

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

January 21, 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.

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year

As we welcome this new year 2024, let's do it with a thankful heart. Let's start the new year with peace and faith. We should let go of any hard feelings or frustrations from the past year. Take this opportunity of new beginnings to say sorry to those we've hurt or to extend forgiveness to others. Remember, God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's enter the new year, ready to live the life He wants for us!

Gospel in everyday English

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message." Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed (from Mark 1).

Notes on the Scripture

I have been watching some NFL play-off games and have been impressed with some great teams. Usually, if you want to accomplish big goals, you want to assemble the best team possible. However, there are many examples of teams loaded with the best players failing miserably. The most talented or gifted people are not always the right people. Chemistry, attitude, and desire are all components necessary in building a winning team.

We are led to believe that some of those Jesus called to be apostles were not the most talented or smartest people for the job, but they were the right choices. Scripture has these men denying, doubting, and questioning Jesus. But a movement that spread around the world and became the church was founded on such as these.

God calls each of us to play our part in his plan. We are called from wealth and poverty, from experience and simplicity, and from community and solitude. In him there is no Greek or Jew, male or female, slave or free. Each of us is called to be a part, and without any one of us, our ability to fulfill that plan is diminished. Call us stewards, disciples, or followers. But whatever name you use, we are all called.

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 27	Sunday, 8:00 AM January 28	Sunday, 10:00 AM January 28	Sunday, 12:00 PM January 28
Presider	Rev. Artur Sowa	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	Mike Kiley	John Donahue	Brian Whiteford	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Susan Vari	Sharon McCaffrey	Marjorie Curran	Marilyn O'Sullivan
Lector	Bobette Garrett (1) Richard Klein (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Pat Trebe (2)	Gabby Bach (1) Greg Moe (2)	Martha Jaquez (1) Nancy Palacz (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister James Calcagno Lisa Kacerovskis Mike Kiley Mary Ann Smith Rev. Artur Sowa Susan Vari Tricia Vidinich	John Donahue Nicole Freisleben Michael Freisleben Lisa Freisleben Mark Freisleben Patricia Goldberg Sharon McCaffrey Fr. Jay Suero	Michael Curran Mary Greenan Sharon Moe Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Judee Tan Brian Whiteford Rev. Rich Young	Cathy Embach Gerardo L. Garcia Robert Long Marilyn O'Sullivan Michael Pindelski Denise Sorpassa Rev. Artur Sowa Jeannine Witowski
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Maeve Chester Max Meyer	Claire Selof Emily Selof NOT FILLED	John Curran Brian Curran Patrick Curran	Sofia Alvarez Lagunas Sabrina Geerdes NOT FILLED
Usher	Jim Arzbaecher (HU) Cathy Arzbaecher Roxanne Zoladz	James Pedersen (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Bud Wyman	Janice Ota (HU) Deborah Burzinski Keith Nelson	Laura Tucco (HU) NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Greeter	Renee Farrell Lisa Kacerovskis	Gregory Fifer Lynne Sparks	Char Oliver NOT FILLED	Mary Jo Noreikis Denise Sorpassa

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, January 21st

Rev. Edward Shea, OFM, 3:30PM (Church)

Monday, January 22nd

Catholic Charities Supper Prep, 12:30PM (UH) Women's CRHP 25, 7:00PM (GR)

Tuesday, January 23rd

Needles & Things, 12:30PM (SFR) Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM (UH)

Wednesday, January 24th

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)

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

Thursday, January 25th

Thurs RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR) RE Grades 4-8 Reconciliation Service (SFC-FR) Men's CRHP25, 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, January 26th AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

Saturday, January 27th

Helping Hands Food Drive
Sat RE Grades 1-8, 8:30AM-10:00AM (SFC-FR)
RE Grades 4-8 Reconciliation Service (SFC-FR)
RCIA, 10:00AM (GR&NR)



We joyfully welcomed the following child into our Christian Community on January 14, 2024

Vance Anthony Billig

Son of Kyle & Danielle (Wydra) Billig

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 \$168,672.00



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.





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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

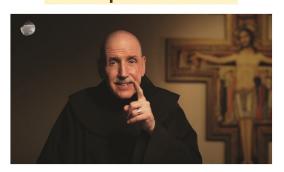
Welcomes all to a presentation on

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.

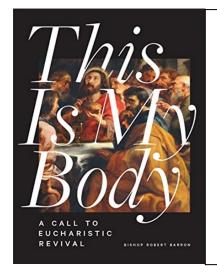
Join the parish discussion of Bishop Barron's book

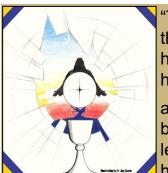
This is My Body

Host/lead a group in your home or Join a parish group beginning Feb. 19th for 5 weeks

Monday Morning after Mass
Monday Evening 6:30 pm

Stop by the parish office to register & get your free book to be ready for the 1st gathering in Upton Hall.





"The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift however precious —

among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in

his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work."

— 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



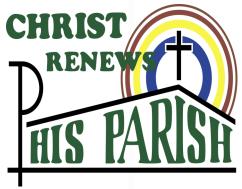
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EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION







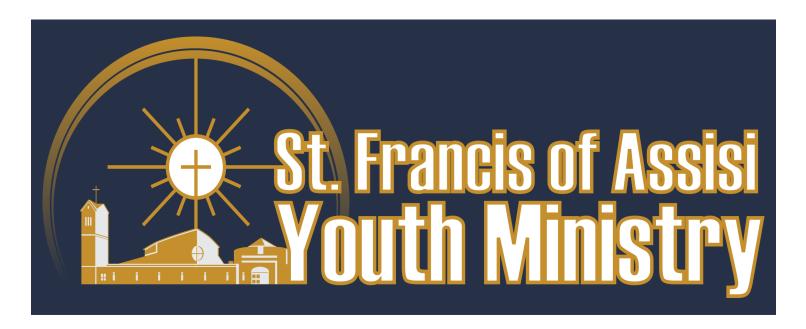
CRHP was among the best decisions I have made about my faith. I found that other men in the parish had similar questions and were also looking for a deeper experience to complement Sunday mass.

You don't have to know a lot about the Bible. (That had

me worried!). It's more about accepting each one of us — where we are today and building on our own foundation.

Another positive is that I became friends with other men who also wanted to explore their faith in this way. I haven't met anyone who does not speak highly of their CRHP experience. I'm glad I did this and would have benefited more if I had done it sooner.

Mike Sedlak





Reflection by Delaney Johnson

My Experience at NCYC 2023

My name is Delaney Johnson, and I was very fortunate to attend this year's National Catholic Youth Conference with Fr. Jay and other members of St. Francis. My experience at NCYC was amazing and it allowed me to get out of my comfort zone and experience my faith in a completely new and exciting way. I was originally hesitant to join the journey to Indianapolis for the conference, but I am so glad that I went. From the start, the entire city of Indianapolis was filled with Catholic teens, and you could just feel the excitement around you. Everyone was wearing fun hats and laughing with other members of their parish, and I knew that my time at NCYC was going to be great.

When we first arrived at our hotel, we settled in and went to church. I had never been to a completely full mass of almost all teenagers and the mass felt unreal. It was incredible to see so many kids my age so deep in their faith. After mass, we went to our first group session at the Lucas Oil Stadium and when I walked in, I was not expecting what was to come next. From the second we found our seats amongst the 13,000 Catholics, the whole stadium was filled with joy. Everyone was singing and praising God. It was so new to see that many people praising all together. Singing and dancing with all of the other people really pushed me out of my comfort zone. I was not used to expressing my faith so freely.

Each day we had two group sessions, breakout sessions, and went to mass. After the first group session, everyone would split up with their parishes and go to the breakout sessions that they were interested in. Each

breakout would be filled with different topics about the Catholic faith, and it was interesting to hear different takes and advice on the topics. Many of the breakout sessions that I went to were very moving and helped me enrich my faith and see new perspectives. In between each breakout, people would pin clothespins with encouraging messages on you and your accessories, and it was so nice to read those messages after a long day.

Throughout my experience at NCYC, I was able to learn about my faith, make stronger connections with the people from my parish, and really open up about my struggles and thoughts about my faith and daily life. I loved every moment of my time at NCYC and strongly encourage other teens to join the next NCYC journey.







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!





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

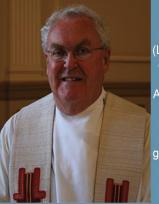


Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, and St. Elizabeth Seton. Additionally, we welcome children from other parishes and households whose parents are seeking a Christ-centered, academically excellent educational 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



Monday, Feb. 12th in the Great Room, 3:30-5:00pm Facilitated by Sr. Gael



St. Francis Helping Hands Winter Food Drive

Before and After All Masses on January 27 & 28. Please drop off your non-perishable food items,

toiletries and paper items at the tables in the parking lot. Monetary donations also appreciated. Especially needed items are jelly, cereal, canned meals such as stew and ravioli, canned or dry beans and Size 5 & 6 diapers. Food distributed to St. Blase in Summit, St. Philip Neri in Chicago, and the Orland Township Food Pantry

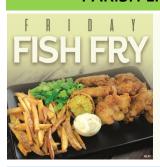
Thank you for keeping others fed this cold winter season!



WELCOME LESLIE, BRIANNA and LISA!

Sunday, Jan. 21 at the 10:00 Mass we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome with Leslie, Brianna and Lisa. This beautiful rite expresses eloquently the Church's joy in welcoming candidates who want to become Catholic (RCIA). It also expresses the assembly's solemn intention to hand on the treasures of the faith. At the very beginning of Mass the priest or deacon goes to meet the candidates and their sponsors. After greeting them, the celebrant asks their names and what they ask of God's Church. He then asks them if they are prepared to live the Christian life, to accept the teachings of the Gospel. They answer as individuals, "I am," and the celebrant asks the sponsors and the entire assembly if they are willing to help the candidates "find and follow Christ." After the responses, "We are," the celebrant offers a prayer and all sing an acclamation. Please keep Leslie, Brianna and Lisa in your prayers, as together we journey to the Easter Vigil.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



Save the Date

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



Mary Calhoun

Jeanne Klouda

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	Eleanor Katauskas		
Leslie Bartosz	Henry Kielbowicz		
Chris Becker	Rita Killoren		
Sr Dolores Blahaus	Jackson Klein		
Janice Blouin	John & Mary Lejawa		
John Blouin	Debbie Lipien		
Rich Bonetti	George Lopuszynski		
Mariano Centeno	Laurel & Julianne McGrenera		
Michael Craig	Joelle McMaster		
Patricia DiGangi	Peter Montovani		
Edmund Dizon	John Moritti		
Ann Marie Egan	Wanda Murawski		
Pam England	Gwen Norvilas		
Ray Farinella	Steve Oleszkiewicz		
Desirea Fetkenheuer	Randy Pope		
Marilyn Gallagher	John Prohaska		
Sandy Gibson	Danuta Sowa		
Gerald & Elizabeth Gill	Chuck Steffens		
Tori Goytia	Huey Treacy		

Kimberly Trochuck

Monika Winters

Ken Witowski

Jackie Yan

Carol Grunow

Rich Hayes

Thomas Hickey

David Hyland

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

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

Monday, January 22nd

8:30AM Jimmy & Hieu Phan (healing), Linda Huckabee rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy, Matthew Tassone rq. by The Tassone Family

Tuesday, January 23rd

8:30AM Josephine Regnier rq. by The Lenczycki Family, Lucy Phan (healing)

Wednesday, January 24th

8:30AM Linda Huckabee rq. by Jean Nielsen, Anna Deliowska rq. by debi & Karen Ross, Maureen Rodgers rq. by Marty Terpstra

Thursday, January 25th

8:30AM Maryanne Terpstra rq. by Marty Terpstra

Friday, January 26th

8:30AM Delores Septowski rq. by Darlene Gonska, Virginia Zbos rq. by Marty Terpstra

Saturday, January 27th

5:00PM John & Jeannette Wilkos rq. by The Grekowicz Family, Edward Uher rq. by Sharon Uher & family, Aldona Sarge rq. by Family, Kupiec Mieczyslaw rq. by Family, Buras Janina rq. by Family

Sunday, January 28th

8:00AM Mary Gensler rq. by Family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Rita Killoren, Margaret Hannon rq. by Paul & Anne Lebert

10:00AM Rose & John Wrubel rq. by Family, Geraldine Zwolinski rq. by debi & Karen Ross

12:00PM Bridget Kubicki rq. by Frank & Anne Kubicki, Charles Koziel rq. by Jackie Koziel, Jozefa & Ignacy Wons rq. by Family

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** (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 northeast corner of the Church.

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

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

Facilities Maintenance: Monika Czajczyk, Tony Candelaria

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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.