

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

FOURTH *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 31, 2021

Our Lady of Peace

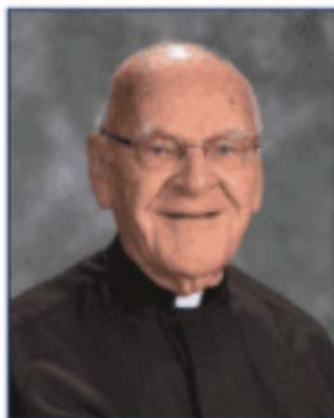
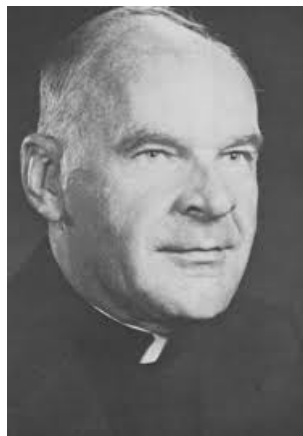
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Birthday Wishes for Fr. Al Micka's 96th

Fr. Al is celebrating his 96th birthday on February 12th. We are inviting the parish community to remember this special day with a birthday card and well wishes. If you would like to participate please drop your card in the Sunday offertory at mass, the school exterior mail box, or mail it to the parish office at 709 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL 60561.

We will make sure Fr. Al receives your greetings on his big day.



Dear Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Peace:

Here is some new information regarding the Sacraments at Our Lady of Peace. This information is being mailed to all in the parish but you can get first look at it in this note.

- Beginning February 7, 2021 we will be changing our Sunday Mass schedule to the following times:

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm

Please notice in this revision that we have added a third Mass (12:00 pm) while changing the current 10:30 am Mass to 10 am.

- We have increased our seating capacity to allow for more reservations to be made.
- We are now allowing reservations for the weekend Masses to be made up to 3 hours before Mass begins.
- I also want to confirm that Confessions will be held the following days and times in the Church:

Fridays: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturdays: 8:30 am - 9:45 am

(will now be in the Church, not the school)

- If you have a yearning to attend a Mass in person but still do not feel safe due to the crowds please contact me. I celebrate Mass everyday either publicly with the parish at the 7:30 am Mass or privately. When my schedule allows, we can set up a time for you to join me in a private Mass. Likewise, if you do not feel safe coming out in public but want to receive Holy Communion we can make arrangements to bring the Blessed Sacrament to you at your home while observing the proper Covid safety protocols. If either of these possibilities interest you contact me through my email(mbaron@olopdarien.org) or by calling the parish office.

I hope you find these changes helpful and satisfactory. It has been my desire to want to offer you more options for Mass and Confession and to also make things a little more user friendly. I am trusting that this has been achieved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thank you for all the ways in which you contribute to the well being of Our Lady of Peace Parish.

Be safe and God Bless,

Fr. Mark

2021 Calendars and bulletins

Due to the Diocesan COVID restrictions the parish was unable to distribute or leave out the 2021 parish calendars printed by Modell Funeral Home.

We are also unable to print and distribute the weekly bulletin. You can read the bulletin on our parish website and sign up for weekly bulletin emails.

We apologize for the inconvenience but must follow the current restrictions of the Diocese regarding printing and distributing these items. Thank you

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;

Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

FEAST OF FAITH

I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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MORE

Care more than others think necessary.

Trust more than others think wise.

Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Christopher Falco
Timothy Kavanaugh
Frank Maringer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December Budget: \$66,000
 Actual: \$84,999
 Surplus: \$18,999

Christmas Budget: \$50,000
 Actual: \$63,803
 Surplus: \$13,803

Sunday YTD July-December 2020
 Budget: \$429,000
 Actual: \$451,296
 Surplus: \$22,296

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who continue to support Our Lady of Peace during this difficult time. We currently have over 300 on-line donors, please consider using the online donation portal on our parish website. Our budget is \$16,500 per week.

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Deacon Paul Brachle Food Pantry

Please help the less fortunate with a charitable gift. Your donation allows us to supply the needy with food from week to week. The recipients graciously thank you and God continues to bless you.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

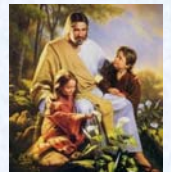


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

Alan Amann, Sue Atkinson, Joseph Barberio, Joyce Barry, Ken Barry, Tina Bershere, Rose Bina, Bill/James Bleacher, William Boggio, John Bovard, Judy C., Michael & Helen Cieslek, Bishop Daniel Conlon, Katy Counihan, Frank Cosenza, Mario Cristofaro, Pina D'Amico, Frank Dipodiva, Brooklynn Drab, Nancy Fisher, John M. Foresman, Sue Geever, Jessica & Italia Getz, Linda Hall, Moreen Hall, Joan Har-emza, Gail Hayes, Mark Herwaldt, Jan Hillerud, JoAnne Hug, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Joyce, Margita Jurcik, June Kaduk, Pearl Kalinski, Dan Kieras, Bob Kobliska, Kathy Lacy, Mary Lipscomb, Lee Liston, Rev. David Lord, Amy Lynch, Gayle Males, Emily Mason, John Matt, Patricia Matz, Frank Marsala, Donna Menard, Joan Novak, Tommy O'Driscoll, Bill Olivanti, Gloria Pavesich, Cathy Lou Pearson, Rose Marie Pedryc, Tom Peknik, Helen Peschel, Agatha Piwicz, J. Pisarczyk, Cita Quizon, Mike & Lena Ramaglia, Joan Ritzert, Roger Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Laura & George Rossano, Charlie Sanders, Maria Santos, Tony Sekera, Joyce Smith, Karlton Smith, Estelle Sniegowski, Bertha Sobotka, Jim Sobun, Marylyn Sobun, Patricia Soukup, Ernest Stankiewicz, Andy & Marilyn Stanley, Diane Treend, Phyllis Trout, Renee Tucci, Sophia Zabinski

And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,
 Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
Andy Shreckengost



***Shining the Light of Christ* through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need. The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$95,000, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.



LIFE IN ACTION | HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2020

"I'm still feeling overwhelmed, but I think that it will all work out."

When "Alisa" and her boyfriend "Hal" came into Waterleaf for their first appointment, they seemed happy when they found out they were expecting their first baby. Almost immediately, Alisa began to express doubts. Despite having a full-time job with insurance along with family support, she was unsure about whether she should continue the pregnancy while Hal wanted her to have the baby.

During their initial ultrasound, Alisa and Hal watched the ultrasound screen, seemingly captivated by the images. Their baby was moving around a lot and they could identify arms, legs, nose etc. As they left the clinic, they took pictures home with them. As time passed and they had time to discuss their future, the idea of parenting slowly grew on Alisa. At their next Waterleaf visit, Alisa and Hal told the patient advocate that they are excited about the prospect of having a baby. They expressed an interest in the parent education courses available via the Aspire Education and Resource center and that our Resource Specialists can provide linkages to community resources for them. They are currently researching potential healthcare providers to support through this pregnancy and beyond.





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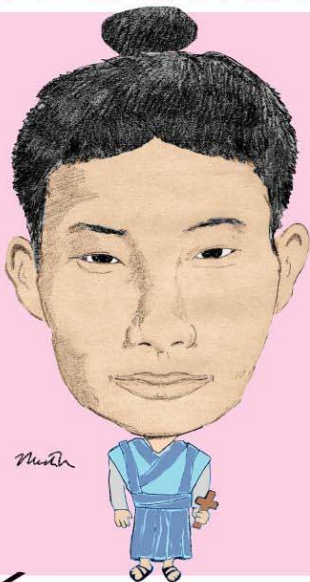
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saint snippets



*After Christ's example,
I forgive my persecutors.*

St. Paul Miki

16th-century Japanese Jesuit seminarian who
was arrested and crucified because of his faith

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February 6



**DIOCESE OF JOLIET
Catholic Committee on Scouting
ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION
'Help Others at All Times'**

February 27, 2021

Location:

Our Lady of Peace School located at 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

The event is open to all Catholic American Heritage Girls, All Levels of the Girl Scouts of the USA, Cub Scouts, Explorers, Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts.

Building Opens at: 8:30am / Program runs to 1pm

This retreat is a magnificent event for any Scout who has worked or is working on a Religious Recognition or perhaps needs to attend a Day of Reflection to satisfy a recognition requirement. It is also for anyone who wants to learn more about their faith. A Scout might just be curious as to just what a Day of Reflection is or what Religious Recognitions are available for Boys and Girls to earn – We will cover that too! We will also have awesome presenters!

**Scouts Grades 6 -12
Help People at All Times**



**Grades K – 5
Help People at All Times**



The cost for youth and adults attending is \$10.00.

All attending in grades K-5 must have one adult with them.

Registration is due by February 22, 2021.

For more Information

Website: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting>

Email: <mailto:jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com>

General Info Phone: 815-834-4012

Boards of Review are available after the event for Scouts who are earning their Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII. There is no charge for the Board of Review.

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To schedule an **Anointing of the Sick** or a **priest visit only**, please call our answering service at **630-323-4391**. Calls will be returned in a timely manner, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:30 PM, **based on priest availability**, and arrangements will be made to assist your request. No other calls will be handled by this service. Thank You.

PARISH WEBSITE www.olopdarien.org

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MARRIAGE:

Our Parish is a wonderful setting to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage. Couples must make arrangements at least 1 year before your proposed wedding date to allow for ample time for Marriage Prep.

Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

EUCCHARISTIC HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITATION MINISTRY:

Our PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS are available to bring Communion to Shut-Ins at home, in hospitals and nursing homes. Request CARDS for PASTORAL CARE VISITS can be found in the Church Lobby and may be placed in the weekend collection basket OR, please contact **Deacon Pat Kenny at pkenny@olopdarien.org**

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