

December 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

MINE EYES HAVE
SEEN YOUR
SALVATION.

— LUKE 2:30 —



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

December 31, 2023

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.

Let the celebrations continue

Christmas isn't just one day; in the liturgical calendar of the Church we take more time to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and His manifestation. This Christmas season expands from Christmas Eve, through the feast of the Holy Family and Epiphany, until the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls on January 8th. Let us keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts and let the celebrations continue! Merry Christmas – We can still say it!

Sunday Gospel in everyday English

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

When the eighth day arrived, the day of circumcision, the child was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived. Then when the days stipulated by Moses for purification were complete, they took him up to Jerusalem to offer him to God as commanded in God's Law: "Every male who opens the womb shall be a holy offering to God," and also to sacrifice the "pair of doves or two young pigeons" prescribed in God's Law. *(from Luke 2)*

The Feast of the Holy Family

Do you want to make a difference in the world? Do you want to leave your mark on history? Then be a good father or mother. Study after study shows that children make out better in life when they are raised in a stable home with a loving father and mother. The unconditional love of a mother keeps them emotionally stable throughout life. The discipline of a father gives them the tools to be successful in school and in work. There is no better place than the home for a child to learn the faith. No other institution in society can shape and form children better than families can. When families fail, the community as a whole suffers because of it. Because the family is the cornerstone of both the church and society, good fathers and mothers provide a tremendous service to our world. No other role is more effective or more meaningful in strengthening our society. There is no other job that is more consequential to the future of humankind than that of a father and mother. Let us keep that in mind as we celebrate today's feast and give thanks to God for our families!!!

Thank You

We had been blessed this Christmas, with many beautiful liturgies and graces. I want to take this time to express my deepest gratitude to all who made it so special. Many thanks to all the Staff and Volunteers, Deacons, Ushers, EMs, Lectors, Cantors, Musicians, Choirs, Sacristans and all who helped in any way during Advent and Christmas Day. Thank You Very Much and May God Bless!

Happy New Year

Let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible with God's help and guidance. Happy New Year 2024!

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 6	Sunday, 8:00 AM January 7	Sunday, 10:00 AM January 7	Sunday, 12:00 PM January 7
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young
Deacon	Timothy McCormick	Brian Whiteford	Michael Pindelski	John Donahue
Sacristan	Susan Vari	Barbara Basila	Betty Kameron	Marilyn O'Sullivan
Lector	Kim Reid (1) Jill Dwyer (2)	Bud Wyman (1) Richard Klein (2)	Rose Leitelt (1) Andy Leitelt (2)	Thomas Glynn (1) Gabby Bach (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister Lorraine Martenson Timothy McCormick Casimir (Casey) Pytel Fr. Jay Suero Martin Terpstra Susan Vari Tricia Vidinich	Michael Basila Barbara Basila Nancy Biggio John Gaskill James Pedersen Fr. Jay Suero Brian Whiteford Mary Ann Wyman	Rich Becker Mary Greenan Betty Kameron Regina Knapp Sharon Moe Michael Pindelski Judy Schweiger (sub req.) Rev. Rich Young	John Donahue Sr. Gael Gensler Robert Long Marilyn O'Sullivan Sheila Pacholski Mary Ann Schillaci Thomas Wiczorek Rev. Rich Young
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Maeve Chester (sub req.) Aaron Lubinski	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Amanda Mackowiak Claire Selof Emily Selof	John Curran Brian Curran Patrick Curran
Usher	Roxanne Zoladz (HU) Mike Zoladz Keith Nelson	Gregory Fifer (HU) James Calcagno Roger Malinowski	Diane Mackowiak (HU) Wayne Kameron Janice Ota	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Laura Tucco
Greeter	Teri Sankey Martin Terpstra	Lynne Sparks Mary Ann Wyman	Char Oliver NOT FILLED	Mary Jo Noreikis NOT FILLED

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, January 1st

Mass at 10:00AM

Wednesday, January 3rd

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)

Thursday, January 4th

Helping Hands Mtg., 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, January 5th

AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

Saturday, January 6th

Rosary for Life, 10:00AM (Chapel)

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 November, 2023

Electronic Givings \$38,502.65

Envelopes & Loose \$48,859.00

Total for November, 2023 \$87,361.65

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.

“Take; this is my body”

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



“Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.” (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)

“It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God.” (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist “makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.” (CCC, no. 1330)

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ARE YOU A BELIEVER IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST?

So far this year the Eucharistic Revival Committee has presented Bulletin Articles, Speakers on Sunday Afternoons, Prayer Before Sunday Masses, First Friday Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Small Study Groups. Here are a few comments from participants in the Small Study Groups who wanted to share their thoughts with you—wanted you to know how their groups became important in their spiritual lives.

From Marilyn Nelson

I think our group appreciated the opportunity to share ideas, questions, and opinions. While nearly all of us already believed in the actual presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, reading the book by Bishop Barron, going over the questions and just talking brought us to a deeper understanding, as well as, a desire that there be more strong believers as Catholics. My husband Keith who converted from Lutheran to Catholic many years ago really

became enlightened and a true believer through the study group experience! It was nice to have two men, my husband Keith and Pete Piazza in our group. They often found statements in the book that spoke to them and pointed them out to us in a way we had not thought of before. Hearing each other pick out statements from our reading that had meaning was always enlightening.

I think what we felt is that as a faith community, we got to know each other in a way that wouldn't have happened otherwise. We are all disciples on a journey, trying to figure out how to be the best disciple. I enjoyed opening our home to the others and feel like I've found new friends and strengthened friendship with old friends.

From Mary Jayne Tittle

There are many wonderful, spiritual opportunities at our parish in which to participate. At this moment in our history, we are joining other Catholics throughout the United States to rekindle our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I am a believer. I believe in the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I had the opportunity to join a small group as we studied the thoughts of Bishop Robert Barron in his book, This Is My Body. Our discussions were rich and moving. I've always felt that there is much to be learned from delving into spiritual readings; but oh, so much more to be learned from small group discussion. Small groups such as this one, allowed for refreshing openness and honesty, beautifully shared memories, and a true expression of love for the Eucharist.

I am a believer. I believe in the true Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. But, do I, as a cradle Catholic take it for granted? That's the question that came to mind as I encountered this searching to come to know Him better. Do I remember with awe and amazement of what is transpiring at the Consecration at every Mass? Our Eucharistic Revival small group allowed us to ask these questions of ourselves and each other. Think about joining a Small Study Group, you won't regret it.

For more information or to sign up for a group, contact Trisha Goldberg at trishagoldberg1@comcast.net

**“Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?”
— Ecclesia de Eucharistia, April 17, 2003**



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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.



Eucharistic Revival Opportunities

First Friday Devotion, January 5th

Attend Mass and receive Communion in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months.

Come to our 8:30 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. A brief time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (adoration) will follow Mass. It will include the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque received this promise the Lord: **"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment."**



We joyfully welcomed the following child into our Christian Community on December 17, 2023

Wyatt Richard Bentz

Son of Paxson & Kayley (Schabes) Bentz

Vivienne Raye Ranzini

Daughter of Michael & Jillian (Beneventi) Ranzini

Ava James Wiencek

Daughter of Douglas & Kara (Rita) Wiencek

Sunday, January 7th at 9:30am in the Saint Francis Room on the lower level



Children's Mass

Parents & their Preschool Age children are invited!



THE ROSARY

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join us for the Rosary for Life the first Saturday of each month. This coming month we will meet at **10:00AM on Saturday, January 6th**. We will pray at the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the bell tower. Hope to see you then!

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

JUICEBOX
on YouTube

A new Catholic kids show is here! Grow in the faith while having fun!

Juice Box is a new online children's show and YouTube channel designed to entertain kids and grown-ups alike while teaching the Catholic faith.

www.SpiritJuiceKids.com

This web series uses popular toys, stories, games, crafts, and more to introduce faith-based topics on a level that young children understand, engage with, enjoy, and (most importantly) remember. This is a safe Youtube channel that you can finally feel good about your kids watching.

YouTube
@SpiritJuiceKids

Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Facebook

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Save the Date:

Men's Feb. 3/4, 2024

Women's Feb. 24/25, 2024



Hi, my name is Rhonda Okleshen, and I have been a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi since 1997. Over the years I listened to many announcements of the CRHP retreat weekend, and the many encouraging words from former participants speaking at the Pulpit in the weeks leading up to the event. I was always curious, but hesitant to sign up. Also, there was always an excuse not to go. Life is busy and I had something scheduled nearly every year. Then in 2019 while attending mass it hit me, my schedule was clear, and I felt like something was missing in my life. I signed up after mass. I do not regret a single minute I spent that weekend. The experience enriched my connection with God and the parish, and I have a whole new set of women in my life with whom I share a special bond. Please consider signing up for this weekend. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.



**YOUR PARISH SCHOOL WISHES YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
BLESSED NEW YEAR**

As we approach the end of our advent journey and enter the blessed Christmas season, we are prepared, heart, mind, and soul, for the coming of Christ in our world. Let us rejoice and take comfort in the knowledge that prayer can bring us closer to Christ and to one another. Prayer can bring our world together.

Be assured that the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend prayers of peace and wishes for good health and abundant joy to our fellow parishioners!

May your Christmas be filled with the Joy of the Christ child and may each day of the New Year bring blessings that strengthen your soul and renew your spirit.

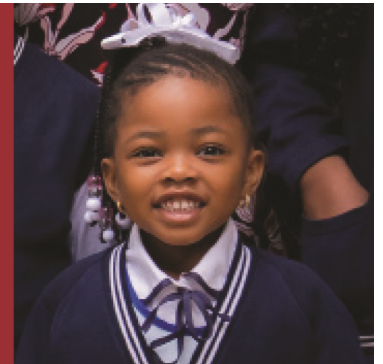
Mrs. Jeanne Pagliaro

Principal

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**URGENT SCHOLARSHIP
HELP NEEDED**
for Catholic Schools



The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised **\$42,248** supporting **7 students** at **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Orland Hills.**

We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. The need for scholarship funding is greater than ever. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.

Thankfully, supporting scholarships has never been easier, and scholarship gifts are still tax-deductible. Please visit archchicago.org/scholarships to make an online gift to any school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Gifts can be made to a specific school or schools with the highest need.

**The Time Is Now: Please Help Keep
Faith-Based Education Accessible**
archchicago.org/scholarships



If you would like to make a gift via check, Donor Advised Fund, stock or other method, please get in touch with the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7959 or archchicago@archchicago.org.

Sharing Our Christmas Blessings

**"for it is in giving that
we receive"**

Thank You
to the parishioners of
St. Francis of Assisi

Through the amazing generosity of SFA parishioners, over **400** St. Agatha individuals received wrapped gifts in celebration of the birth of Jesus. In addition, monetary and gift card donations will help support the hungry, the poor, and those struggling to overcome life's challenges. Hunger relief and food pantries, Veterans suppers, Catholic Charities & Courage Programs, and our parish's Saint Vincent de Paul Society will benefit from you sharing your blessings.

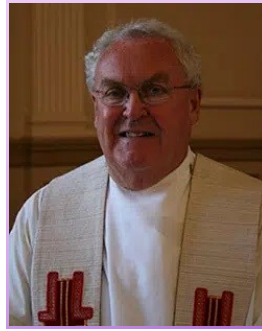
**We would also like to acknowledge
all the volunteers:**

**Debby & Jerry O., Joyce F., Kelly & Andy B.,
Jeri L., Susan C., Lee K., Laurie & Jim A.,
Kay & Geri S., Teri S., Tami K., Char & John O.,
Doreen L., Diana T., Roxanne Z., Patti Smith &
family, Sheila P., Carolyn M., Sharon A., Kevin,
Scott, John, Lonnie, Joe, Jim, Brian,
Lorraine M., Corinna, Debbie B., and Elaine K.**

**For the 12th year, parishioners Beth & Bill Doyle
of TM Doyle Teaming Company very generously
donated the truck /driver to deliver the gifts,
along with Gina, Vinny and Lilly Loizzo who
helped load the delivery truck.**

**Special thanks to Fr. Artur, Fr. Jay, Sr. Gael,
Paula Belski, Jim Hahn and his staff,
Ann Carroll, Jeannine Witowski,
Allison Domenick, and Tom Kulbida.**

**Our apologies to anyone we may have missed,
God knows of your contributions.**



Save the Date:

On Sunday, January 28, 2024 at
3:00 pm in the church
Rev. Charles T. Ruby of Catholic
Charities of Chicago will give a talk:

**"Healthy Approach for Losing
a Loved One to Suicide"**

Knights of Columbus **Basketball Free Throw Competition**



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School/Gymnasium
9250 W 167th Street, Orland Hills

Sunday, January 7, 4-6PM
NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE

Open to boys and girls ages 9-14 to give it a shot!

A boy and girl winner from each age group will advance to
the next round to compete for the State Championship

Please PRE-REGISTER by January 4th to :
pat.mckernan@att.net

When pre-registering, email your child's first name, last
name, and age.

We look forward to seeing you on January 7th!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Father C.C. Boyle
Council #4698, Tinley Park





Monday, January 8th , 3:30-5pm in the Great Room. Facilitated by Valerie Piazza LCPC



Genevieve Stewart

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.

Jerry Baldwin	Rich Hayes
Leslie Bartosz	Thomas Hickey
Chris Becker	David Hyland
Sr Dolores Blahaus	Henry Kielbowicz
Janice Blouin	Laura Kopp
John Blouin	John & Mary Lejawa
Rich Bonetti	George Lopuszynski
Mariano Centeno	Danilo Martinez
Len Cerrentano	Peter Montovani
Michael Craig	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	Kimbery Trochuck
Tori Goytia	Monika Winters
Carol Grunow	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, December 30th

5:00PM Mary Young rq. by Sue King, Edward Kasan rq. by Jimmy & Lucy Phan, Beddow/Westphal Families rq. by Patricia Westphal, Nancy Ryan rq. by Mary McDermott

Sunday, December 31st

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by The Cederstrom Family, Mariano Centeno (healing) rq. by The Candelaria Family

12:00PM JoAnn Jancosek rq. by Gina Vitucci, Anna Sroka rq. by Maryann & Nancy

Monday, January 1st

10:00AM John, Mary B. & Mary T. Foley rq. by Family, Jack Martarano rq. by Family, Mary Castronovo rq. by Family, Santa Grassadonia rq. by Family, Joseph Doan rq. by Family

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:30AM Dorothy & Edward Chanda rq. by Family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Jimmy & Lucy, Paul & Tina Bakke (good health) rq. by Carol Colby

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:30AM Terri Lenz rq. by SW Pastoral Musicians, David Bakke (good health) rq. by Carol Colby, Jimmy & Hieu Phan (good health)

Thursday, January 4th

8:30AM Dolores Grekowicz rq. by Cindy Bennecke, Denzel Full rq. by Trisha Goldberg, Steven Fischer rq. by The Fischer Family, Lucy Phan (healing)

Friday, January 5th

8:30AM Bernadette Tomasek rq. by Rita Killoren Gail Saturnus rq. by Family, Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by The Cederstrom Family, Charles Ronchetti rq. by Fay Baranowski, Leslie Bates rq. by Vita Bates

Saturday, January 6th

5:00PM Lou Rozmanich rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski, Gail Saturnus rq. by Family, Gregory Vogelsperger rq. by Jim, Carmen & Anna Walsh, Norb & Lea Retis rq. by The Murawski Family, Peg & Bob Gombas rq. by Family

Sunday, January 7th

8:00AM Luis Gonzalez rq. by Kathy Biederman & Kathy Grotemeyer, Dolores Grekowicz rq. by Ted Grekowicz, Linda Huckabee rq. by Rosalie & Andy Leitelt, Anna Sroka rq. by Ray & Marian Perego

10:00AM The People of St. Francis

12:00PM Walter Liptak rq. by The Pytel Family, Stanley Komperda rq. by Family, Eileen Leonard rq. by Pat Leonard, Linda Huckabee rq. by Sue Campagna, Maharda Maffei rq. by Family

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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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**
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REV. RICH YOUNG, OSA, **Weekend Presider**

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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
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YOUTH MINISTRY
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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.