

# Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish

November 26, 2023



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did for one  
of the least brothers  
of mine, you did for me.”  
- Mt 25:38-40

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**Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa Króla Wszechświata 26 listopada 2023**

### St. Constance Church

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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

### St. Robert Bellarmine Church

4646 N. Austin Ave., Chicago, IL 60630  
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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****Monday, November 27**

8:00am Eng + Adela & Antoni Strek  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Tuesday, November 28**

8:00am Eng + Alexander Kukuric  
+ Tony Sidor 1 month death anniversary  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:00am Eng + Poor Souls in Purgatory  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Thursday, November 30** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00am Pol + Alexander Kukuric  
+ Andrew Danek  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Friday, December 1**

8:00am Eng In reparation for the offenses against  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus and for  
the conversion of sinners  
5:00pm Pol Msza św. Pierwszopiątkowa dla Dzieci  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Saturday, December 2**

8:00am Eng In reparation for the offenses against  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary and  
for the conversion of sinners  
4:00pm Eng + Ted & Mary Lewandowski  
+ Dan & Ted Hohmeier  
6:00pm Pol Różaniec  
7:00pm Pol Intencje Specjalne

**Sunday, December 3**

7:30am Eng *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
9:00am Pol + Bolesław Janicki  
+ Grażyna z Rodziną  
+ Krzysztof o zdrowie i Boże  
błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin  
Zenon, Jolanta, Robert, Władysław  
o zdrowie i Boże bł. na każdy dzień  
oraz opiekę MBN Pomocy  
+ Teresa Zajęc  
+ Eugeniusz Górka  
+ Michał Worytko  
+ Rozalia i Franciszek Giera  
+ Jan i Amelia Niewiarowski  
+ Wojciech Komperda  
+ Józef Zegar  
+ Zofia i Stanisław Bachula  
+ Anna i Wincenty Ziółkowski  
+ Wacława Milewski-Cichon  
+ Bogdan Kędzior  
+ Witold Tułacz w 20-tą rocznicę śmierci  
+ Joanna Siemieniuk  
+ Steve Zuterek  
+ Sophie V. Rados  
+ Tony Sidor  
10:30am Eng Lucyna Jurkowska z Rodziną  
Stanisław Abratanski z Rodziną  
Ewa i Andrzej z Rodziną o  
Boże błogosławieństwo  
12:30pm Pol Martin Janowski i Franciszek Krowiak  
o Boże błogosławieństwo w dniu urodzin

Barbara i Łukasz Gawkowski z okazji ślubu  
+ Maria Sokołowski  
+ Mateusz, Zofia, Halina Malinowski  
+ Zofia Boris  
+ Stanisława Krembuszewski  
+ Adam, Julia, Władysław Rachowicz,  
+ Stefania Tomasiak  
+ Mark Sowa  
7:00pm Pol Sophie Pacyk i syn Jan o zdrowie  
i Bożą opiekę  
Wolontariuszy pomagających  
w naszej Parafii  
Parafian i Dobrodziejów  
+ Bolesław Makowski

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO****LEGACY PLANNING | PLANOWANIE SPADKOWE****BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR LEGACY**

Your legacy is a reflection of your values and must be cultivated through thoughtful planning. If you want your assets to be given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it's important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact **Marty Bracco, Director of Operations, at the Parish office.** To request the free guide, "Tips for Creating an Effective Estate Plan," please contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at M 312.848.3068 or [mzappa@archchicago.org](mailto:mzappa@archchicago.org).

**PRZYNIĘŚ ŚWIATU JEZUSA ZA POMOCĄ SWEGO DZIEDZICTWA**

Twój dorobek jest odzwierciedleniem Twoich wartości, podtrzymywanie i rozwijanie go wymaga przemyślenia i rozsądnego planowania. Jeśli chcesz, aby po Twoim odejściu Twój majątek został przekazany osobom i organizacjom charytatywnym, na których Ci bardzo zależy, ważne jest, abyś stworzył formalny plan spadkowy. Twój majątek obejmuje wszystko, co posiadasz, niezależnie od wielkości.

Podczas tworzenia planu spadkowego skonsultuj się z prawnikiem i doradcą finansowym. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji, prosimy o kontakt z **Marty Bracco, Dyrektorem Operacyjnym w biurze parafialnym.**

Aby zamówić bezpłatny przewodnik „Wskazówki dotyczące tworzenia efektywnego planu zarządzania majątkiem”, skontaktuj się z Marguerite Q. Zappa, pracownikiem ds. planowania darowizn, Archidiecezji Chicago pod numerem 312.848.3068 or [mzappa@archchicago.org](mailto:mzappa@archchicago.org).



### MASS INTENTIONS - St Robert

**Monday, November 27**

**8:30 am** + Doris King  
+ Rita Alessi

**Tuesday, November 28**

**8:30 am** Christopher Matthew Jose  
(birthday blessings)

**Wednesday, November 29**

**8:30 am** + Janet Baumann

**Thursday, November 30** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

**8:30 am** + Frank Polheber  
+ Sophie Miller

**Friday, December 1**

**8:30 am** + Doris King

**Saturday, December 2**

**8:30 am**  
**5:15 pm** + Jack Ryan Silva  
+ Michael Heneghan

**Sunday, December 3** *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**9:00 am** + Beth Labant  
+ Dianne Hoff

**12:00 pm** + Joseph & Irene Koziarz  
+ Bridie McWilliams  
+ George Enich

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK MÓDLMY SIĘ ZA OSOBY CHORE

Stanisław Abratański	Donald Keegan
Maria Antosz	Barbara Kilton
Edward Bastian	Jan Kozań
Elaine Beatovic	Kazimierz Koziol
Aleksandra Bielska	Ralph Kudsk
Barbara Broecker	Veronica Lisowski
Linda Christensen	Krystyna Majka
Carol Das-Poole	Helen Mittelbrun
Ellie Denz	Sr. Mary Bridget Murphy
Jerzy Dudek	Nick Nardella
Terry Finn	Patricia O'Keefe
Janina Gawel	Joel Pasowicz
Constance Grodecki	Arlene Placek
Zenon Grodecki	Lorraine Placek
Josefina Hernandez	Franciszka Purchla
Ray Hoffelt	Dolores Purtell
Ray Hohmeier	Joel Stefka
Michelle Hohmeier-Ryan	Wilson Torres
Maria Lourdes Jose	Joann Trentadue
Michael James	James Van Vliet
Maria Johnson	

... 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.

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

### Mary Mulkern

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



### 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

**Simbang Gabi**  
*A Filipino Advent Mass Tradition*

Mary Undoer of Knots  
St Robert Bellarmine Church  
4646 N. Austin Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60630


December 15, 2023  
7:00 pm

Celebrant: Father Xamie Reyes  
Concelebrant: Father Robert Lejek

**MALIGAYANG PASKO!**

For more information please call:

Ogie & Riza Cave (773) 852-1401  
Lou & Efren Jose (773) 895-7521  
Dan & Emy Santillan (773) 968-8076  
Marylyn & Stephen Young (773) 875-6162



**2024**  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
 Washington, D.C.  
**January 19**

**Take Part**

Departure: Thursday evening - Jan 18; Return: Sunday - Jan 21  
 Cost: \$400 (ticket + hotel)  
 Contact sr. Karolina ☎ 586 733 7583 by November 26


**MARSZ DLA ŻYCIA**  
 Washington, D.C. Piątek, 19 stycznia 2024  
**WEŹ UDZIAŁ!**

Wylot: czwartek wieczorem - 18 stycznia; Powrót: niedziela - 21 stycznia  
 Koszt: \$400 (bilet + hotel)  
 Zgłoś się do 26 listopada s. Karolina ☎ 586 733 7583  
[www.marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/](http://www.marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/)

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

### ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am - Rosary
- 8:30am - Holy Mass
- 9:00am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 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 of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00pm - Holy Mass (Polish)

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- 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)

**PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA**  
**1 GRUDNIA**  
 KOŚCIÓŁ ŚW. KONSTANCJI  
 Spowiedź dla dzieci-4:30pm  
 Msza św dla dzieci-5:00pm

**SPOWIEDŹ-6:00PM**  
**MSZA ŚW. 7:00PM**  
 Nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa po Mszy św.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**  
**DECEMBER 1**  
**ST. CONSTANCE CHURCH**  
 Mass-8:00am  
 Devotion after the Holy Mass  
**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH**  
 Mass -8:30am  
 Devotion after the Holy Mass  
 Confession-6:00pm  
 at St Constance Church



**PIERWSZA SOBOTA MIESIĄCA**  
**2 GRUDNIA**  
 KOŚCIÓŁ ŚW. KONSTANCJI

ZAPRASZAMY  
 CZŁONKÓW  
 KÓŁ RÓŻAŃCOWYCH  
 ORAZ PARAFIAN  
 NA MODLITWĘ  
 RÓŻAŃCOWĄ  
 I CZUWANIE  
 MODLITEWNE

**RÓŻANIEC-6:00PM**  
**SPOWIEDŹ-6:00PM**  
**MSZA ŚW-7:00PM**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION  
 IN POLISH**



# DEAR PARISHIONERS, BENEFACTORS AND FRIENDS OF MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

We respectfully present the financial results for Mary Undoer of Knots parish for Fiscal Year 2023, which ended this past June 30th. The St. Robert Bellarmine School numbers are provided on the right-hand side of the report. The report includes the sacramental life at the parish, October and Lenten Attendance Counts, and School Enrollment.

### **MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS PARISH:**

The year ended with a net operating income of \$ 47,591. From the annual report published in the Mary Undoer of Knots parish bulletin of November 22, 2022, this income increased \$84,301 over the prior year. The parish had an operating deficit of - \$ 36,710 prior fiscal year. A slight reduction in overall weekly and special collections was offset by increased REP tuition, investment income, and facility lease and rental income.

Overall operating expenses were down slightly, due to a reduction in salary expense and corresponding benefit costs, and better control of utility costs. We did see a \$ 43,000 increase in building maintenance and repairs, and a \$ 35,000 increase in our annual Property and Casualty insurance costs.

Due primarily to over \$ 60,000 in capital improvement expenses, the parish finished FY 2023 with a slight deficit of - \$ 8283, a significant improvement over the COVID-influenced \$ 176,000 deficit in FY 2022.

### **ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI SCHOOL:**

The school operated at a net surplus of \$ 136,326. There was an extraordinary income adjustment to record forgiveness of second SBA-PPP School Loan, which had not been booked to income in prior years.

NOTE: St. Constance School is operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago in partnership with The Big Shoulders Fund, which also provides all financial and operational oversight and reporting.

### **SACRAMENTAL LIFE:**

Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals reflect normal operations. The merging of the parish database is complete. There continues to be regular updating of registered families/persons and the not registered families/persons to make the parish files as accurate as possible.

### **CASH:**

Both the parish and the school have Operating Cash on Hand, and both also maintain savings accounts in the Archdiocesan Bank. A significant amount of the savings in the Archdiocesan Bank are restricted. This means that they have been donated for special purposes for each campus related to: To Teach Who Christ Is, Endowment Funds (only the interest can be withdrawn from these funds) or other special purposes designated by the donor(s). These special purposes are respected for all funds donated.

Mary, Undoer of Knots is a dynamic and diverse parish with many ministries, liturgies, activities, services and people who love and serve the Lord. Thank you for your contributions of time, talent and treasury. This parish follows the best practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago and strives to be the best stewards of the gifts this parish has been given.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call or visit the rectory during regular office hours. God Bless You and God Bless Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish.

Fr. Robert Lojek, Pastor  
Mr. Eli Argamaso, Principal  
Mr. Martin Bracco Director of Operations  
Ms. Barbara Donnelly, Bookkeeper

**Finance Council Members:**  
Deacon Jim Schiltz  
Ms. Trina Eifert  
Ms. Malgorzata Rut-Benbenek  
Mr. Mike Keeney  
Ms. Patricia Pomykalski

## MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS YEAR END FINANCIALS AS OF 6/30/23

FISCAL YEAR ENDED 6/30/23

### CHURCH ORDINARY INCOME

Sunday/Holy Days	\$922,566.60
Christmas	\$53,491.00
Easter	\$37,159.00
Other Collections (1)	\$121,511.00
Rel. Ed. Tuition	\$64,931.17
Rel. Ed. Fee	\$10,968.93
Lease/Rental Income	\$122,993.37
Fund Raising, Net Income	\$26,170.42
Interest/Investment Income (Expense) (2)	\$11,326.72
Auxiliary Groups	\$4,448.09
Miscellaneous Income (3)	\$200,020.12
<b>TOTAL CHURCH ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,575,586.42</b>

### EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$594,713.55
Health Ins. - Employer Paid	\$78,052.50
Employer FICA	\$45,451.67
Fringe Benefits	\$34,696.16
Professional Growth	\$5,672.45
Books & Supplies, Non-Liturgical	\$21,728.85
Administrative Expenses	\$41,952.62
Transportation	\$558.48
Food Service & Meals	\$26,232.40
Telephone	\$8,600.70
Heating Fuel	\$99,356.28
Electricity	\$39,737.97
Other Utilities	\$6,758.31
Maintenance & Bldg Repairs	\$118,105.34
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$30,260.26
Furnishings & Equipment	\$11,880.73
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$130,428.00
PRMAA Assessment	\$44,376.00
Property/Casualty Insurance	\$114,637.56
Auto Insurance for Priest Owned Vehicle	\$4,479.00
Miscellaneous Expenses (4)	\$70,316.87
<b>TOTAL CHURCH ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,527,995.70</b>

### NET CHURCH INCOME (EXPENSES)

**\$47,590.00**

### CHURCH EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

Arch Required Collections	\$68,050.04
Estates, Bequests & Memorials	\$14,758.38
Other Extraordinary Income	\$(3,494.21)
Fund Collections	\$4,806.00
Capital Collections	\$320.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXTRAORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$84,440.21</b>

### CHURCH EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES

Expenses Covered by Insurance	
Payment of Arch Required Collections	\$71,651.04
Other Extraordinary Expenses	\$6,003.50
Capital Improvements (5)	\$62,660.00
<b>TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$140,314.54</b>

### NET INCOME (EXPENSES) EXTRAORDINARY

\$ (55,874.33)

### TOTAL CAMPUS INCOME (EXPENSES)

\$ (8,284.33)

Operating Cash on Hand 6/30/23	\$303,082.47
Archdiocesan Savings Accounts 6/30/23	\$1,125,585.25
Restricted Arch Savings Endowment	\$675,567.02
Restricted Savings To Teach Who Christ Is	\$337,417.76

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Baptisms	123
First Communions	78
Confirmations	89
Weddings	10
Funerals	133

Registered Families	1,975
Registered Persons	5,451
Not Registered Families	525
Not Registered Persons	420

October Count 2023	9,705
Lent Count 2023	23,047
October Count 2022	2,358
St Robert Bellarmine School Enrollment	207

### MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS PARISH



## ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE SCHOOL Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/23

### SCHOOL INCOME:

Tuition	\$1,278,388.50
Fees	\$123,974.04
Aux/Bingo/Misc Income	\$76,009.13
Food Services	\$10,281.42
Outside Funding Sources	\$60,200.00
Fund Raising Net Income	\$78,132.56
Lease/Rental Income	\$1,980.00

**TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME** **\$1,628,965.65**

### SCHOOL EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$927,147.13
Health Ins.- Employer Paid	\$167,740.94
Employer FICA	\$68,188.54
Fringe Benefits	\$52,185.61
Professional Growth	\$14,069.93
Books & Supplies, Non-Liturgical	\$24,940.84
Administrative Expenses	\$37,959.25
Transportation	
Food Services & Meals	\$1,690.59
Telephone	\$1,612.86
Heating Fuel	\$14,169.23
Electricity	\$14,072.54
Other Utilities	\$4,949.15
Maintenance & Bldg. Repairs	\$87,849.27
Furnishings & Equipment	\$2,134.03
OCS Assessments	\$11,274.00
Property/Casualty Insurance	\$55,548.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$7,106.86

**TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES** **\$1,492,638.77**

**NET SCHOOL INCOME** **\$136,326.88**

**Other Extraordinary Income (6)** **\$79,894.84**

**TOTAL SCHOOL NET INCOME** **\$216,221.72**

### NOTES:

- (1) Other Collections include fuel, flower, maintenance, First Friday, First Saturday, & various.
- (2) Investment fluctuations based on the market for endowment and special investment funds.
- (3) Miscellaneous Income includes Stole Fees, Mass Stipends, Vigil Lights, & Donations.
- (4) Misc. Expenses include \$11,500 of scholarship support from St. Constance and Kolbe School rent pass thru to St. Constance School and St. Robert Bellarmine includes \$18,000 in school scholarship support.
- (5) Includes St. Constance Rectory Furnace \$, 21,000 & Convent Boiler Repair \$41,660.00 .
- (6) Includes adjustment to record forgiveness of second SBA-PPP School Loan which had not been booked to income in prior years.

**Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa Króla Wszechświata**  
**to Święto Tytularne Sióstr Misjonek Chrystusa Króla dla Polonii Zagranicznej**  
 posługujących w naszej parafii.

Z tej okazji pragniemy złożyć naszym Siostrom serdeczne życzenia, by Chrystus Król zawsze królował w ich życiu i obficie Im błogosławił, obdarzając wszelkimi potrzebnymi łaskami. Pamiętajmy o naszych Siostrach: Katarzynie, Gertrudzie, Barbarze, Danucie, Annie, Maksymilianie, Annie i Karolinie w modlitwie i prosimy o nowe i święte powołania do pracy pośród nas.

Parafianie.



**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 is the **Titular Feast of the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polish Emigrants**  
 serving in our parish.

On this occasion we would like to wish our Sisters that Christ the King may always reign in their lives and bless them abundantly, bestowing all the graces they need. Let us remember our Sisters: Katarzyna, Gertruda, Barbara, Danuta, Anna, Maksymiliana, Anna i Karolina in prayer and ask for new and holy vocations to work among us.

Parishioners.



# MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS WOMAN'S CLUB

## ZEBRANIE KLUBU KOBIET I PRZYJĘCIE ŚWIĄTECZNE

The Woman's Club will meet on Monday, November 27, 2023, in Borowczyk Hall, 5856 W. Ainslie Ave. **DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm FOR REGISTRATION.**

During this month of Thanksgiving we will open with a special prayer of thanks for all our blessings. Join us as we install our new members. Pat Pomykalski and Audrey Kocylowski have planned a fleece blanket making event. In groups we will complete 7 full size blankets. Maureen Blake will show us the proper way to tie knots and then assist us as we try our hand. Ginger Frere from SRB's Common Threads ministry will donate our blankets to the 16th Police District for distribution. Refreshments will be served. Come and spend a November evening with friends before the holiday rush.

## WOMAN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Enjoy festive decorations, a delicious dinner, a spectacular raffle, and the Camaraderie of friends on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023** at St. Robert Bellarmine Kernaghan Hall.

Registration 5:30 pm | Dinner served at 6:00 pm | Catered by Montrose Deli | \$35.00 per person

Reservations are due no later than noon, December 4, 2023. Late reservations will not be accepted.

Please complete the form, include cash or check (payable to Mary, Undoer of Knots), place in an envelope marked Woman's Club Christmas Party and return at the November meeting, in the Sunday collection basket, or the rectory mail box. If you have any questions, call Pat at 708-867-7401.



### CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION FORM (due December 4, 2023)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations at \$35.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## SAINTS OF THE WEEK- ŚWIĘCI TYGODNIA

### NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

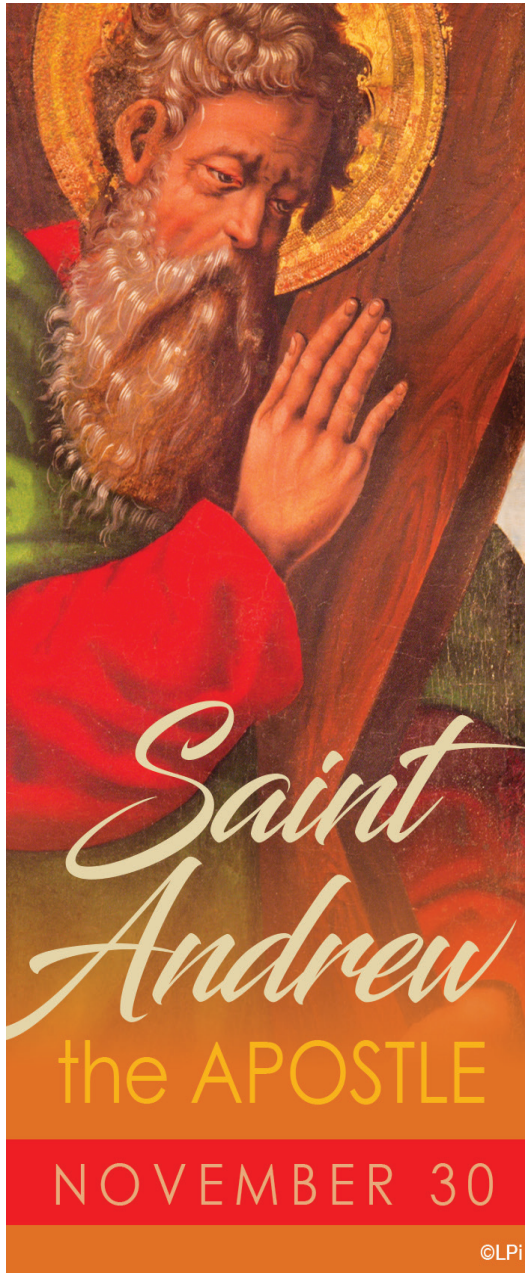
Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

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### 30 LISTOPADA – ŚW. ANDRZEJ



Święty Andrzej był rybakiem w Galilei, wraz ze swoim bratem Piotrem, kiedy zostali wezwani przez Jezusa, aby opuścili swoją łódź i stali się rybakami ludzi. Ewangelia Jana umieszcza go również jako naśladowcę Jana Chrzciciela, zanim stał się jednym z dwunastu uczniów Jezusa. Poza nielicznymi wzmiankami w Ewangeliach, niewiele wiadomo o życiu świętego Andrzeja.

Według tradycji chrześcijańskiej święty Andrzej, podobnie jak wielu innych uczniów, wyruszył do Grecji i Turcji, aby głosić Dobrą Nowinę. Pochodzący z IV wieku opis życia świętego mówi o jego męczeńskiej śmierci przez ukrzyżowanie w Patras. Średniowieczne relacje opisują użyty krzyż w kształcie litery X, ponieważ Andrzej powiedział, że nie jest godzien umrzeć na krzyżu w tym samym stylu co Jezus.

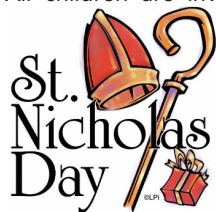
Słynny święty Andrzej jest patronem Szkocji, a na fładze tego kraju widnieje związany z nim krzyż w kształcie litery "X". Legendy głoszą,

że święty albo udał się do Szkocji, aby szerzyć Ewangelię, albo że jego relikwie zostały tam przywiezione przez św. Regulusa, który miał wizję nakazującą mu zabrać kości na koniec ziemi. Regulus wyruszył w podróż i został rozbity na wybrzeżu Szkocji. Obecnie relikwie św. Andrzeja, które były przechowywane w Watykanie, znajdują się w sanktuarium w Patras.

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## SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT

All children are invited to come and meet Saint Nicholas.



This year he will visit our Parish **on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm in St. Constance Parish Hall.** Our honored guest, generous patron saint of children will share his story of life and pray with all. Children will have a chance to make

a picture with St. Nicholas and receive a gift. If you would like to participate, please fill out form and leave in the Parish Office, School or REP office, by November 30 with the amount of \$25

## SPOTKANIE ZE ŚWIĘTYM MIKOŁAJEM

Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkie dzieci na spotkanie ze św. Mikołajem **w niedzielę, 3 grudnia o godz. 2:00pm w Sali ks. Borowczyka.** Święty Mikołaj przyjedzie, aby spotkać się z wszystkimi dziećmi.

Będzie się modlił, rozmawiał i przyniesie dla każdego dziecka upominek. Rodzice mogą zapisać swoje dzieci na spotkanie ze św. Mikołajem wypełniając formę w biurze parafialnym, w zakrystii lub w biurze szkoły lub REP razem z opłatą \$25. Ostateczny termin zgłoszeń mija 30 listopada



## FAMILY MASS | MSZA RODZINNA ST. CONSTANCE CHURCH



We invite all children and their parents to celebrate our monthly Family Mass on **Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 10.30 am** in the church. All are welcome!



## FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT'S MEETING St. Constance Church

We would like to inform you that the Parent's meeting of children who will receive First Reconciliation this school year will take place on **November 28th (Tuesday) at 7:00pm** in Borowczyk Hall. The presence of all parents is obligatory. For more information, please call Sr. Anna Strycharz at (773) 545-8581 ext. 40

Zebranie rodziców dzieci przygotowujących się do 1-szej spowiedzi

# ADWENT

tuż, tuż...

## RORATY dla dzieci

PONIEDZIAŁEK

4, 11, 18 grudnia, godz. 7 pm

Przyjdź z LAMPIONEM!



Naszym specjalnym  
GOŚCIEM

będzie

Wysłannik Boga,

który przychodzi

na ziemię do ludzi

z "Misją Specjalną".

# ZAPRASZAMY

Thank you  
*Dziękujemy*



Składamy serdeczne „*Bóg zapłać*”  
**Pani Wandzie Olbrychowskiej,**  
za ufundowanie naczyń do sprawowania  
Eucharystii: ampułek i lavabo

oraz

**ks. Andrzejowi Iżykowi**  
za ofiarowanie ampułek

do kościoła św. Konstancji.



Thanking for funding vessels for the celebration  
of the Eucharist.



## Świąteczne Drzewko Dobroci

Drodzy Parafianie. Jak co roku w naszej Parafii przygotowaliśmy „*Świąteczne Drzewko Dobroci*”. Wokół nas jest wiele osób, które potrzebują pomocy. Prosimy, otwórzcie się na potrzeby innych, aby w tym szczególnym czasie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia nie było wokół nas ludzi opuszczonych, samotnych czy po prostu biednych. Najmniejszy dar z waszej strony to wielka pomoc dla organizacji, które zajmują się ludźmi w potrzebie.

Na Drzewku Dobroci znajdziecie kolorowe ozdoby, każda z nich to apel różnych instytucji z wypisanymi prośbami, które czekają na pozytywny odzew z waszej strony. Prosimy, abyście zwrócili uwagę na dwa ważne punkty w tym programie:

- ❖ Wszystkie podarunki muszą być nowe.
- ❖ Prezenty prosimy przynieść do **11 grudnia 2023**. W tym dniu prezenty będą sortowane i dostarczone do poszczególnych organizacji.

Poniżej podajemy listę organizacji oraz rzeczy, do których kupna pragniemy Was zachęcić.

Bóg zapłać.

**Rodziny mieszkające obok nas** - proszą o certyfikaty do sklepów Walgreens, Jewel, McDonald, CVS, Target, Subway.

**Zaadoptuj Ucznia- Program Religijny prosi o pomoc w opłacie religii uczniom w trudnej sytuacji materialnej.**

**Dom Św. Józefa** - potrzebują odzież nocną, skarpetki, cienkie swetry dla kobiet i mężczyzn, chusteczki do nosa (Kleenex). Proszą o niekupowanie odzieży zakładanej przez głowę tylko zapinanej na guziki.

**Dom Samotnej Matki** - proszą o pampersy dla dzieci (rozmiary: 5, 6), kosmetyki dla dzieci, ręczniki papierowe, papier toaletowy środki czystości.

Program "Rachel" proszą o pampersy dla dzieci (rozmiary: 5, 6), kosmetyki dla dzieci ubranka dla niemowlaków.

**Misja OLA i Świeta 2023! Lista życzeń dzieci:**

**Dziwczynny:** zestawy do prac artystycznych (szycie, koraliki itp.), skakanki, modne szaliki, ładne przybory toaletowe, balsam/płyn do ciała

prosta/ niedroga biżuteria **Chłopcy:** modele samolotów/pociągów/samochodzików, samochodziki/cieżarówki

Albo: podstawowy sprzęt sportowy – ZWŁASZCZA piłki do koszykówki, pluszaki, kolorowanka z kredkami lub kredki, do robienia szkieł/inne zabawki do rysowania, plastikowe zabawki w zwierzęta, zestawy do zabawy naukowej

Książki (bez użycia przemocy, bez magii), zabawa w lekarza/zabawa w kuchnię/klocki Lego/zestaw zabawek dla majsterkowiczów/ gry bez przemocy, wszelkie inne zabawki edukacyjne (push pop bubble zabawki typu fidget, kostki rubika).

**Siostry Misjonarki Chrystusa Króla z Brazylii-proszą o wsparcie finansowe na zakup strojów dla zespołu ludowego lub przekazanie, jeśli ktoś ma i nie używa stroju ludowego dla dorosłych.**

**Duszpasterstwo Dzieci i Młodzieży** - Prosimy o donację pieniężną na Duszpasterstwo Dzieci i Młodzieży przy naszej Parafii. Bóg zapłać za każdą pomoc.

## Giving Tree

As every year in our parish, we prepare a "Giving Tree". There are many people around us who need help. Please, be open to the needs of others, especially in this time of Christmas and do everything you can that there is nobody around us who is hungry, lonely or just poor. The smallest gift that comes from the heart is a big help for organizations that take care of people in need. On our Giving Tree, you will find many colorful ornaments. Each color represents a different organization with a list of things that are necessary to help others. At the same time, we ask you to remember about two important things about this project:

All gifts must be new. All gifts are needed at Church on **December 11**. On this day, the gifts will be sorted and distributed to each of the organization.

Below is a list of organizations and the list of things that are needed. Thank you for your open heart and support in this unique project

**The Families Next Door** – certificates: Walgreens, Jewel, CVS, Target, McDonald, Target, Subway.

**Adopt a Student - The Religious Program asks for help in paying for religion for students in a difficult financial situation.**

**St. Joseph Home** - requests Kleenex, washable nightclothes, socks, lightweight sweaters for women and men.

NOTE must be button up - no slipover clothing.

**Home for Single Mothers** - requests Pampers no.5,6, children shampoo, children soup, baby's cosmetics, paper towels, cleaning.

Program "Rachel" requests Pampers no.1,2,3., children shampoo, children soup, baby's cosmetics, baby clothes.

**Mission OLA and Christmas 2023!** Kids wish list:

**Girls:** craft kits (sewing, beads etc.) jump ropes, fashion scarves, nice toiletries, lotion/ body wash

simple/ inexpensive jewelry **Boys:** model plane/trains/cars toy cars/trucks

Either: basic sports equipment- ESPECIALLY basketballs, stuffed animals, coloring book with crayons or colored pencils, etch a sketch/ other drawing toys plastic toy animals, play science kits

Books (nonviolent, non-magic), play doctor/ play kitchen/ any play-grown- up toys

building toys- Legos/ erector set toys/ tinker toys nonviolent games, any other educational toys

push pop bubble fidget toys, Rubik cubes any fidget toys.

Missionary Sisters of Christ the King from Brazil are asking for financial support to purchase costumes for a folk band or donate them if someone has and does not use a folk costume for adults.

**Children's and Youth Ministry** - We ask donations for the Children's and Youth Ministry at our Parish. God bless you for all your help.

**SRBPA PRESENTS**

# PANCAKES WITH SANTA



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

**8:30 AM TO 12:30PM**

**KERNAGHAN HALL**

**Seating is not reserved**

**\$8 PER PERSON**

**\*Includes all you can eat  
pancakes and sausage, and  
milk/juice/coffee.**



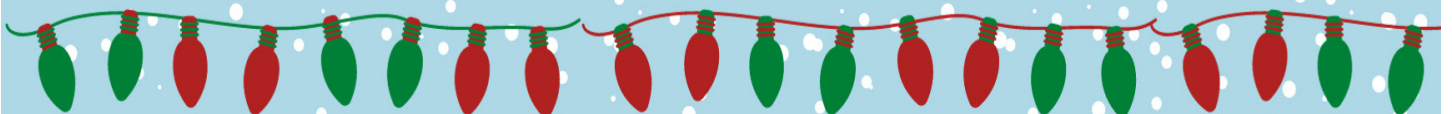
**SPLIT THE POT AND  
PRIZE RAFFLES FOR  
ALL AGES!\***

**\*cash only!**



**Don't forget your camera to take  
a picture with Santa!!**

**Sponsored by the SRB Parents'  
Association and hosted by the  
Kindergarten & 8th grade classes.**





## ON BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE

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“Due to increased tensions in various locations around the world... the Department of State advises U.S. citizens overseas to exercise increased caution.” This travel advisory came out in late October. It adds that U.S. citizens should sign up for the Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive travel alerts and to “...make it easier to locate you in an emergency overseas.” Yikes.

I mentioned last week that I ran a trail marathon up in Luck, WI on Saturday, October 7. Early that day but far away from Luck, Hamas killed hundreds of Israeli innocents. Per the Chicago Tribune, Hamas said “...it launched the attack in response to mounting Palestinian suffering under Israel’s occupation and blockade of Gaza.” And per an online CNN piece, “Israel’s defense minister has said the military is preparing for a ‘multilateral operation’ on Hamas from the ‘air, ground, and sea,’ with the goal of destroying the militant group.” But Palestinian innocents are dying, too.

Hearing only the beginning of this on a TV news show Sunday morning, October 8, my wife and I left our lodging in Balsam Lake, WI and headed for Mass at the nearby Our Lady of the Lakes Church. It was there--before Mass even began--that the pastor said something I still carry around with me, and I have already shared it with various family members and friends. I cannot say that Fr. Gerald Harris’s observation is necessarily profound. But then again, maybe it is.

He began by giving a brief overview of the world-at-large, and he did so--to my hearing, anyway--with a certain sadness, or tiredness, or maybe even disillusionment in his voice. He spoke of the breaking news coming out of Israel. He spoke of the on-going war in Ukraine. He spoke of the earthquakes in Afghanistan and of the violence sweeping our own country. And despite all of this, he then said something welcoming, warm, hopeful. “We’re in the right place,” he said.

I immediately thought of Peter, James, and John up on that mountain when Jesus was transfigured before their eyes. As the evangelist Matthew put it in the Sunday Gospel reading we heard a few months ago, Jesus’s face “...shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” Soon, Moses and Elijah showed up, and this is when Peter spoke his own version of Fr. Harris’s “We’re in the right place.” Peter put it differently, though. “Lord,” he said, “it is good that we are here.”

But as the priests and deacons have told us, being in the right place (either in church, or up on that mountain) is meaningless if we do not take the person we go there to see--the Christ--back with us into the world. It’s true that we may lose sight of Jesus sometimes because of the bluster all around us. We may lose sight of him often, in fact. But in today’s Gospel, the King of kings cannot be clearer in telling us who he is. He is the hungry man in need of a meal. He is the thirsty woman, parched. He is the stranger, alone. He is the shivering child, sans winter coat. He is the homebound, and he is the prisoner, both longing for company. Yes, there is much darkness in the world. But it’s on us to bring light. From being in the right place ourselves, to helping others come to be in the right place. Especially when they are not.

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**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday - closed**

**Środa, Piątek, Sobota, Niedziela - zamknięte**

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**Due Date: Tuesdays - 5:00pm - 12 days in advance**

## SUNDAY MASSES

### December 3, 2023

#### St. Constance Church

TIME	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
4:00pm	Fr. A. Izyk	L. Antonik	J. Gordon A. Sanders
7:30am	Fr. F. Florczyk	Sr. Perpetua	M. Auffert L. Adamus
9:00am	Fr. R. Lojek	T. Milewski B. Kolek	
10:30am	Fr. F. Florczyk	Family Mass P. Pomykalski	H. Odim G. Peczkis
12:30pm	Fr. R. Lojek	K. Olszewska M. Mordarski	
7:00pm	Fr. R. Lojek	D. Strek A. Zalewski	

#### St. Robert Bellarmine Church

TIME	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:15pm	Fr. R. Lojek	Pat Zyburt	Erin Bastian Walter Felckowski Kathleen Fergus
9:00am	Fr. S. Donahue	Rich Madro	Paul Eifert Trina Eifert Kathy Ernst
12:00pm	Fr. S. Donahue	Chee Tagarao	Jennifer Begovic Sue Donat Mary Ann Glowacz

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

### TEXT-TO-GIVE OPTION NOW AVAILABLE

Hundreds of Mary Undoer of Knots parishioners are making secure donations weekly using the "Give Central" website at [www.givecentral.org/location/147](http://www.givecentral.org/location/147).

You can now text-to-give by texting the word "Sunday" from a smartphone to 847-243-6058. This provides a link directly to the Sunday offerings page in GiveCentral.

We ask that you prayerfully consider maintaining or even increasing your weekly donation level during these times. Your stewardship of Mary Undoer of Knots parish is greatly appreciated.

## DONACJA ELEKTRONICZNA

PRZESŁANIA DONACJI SMSEM JEST JUŻ DOSTĘPNA Setki parafian Parafii Maryi Rozwiązującej Węzły co tydzień przekazują bezpieczne datki za pośrednictwem strony internetowej „Give Central” pod adresem [www.givecentral.org/location/147](http://www.givecentral.org/location/147).

Możesz teraz wysłać SMS-a o treści „Sunday” ze smartfona na numer 847-243-6058. Zapewnia to link bezpośrednio do strony ofert niedzielnych w GiveCentral.

Prosimy, abyście w modlitwie rozważyli utrzymanie lub nawet zwiększenie poziomu cotygodniowych datków w tych okresach. Wasza opieka nad parafią Maryi Rozwiązującej Węzły jest bardzo doceniana.

You can also scan the QR code provided here. Możesz także zeskanować Kod QR podany tutaj.



## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

### NOVEMBER 12, 2023

**Sunday - \$14,997**  
**Give Central - \$2,695**  
**Total - \$17,692**

**Maintenance Fund - \$4,333.17**

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

## SPAM EMAILS

If you receive an email from Fr. Robert or anyone in the parish asking you to purchase gift cards, please do not open, respond, or click any links. These emails are a scam.

## EMAILE SPAMOWE

Jeśli otrzymasz wiadomość emailową od ks. Roberta lub kogokolwiek z parafii z prośbą o zakup kart podarunkowych, nie otwieraj, nie odpowiadaj ani nie klikaj na żaden z linków.

Te wiadomości to oszustwo.