

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



January 14, 2024



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

John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb." The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, "What are you after?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" He replied, "Come along and see for yourself." They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, "We've found the Messiah" (that is, "Christ"). He immediately led him to Jesus. Jesus took one look up and said, "You're John's son, Simon? From now on your name is Cephas" (or Peter, which means "Rock") (*from John 1*).

Notes on the Scripture

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come and See."

Ordinary Time

The season of Christmas comes to an end. This Sunday we enter into a short stretch of ordinary time for six Sundays until Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. Let our journey of faith continue!

Christ Renews His Parish

CRHP Retreat is coming next month, both for men and women. I realize we still try to cool down after the Christmas busyness, but I invite you to consider marking your calendars and joining this retreat. It is a great opportunity to deepen your connection with God and other parishioners. Please check the bulletin or call the office for more information.

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 January 20	Sunday, 8:00 AM January 21	Sunday, 10:00 AM January 21	Sunday, 12:00 PM January 21
Presider	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	Timothy McCormick	Brian Whiteford	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Olga Bartell	Kathleen Biederman	Adrianne Wiczorek
Lector	Irene Rodriguez (1) Kim Reid (2)	Patricia Flynn (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Rich Becker (1) Regina Knapp (2)	John Ouradnik (1) Warren Winker (2)
Eucharistic Minister	William Carroll Sr. Gael Gensler Lisa Kacerovskis Timothy McCormick Valerie Piazza Casimir (Casey) Pytel Martin Terpstra Rev. Rich Young	Olga Bartell David Burns Patricia Grasso James Pedersen Rev. Artur Sowa Brian Whiteford Bud Wyman Mary Ann Wyman	Kathleen Biederman Joan Giorgetti Rosemary Januszyk Betty Kameron Karen Koehler Sheila Pacholski Michael Pindelski Rev. Artur Sowa	Robert Carlo Mike Kiley Robert Long Laureen Pietranczyk Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Artur Sowa Adrianne Wiczorek Thomas Wiczorek
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Maeve Chester Max Meyer	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Claire Selof Emily Selof Jayden Tan	John Curran Patrick Curran Brian Curran
Usher	Renee Farrell (HU) Teri Sankey Paula Belski	Brian Barrett (HU) Harriet Antkiewicz Roger Malinowski	Janice Ota (HU) John Higgins George Kelley	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Mike Zoladz (sub req.)
Greeter	Ann Carroll Lisa Kacerovskis	Nancy Biggio Lynne Sparks	Char Oliver Tricia Vidinich (sub req.)	Mary Jo Noreikis Denise Sorpassa

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, January 15th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Morning Mass at 8:30AM; Parish Offices closed

Tuesday, January 16th

Tues RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)

Wednesday, January 17th

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)

Wed (B) RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)

Thursday, January 18th

St. Vincent DePaul Mtg., 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, January 19th

AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

Saturday, January 20th

First Eucharist Parent/Child Celebration, 9:00AM
(SCF-CH)

8th Grade Mass, 5:00PM

8th Grade pizza after Mass, 6:00PM (SFC)

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 December, 2023

Electronic Givings \$42,032.65

Envelopes & Loose \$61,222.00

Total for December 2023 \$103,254.65

Christmas so far \$127,987.00

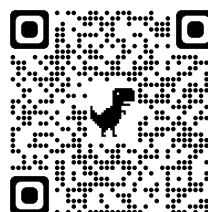
Ministry of Care Training

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

When: Tuesdays, January 23, 30 and
February 6, 2024
4:45 PM - 8:00 PM (we will begin with a light meal)

Where: Our Lady of the Woods
10731 W. 131st
Orland Park, IL 60462.

Come to the Hospitality Room on the main floor of the church



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.



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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Welcomes all to a
presentation on**

St. Francis of Assisi,

Lover of the Eucharist

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of
Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024

3:30 P.M. Presentation

We welcome Franciscan Father Ed Shea, OFM to reflect with us on Franciscan Spirituality and the burning desire to enter into a closer relationship with God and our neighbor. Francis' adoration of the Eucharist lit a fire in the hearts of those who have followed in His footsteps and continues to stay lit today. Francis asked us to reflect on the humility of the Incarnation and the Cross to draw us closer to Him and all that is good. Is your heart burning for more...?

Please plan to attend.



**Guest Speaker
Rev. Edward Shea, OFM**

For more information, contact the
Parish Office at 708-460-0042

**LOCATION: 15050 South Wolf Rd.
Orland Pk, IL 60467**

Refreshments and finger foods after the presentation... Please feel free to bring a finger food dish to share.



"Mary is a 'woman of the Eucharist' in her whole life. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery."

— Ecclesia de Eucharistia, April 17, 2003

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Youth Mission Trip 2024

with  CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Kansas City, KS July 6-13

Our first mandatory meeting - Jan 28, 7PM

**in the St. Francis Room
(lower level of the church)**

This is also the deadline to register!

Coordinator: Fr. Jay Suero - 708-460-0042 - sfyg@sfaorland.org



**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Save the Date:

Men's Feb. 3/4, 2024

Women's Feb. 24/25, 2024



CRHP REFLECTION – TERESA DOWNS

If you are facing life challenges or searching for a deeper meaning of your relationship with the Lord, this is the opportunity for you!!



On a weekend in March of 2006, I attended Christ Renews His Parish. There I met the most wonderful group of women who, unbeknownst to me, would become my best friends! 10 perfect strangers gather to ironically form CRHP #10. Throughout the years, we maintained the closeness by continuing to meet every

third Friday of the month to connect with our faith. We have stood by one another for better or worse; in sickness and health; and in some cases, until death, we parted. You see, the bond we formed some 17 years ago, was NO chance meeting. The Spirit called upon all of us to be one with Him! Just as He may be reaching out to you right now! Don't hesitate, and don't overthink...answer the call to enhance your mind and enrich your soul by spending some time with Jesus!

Enjoy the journey ~Peace be with you ~

Teresa Downs CHRP #10

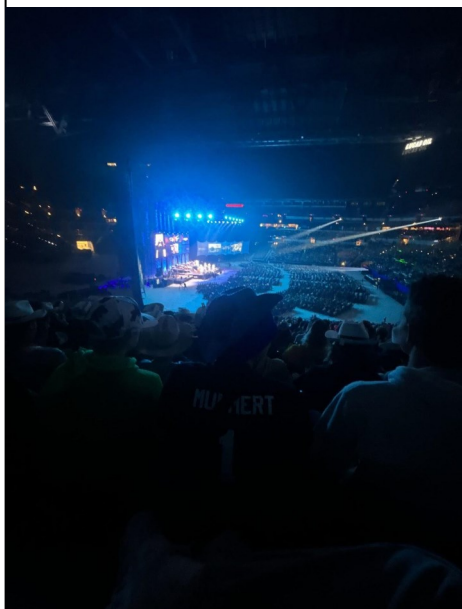


FULLY ALIVE
NCYC
NOVEMBER 16-18, 2023 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Reflection by Emma Simms

My name is Emma Simms and I attended NCYC with some friends in November. I had a wonderful experience. I met new friends, met up with old friends, and got closer to the friends that came on the trip with me. I have gone on the mission trip twice before but NCYC was a completely different experience. I felt much closer to God during the weekend of NCYC because the weekend was all about getting to know God better and learning why God wanted me to go on the trip. I believe that God wanted me to go to NCYC because he wanted me to encounter certain people and lessons to shape my understanding of faith and purpose. I went on the trip to deepen my connection with God and I definitely achieved my goal.

Attending NCYC was a profound experience that echoed the quote, "You are not a problem to be solved, you are a mystery to be encountered." This was a quote I heard on the trip that really resonated with me. The event emphasized the beauty of embracing one another's uniqueness, fostering a sense of unity among diverse individuals. It encouraged a shift in perspective, from seeing differences as obstacles to appreciating them as sources of wonder and connection. The event reminded me that within the realm of faith, each person is a complex and invaluable mystery waiting to be explored, celebrated, and encountered with genuine openness.



I had a great time at NCYC. I forged new connections and fostered current ones. The trip served as a place for personal and spiritual growth for myself. I found myself challenged, inspired, and moved by the energy of everyone there. I am committed to applying the lessons I learned to my life and continuing my faith outside the trip. NCYC has instilled in me a renewed appreciation for community and shared faith. I am determined to deepen my connection with God even further every day of my life.





**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is a
TWICE Recognized Exemplary High Performing
National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence**

**GRADES PreK through 8
WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!**

**VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSE / PRIVATE
TOUR EVENT**

SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

11am until 1pm

visit www.cjbschool.org to REGISTER

**click on ADMISSIONS, OPEN HOUSE, REGISTER
or use this QR Code**



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, and St. Elizabeth Seton. Additionally, we welcome children from other parishes and households whose parents are seeking a Christ-centered, academically excellent educational environment. CJB is located adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish – at 9250 W. 167th Street in Orland Hills.

Share the news of our **OPEN HOUSE and PERSONAL TOURS** with your family and friends who may be looking for an academically excellent school! Experience the CJB Difference!

For questions, contact our Enrollment Director, Mrs. Cynthia Devlin at cdevlin@cjbschool.org or call 708-403-6525 ext 127.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



Rev. Charles T. Rubey
Founder and Director of Loss
(Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide)
(LOSS) a non-denominational program
offered by Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of Chicago. Starting in 1979
with one small group,
LOSS has grown to be a leader in the
field of suicide grief, offering support
groups and counseling for survivors of all
ages, in and around metropolitan
Chicago

Join Rev. Charles T. Rubey from
Catholic Charities
as he presents :

“Healthy Approach for Losing a Loved One to
Suicide”

on Sunday January 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm

at St. Francis of Assisi Church



MANY THANKS TO ALL!
**Thank you to everyone who
contributed to help fill or
deliver Christmas stock-
ings and comfort bags this
year.** The kindness and gen-
erosity of our parishioners
allowed us to bring stockings
to 581 children, who depend

on a variety of Catholic Charities programs. We also delivered approximately 200 comfort bags to the downtown homeless. A special thank you to the SFA Prayer Shawl Ministry for making over 200 scarves for the adult bags and teen stockings. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to serving others. Also, a shout out to Sheila Pacholski who coordinated this project. Thank you to John Pacholski and Bill Carroll for making the deliveries and to all those that donated their leftover Halloween candy **THANK YOU!** Happy New Year!

Roxanne Zoladz and Sharon McCaffrey
Co-Chairs, Catholic Charities Ministry



The “Angel Fund”

Each year, across the nation, Catholic schools are recognized at parish masses and with special school events during “Catholic Schools Week.” This year, the celebration for our parish school, **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB)**, will begin with liturgies on January 27 and 28. CJB staff and students will also welcome visitors for our Open House and Personal Tours on **January 28 from 11am until 1pm**. (If that timing doesn’t fit your schedule, please call Mrs. Devlin at 708-403-6525, extension 127 to make alternative arrangements.)

Throughout “Catholic Schools Week” special events will be held at CJB – beginning with a mass on January 29 which will recognize and celebrate our volunteers. Additionally, we will celebrate the strong program of faith formation at CJB, our nationally twice-recognized blue-ribbon academics, and the selfless involvement of students and staff in a variety of service projects.

Nine years ago, CJB’s founding parishes (St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, and St. Julie Billiart) began a special collection known as the “**Angel Fund**.” This collection is taken up one weekend during the year at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Angel Fund is meant to assist parishioner families who may need a bit of help in sending their children to CJB. Last year, nearly 20% of our students received some type of financial aid from various sources. As you would understand, many families are in need.

CJB is so very grateful to our sponsoring parishes who subsidize qualified parishioner students. With the recent defeat in the Illinois House of the extension of the *Invest in Kids Program*, our school will lose over \$40,000 in tuition assistance for current students who hope to attend CJB next year. **No donation is too small. Any donation you are able to make is truly appreciated! This special collection will take place, in person, during the weekend of January 27 and 28. We do accept donations to the Angel Fund year round, at the school office, and with our new online donation option on www.cjbschool.org**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS!

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



Save the Date
The Social
Committee will be
hosting their
annual Fish Fry on
2/16/24.
More details
to follow.



Steve Stefans

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

Jerry Baldwin	Rich Hayes
Leslie Bartosz	Thomas Hickey
Chris Becker	David Hyland
Sr Dolores Blahaus	Eleanor Katauskas
Janice Blouin	Henry Kielbowicz
John Blouin	Jackson Klein
Rich Bonetti	John & Mary Lejawa
Mariano Centeno	Debbie Lipien
Michael Craig	George Lopuszynski
Patricia DiGangi	Peter Montovani
Edmund Dizon	John Moritti
Ann Marie Egan	Wanda Murawski
Pam England	Gwen Norvilas
Ray Farinella	Randy Pope
Desirea Fetkenheuer	John Prohaska
Marilyn Gallagher	Danuta Sowa
Sandy Gibson	Chuck Steffens
Gerald & Elizabeth Gill	Kimberly Trochuck
Tori Goytia	Monika Winters
Carol Grunow	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, January 13th

5:00PM Dolores Grekowicz rq. by June Paciga, Mary Blaschke rq. by Family, Rose Koetzle rq. by children & grandchildren, Joseph Janachowski rq. by Teri Sankey, Michael Clavio rq. by Mick & Barb Basila, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel

Sunday, January 14th

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Gail Saternus rq. by Family, Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by Family, Theresa Rybicki rq. by Helen Hennessey, Jerome Litrenta rq. by Joan Litrenta, Nicholas Theis rq. by Tim & Sue Finger

12:00PM Maharda Maffei rq. by Family, Bishop Kevin Birmingham rq. by Tom & Adrienne Wieczorek, Anna Deliowska rq. By Tom & Adrienne Wieczorek, James Pavia rq. by Susan Campagna, Linda Huckabee rq. by Len & Mary Ann Schillaci

Monday, January 15th

8:30AM Cosmo & Pauline Ciarrocchi rq. by family, Anna Deliowska rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta, Virginia Zbos rq. by Ray & Barb Perisin

Tuesday, January 16th

8:30AM Linda Huckabee rq. by Rosemary Zielinski, Jimmy & Hieu Phan (healing), Geraldine Zwolinski, Virginia Zbos rq. by Lee Knapik

Wednesday, January 17th

8:30AM Gail Blum rq. by Rita Killoren, Anthony & Katherine Osacky rq. by Thomas Osacky, Lucy Phan (healing), Virginia Zbos rq. by Joe March

Thursday, January 18th

8:30AM Dorothy Gensler, Anastasia & Joseph Zopata rq. by John Zbos, Linda Huckabee rq. by Rita Killoren, Art Pike rq. by Joe March, Joyce March rq. by Joe March

Friday, January 19th

8:30AM Virginia Zbos rq. by Weronika & John Habas

Saturday, January 20th

5:00PM Carol Ciarrocchi rq. by Family, Leon Czub rq. by Family, Michael Clavio rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, Joseph Janachowski rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, Ben Schwoerer rq. by Jim, Carmen & Anna Walsh, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel

Sunday, January 21st

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Linda Huckabee rq. by SFA Religious Ed Staff, Mary Marsan rq. by The Zoladz Family, John Coners rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens, Connor Christian rq. by Family, Czeslawa Marciniak rq. by Jean & John Matyja

12:00PM Bridget Kubicki rq. by Family, Anthony Catalano, Sr. & Charles Vins, Jr. rq. by Carlene Catalano & sons, Stefania Dzielska rq. by The Dzielska & Gil Families

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

DEACON BRIAN WHITEFORD, **Permanent Deacon**
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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)
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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 (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 - 9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church 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.