



# 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

around the classrooms and the parish

## 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.



## 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.



# Volunteer Opportunity

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

ALL ARE WELCOME

THIS IS A 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.*

[WWW.RELIGIOUSEDUCATION.CHURCHOFTMARY.ORG](http://WWW.RELIGIOUSEDUCATION.CHURCHOFTMARY.ORG)

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**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/](http://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](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM) (search for Niles Metropolitan Chorus)



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*Starring*

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



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