



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

church of st. mary - lake forest

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of
peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost
paid for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members of
our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and
strength.
May they ever experience your firm
support, gentle love and
compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading
them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise,
now and forever. Amen.



IN THE CLASSROOM



COMING UP...

NOVEMBER 10TH (SUNDAY): NO RE CLASSES

NOVEMBER 12TH (TUESDAY)

- 4:15PM-5:45PM 1ST YEAR-6TH, & 8TH GRADE
- 7-8:30PM 6TH-8TH GRADE

SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
NOVEMBER 17TH AT 1:15PM **OR**
NOVEMBER 18TH AT 7:00PM

SUNDAY GOSPEL READING: CHANGE IS A PART OF LIFE

Mark 13: 24-32

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2024-2025

Sunday's Gospel reminds us that life is full of ongoing change but the love that we have for our family is enduring. This is true of God - God's love is enduring!
Family Activity: Go through a family album and share how people may look different, but the love continues to grow and be present. -Loyola Press

a few notes

FAITH IN THE FAMILY

During the month of November we take time to hold in prayer, in a special way, all our loved ones who have passed away. We know that when a loved one dies, our life is forever changed. But our faith gives us hope and comfort that our loved ones, although they may no longer be with us physically, remains a part of our family always. We pray that they are now a part of the Church Triumphant, praying for all of us here (the Church Militant), and together we remain a part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

As a parish we are praying for one another and remembering all of our loved ones. If you recently lost a loved one, in the past year, your family is invited to write their name in the Book of Remembrance, located near the Baptismal Font.

Take time this month to speak of the Saints of our faith and the saints we have in our own family.

May all the dearly departed rest in God's peace.

ABSENT FORM

Please let us know if your child will be absent by filling out this form and we will notify their catechist.

ABSENT FORM



HAVE YOU JOINED OUR TEXT MESSAGING GROUP?

TEXTING OPTION-NEW THIS YEAR!

We know everyone is often on the go and checking emails is not always the quickest way to relay important information. This year we will use Remind as our texting platform to push out any time-sensitive information (prayer service reminders, cancelled classes, room changes, etc.).

If you would like to receive text messages for important matters, please join our Remind Text Groups by clicking on the link or texting the following code to 81010:

- Religious Ed or text @cosmre25 (general text messages)
- Intensive Session or text @cosmsi25
- Sunday Morning Session or text @cosmsun25
- Tuesday Afternoon Session or text @cosmta25
- Tuesday Evening Session or text @cosmte25

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 10th, Sunday: No RE Classes *Veterans Day Weekend*
5pm Confirmation Enrollment Mass
- 12th, Tuesday: 4:15pm-5:45 RE 1st-6th, 8th (UGC)
7:00pm-8:30pm RE 6th-8th (UGC)
- 17th, Sunday: 9:30am-11am RE Kindergarten-5th (PGC)
- 19th, Tuesday: 4:15pm-5:45 RE 1st-6th, 8th (UGC)
7:00pm-8:30pm RE 6th-8th (UGC)
- 24th, Sunday: 9:30am-11am RE Kindergarten-5th (PGC)
- 26th, Tuesday: No Classes
Family Service Opportunity

UPCOMING SACRAMENTAL GATHERINGS

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings (Parents Only)

November 17th (Sunday) at 1:15pm **-OR-**
November 18th (Monday) at 7:00pm

This meeting is for parents with children in the 2nd Year program, with children preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation. Both meetings will be held at the UGC Multipurpose Room.

Volunteer Opportunity

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
LIBERTYVILLE NOVEMBER 26TH**

ALL ARE WELCOME

THIS IS GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. CHRIST CALLS US TO HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED, WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

**REGISTER AND GET MORE INFORMATION
AT THE QR CODES BELOW.**

5-6:30PM



ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE AN
ADULT REGISTERED WITH
THEM.
CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION OFFICE WITH
QUESTIONS

**7:15-
8:45PM**



AFTERNOON SESSION LINK (5-6:30pm)

EVENING SESSION LINK (7:15-8:45pm)

This is a wonderful family opportunity to serve together and come serve with our priests!

Children must be accompanied by parents.



Fall High School Service Night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

5:00 pm Mass (Church) | **6-7:30 pm** Service Night (Parish Center)

Chili dinner, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Service hours offered.

This fall, COR is supporting the
Most Blessed Trinity Soup Kitchen
in Waukegan by assembling
blessing bags for our neighbors!

Information about the
COR Summer Service Trip and
November 29 Soup Kitchen
will be shared on Nov. 17!

All high school students are
invited to bring a friend to join!

Participants are asked to **bring a
donation** (\$15, \$20, or more) for
the blessing bag supplies.



WWW.RELIGIOUSEDUCATION.CHURCHOFSTMARY.ORG

around the classrooms and the parish

NILES METROPOLITAN CHORUS AND MUSICA LUMINA ORCHESTRA
MAREK RACHELSKI, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

11TH ANNUAL D-I-Y

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



Des Plaines Theater, 1476 Miner Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016

7:30 PM TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024

TICKETS at WWW.DESPLAINESTHEATRE.COM/EVENTS/

Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045

7:30 PM FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024

TICKETS at WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM (search for Niles Metropolitan Chorus)



Des Plaines

Starring

Desirée Hassler, Soprano; Corinne Wallace-Crane, Alto;
Jonathan Weyant, Tenor; Aaron Wardell, Bass;
Marek Rachelski, Conducting from the harpsichord



Lake Forest



www.nilesmetropolitanchorus.com (224) 585-3768

**Kick Off the Holidays
with this Timeless Classic!**