



**Our Lady of Peace
Welcomes You to Our Parish**



Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Catholic Parish and School

As a new member of Our Lady of Peace Parish, you should consider yourself a member of our Christian family which cares about your spiritual, physical, and intellectual growth. As a parent, we would like you to consider our parish school to be responsible for this growth in your children. It has been designed to develop the full potential of the individual intellectually, while fostering a sense of Christian values.

Our Lady of Peace School was founded in 1963, has an enrollment of approximately 330 students and a dedicated, caring staff of lay teachers who provide a comprehensive, up-to-date curriculum. The curriculum assures that students are thoroughly prepared for high school, and often honors classes. To achieve this quality education, Our Lady of Peace School promotes diversified programs of learning.

Our philosophy is simple: We are here “to teach as Jesus did”. Our parents, teachers, clergy, and students work together, as a family, to foster a lifelong love of learning.

- Pre-School for 3 year olds (2 days a week) and 4 year olds (3 days a week)
- Full Day and Half Day Kindergarten
- Grades 1-3 are self contained with both large and small group instructions
- Grades 4-8 are completely departmentalized. Music, Physical Education, Computer, Art and Spanish classes are taught by specialists in these fields.
- IOWA Test of Basic Skills and DIBELS reading assessment
- Science Fair
- Geography Bee
- Sacramental preparation and opportunities for students to participate in school liturgies
- An environment that welcomes family involvement in student learning, extra-curricular activities, athletics and safety
- A huge variety of student activities and resources, including no-cut athletics for boys and girls starting with 5th grade (cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, track and field, cheerleading)
- Altar Servers ministry Grades 4-8
- Band program is offered for students in Grades 4-8
- Chess Club, Choir, DARE, Homework Club, Math Team, Student Council
- Christmas and Spring Musicals
- Before and After School Care

Our Lady of Peace School

709 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL 60561 Phone: 630-325-9200



Our Lady of Peace Blood Program

For over 20 years, many parishioners felt a commitment toward human life. Their commitment has been strong enough to give of their time and themselves to support a most vital activity....donating blood and assisting at our blood drives.

Our blood is the life line of our community and that of the world. To this day, man has not been able to manufacture it. Blood is purely and simply a human resource given by one human being to another. Each day, approximately 800 pints are used in the metropolitan area of Chicago. Any healthy adult between the ages of 17 and 70 who weighs at least 100 lbs. can donate blood. By donating blood, you are being a "Friend for Life" to those in need.

Without donors, someone in our parish community may not be able to have a much needed surgery, recover from a traumatic accident or receive dialysis treatments. The parish hopes that all who can, will share the responsibility of providing this precious resource which only one person can give to another.

Our Parish Blood drives are held at Lace School (75th St. and Cass Ave.) from 4:30PM – 8:00 PM on a Tuesday in:

- February
- May
- July (held in our school gym on Saturday from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM)
- September
- November

If you are willing to donate a pint of blood or work at the July blood drive, please fill out the section below and put it in the collection basket some weekend. Thank you for your support.

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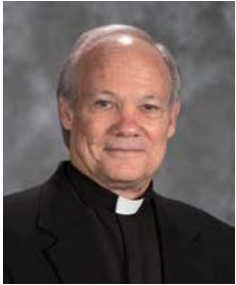
I _____ am willing to participate in the blood program.

Address: _____ Apt. _____


City: _____ Phone: _____



Meet Your Parish Clergy

	<p>Rev. Walter Dziordz, M.I.C., Pastor/Superior</p> <p>My name is Fr. Walter Dziordz. I had been the Provincial Superior for 13 years of what was the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province of Marians in the US for 13 years. This province merged with the province of St. Casimir to become an entirely new province, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province.</p> <p>Prior to that ministry as Provincial Superior, I was the pastor of a parish in Greensboro, N.C., for five years. I had been ordained for three years when I became a pastor. Because of my experience as pastor of a parish, I became the pastor here at Our Lady of Peace in 2006.</p> <p>In addition to being the pastor here, I am also the local House Superior. We have modeled our Marian life here on what we had experienced in Greensboro, which was also a parish and religious house. To do the best we can, we try to maintain an active religious life of community and prayer.</p> <p>In addition to the above, I served in the US Army for three years, with one year in the National Guard. I hold M.Div and D.Min degrees.</p>
	<p>Rev. Ronald L. McBride, M.I.C.</p> <p>A late vocation, I joined the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in 2003. I was a Religious Brother for six years; attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Ct., and was ordained at Our Lady of Peace Parish on December 8, 2012. I am responsible for the Altar Servers.</p>
<p>Rev. Alphonse Micka, M.I.C., Pastor Emeritus</p> <p>Rev. Anthony Kelpsas, M.I.C.</p>	

Parish Deacons

	<p>Deacon Frank Bina----RETIRED</p> <p>I became a Parishioner in 1962. Since then I have observed the tremendous growth of the Parish.</p> <p>I served the Parish in various capacities: Trustee, President of Parish Council, REO teacher, Board President, Lector, Usher, Church Building Committee, and director of Bingo.</p> <p>In 1979, I began a 3 ½ year diaconal study and formation culminating in my Ordination as a Deacon on September 26, 1981. At the end of that same year I retired from my regular employment.</p> <p>On September 26, 2006, I celebrated my Silver Jubilee of Diaconal Ordination. During those 25 years and beyond, I committed myself to the Diaconal Ministry of the parish, affording me many rewarding blessings.</p>
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Deacon Paul Brachle

I graduated in 1953 with a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Engineering from Purdue University.

From 1954-56, I was in Active duty for the US Army; Ft. Benning, GA. Subsequently, I served eight years in the inactive Reserves. I left in 1964 with an Honorable Discharge.

For 38 years, I worked in applied research for Continental & Crown Can Companies. As a packaging trouble-shooter, I traveled extensively both domestically and internationally. I retired in March, 1993.

I was married in 1958 and my wife, Marilyn, and I have eight children (seven graduated from OLOP and all graduated from Benet Academy. Six children are married and there are 17 living grandchildren).

In 1985, I was ordained to the Office of Permanent Diaconate and have served in that capacity ever since.



Deacon Larry Fudacz

I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois in 1971. I married my wife, Jan, in 1970, have four children and currently, six grandchildren.

I worked as a store manager and retired after 35 years for the Walgreen Company. After retirement I started formation and was ordained a Permanent Deacon in August 2007.

Currently, I am responsible for our parish's **Bereavement Ministry, Marriage Preparation** and **RCIA**. I also act as a coordinator and liaison between all the ministries within the parish.



Deacon Patrick Kenny

I graduated from Northwestern University in 1978 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and have been a State Farm Insurance Agent since 1980. My wife Debi and I were married at Our Lady of Peace in 1979. We have seven children, all of whom attended OLP School, and six grandchildren.

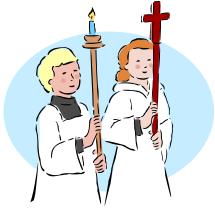
During the past 25+ years, Debi and I have been active in the Cursillo movement in the Joliet Diocese and remain active participants today. Currently, I am responsible for Pastoral Ministers of Care, Adult formation Classes and the Christ Renews His Parish movement here at Our Lady of Peace.



Deacon Frank Vonesh

I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Metallurgical Engineering in 1972 from the University of Illinois – Chicago Circle Campus. I am currently a Sales Engineer for an equipment company headquartered in Riverside, CA. My wife, Mary, and I have two children and four grandchildren. We recently moved back to the Chicago area after having lived in St. Louis for the past 23 years.

I was ordained to the diaconate in June of 2010 by Archbishop Robert Carlson in St. Louis. My ministries have included pastoral care of the sick and elderly, RCIA, adult faith formation and the Knights of Columbus. I look forward to ministering to the faithful at Our Lady of Peace Parish.



Our Lady of Peace Parish Organizations

Please print the following information



Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate on the lines below which member(s) of your family are interested in becoming a member of or a volunteer for the following Our Lady of Peace Organizations.

Organization	Brief explanation of organization	Name of family member(s)
Education		
Religious Education Jeanne Waliczek 630-986-8430		
Board	Advisory board of parents who collaborate with the Religious Education staff in suggesting policies for the program.	
Catechist	Share your gift of faith with public school students from our parish by teaching a class once per week during the school year.	
Classroom Aide	Help with enhancing existing programs. Share your time and talent at various events such as: planning for special prayers or liturgical services, Christmas programs and seasonal events.	
Volunteer	Help during class time with attendance, hall monitoring and special projects as needed.	
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Deacon Larry Fudacz 630-323-4333 Ext. 20	Parishioners willing to sponsor and journey with those to be initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter.	
Spiritual Growth		
Deacon Pat Kenny 630-323-4333 Ext. 19	Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a movement designed to bring every parishioner into a deeper and more joyful relationship with Jesus and His Church. Through the course of a renewal weekend in which you share food, fun, and fellowship with other parishioners, you have an opportunity to encounter Christ and consider becoming His disciple. The weekend is conducted by your fellow parishioners and clergy, who are anxious to share CRHP with you. See the OLP website for a video and brochure.	

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Worship		
Eucharistic Adoration Deacon Paul Brachle 630-323-4333 Ext. 24	Come and pray before our Lord in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each first Friday of the month.	
Altar Servers Fr. Ron McBride 630-323-4333 Ext. 29	Students who assist parish clergy as servers during Mass and who appreciate the liturgy, sacraments and worship experience.	
Eucharistic Minister at Mass Dave Bertram 630-853-5068 davebertramolop@gmail.com	Assist our priests in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass.	
Lector of the Word Dave Bertram 630-853-5068 davebertramolop@gmail.com	Prepare and proclaim the Word of God in the midst of the assembly.	
Joyful Song Ensemble Malinee-708-828-2138 Joyfulsongolp.wordpress.com	This group of young singers ministers at our 6:30PM Sunday Mass. They rehearse on Thursday evenings and before Mass.	
Choir John Berardi 708-828-2138		
<p style="text-align: right;">Adult</p>	Sing with other adult members of our choir during the 10:15AM Sunday Mass. All vocal parts are welcome.	
<p style="text-align: right;">Resurrection</p>	This dedicated group of singers ministers at our funeral liturgies, which are usually Monday-Saturday. The choir arrives a half hour before the Mass in order to warm-up and rehearse.	
<p style="text-align: right;">Cantor</p>	Leads the congregation in song during the celebration of the Mass.	
Divine Mercy Heidi Berardi 708-259-8916	The Divine Mercy Feast is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. Our Lady of Peace Parish hosts a holy hour at 3:00PM with the intention to honor and ask for God's mercy. There are many opportunities to assist with the Feast Day preparations. We welcome anyone interested in helping in the following areas: promotion of the devotion, set-up and clean-up of the gym and church, assistance with refreshments, greeters, and ushers.	
Legion of Mary Amelia Pecora 630-973-0488	Fridays @ 8 in the church hall, the Legionary meet for prayer, study, discuss reports, and to receive the week's assigned Legionary work. The work activities include, among other things, leading a rosary at a wake or nursing home and providing transportation to parishioners in need.	

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Prayer Group Debi Kenny: 630-569-6621 DEBRA.L.KENNY@GMAIL.COM	<p>“FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.” MATT 18:20</p> <p>Our Lady of Peace St. Teresa of Calcutta Prayer Group</p> <p>Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the back chapel of the church to unite in prayer. The needs of this world, our country and our parish are great. As we gather in prayer we will pray for all of these needs and many more. Each week we will pray the rosary and as well as pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners. Please join us as we share the gift of prayer.</p>	
Service		
Make and Take a Meal Kathy Petrak 630-910-4573	Prepare and deliver meals on a short-term basis to parishioners in crisis.	
Money Counters Joe Phillips 708-525-5919	Tabulate weekly parish offertory and prepare deposit.	
Food Pantry Len Benes H 630-971-1902 C-630-292-3465 lkbenes@aol.com	<p>Collect, sort and distribute food for those in need on a weekly basis.</p> <p>There are hungry households in Darien and in our surrounding municipalities. The Food Pantry is the pipeline between our parishioners who give, and the hungry households who need. Distribution is on Wednesdays between 9:30AM and 11:00AM.</p>	
Sacristans Larry Krupicka 630-985-9882	Prepare and clean up the sacramental articles for celebration. Care for the condition of the entire worship space is crucial, as well as for the vestments, vessels, candles and bread and wine.	
Usher 630-323-4333 Ext. 17	Persons or families greet parishioners as they enter the church, assist the assembly with seating, the reception of communion and emergency needs. Ushers also take up the collection and distribution of bulletins.	
Lending Closet Dan & Mary Sackett 630-852-4330	The Lending closet is available to parishioners who are in need of canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and transport chairs. These items are free of charge. We ask that they be returned to us when no longer needed.	

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Blood Drive Rosemarie Courtney 630-964-8415	See page 3 for a description.	
Greeter Program Pat Charnas 630-341-1782 Deb Serrao 630-963-3998	<p>" Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" (ROM 15:7)</p> <p>Greeters serve as representatives of the faith community in welcoming parishioners and visitors to the weekend masses.</p>	
Social Committee Kathy Wanta 630-915-6814	Men and women who work in fellowship to serve the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace through the ministry of hospitality. We sponsor two social events for the parish each year in the form of a dinner and some kind of entertainment	
Pastoral Ministers for Sick and Dying Deacon Pat Kenny 630-323-4333 Ext. 19	Visitation and Eucharistic ministry to homebound and hospitalized parishioners.	
Bereavement Minister Deacon Larry Fudacz 630-323-4333 Ext. 20	NOT GRIEF COUNSELING. You will meet with a grieving family and help them prepare the funeral Mass for the deceased.	
Organizations		
Parish Council Dawn Fleming 312-593-3296 dmfleming05@gmail.com	The parish council, in collaboration with the pastor, assumes the overall well-being of the parish, present and future, through strategic planning and proposing practical solutions to the ongoing life of the parish. Members are committed to the parish as a whole, are able to attend meetings and can work collaboratively with each other and the pastor.	
Holy Name Society Luis Ferrer 630-986-0944	The Holy Name Society members of Our Lady of Peace Parish meet monthly, September through June. All men of the parish, 21 years of age and older whose membership is approved by the Reverend Pastor, who have been formally received and whose names have been inscribed in the official register, shall be members of the society.	

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Younger Than Ever Seniors Tom Peknik 630-887-0371 lpeknik@aol.com	A monthly informative and social gathering of seniors.	
Book Club Cindy Santay 630-963-9187 olopbookclub@gmail.com	The Our Lady of Peace Book Club is a group that meets the last Wednesday of the month to share faith filled and inspirational books. We gather in the Art Room of the school for discussion and fellowship.	
Young Adult Ministry Rissa Loucks 630-487-1507 rloucks@olopdarien.org	Young Adult Ministry is for young adults ages 18-35ish who are interested in seeking God. It is open to all people who seek God.	
Youth Ministry Coordinator Rissa Loucks 630-487-1507 rloucks@olopdarien.org	Youth Ministry is a teen-centered ministry that encourages teens to discover how a love of God will change their lives. They have fun, learn, and grow as disciples of God.	

For additional information regarding any organizations, please contact Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 20