



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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About Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish of Elk Grove Village, including Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian Eymard Churches and Queen of the Rosary School, is a vibrant and welcoming community of believers dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of its parishioners and the wider community. With a rich history and strong commitment to community outreach, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is an essential part of the fabric of the village.

About Queen of the Rosary School

Queen of the Rosary School at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish offers a faith-based, academically superior education that recognizes parents as the primary educators of their children. Surrounded by a warm and nurturing environment, children feel respected and cared for while being supported and challenged to grow in knowledge, service and relationship to Jesus Christ.



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Is God Calling You?

An Invitation to Parish Council

"Lighten your burden by letting them bear it with you!"
(*Exodus 18:22*)

Have you ever found yourself thinking, "*Fr. Dan should do this,*" or wondering, "*Why isn't our parish doing that*"? If so, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining the Parish Council. This important body plays an essential role in shaping the path of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, serving as a bridge between parishioners and pastoral leadership.

The Parish Council is not a mere "yes" body or a "rubber stamp" for Fr. Dan's decisions. Rather, it serves as a consultative body, dedicated to bringing the needs, concerns and desires of the entire parish community to our pastor. Your unique perspective and insights as an active parishioner at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish are invaluable, and your participation will help chart a course towards a vibrant and spiritually fulfilling future for everyone.

Key Qualifications

- 1. **Be a Person of Prayer:** Prayerfulness and being alert to the voice of the Holy Spirit will help discern God's will for our parish. Nominees should have a deep and active prayer life that nurtures an ongoing relationship with God. **“Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2)**
- 2. **Model Our Catholic Faith:** We seek nominees who embrace and live out our Catholic teachings in their daily life, nominees who attend Mass and other parish events regularly and who reflect our Catholic values, ideals and principles in word and action. **“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)**
- 3. **Be a Good Listener:** Nominees should be able to hear and consider different perspectives, to put themselves in other’s shoes. By understanding the perspectives and voices of our community, we can help ensure that Parish Council's guidance is inclusive and representative. **“Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” (James 1:19)**

These qualifications are not exhaustive but represent the foundation upon which our Parish Council will thrive. We encourage you to prayerfully consider individuals who embody these qualities, either yourself or someone you know within our parish community. If the Holy Spirit leads you to a fellow parishioner, please share this information with them and encourage them to apply!

Key Details

- 1. **Discernment and Submissions/Selections:** We encourage you to prayerfully discern whether serving on the Parish Council is the calling God has placed on your heart. If you feel called to this ministry, please complete and submit the application at right to the parish office by **September 1, 2023**. If selected, you will be notified by **September 15, 2023**.*
- 2. **Initial Meeting:** The next meeting of the full Parish Council is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7pm**. We will meet in Shea Hall at St. Julian Eymard Church.
- 3. **Term Duration:** The term for council members will be one year for at-large members and three years for executive committee members, with the opportunity to extend terms upon mutual agreement with fellow council members and the pastor. Additional information, including description of roles, will be provided at the September 21st meeting.
- 4. **Time Commitment:** The full Parish Council will convene every other month, with meetings scheduled on the third Thursday of the month. Members of the Executive Committee meet each month on the third Thursday of the month. Your commitment to attending these meetings will be vital in carrying out the Council's responsibilities effectively.

Please remember that joining the Parish Council is a gift and an opportunity to be an instrument of God's grace in our parish and the wider community. Together, we can discern God's will, address challenges and embrace the abundant blessings He has in store for us.

Should you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Dan (e-mail: FrDan@olbsegv.org or schedule time on his calendar: go.oncehub.com/frdan) or contact the parish office to be connected with a Parish Council member (T: (847) 979-0901 or E: info@olbsegv.org.)

**Our goal is to have a Council that reflects the rich tapestry of our parish community, and so it is important to note that not all applicants may be selected for Parish Council. Please know that each nominee’s commitment and dedication to our parish are genuinely appreciated.*

Parish Council Nomination Application

First Name

Last Name

Telephone

eMail

- ☐ I have made all of my Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation)
- ☐ I regularly participate in Mass and other events at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish
- ☐ I understand the schedule of Council meetings and will attend regularly to the best of my ability and will participate in open and honest dialog, including being open and respectful to the ideas, views and opinions of others.

Please tell us about yourself and your connection to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, including any Council roles you currently hold or have previously held and any ministries in which you participate or have participated.

Please share a bit about how God is calling you and how you hope to serve if selected for Parish Council.

I am a fully-initiated and active parishioner at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

Signed