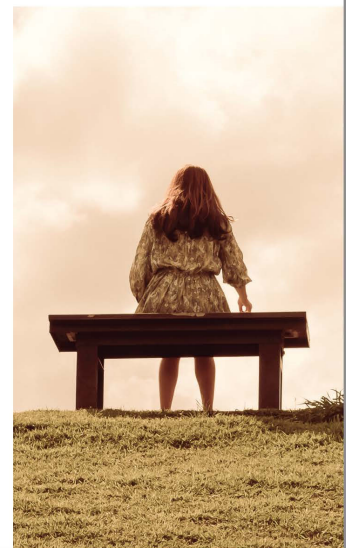
Why does the Church rightfully celebrate marriage, family, and religious life but neglect the equally important celibate single life? Perhaps if this vocation got the respect and attention it deserves, we'd have fewer people rushing into bad relationships and weak marriages.

Our vocation in life is a gift from God to become a living response to God's love. God invites people to holiness and service through marriage, the single life, the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life. Lest the single life be overlooked, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "We must also remember the great number of *single persons* who...are especially close to Jesus' heart and therefore deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church, especially of pastors" (CCC 1658). It adds that the doors of homes "and of the great family which is the Church must be open to all of them."

Like the gift of one's vocation, celibacy also is a gift from God that's offered back to the Church. Jesus himself chose celibacy, not because he disapproved of marriage or family life, but for the sake of the kingdom. He was wedded to his mission in bringing about a universal family that follows God's will. To be celibate, then—whether as a single person or in consecrated life—isn't upheld in and of itself, but for the reign of God.

Whatever the vocation and however it's lived out, "all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ" in a spirit of equality and dignity according "to each one's own condition and function" (Canon 208).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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*A Word from Pope Francis*

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"?

—Day of prayer for vocations, May 11, 2014

Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Santucci, McGreevy, Lugo
Lector: Mitchell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter - Preach
Euch. Min.: DeChristopher, Stephens,
Lector: M. Klamut

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Neffke, Jeske
Lector: J. Butkovich

We wish to offer our
sympathy and a
promise of our
prayers to family
and friends on the
recent death of



Salvatore "Tory" Lezza

PARKING REMINDER

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH ENTRANCE OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

This week's calendar

Thursday, February 21: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, February 22: Confirmation, 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Note: *Good Shepherd Prayer Group will not meet this week due to Confirmation.*

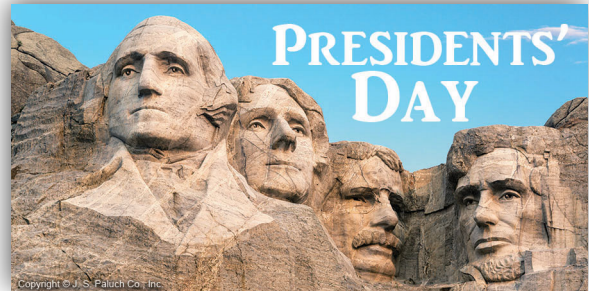
Children's Liturgy of the Word *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

In observance of



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

Mass will be at NOON.

**Important
Message**

PLEASE FILL OUT MASS TIME SURVEY

If you did not receive a contribution statement in the mail with a survey attached, please pick up a survey at the back of the church or from the table in the church vestibule. Drop the completed survey including your **full name** in the collection basket or survey box in the church vestibule or parish office prior to February 17th. Thank you for your cooperation.

STEWARDSHIP

February 10, 2019 - \$8,263

***Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.***



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Ascension of Our Lord Parish Lenten Program

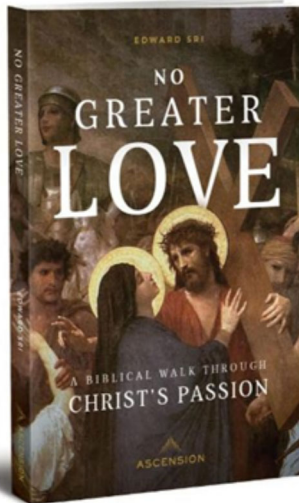
No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall

March 13 & 20 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24

Registration information coming soon!



Some topics this study will address:

- Allusions to Old Testament stories in Christ's passion
- Fulfillment of prophecies in Christ's passion
- Symbolism in the accounts of Christ's passion
- Mary's role in the passion
- The significance of the tearing of the Temple veil
- Differences in the Gospel accounts of the passion
- The last words of Jesus / The Seven Last Words
- Analysis of the behavior of Peter, John, and Judas
- Much more!

Grief Support

A Journey through the Desert this Lenten Season

Fridays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

March 8, 15, & 22 and April 5, 12, & 26

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one through death? Perhaps a friendship came to an end? Maybe a job that brought you so much life no longer exists. We all experience loss more often than we think. Sometimes that loss can take a toll on our own self. A six-week grief support session will begin on Friday, March 8th from 10am-12pm. For some, it is helpful to go on this journey with others. While no two people experience grief the same way, one can rest in the fact nobody has to grieve alone.

Registration is helpful, but not mandatory. As we journey through the Lenten Desert, we remain hopeful in the resurrection that brings us abundant life!

Register for either program via email to vzaprzal@ascensionoffourlord.net or phone at 630-953-4415 or stop in the parish office.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

A VERY SPECIAL REQUEST



The St. Vincent de Paul parish Conferences in our Diocese have received an urgent appeal from our Diocesan SVDP Council Disaster Relief Chair (Joe Butkovich of our parish) to provide for the Watseska area which has been hit by a Tornado and five floods in three years. The worst hit a little over two years ago when some 80 homes in an already poor area of central IL north of Champaign and south of Kankakee were lost completely and uprooted still were other families into temporary shelters awaiting Federal, State, and

local relief. This area many years ago was left with hardscrabble land after the strip mines no longer yielded any appreciable coal or minerals. Never having the resources to obtain adequate land and home insurance, these families since have had to adjust to living from week to week without income or sources of adequate employment to support their basic needs much less to adequately rebuild their homes and community. They have struggled as government relief shifted from emergency help to the more long-term rebuilding of their homes and infrastructure. While insurance claims were yielding almost nothing, the people were left with their own appeals for help from faith-based and local voluntary agencies. Our St. Vincent de Paul National Office provided over \$30,000 in direct help to Watseka and another \$20,000 through the "House in a Box" new furniture and appliance program. Other agencies provided food and shopping gift cards. Our Diocesan SVDP Council provided many volunteers and individual direct help to the people of this area. However, we are now at the point that we must appeal to you as the Watseka community is unable to do much more than accept the charity of others as they continue to rebuild their homes and lives.

Our parish SVDP Conference can continue to provide volunteers and some minimal direct aid to this area of our Diocese, but the current needs require an extra bump if we are to move Watseka back on to the map of central Illinois and the southern rural end of our Diocese.

We are asking all of our parishioners to help fill this need in any way you can. If you are able to provide funding or direct resources for this, please bring those to our parish office and indicate your donation is for disaster relief to the "Watseska community" through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In any event, we appeal to you for your prayers for the people who have suffered much. Prayers that include a petition to spare this area from tornados, damaging winds and floods are most needed now and always. If you have any questions or need further information on how you might help, please call us at 630-953-4413 or 630-953-4419.

2019 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Friday, February 22, 2019

St. Margaret Mary Church

1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL 60540

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM

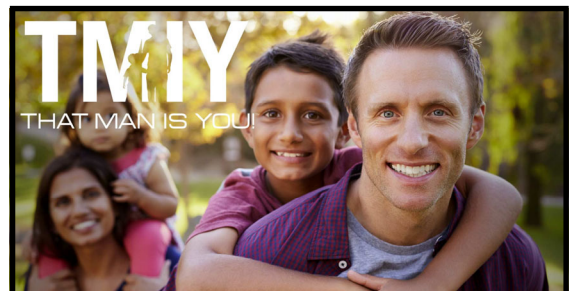
Mass 7:30 PM

For more information,
please call Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576

For directions go to
www.smmp.com/info/directions.html

The **SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE**, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them for Mass and Dinner on Monday, February 18, 2019 at St. Michael Parish, 310 S. Wheaton, in Wheaton. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Church and dinner in the Social Hall will follow. Speaker for the evening will be Father Steve Borello, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Joliet.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994



A very successful Fall semester averaged over 50 men per session and laid the foundation for a journey towards Easter. The time is NOW for the men of our communities to stand up and become the Leaders, Husbands, Fathers, and Grandfathers that they were truly meant to be! Come to a session and see what it's all about. ***That Man Is You!*** is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the ***VISION OF A MAN, FULLY ALIVE.***

Saturday Mornings from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Barrett Hall, 426 West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126

For more information go to www.TMIY.org, or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803. Advanced registration is preferred, but not required.



Special Movie Event!

Paul: Apostle of Christ

Thursday, February 21st

Movie Screening with Executive Producer, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bensenville

All are welcome to this free showing of the acclaimed feature film *Paul: Apostle of Christ*. Producer Eric Groth will moderate the evening and share stories on the making of the film which will be shown using a professional projection and sound system.

Paul: Apostle of Christ is a moving depiction of some of the lives behind the birth of the early Christian church. The story of St. Paul, who was transformed from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to one of Christ's most influential apostles brings to life the struggles, fears and challenges faced by followers of Jesus trying to live out "The Way".

Continue the conversation on two Thursday evenings of discussion and reflection:

Thursday, February 28th from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Mercy and Forgiveness: Easy to say, harder to do!

Thursday, March 7th from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Perseverance in the Face of Persecution: Taking up our own crosses

These evenings will delve deeper into the major themes of the film as heroically exemplified by St. Paul. Each will include learning, discussion, prayer and refreshments. Come for the movie only and/or either follow-up session. All will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bensenville.