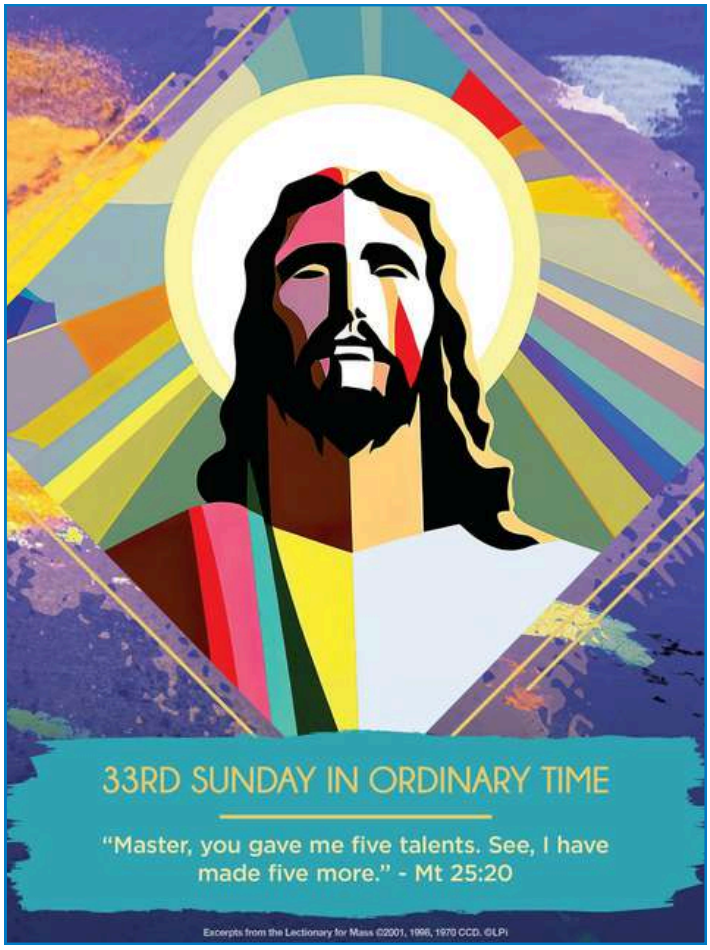


OUR LADY of Joy

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Carefree, Arizona



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Our Lady of Joy Mission Statement

Our mission is to build a community of missionary disciples through the sacraments, prayer, acts of charity, and evangelization and catechesis based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

www.oloj.org

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (also via Livestream)
4:00 PM Teen Mass
Daily Mass: 8 AM Monday—Saturday

Confession/Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM –7:50 AM
Saturday: 4 PM -4:50 PM
Sunday: 20 minutes before each Mass

Regular Parish Office

Monday - Thursday:	**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
Friday:	**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**
Sunday:	**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Church Hours

Sunday-Friday: 7:00 AM –5:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM
Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 with key fob at night

Cafe & Gift Shop Hours

The café is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 12 PM and on Sunday 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM - 3 PM and Sunday 8 AM - 12:30 PM. If there is no volunteer in the shop, purchases may be taken to the parish office.

False Solicitations

Please know that none of our priests engage in email or text solicitations and that all such requests should be ignored.

Mailing Address

Mail delivery in Carefree is to Post Office boxes only. Our PO Box number can be found at the top of this page.

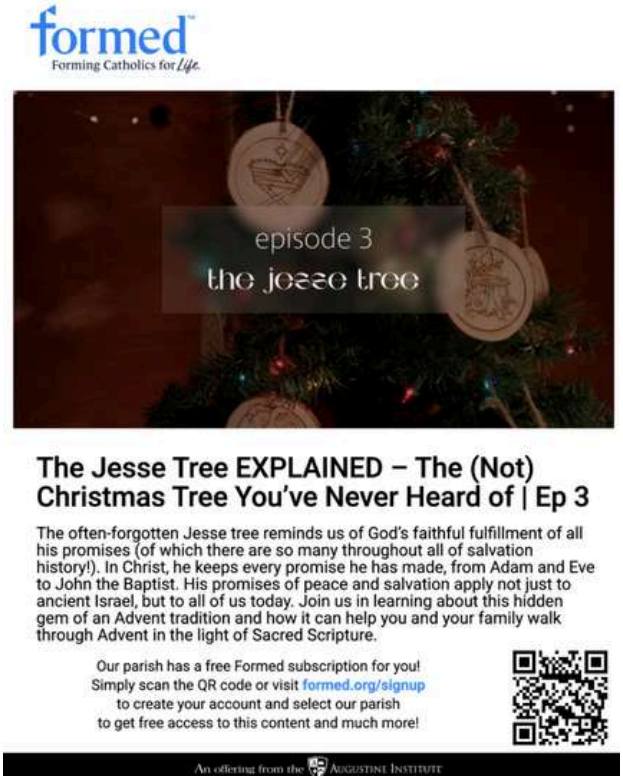
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WHAT'S ON FORMED NOW?

Advent Preparation (continued)

This week, we continue featuring the 4-part series called *How to Advent.* The week 3 episode focuses on the tradition of the Jesse Tree.

The Jesse Tree is a beautiful Advent tradition rooted in Isaiah 11:1 ("A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom") pointing to Christ as the fulfillment of Jesse's lineage. It makes a connection between the Old Testament promises and the coming of Jesus Christ by combining symbols, Scripture, and prayer. Each day of Advent, a new ornament or symbol is added to the tree, with each one representing a key person, covenant, or event in salvation history beginning with Creation and culminating in the birth of Christ. Check it out on Formed!





Catholicism for the Curious with Deacon Dan Doheny

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm - 8 pm Parish Hall

Which Sins are Mortal or Venial? What is the Impact?

***Catholicism for the Curious* is a monthly program for all curious people who want to deepen their understanding of Church teachings. The program, led by Deacon Dan Doheny, meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**
There is no charge and no RSVP is required.

We hope to see you there!
deacondanaz@gmail.com



Fr. Jess' 28th Anniversary Dinner on November 21

In the Parish Hall
after the 5 pm Mass
All parishioners are welcome to attend as we celebrate 28 years of Fr. Jess' service to the priesthood and his devotion to Our Lady of Joy!

RSVP to the Parish Office at 480-488-2229 by November 16th.



Monthly Healing Mass

Third Friday of every month at 8 am

Join one of our priests for a Healing Mass and the Rosary followed by prayer for any physical, emotional, mental or spiritual ailment or burden.

Our Healing Ministry team will be available after the Rosary to assist in prayer.



PARISH ADVENT PROJECT BENFITING ST. AGNES & ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Joy continues our tradition of providing Christmas gifts to the students at St. Agnes Catholic School in Phoenix and St. Charles Apache Mission School on the San Carlos Reservation. This marks our 18th year of support for St. Agnes and the 24th year of supporting the students at St. Charles.

We will have a cash/check drive at all Masses on the weekends of November 21-22 and 28-29. Envelopes may be returned to the collection basket or the parish office. Please write "Advent Project" on the check's Memo line.

Teachers will determine the wants and needs for their students at each grade level. For many of the children, these will be the only Christmas presents they receive.
We appreciate your support of the students in the underserved communities!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawls are given to people in need of prayers and comfort owing to illness, grief and stress and to celebrate life events, such as births, baptisms, marriages and birthdays. We meet on the last Friday of each month from 10 am to Noon in the Parish Hall.
Contact: Lorraine Romanow at 480-748-1638 or at Lromanow24@gmail.com



Christ the King Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 pm Sundial Circle in downtown Carefree

Join us to publicly proclaim our faith in prayer and song as we process around Sundial Circle with our priests, nuns, Knights of Columbus and parishioners.

If you will be staying after the procession for our outdoor lunch, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 480-488-2229 by Monday, November 16.

Welcome to Our Lady's Corner— Your Source for Catholic Inspiration



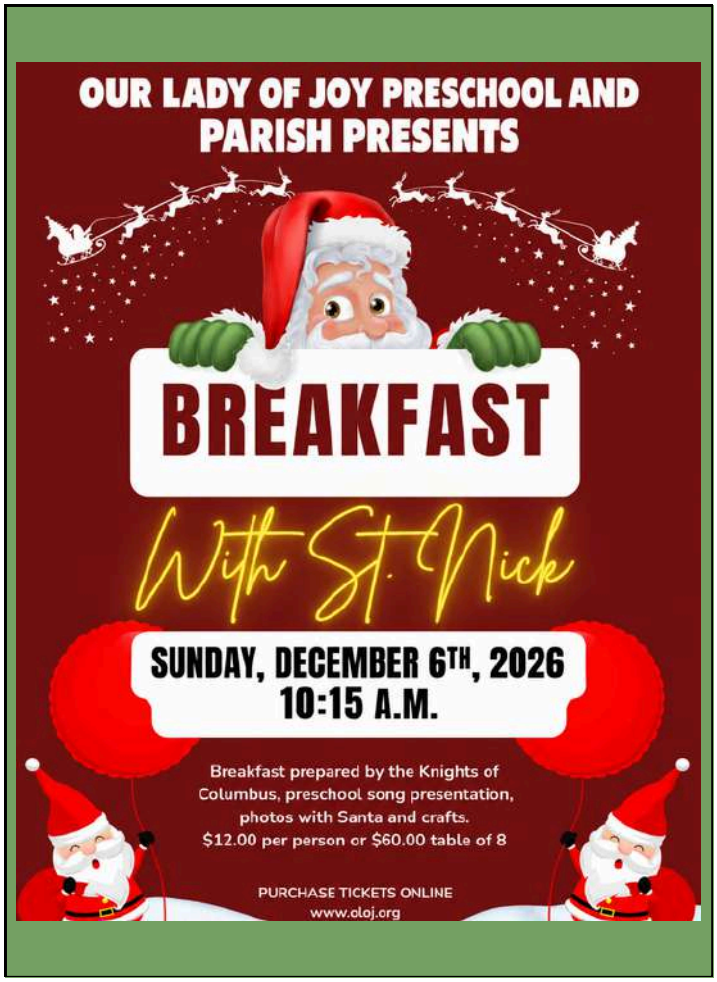
We certainly have seen some changes in our country's landscape lately. There are newly elected officials who are very much in favor of the culture of death, even stating that there is biblical evidence that abortion is within God's will, which is both preposterous and blasphemous. One newly elected official has even stated that he is in favor of sharia law. This is what happens in a country that turns its back on God. A poorly formed conscience leaves you without resistance to the evil one; completely unable to discern. and be assured that Satan is quite pleased. This should shake you!

Our country is in need of extreme, deep, quiet and sincere prayer. The only hope for our country is the miracle of softening hearts; of radical conversion, which will never happen without collective unceasing prayer. We need Jesus NOW and we need to radically seek Him. But how? Frequent adoration and reception of the Eucharist, that's how! Frequent. Often. Perpetual. Constant. In a state of Grace. Not ending. Perpetual posturing.

Take, for example, St. John Paul II, who had a passion for Jesus in the Eucharist. He completely lost himself during adoration. His staff often spoke of schedule delays because he wanted to step into adoration. One of his personnel described a day when he was barely running on time, so they closed the door to adoration during a visit to a certain site so that he wouldn't stop. They didn't even tell him anything about what was behind that door. But when he walked by the door, he was able somehow to sense Jesus' presence. He opened the door and went in and sat quietly for a very long time, making him late for his appointment. He could not stay away. Why not? Because Jesus was #1 - 24/7 - for Saint John Paul. He knew who his Lord was. Do you? Do you really?

"When we face the sun, we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints." - Saint Carlo Acutis

If you don't want to spend time with Jesus now, why do you want to spend eternity with Him? Eternity simply IS perpetual adoration. What is stopping you?



OLOJ Knights of Columbus
www.kofc11116.org
Attend "That Man Is You" on Fridays. Breakfast at 6 a.m. Video at 6:30 a.m.

- Fr. Jess' 28th Anniversary: Saturday, November 21
- Christ the King Processional: Sunday, November 22
- Breakfast with St. Nick: December 6 at 10 am
- Monday Night Footbal Gathering for Men: Dec. 7
- Bowling with Seminarians: Monday, December 21
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, Jan. 14

Catholic men ages 18 and older are invited to join the Knights. Contact Mike Maniglia at 408-314-7600 or email m2.busdev@yahoo.com

WHY BECOME A KNIGHT?

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!

JOIN COUNCIL 11116 ONLINE TODAY!

Readings of the Week

Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



La Pieta International Prayer Group of North Valley Phoenix invites you to join them in prayer.
We meet on Mondays from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Arnold Stanger, Coordinator
630-951-7400

OUR LADY OF JOY PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Bos, President
Sharon Madura, Mary Ellen Candra, Veronica Fuller, Christine Griffin, Lee Waymire, Dan Sullivan

For the week of November 15 - 21, 2026

The Sanctuary Candle has been sponsored in memory of **Marlene Brull** at the request of The Brull Family

The Adoration Candle has been sponsored in memory of **John Stumpf** at the request of Susan McBain



May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Want to Join the Catholic Church or Receive a Sacrament?

If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or receive the sacraments including baptism, communion, and confirmation,
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) can help!
Please contact Deacon Dan at deacondanaz@gmail.com.

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Our Lady of Joy



OLOJ Christmas Concert

Friday, December 18
5 pm Wine & Cheese Reception
6 pm - 7 pm Concert in the church
Join us for a festive evening of beautiful music as we celebrate the joy and wonder of Christ's birth. This concert will feature special arrangements and orchestrations by our music director, Gabriel Martinez.
All are welcome!
No RSVP required.



Memorial Garden for Unborn Children

Our Sanctity of Life Ministry presents a sacred space of peace and remembrance to honor the lives of unborn children lost through abortion or miscarriage. The Memorial Garden for Unborn Children, located just east of the church, offers a place for prayer, reflection, and healing. Families and individuals are invited to order a Remembrance Plaque to be placed within the garden as a lasting tribute. Each plaque serves as a symbol of love, hope, and faith in God's mercy.

The cost for a plaque is $100. Order forms are available in the Parish Office. If this presents a financial hardship, please let us know.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
-Jeremiah 1:5

MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

The Our Lady of Joy Military Veterans Ministry exists to pray for, honor, connect and serve the veterans in the community. If you would like to find out more about the ministry or would like to be informed via email of the various activities of the ministry, please contact Mike Wold at milvetministry@gmail.com

If you or a veteran friend or veteran family member need information about available resources or need other assistance, please contact Mike Wold.

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

"Let us PRAISE, BLESS, and PREACH"
And together seek the Truth, live Charity, share the Gospel"

Join **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapter** to grow in faith through prayers, study, and fellowship. We meet every first Monday , 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the parish hall.

Come and discover the Dominican way!

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."
- St. Catherine of Siena

Contact:
Linda Mulvey 319-464-0159
Lpmulvey@yahoo.com

MORE THAN 2,000 PARISHIONERS ARE SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR BIWEEKLY EMAIL BLAST! ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?
If you are not, please send your email address to Lauren Haro at lharo@oloj.org so that you can be up-to-date with all of our latest news.



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For detailed descriptions of our ministries, please visit www.oloj.org or pick up a Ministry & Resources booklet from the narthex.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 21: Fr. Jess' 28th Anniversary Dinner in Parish Hall after 5 pm Mass See page 2
- November 21-22: St. Vincent de Paul Fall Food Drive Donations accepted before all Masses See details below
- November 22: Christ the King Eucharistic Procession at Sundial Circle in downtown Carefree See page 3
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before Mass
- November 29-December 24: *Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him*: A Call to Perpetual Adoration for this Advent Season
- December 1: Parish Advent Mission with guest Julie Carrick 6 - 7:30 pm. in the church See page 2
- December 18: OLOJ Christmas Concert 5 pm: Wine & Cheese Reception in the Courtyard 6 pm: Concert See page 5

A Personal Encounter with Jesus An Opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration

This Adoration experience takes place on the second Sunday of each month in the church from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Our next monthly Adoration will be on Sunday, December 13th. *"A Holy Hour of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament opens up the floodgates of God's merciful love upon the world."* St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Our Lady of Joy Sanctity of Life ministry is welcoming new members! We invite you to join us as we support, participate in events, and actively work on projects that promote the dignity and respect of all human life.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June, 9 am to 11 am in the Parish Hall. We grow stronger when people like you share their time, talents, and passion for protecting the sanctity of life.

Contact: Kathy Heisler 602-418-7858
heislerkathy@gmail.com

ARIZONA ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Joy support women who are dealing with the uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy. They provide support and assistance by directing women who are seeking advice to www.arizonaabortionalternatives.com.
This site offers information about Catholic adoption services, local pregnancy centers and resources for those seeking healing after an abortion.

For 24/7 assistance from our Diocese, please call 888-818-4445.

Apparition of Immaculate Mary

There are numerous apparition claims concerning the Blessed Virgin. However, there are only 16 apparitions validated by the Vatican.

The second of three approved apparitions for November is **Our Lady of Kibeho - November 28 (1981-1989, Rwanda)**

Vignette: Mary appears as "Mother of the Word," calling for repentance and warning of coming violence if hearts do not change.
Inquiry: Diocesan inquiry 1982-1999; approved 2001 by Bishop Misago with Vatican support.
Quote: "Convert while there is still time."
Prayer: *Mother of the Word, teach us to listen to Christ.*



Our Lady's Guild

We welcome all ladies of the parish to join our ministry of faith and friendship

All ladies of the parish and visitors are invited to join us for a special meeting on November 17th at 9 am. in the Parish Hall, after the 8 a.m. Mass.
"Living for Longevity" with Dr. Tyler Southwell
Dr. Southwell is an expert on longevity medecine. He will address diet, supplements, peptides, exercise, and aesthetics.
This event offers fellowship, brunch, helpful and healthy lifestyle information, and a lot of fun!
Guild registration forms are available in the parish office, on the parish website, and at our meetings.
olojladysguild@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FALL FOOD DRIVE

Benefiting Foothills Food Bank
Bag Handout: November 14 & 15
Bag Collection: November 21 & 22

Food. Rent. Gas. For many people there simply isn't enough money for all three. You can help by participating in this year's Fall Food Drive. Please drop off your donations before all Masses on November 21 & 22. We will accept both food and monetary donations.

Needed non-perishable items include: canned fruit, beans and veggies; past and boxed dinners; peanut butter; pasta sauce; canned soup, chili, and chicken; low or no sugar cereal; coffee, condiments, and honey.

Questions: Contact Scott Freeman at freeman_home@hotmail.com

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given to us. All we need to do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give furniture, household items, and clothing, you no longer use the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

New members are welcome! To learn more about how our OLOJ conference serves the poor, please contact Mark Koman at mark.koman.to@gmail.com



Dr. Brant Pitre Scripture Study

This popular scripture study class meets on Mondays from 10 am to 11 am in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Parish Hall.
The class is moderated by Fr. Jess.

All are welcome! No registration required.

Legion of Mary Meetings

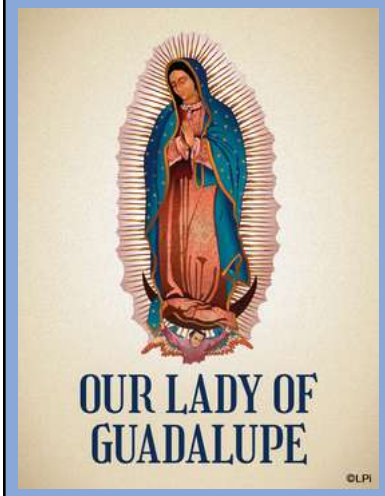
Our Lady of Victory Meeting: Saturday, 11:30 am - 1 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 4
Our Lady of Mercy Meeting: Wednesday, 2:30 pm-4 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 4

Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works may include:

- Parishioner visitation
- Visitation of the sick or aged
- Religious education
- Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations
- Sacred Heart Enthronement
- Door to Door Evangelization
- Distribution of Catholic Literature and Rosaries
- First Saturday Devotion

Contact Terri Brubaker for more info:
terri@chooseablessing.org or 775-253-5552



MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Saturday, December 12 at 8 am
This Mass will include special music and will be followed by a Mexican food breakfast in the Parish Hall.
No RSVP required.

SEMINARIAN BOWLING SPECTACULAR

Monday, December 21 6:30 pm - 9 pm
AMF Desert Hills Lanes 2959 E. Bell Road in Phoenix
$50 per Bowler, non-bowlers $25
Includes shoes, pizza, wings and soda
RSVP by December 18 at 602-525-6160 or sarah.cupo@gmail.com
Presented by: Support Our Nazareth Seminary

THAT MAN IS YOU

All men are invited to join "That Man Is You", a fellowship devoted to becoming men after God's own Heart. TMIY explores the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to our roles as fathers and husbands. This semester's theme is "Revelation of the Father." Please join us on Fridays for a hot breakfast at 6 am followed by a video and discussion from 6:30 am – 7:30 am in the Parish Hall.

No registration required. For more information contact Frank Schubert at fschubert1@outlook.com

OLOJ Library Book Review

Title: *The Living Bread*
Author: Thomas Merton
Location: Eucharist on bookshelf or on book cart
Contents: Meditations on the Catholic theology and spiritual meaning of the Eucharist, including sacrifice, the Real Presence, Holy Communion, and the unity of the Church in Christ.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15th
7:00 am† Marlene Brull
9:00 am† Lois
11:00 am† Ronald Wayne Cronkhite
4:00 pm Parishioners
Monday, November 16th
8:00 am† Sandi Sullivan
Tuesday, November 17th
8:00 am† Barb Ehrhard
Wednesday, November 18th
8:00 am† Jim & Betty Crawford
Thursday, November 19th
8:00 am† Rob Neill
Friday, November 20th
8:00 am† Rosie Herrera
Saturday, November 21st
8:00 am† Nancy Roach
5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, November 22nd
7:00 am† Marilyn Largay Bauch
9:00 am† Nancy Roach
11:00 am† William Boynton
4:00 pm† Nancy Roach

Prayer Intentions and Requests

A family member may request prayers for those who are ill or who are deceased. Contact Lauren at 480-346-3043 or at lharo@oloj.org to add a name. If the person is deceased, we will need to know if you would like their name to be included in our annual Mass of Remembrance.

For those who are ill:

Chul Kim
Tamara Van Sickle
Rocel Borinaga
Betty Zeestratten
Marlene Weber
Nanci Ernestine
Ed Monoscalco
Mike McCann
Marybeth Barnes

For those born to eternal life,especially:

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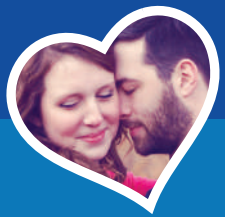
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