

# Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish

July 30, 2023



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.”  
- Mt 13:49-51

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17 Niedziela Zwykła

30 lipca 2023

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#### Mass Schedule

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:00am  
SATURDAY 4:00pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
SUNDAY 7:30am & 10:30am

#### KOŚCIÓŁ ŚW. KONSTANCJI ROZKŁAD MSZY ŚW.

PONIEDZIAŁEK - PIĄTEK 7:00pm  
NIEDZIELA 9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm

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#### Mass Schedule

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30am  
SATURDAY 5:15pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
SUNDAY 9:00am and 12:00 noon

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Followed by Benediction.

First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS - St. Constance**

<b>Monday, July 31</b>	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>
8:00am Eng	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Tuesday, August 1</b>	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
8:00am Eng	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory Stanley Kenar for health and God's blessings on his 89th birthday
7:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>	<i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>
8:00am Eng	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Thursday, August 3</b>	
8:00am Eng	Special Intention to Padre Pio
7:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Friday, August 4</b>	<i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i>
8:00am Eng	In reparation for the offenses against The Sacred Heart of Jesus & for conversion of sinners
7:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Saturday, August 5</b>	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>
8:00am Eng	In reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart Of Mary and for the conversion of the sinners
4:00pm Eng	+ Baby Alexander Babitsch
7:00pm Pol	Różaniec
8:00pm Pol	Intencje Specjalne
<b>Sunday, August 6</b>	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>
7:30am Eng	+ John Attak
9:00am Pol	Grażyna Gałązka z Rodziną + Wanda i Józef Kogut + Teresa Zajac + Józefa i Władysław Głowa + Irena i Jan Czekaj + Rozalia i Franciszek Giera + Jan i Amelia Niewiarowski + Ludwika Piotrowski + Wojciech Komperda + Anna i Wincenty Ziółkowski + Józef Zegar + Julia i Władysław Gwóźdź + Krystyna Iza Obuchowicz
10:30am Eng	

**12:30pm Pol**

Lucyna Jurkowska z Rodziną  
Stanisław Abratanski z Rodziną  
Krystyna Strama z Rodziną  
Grzegorz Bizunowicz o zdrowie i potrzebne taski  
+ Maria Sokolowski  
+ Tadeusz Drewniak  
+ Eleanora Lopatkiewicz  
+ Zofia Boris  
+ Stefania Tomasiak  
+ Mark Sowa  
+ Grzegorz Maciołek  
+ Bolesław Makowski  
+ Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące

**7:00pm****BANNs****I Karol Swierczak & Cristen Cunningham**

Please pray for all those who have recently died and for their Families, especially:

**Most Reverend John Manz  
William Friese**

Please also pray for those who suffer and died. May they rest in peace.  
Otoczmy modlitwą wszystkich zmarłych oraz ich Rodziny.

## Kurs Przedmałżeński POLISH PRE-CANA



**Kurs przedmałżeński w kościele  
św. Konstancji rozpocznie się  
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W celu rejestracji i uzyskania szczegółowych informacji prosimy dzwonić do biura parafialnego:  
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## MASS INTENTIONS - St Robert

<b>Monday, July 31</b> 8:30 am	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> Ted Bauer
<b>Tuesday, August 1</b> 8:30 am	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> + Jane Murphy
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b> 8:30 am	<i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</i> <i>Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> + Joseph Lukose (anniv) + Leon Mika + John Hester, Jr + Bill Staunton
<b>Thursday, August 3</b> 8:30 am	+ Joseph & Irene Koziarz
<b>Friday, August 4</b> 8:30 am	<i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i> + Roland Vercillo
<b>Saturday, August 5</b> 8:30 am	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i> + Susan Raucci
5:15 pm	+ Edward Taraska (birthday) + Roberta Wachowicz
<b>Sunday, August 6</b> 9:00 am	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i> Ted Bauer
12:00 pm	+ Julie Dulleal

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK MÓDLMY SIĘ ZA OSOBY CHORE

Stanisław Abratański	Barbara Kilton
Maria Antosz	Jan Kozan
Edward Bastian	Kazimierz Koziol
Elaine Beatovic	Ralph Kudsk
Aleksandra Bielska	Veronica Lisowski
Barbara Broecker	Thomas Mach
Stella Czeberak	Krystyna Majka
Liza David	Helen Mittelbrun
Ellie Denz	Sr. Mary Bridget Murphy
Jerzy Dudek	Laverne Nardella
Terry Finn	Nick Nardella
Janina Gawel	Del Norwood
Constance Grodecki	Joel Pasowicz
Josefina Hernandez	Arlene Placek
Ray Hoffelt	Lorraine Placek
Ray Hohmeier	Franciszka Purchla
Michelle Hohmeier-Ryan	Dolores Purtell
Maria Lourdes Jose	Joel Stefka
Michael James	Joann Trentadue
Maria Johnson	James Van Vliet
Donald Keegan	

... and all those in our Book of intentions and on the Parish app

Please call our office to update the Sick List published in our bulletin.  
Prosimy aby dzwonić do biura parafialnego w celu uaktualnienia Listy Chorych w naszym biuletynie.

## Confession Schedule Spowiedź Św.

### St. Constance Church

TUESDAYS: 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
SATURDAYS: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

### Kościół Św. Konstancji

WTORKI: 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
SOBOTY: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

### St. Robert Bellarmine Church - Confession Schedule

SATURDAYS: 4:30pm - 5:00pm



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

R.C.I.A. is a process for welcoming adult (18 years or older) inquirers or newcomers into the Roman Catholic Church. The process of full initiation is adapted to meet the needs of men and women who are: not baptized; baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but have not received any other sacraments; baptized in another Christian Church, but interested in converting to Catholicism. It is also open to any Catholic who desires to deepen their beliefs and renew their faith. Weekly meetings are held from September through the Easter Season. Candidates develop an understanding of Church teachings/traditions through each session. Support and encouragement is given to each candidate as their understanding of the faith increases and they progress in their spiritual journey. Some of the topics that are studied include: Bible, Holy Trinity, Saints, Eternal Life, Mass, Personal Prayer Life, Gospels and the Sacraments. Candidates also learn how to live the graces of our sacramental life as Catholics. This sharing enables each one to reflect and pray as they reach their decision to join the Catholic Church.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
Connie Schiltz at 773-259-8261**

# PASSING OF BISHOP JOHN MANZ

**Most Rev. John R. Manz, auxiliary bishop emeritus for the Archdiocese of Chicago and former pastor of St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish on Central Park Avenue in Chicago, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2023. He was 77 years old.**



Bishop Manz was born on Nov. 14, 1945 in Chicago to Jeanne and Joseph Manz. He grew up in Chicago and Morton Grove and spent summers at his grandmother's farm. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago, Niles College Seminary in Niles and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein. He began learning Spanish by working in the kitchen with religious sisters from Mexico and with landscaping crews in the summer. Later, he studied Spanish at Niles College

Seminary and became fluent. In the process he came to appreciate and revere the Hispanic people and their culture. His experience in agriculture led him to work in support of Mexican farm workers.

Bishop Manz was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1971, by Cardinal John Cody, and he celebrated his first solemn Mass on May 16 of the same year at St. Martha Parish in Morton Grove. A nun who had told the mischievous young John that she would "roll over in her grave if he ever became a priest" attended his first Mass.

After ordination to the priesthood, Bishop Manz served as assistant pastor at Providence of God Parish on 18th Street, as associate pastor at St. Roman Parish on Washtenaw Avenue and later as pastor at St. Agnes of Bohemia where he served for 13 years, all in Chicago.

On Jan. 23, 1996, Bishop Manz was appointed as an auxiliary bishop by Pope John Paul II. He was consecrated on March 5, 1996 by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin with Bishop Wilton Gregory and Bishop Plácido Rodríguez serving as co-consecrators.

In the years after the episcopal ordination, Bishop Manz served on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration and Refugee Services, as chairman and then as a member of the Committee on the Church in Latin America, as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees and Travelers, as chairman of the administrative committee and as a member of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. Manz retired in 2021.

In an interview with Chicago Catòlico newspaper, Bishop Manz traced his involvement with Hispanic immigrants to his assignment, at 25 years old, to Providence of God Parish where he started his work as an advocate for immigrant rights. "My first parish [Providence of God] was in the Pilsen neighborhood, on 18th Street. It's not there anymore. I was there for seven years. Back then, it was a poor area. I became very fond of that parish."

Cardinal Cupich said that "from his days as a college seminarian, Bishop Manz grasped the meaning of authentic ministry. 'It is not an abstraction, it begins by getting to know people. We all have our prejudices or stereotypes, but the only way to break them down is by getting to know the person. I am a big believer in

a common humanity.' Let us pray that all those preparing for ministry will take those words to heart and in that way keep fresh the memory of this great priest and pastor."

"Let us remember our beloved 'Padre Juan.'" Cardinal Cupich continued with words Bishop Manz shared in an interview with Chicago Catholic newspaper on his retirement, "I feel very fortunate. I have had many experiences; I have never been bored and I think it is because I like people. As a priest, I believe I have received more than I have given."

Bishop Kevin Birmingham was a seminarian when he was assigned to St. Agnes of Bohemia for a summer while Bishop Manz, the pastor, quickly became his mentor. "When he was ordained a bishop, he brought his keen pastoral abilities to the larger church here in Chicago and across the United States," Bishop Birmingham said. "When I was ordained a bishop, he was a co-consecrator and I followed him as vicar of Vicariate IV. He continued to mentor me with weekly phone calls, always affirming the need to be present to all people and to treat everyone as a cherished child of God. I hope to never forget this lesson and witness."

Very Rev. Esequiel Sanchez, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, considered Bishop Manz his childhood pastor, vocation recruiter, boss, mentor and friend. "I don't think I would be a priest today were it not for the life and ministry of Bishop John Manz," Father Sanchez continued. "He was a true bishop (spiritual father) to so many in the Latino community and beyond."

"Bishop Manz modeled what it means for a pastor to be one with his people," said Rev. Sergio Rivas Tamayo, pastor of Good Shepherd and Epiphany Parish. "He loved what they love, suffered with their sufferings, and gave himself completely so they could know God a little better. He was one of the most outstanding models of inculturation seen in our Local Church. It is a great loss for the Archdiocese of Chicago and in particular for Latino Catholics."

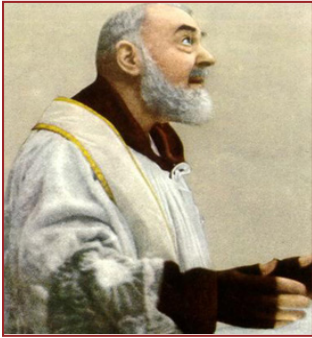
"This is a guy who would go and visit migrants in their villages and sit in their homes," said Rev. Joseph Mulcrone, classmate and retired archdiocesan priest. "He wanted to connect with people, no matter who they were. When he was a pastor, in the summer, he would hold street Masses in the community."

Elena Segura, senior coordinator for immigration — national ministry, said Bishop Manz is the godfather of Pastoral Migratoria, the parish-based immigrant-to-immigrant ministry model developed in Chicago. "He embodied Catholic social teaching just by being a bishop for el pueblo, for the people," Segura said.

Nelly Lorenzo and the staff from the Instituto de Liderazgo Pastoral, an institution that provides pastoral formation for the Hispanic community in the Archdiocese of Chicago, issued the following statement: "Bishop Manz created a space of trust for everyone who approached him about important issues. He had the ability to listen, understand and sympathize with those who were by his side. He became one of the people. He had a Hispanic heart: The community grieves his departure, but we know he will continue among us with his humor and affirmations to never give up."

Bishop Manz is survived by his sister Linda Manz, of Richmond, Va., nieces Cara (Drew) Haynie of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Diane (Rob) Smith of Richmond, Va., Angela Heffner of Richmond, Va., and Christina (Carl) Hultgren of Richmond, Va., great nieces and nephews, and many relatives and close friends.

## ŚWIADECTWO O CUDZIE ŚW. O.PIO



„...pewnie spodziewacie się cudu od O.Pio? zapytał lekarz, kiedy zobaczył, że przyjechaliśmy z San Giovanni Rotondo. NIE MA w waszej sytuacji właściwie żadnej szansy na cud.” A o.Pio dotknął nas wyjątkowo. Dziś mamy prawdziwa rodzinę, o która go prosiliśmy.

Niedługo po ślubie dowiedziałam się, że nie będę mogła mieć dzieci. Z punktu widzenia medycyny szanse na to nie istniały, bym mogła cieszyć się macierzyństwem. Nie mogłam się z tym pogodzić.

W tamtym czasie nie pracowałam, mieszkalam w San Giovanni Rotondo i bez względu na pogodę czy mój stan ducha byłam codziennie przy grobie świętego. 19 marca 2002 roku znalazłam pracę w sanktuarium i od tego momentu byłam przy nim non stop. W międzyczasie znów usłyszałam, że nie bede nigdy mama.

Zrozumiałam jednak, że O.Pio jest ze mna, że mnie prowadzi i pomaga. W dniu kanonizacji jeden z kapucynów powiedział: “dziś możecie wyzbrać każdy cud od O.Pio” Modliłam się u boku meza podczas mszy kanonizacyjnej i cały czas prosiłam o cud... Po Komunii św. na moment poczułam mocny kwiatowy zapach. Napisałam list do O.Pio i wrzuciłam do jego grobu

...”OJCZE PIO pociesz mnie, błagam.” To było 16 czerwca 2002 roku a 20 czerwca okazało się, że spodziewamy się dziecka.

Dziękowałam dzień po dniu. Po narodzinach syna Franciszka byłam szczęśliwa - doznałam cudu. I kiedy myślałam, że cud może zdarzyć się tylko raz - na świat przysłała nasza córka Klara. Nigdy, przynigdy nie pomyślałam, że cud zdarzy się dla mnie 2 razy.

*Msza św. ku czci św. O Pio połączona z nabożeństwem przez jego wstawiennictwo to okazja dla Ciebie, byś wyprosił/wyprosiła to, o czym tylko ty wiesz...*

**ZAPRASZAMY 3 SIERPANIA O GODZINIE 7 WIECZOREM.  
O 6.30 różaniec, po mszy błogosławieństwo RELIKWIAMI  
oraz możliwość ich ucałowania.**

### PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA



4 sierpnia przypada Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca. Uwaga! Na czas wakacji nie ma spowiedzi dla dzieci o 4:30pm oraz Mszy św. o 5pm. Spowiedź dla wszystkich parafian o godz. 6:00 wieczorem, Msza Św. o godz. 7 wieczorem.

### THE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

The First Friday of the month is on August 4. At St. Constance Church, we invite you to Mass at 8:00am and then to Devotion immediately after the Holy Mass.

At St. Robert Bellarmine Church we invite you to Mass at 8:30am and the Devotion after the Holy Mass. Confession for all parishioners will be at 6:00pm at St Constance Church.

### PIEWSZA SOBOTA MIESIĄCA



5 sierpnia zapraszamy wszystkich parafian i członków Kół Różańcowych na Modlitwę Różańcową i czuwanie modlitewne. Rozpoczęcie o godz. 7:00 wieczorem, Różaniec, czuwanie oraz Msza Św. o godz. 8pm.

### Dear Parishioners,

If you want the intention of the Holy Mass published in the bulletin, please order it at the parish office 4 weeks in advance.

### Drodzy Parafianie,

Jeśli pragniecie, aby intencja Mszy Św. ukazała się w biuletynie, należy ją zgłosić do biura 4 tygodnie wcześniej.



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## MUSIC MINISTRY

The purpose of the Music Ministry at Mary, Undoer of Knots parish is to enhance liturgy through song, so that all parishioners can have a prayerful and meaningful experience.

All are welcome to join! A love of music is the only requirement. A variety of groups are available including cantors. We will now have a combined choir of St. Constance and St. Robert Bellarmine members.

### WE MEET ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30PM.

The rehearsals take place at St. Constance in the Rectory Basement. The choir season begins mid September and ends with the feast of Pentecost, usually the end of May or early part of June.

### SEEKING CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

We welcome singers and musicians who can play flute, trumpet, string instruments for our masses at St. Constance or St. Robert Bellarmine campuses.

**Please contact [mblecka@archchicago.org](mailto:mblecka@archchicago.org).**

### HAND BELL CHOIR

We are looking for those who are interested in learning to play Hand Bells. Hand Bells add such a beauty to the music that is played at mass! If you are interested, **please contact [mblecka@archchicago.org](mailto:mblecka@archchicago.org).**

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Once complete, you may save your application and use it to apply for multiple jobs. (Schools may request different short essay responses, but the majority of the application will be saved.)
- The most recently posted jobs are often at the bottom of the page. Check the "Date Posted" to see when jobs were created.

#### Who are we?

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## MISSION APPEAL

On the weekends of August 5-6 and 12-13 our parish will be participating in the annual Mission Appeal program.

Father Jaroslav Jasso, C.M., a Vincentian missionary in Madagascar will visit our parish and will talk at all the Masses. We will be asked to assist our needy brothers and sisters who Father Jaro serves. Please welcome Father Jaroslav and do whatever you can to assist the poor and needy in Madagascar and pray for the poor and needy throughout the world. Please pray for missionaries worldwide who empower local leaders to form and nourish communities of faith where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained. If you are able, place a donation to support this mission cause in the second collection basket. Please make checks out to the parish.



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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

### ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Rosary

8:30am - Holy Mass

9:00am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00am - Benediction

### ST. CONSTANCE - EVERY TUESDAY ŚW. KONSTANCJA - W KAŻDY WTOREK

7:30am - Rosary (English)

8:00am - Holy Mass (English)

12:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Polish)

6:00pm-7:00pm - Confession (English & Polish)

6:30pm - End of exposing the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm - Holy Mass (Polish)

7:30am - Różaniec (English)

8:00am - Msza Święta (English)

12:00pm - Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu

3:00pm - Koronka do Bożego Miłosierdzia (Polish)

6:00pm-7:00pm Spowiedź (English & Polish)

7:00pm - Msza Święta (Polish)







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ZAPRASZAMY NA ZAPISY DO POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY ŚW. MAKSYMILIANA MARIII KOLBE PRZY KOŚCIELE ŚW. KONSTANCJI NA ROK SZKOLNY 2023/2024.

**Zapisy na rok szkolny 2023/2024 odbędą się 19 sierpnia w godzinach 9:00 rano do 1:00 po południu w Sali Borowczyka. W tym dniu można zakupić książki oraz dokonać rejestracji na religię.**

**ZAPRASZAMY**

*Szukasz szkoły jakich mało wybierz szkołę M.M Kolbe śmiało.*

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**Wszelkie informacje można uzyskać oraz dokonać rejestracji przez telefon dzwoniąc pod numer: Malgorzata Benbenek 773 771 1745**

## PLACE THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES ON THE "TREE OF LIFE".

You are invited to purchase from the "Tree of Life" a leaf on which you can place the names of your loved ones: parents, siblings, relatives, friends, parishioners, priests, nuns, etc. Both the living and the dead can be named, so that their memories will last forever. Proceeds from this project will be used for flowers and ex-penses associated with the maintenance of the Church. There are both large and small leaves on the "Tree of Life". For the engraving and mounting of each small leaf, the donation is \$250.00, while for each large leaf it is \$400.00. The number of leaves is limited and there may not be enough for everyone. Please visit the rectory office at St. Constance Church to complete all necessary transactions. For more information, please call our secretary, Dorota Strek at (773) 545 8581 ext. 0.



## UWIECZNIJ TWOICH BLISKICH NA "DRZEWIE ŻYCIA".

Zapraszamy do zakupu listka z "Drzewa Życia", na którym można umieścić nazwiska swoich bliskich: rodziców, rodzeństwo, krewnych, przyjaciół, lub podziękować z okazji otrzymanego Sakramentu I Komunii, Bierzmowania lub Małżeństwa. Niech pamięć o naszych bliskich i ważnych dla nas wydarzeniach nadal trwa. Dochód z tego projektu będzie żyty na kwiaty i wydatki związane z utrzymaniem kościoła. Na „Drzewie Życia” są zarówno duże jak i małe liście. Aby wygrawerować i zamontować mały listek sugerowana jest donacja \$250, natomiast na każdy duży liść to \$400. Liczba liści jest ograniczona i może nie wystarczyć dla wszystkich. Proszę odwiedzić biuro parafialne aby dokonać wszystkich niezbędnych formalności. W sprawie dodatkowych informacji prosimy dzwonić do sekretarki parafialnej Doroty Strek (773) 545 8581 ext. 0.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY LOLA SUSAN BRAVANTE CONEJOS  
FROM: CATALINA ANAYA CONEJOS & FAMILY.**



## SAINTS OF THE WEEK - ŚWIĘCI TYGODNIA

### AUGUST 1 - SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

St. Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

St. Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher; he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, St. Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 St. Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

### 1 SIERPANIA – ŚW. ALFONS LIGUORI, Biskup i Doktor Kościoła

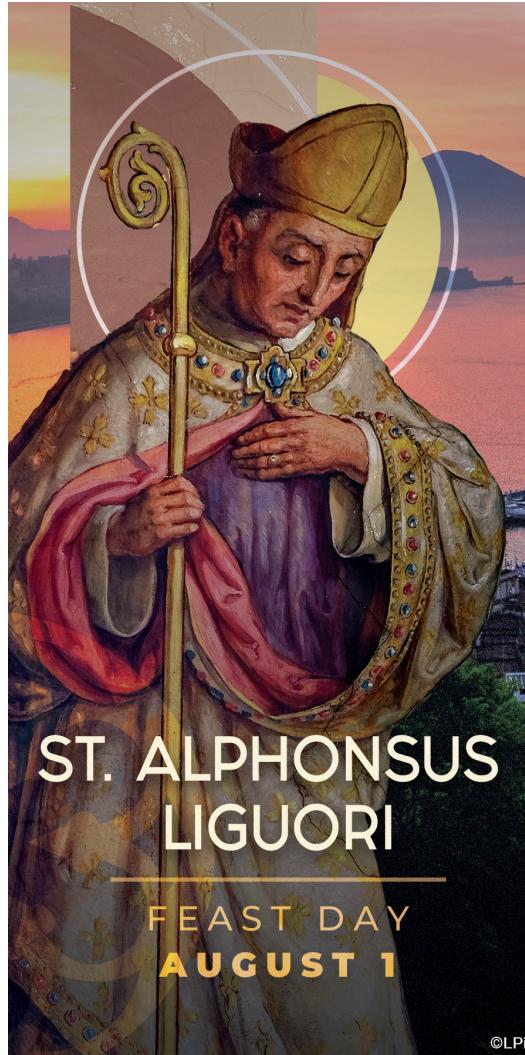
Święty Alfons urodził się w szanowanej rodzinie w 1696 roku w Marianelli w Królestwie Neapolu. Otrzymał wyjątkowe wykształcenie dzięki prywatnym nauczycielom i w wieku 16 lat uzyskał stopnie naukowe z prawa cywilnego i kanonicznego. Przez 8 lat praktykował prawo, zanim zwrócił się do Kościoła. Świecenia kapłańskie przyjął w 1726 r.

Św. Alfons podróżował przez 26 lat głosząc kazania w Królestwie Neapolu. Jego styl posługi nazywano „misją wśród ludu”, on i grupa księży lub braci świeckich udawali się na tereny wiejskie, zatrzymując się tam na jakiś czas, aby nauczać, głosić kazania i modlić się z tamtejszymi ludźmi.

Św. Alfons był wspaiałym kaznodzieją; potrafił łączyć się ze zwykłymi ludźmi, a jego nauczanie i kazania odznaczały się współczuciem. W czasach restrykcyjnych rządów Kościoła, gdzie bojaźń Boża była prawdziwym strachem, św. Alfons nauczał o odkupieńczej miłości Boga. Miał też szczególne nabożeństwo do Maryi, modląc się do niej o wstawiennictwo i włączając nabożeństwa do niej w swoim nauczaniu. Napisał obszernie, ponad 100 książek, które doczekały się tysięcy wydań. Jego książki są nadal dostępne i zostały przetłumaczone na ponad 60 języków.

W 1762 r. św. Alfons został mianowany biskupem przez papieża Klemensa XIII, jednak ostatecznie pozwolono mu zrezygnować ze stanowiska ze względu na zły stan zdrowia. Był przez pewien czas sparaliżowany z powodu gorączki reumatycznej w 1775 roku i miał reumatyzm tak ciężki, że deformował się, pochylając głowę tak daleko do przodu, że jego broda spoczywała na piersi.

Zmarł spokojnie w wieku 90 lat w 1787 r. Został kanonizowany w 1839 r. przez papieża Grzegorza XVI, a w 1871 r. został mianowany doktorem Kościoła przez papieża Piusa IX. W 1950 został ogłoszony patronem teologów moralnych przez papieża Piusa XII.



ST. ALPHONSUS  
LIGUORI

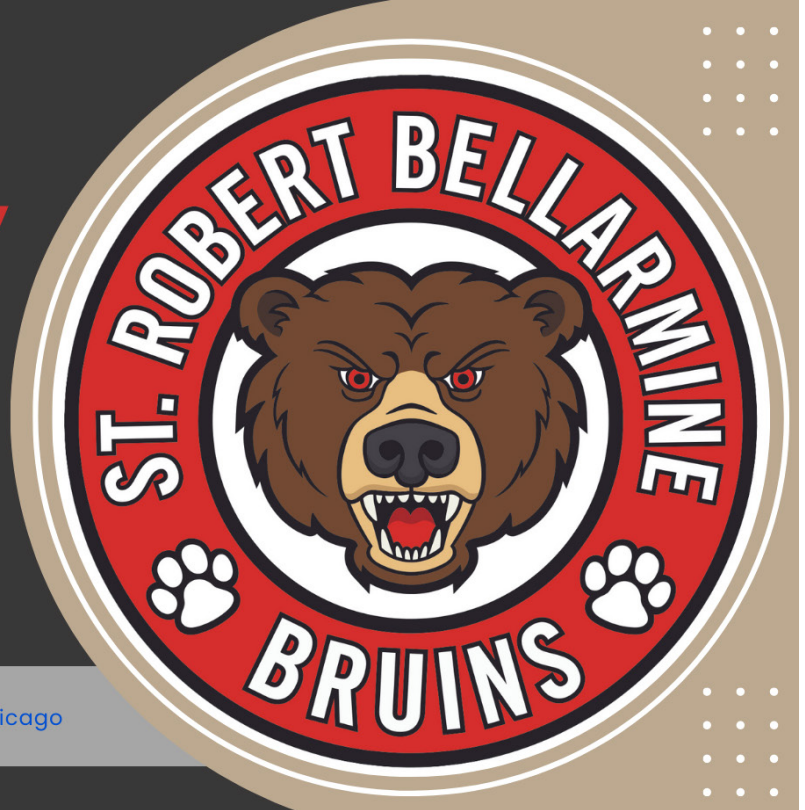
FEAST DAY  
AUGUST 1

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## OUR 2023-24 VIP RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY

Tickets are still available at the SRB Rectory

**The cost of a ticket is \$25.00,**  
and each month 9 winners will be drawn.

**Cash prizes range from \$50 to \$500.**

Below are the scheduled drawing dates.

Good luck to all!

**NEXT DRAWING August 13, 2023**

For a list of July winners see page 11

September 10, 2023

February 11, 2024

October 15, 2023

March 10, 2024

November 12, 2023

April 14, 2024

December 10, 2023

May 12, 2024

January 14, 2024

June 16, 2024





A wonderful volunteer opportunity that we have in our parish, Mary Undoer of Knots, is to become involved in one of our two SPRED groups. If you don't know what SPRED is, "SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a national and international program, started in the Archdiocese of Chicago in the 1960s, which trains and guides parishes to provide faith formation to persons with developmental disabilities and/or learning problems and become integrated into parish life. This is accomplished through small communities of faith at the parish level. ...We, in SPRED, celebrate the unique gift and beauty of each person and all that brings us together. [[www.queenofangelsspred.org](http://www.queenofangelsspred.org)]."

If you know of an individual with intellectual disabilities in our parish area that the church offices may not be aware of, please let us know so that we can offer them the opportunity to join our SPRED faith communities. Also, we are always looking for people, like you, that want to \*learn more about becoming a volunteer and a part of our group (we meet many Wednesday evenings during the school year). Our goal is to lead our SPRED friends toward an awareness of their relationship with God and to a sense of belonging in our Mary Undoer of Knots family.

But, if you have a hectic schedule and cannot join our group, now is your chance to support our SPRED groups with a one-and-done donation effort. If you are someone that has been doing some cleaning out or downsizing of your home, you may be able to help us too. We are looking ahead and already planning for the SPRED Christmas party that we have (in December 2023) for our two SPRED groups. In the "spirit of summer Santa," if you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate: Christmas-themed tablecloths (they can even be plain white, off white, red, green, or burgundy), preferable rectangle-shaped tablecloths, Christmas craft kits, or new gift items that we can use for holiday Bingo prizes for our SPRED family members (all ages) during the SPRED party, please \*contact Dr. Beth Pfeiffer (773-315-7258 or [bapfeiffer14@gmail.com](mailto:bapfeiffer14@gmail.com)). Thank you so much. And we hope that your summer is as fun as Christmas in the sand!

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

### Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the English  
Faith Formation program  
at St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
will take place on

**Sunday, August 27 and  
Sunday, September 4th.**

Registration will be after  
all of the masses in the vestibule.

## VIP WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

PRIZE	TICKET	NAME
\$500	0565	Escobar Family
\$250	0926	Skylar Daquilante
\$150	0834	Tollerud Family
\$100	0900	Elaine & PT1
\$50	0938	Gary Rash
\$50	0044	Rozmus Family
\$50	0407	Begovic Family
\$50	0397	Augello Family
\$50	0163	Stella Dzierozynski



**W dniu 16 lipca na posesji kościoła Św. Konstancji odbył się letni piknik “Polish Summer Picnic”** przygotowany przez Polskie organizacje działające przy kościele Św. Konstancji: Polonia Klub, Grupy Żywego Różańca, Grupy Koronkowe, Szkoła Polska im M. M. Kolbe, Fundacja Św. Józefa, Marszałkowie, Lektorzy. Dochód z pikniku przeznaczony został na wsparcie naszej parafii. Pragniemy serdecznie podziękować parafianom, wszystkim gościom za obecność, mediom polonijnym za ogłaszanie naszego pikniku, Alderman Jim Gardner. Ponad wszystko serdecznie dziękujemy sponsorom którzy ofiarowali donacje pieniężne, fany na loterię jak również okolicznym biznesom za donacje jedzenia: Adam’s Jewelry, Andy’s Deli, Bania Family, Ciochon Family, Gałazka Family and Czerwony Kapturek Daycare, Gorski Family, Harwood Hts Deli, Jasion Family, Jolly Inn, Kasia’s Deli, Kozłowski family, Ks. Robert Lojek, Lach Family, Lone Tree Manor, Kuryło Marzena i Forever Company, Majewski Lucjan, Magnuszewski Family, Melvin Family, MM Construction, Montrose Deli, Niezapominajka Flower’s shop, Pietryka Funeral Home, Pisanko Family, Polonia Club, Polish Kolbe School, Proecolife, Rek’s Travel, Rosary groups, Rutkowski and Miller Family, Saladyga family, Sawasciuk Family, Solarski Family, Strek Family and WS Constructing, Wojciechowski Funeral Home.

**Wszystkim wolontariuszom dziękujemy za prace nad przygotowaniem pikniku i już dziś zapraszamy za rok!!**

**On July 16, on the grounds at St. Constance Church, the “Polish Summer Picnic” was held.**

The Polish organizations of St. Constance Church; the Polonia Club, the Living Rosary Group, the Lace Group, M.M. Kolbe Polish School, the St. Joseph Foundation, Ushers and Lectors organized and prepared for the event. We would like to thank the parishioners and all the guests for attending. We would also like to thank the Polish community media for announcing our picnic; Alderman Jim Gardiner’s office; the sponsors who donated money and raffle prizes and the local business who donated food and other products. The income from this picnic will be used to support our parish.

**Thank you to all the volunteers for their work before, during and after the picnic. We look forward to seeing you again next year!!**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**Sunday  
September  
24th**

**Mary Undoer  
of Knots  
Feast Day**

## The Mary Undoer of Knots FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

will take place, this year at the St. Constance Campus,  
**beginning with 12:30 PM MASS**  
**celebrated by Bishop Kevin.**

A picnic, festival celebration will take place after Mass. Once again, all parishioners, friends, and benefactors, young and young at heart, are welcome and encouraged to attend. More details to follow, however we know that **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help with all aspects of this special event.

If you’re willing to join the committee, please contact **Marty Bracco**, Director of Operations at the Parish Office, phone **773-777-2666 ext. 208**, or by email at **mbracco@archchicago.org**

## ON SIMILES, AND JUDGEMENT DAY

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Any grammar book will define two elements of figurative language: the simile, and the metaphor. I sometimes forget which is which, but no worries. My go-to book for such things is still the book I got in high school: Warriner's English Grammar and Composition. And as Stephen King points out in his little book *On Writing*, pretty much all we need to know is highlighted on Warriner's front and back inside covers.

OK... "A simile is a comparison between things essentially unlike, expressed directly through the use of a comparing word such as like or as" (Warriner's p. 286), and "A metaphor is a comparison between things essentially unlike, expressed without a comparing word such as like or as" (Warriner's p. 286). I don't use either, often. For one thing, they're more prominent in fiction vs. nonfiction. Also, I'm not adept at them, and as a calligraphy master once told me, "If you can't flourish, don't show it."

Which is not to say that I don't enjoy a solid turn of phrase. Years ago, an author who I cannot remember described a given character in his story as puffy and white, like the bugs on the underside of a tomato plant. Another author who I cannot remember wrote in his story of a character who thought his petty larceny gave him flavor, like marbling in a good piece of meat. These words are not verbatim, but the images they evoked have stayed with me for decades.

Per King, "By comparing two seemingly unrelated objects... we are sometimes able to see an old thing in a new, vivid way. Even if the result is mere clarity instead of beauty, I think writer and reader are participating together in a kind of miracle..." Then he shares a simile from an unnamed author that fails so badly, it caused King to stop reading right then and there: "He sat stolidly beside the corpse, waiting for the medical examiner as patiently as a man waiting for a turkey sandwich." Yikes.

Similes come to mind because today's Gospel concludes the parable discourse in Mt.13. It began two weeks ago with the parable of the sower (with seed falling on the path, rocky ground, thorns, and rich soil) and six parables later, it ends today. And other than that initial parable, Jesus sets all the rest of them up as similes. In order, the kingdom of heaven is like: "a man who sowed good seed in his field," like "a mustard seed," like "yeast," like "a treasure buried in a field," like "a merchant searching for fine pearls," and like "a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind."

No waiting for a good simile in a block of dead writing like a man waiting for a turkey sandwich here, as each of Jesus's similes is right on target. I like the first like ("the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field") and the last like ("the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea...") most because they each drive the same message home: the good-ness and bad-ness of the world...the wheat and the weeds...the desirable fish and everything else in the net. On our best days, we are the former of each pairing. On our worst days, we are the latter. Come the End of Days, however, we will be ultimately judged as one or the other. God's merciful-but-scrutinizing brightness will shine on us then like... the flash in an overexposed photograph? May such brightness find us all reflecting the Son.

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# SUNDAY MASSES

## August 6, 2023

### St. Constance Church

TIME	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
4:00pm	Fr. J. Jasso	A. Sanders	J. Gordon N. Guagliardo
7:30am	Fr. J. Jasso	C. Schiltz	M. Auffert F. Nicosia
9:00am	Fr. F. Florczyk	C. Kowalski A. Zamora	
10:30am	Fr. J. Jasso	C. Manno P. Pomykalski	F. D'Anna F. Nicosia
12:30pm	Fr. R. Lojek	M. Kazimierzak G. Pinas	
7:00pm	Fr. M. Jezierski	A. Zalewski S. Bajan	

### St. Robert Bellarmine Church

TIME	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:15pm	Fr. F. Florczyk	David Nowak	Kathleen Fergus Deacon Bill Frere Jim Ryan
9:00am	Fr. S. Donahue	Pat Zyburt	Paul Eifert Trina Eifert Kathy Ernst
12:00pm	Fr. S. Donahue	Rich Madro	Jane Hearnin Patrick Mullane

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - JULY 16, 2023

Sunday Collection - \$12,974.00

Give Central - \$2,503.00

Energy - \$4,154.00

Total - \$19,631.00

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - JULY 23, 2023

Sunday Collection - \$12,483.00

Give Central - \$2,583.00

Total - \$15,066.00

*Thank you for Your Generosity!  
Bóg zapłać za Waszą hojność!*

### AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH APP:

Due to some technological issues and new requirements from Apple, our parish app has been unavailable for several weeks. These issues came up as we were working to create the updated parish app.

We are chasing lots of moving parts and our goal is to have a new app up and running by the end of the summer, if not sooner.

We will be making pulpit, bulletin, email, and website announcements of our progress as we go forward.

*Thank you for your patience.*

### A reminder from the Director of Operations

Please remember that effective July 1st., all checks to the parish should be made out to **Mary Undoer of Knots Parish** – no longer to St. Robert Bellarmine or St. Constance. In addition, we have created one Mary, Undoer of Knots Give Central account for electronic giving. We are near completion of merging the separate database programs used by the two churches. This will result in **new collection envelopes beginning in July**. The envelopes will eventually have a new parishioner ID number (which is for our internal use primarily), but will otherwise operate in the same manner as always. The new envelopes should arrive in the mail in the next two weeks, if you haven't received them already. If you have any questions regarding anything relating to this or any part of the Renew My Church process, please **contact me directly** at [mbracco@archchicago.org](mailto:mbracco@archchicago.org), or at the parish office at **773-777-2666 ext. 208**.

May God Bless You,

Marty Bracco – Director of Operations