

ALL SOULS CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025



OUR VISION

All Souls Catholic Parish aspires to be an inviting faith community where members and newcomers alike are engaged, inspired, and spiritually nourished among friends that become family.

OUR MISSION

As a welcoming and united parish, the All Souls Family of Faith is committed to loving God, loving our neighbors, and inviting others to know and serve Jesus Christ and recognize Him in one another.

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

— *Hebrews 13:2*



May 25, 2025

All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor

St. Ann Church & Parish Office

3010 Ridge Road, Lansing
708.895-6700/708-895-6877 (Fax)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Confessions

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or Any Weekday by Appointment

Adoration

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Followed by Rosary on Weekdays

Communion Service

Monday: 7:30 a.m.

Morning Mass

Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Mass

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

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Please call the office:

- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- for Mass intentions
- to request prayers for the sick
- to make a Confession appointment

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Click "Find Your Charity" and search for All Souls Catholic Parish, visit givecentral.org/location/100 or scan the handy QR code here.



In these difficult economic times, know that the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann is here to assist you in your time of need. All information is kept confidential. Please do not wait until matters become insurmountable. Please call 708-745-4760.

New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or register on our website at >About >Becoming a Parishioner

Name _____

Address _____
Street Town/Zip

Phone _____

email _____

Once you register and have a number assigned, you will be able to receive envelopes and play the weekly 50/50.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, May 27

(St. Augustine of Canterbury)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Maggie Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

Wednesday, May 28

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Bernice K. (Carol & Machiraju)

Thursday, May 29 (St. Paul VI)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Dennis Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

Friday, May 30

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Saturday, May 31 (The Visitation

of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† Karen Erickson (David Erickson)

Sunday, June 1

(The Ascension of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Cindy Hope (John & Barbara Truby)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

The 2025 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass intentions. The suggested donation is \$10.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

This Week's Activities

Monday, May 26 ★★★★★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★★★★★

OFFICE CLOSED

Communion Service/Rosary 7:30am Chapel

No Adoration Today

Legion of Mary (Spanish) 7:00pm Parish Office

Tuesday, May 27

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary 7:30am Chapel

Staff Calendar Meeting 10:00am Parish Office

Boy Scout Troop 276 Meeting 7:00pm Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 28

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary 7:30am Church

Mass at St. Anthony of Lansing 10:00am St. Anthony

A.A. Meeting 8:00pm Parish Hall

Thursday, May 29

Daily Mass 7:30am Church

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00am Chapel

Mass at Tri-State Village 10:00am Tri-State

Adoration 8:00am - 6:00pm Chapel

TOPS Meeting 4:30pm Parish Office

Sharing the Scripture 7:00pm Parish Office

Friday, May 30

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary 7:30am Chapel

Saturday, May 31

Confessions 3:00pm Chapel

Mass 4:00pm Church

Rosary 5:00pm Chapel

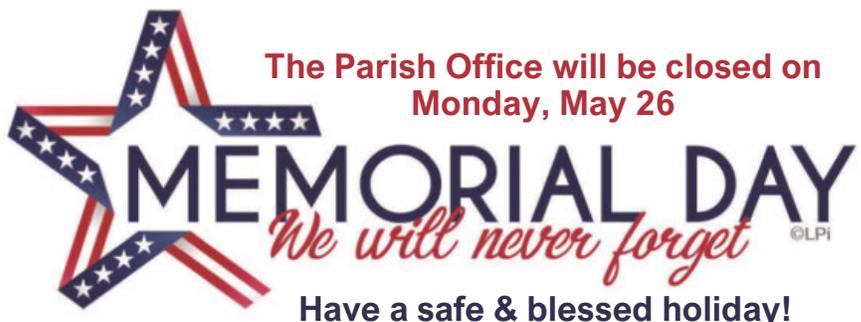
Sunday, June 1 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Masses (Children's Lit @10:30) 8:30 & 10:30am Church

For parish updates, please visit the website & click on the Calendar tab.

To add to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, please visit the Parish Office to fill out a request form. All activities MUST be on the calendar in case of emergency.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON MONDAY, MAY 26. ADORATION WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, MAY 29.



How do we prepare for this heavenly city? By living as citizens of God's kingdom here and now—by loving one another, by seeking peace, and by letting God's light shine through us.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Gift of Peace

As we journey through this Easter season, our readings today remind us of the unity, guidance, and peace that come from God's presence among us.

In our first reading (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29), we see the early Church facing a moment of crisis and division. Some were insisting that Gentile converts must follow the full Mosaic Law to be true followers of Christ. This caused confusion and anxiety among believers. But notice how the apostles and elders respond: they gather, discuss, and discern together, guided by the Holy Spirit. Their decision is not based on human arguments alone, but on what "seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." They choose not to burden the new believers with unnecessary demands, focusing instead on what is essential for unity and holiness.

This is a powerful lesson for us. In times of disagreement or uncertainty, we are called to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to listen to one another, and to act with charity and wisdom. The Church is not a community of rigid rules, but a living body guided by God's Spirit.

In our second reading (Rev.21:10-14, 22-23), John gives us a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, radiant with the glory of God. There is no temple in this city, because God Himself is its temple. There is no need for sun or moon, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. This vision reminds us that our ultimate destiny is to dwell in God's presence, where His light overcomes all divisions and darkness.



Finally, in the Gospel (Jn 14:23-29), Jesus promises His disciples, "Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him." Jesus does not leave us orphans. He gives us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to teach us and remind us of all He has said. He offers us His peace, not as the world gives, but a peace that endures even amid trouble.

This peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of Christ within us. It is the assurance that, whatever we face, we are not alone. God dwells with us, guiding us, strengthening us,

and leading us to the fullness of life.

So, as we reflect on these readings:

- Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and our community, especially when we face challenges or disagreements.
- Let us keep our eyes fixed on the heavenly city, striving to live as children of the light.
- And let us welcome the peace of Christ, allowing His presence to transform our lives and our world.

May the Lord make His dwelling with us, and may His peace reign in our hearts, today and always.

Amen.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Today's Readings

First Reading: If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

Psalm: God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading: The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

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Reflect & Respond to Scripture

1st Reading Question: We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

2nd Reading Question: As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

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WEEKLY MONEY MATTERS

5-11-2025

ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL:	\$	1,230.00
DROP OFF/MAIL IN:	\$	6,187.16
	\$	7,417.16
50-50 CLUB:	\$	520.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	\$	1,100.00



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Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in,
dropped-off, and online contributions.*

ALL SOULS SPLIT \$ ~ 50/50 CLUB ~ \$

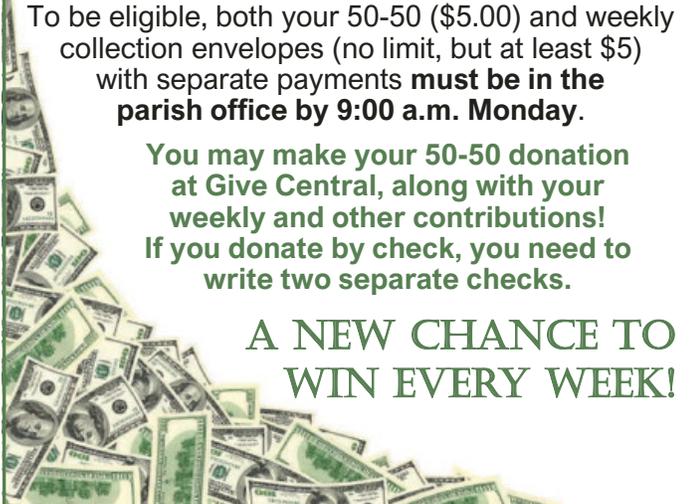
**Our May 11 winning number was #1430.
#1430 WOULD HAVE WON \$260.00.**

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday.**

You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions! If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.

A NEW CHANCE TO WIN EVERY WEEK!



ALL SOULS PARISH

Holy Souls Bereavement Ministry Meets in the Former School Building

JUNE 11 & 28

Every Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Every Fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Our Bereavement Ministry is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to deal with their grief in an atmosphere of care.

Let us join you on your grief journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and understanding.

All are welcome and no registration is required.

Enter through door C1.

Please call 708-895-6700 FMI.



Let's Pull Together!

We're All in the Same Boat



As we come into the summer months, finances become a little tighter in the parish while our supporters are on vacation and busy with warm-weather pursuits. Thank you for remembering All Souls with your regular contributions - we cannot get by without them! If you would like to arrange your donations for when you are away, here are some ideas:

- ✦ place all your envelopes for the month in the weekly basket at once before you go or upon your return
- ✦ text to give at 847-201-4236
- ✦ set up e-giving at www.givecentral.org/location/100

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer, doing whatever makes you happiest. Don't forget the sunscreen!



May Baptisms



Please welcome and keep in your prayers the newest member of our All Souls Catholic Parish family!

Victoria Star Vasquez
Child of Ana Amelia Vasquez

The parish family of All Souls is happy to welcome new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism! Christenings take place at St. Ann Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (unless otherwise indicated), during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must attend a preparation session prior to their child's baptism. These are held monthly on the Thursday before the first baptisms of the month. There are no baptisms during weekends of Lent. FMI, call the parish office at 708.895.6700 or visit our website at: www.allsoulsatholicparish.org/sacraments/baptism/

The best way to keep up to date with us is to like "All Souls Catholic Parish" on Facebook. The page is updated regularly with news and helpful resources.





- ✦ The office will be closed and there will be no Adoration on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. The regular Adoration schedule will resume on Thursday, May 29.
- ✦ All ministry leaders should have received an email with calendar forms for the 2025-26 year, which begins on July 1. Please make sure that you submit your updated form asap. Dates and spaces are available on a first come/first served basis. Additional forms are available at the office.
- ✦ Do you wish to have a Mass said for someone, but find it difficult to come into the office during business hours? Simply call us at 708.895.6700 to schedule your times, dates, and locations, and you may send your donation in through the collection basket or Give Central. The requested donation is \$10 per intention.
- ✦ Never miss a bulletin! Visit www.parishesonline.com and search for All Souls Catholic Parish. Subscribe and you will receive a link to our bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every Saturday. It's fast, easy and free!
- ✦ While Confession/Reconciliation may be made every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel, if you are in need of the sacrament at any other time, you may call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

LANSING LOAN CLOSET

The Lansing Loan Closet (formerly housed at the Lansing Municipal Center), loans gently used medical equipment to area residents on a short-term, temporary basis

FOR DONATION DROP-OFF or TO BORROW EQUIPMENT:
 Call Trinity Lutheran Church at
 (708) 474-7997 or email:
church@TrinityLutheranLansing.com

Did you know we say the Rosary year-round on weekdays in the St. Ann Day Chapel? On Mondays, Rosary follows the 7:30 a.m. Prayer Service, and Tuesday through Friday, Rosary follows the 7:30 a.m. Morning Mass.



During the Month of May, we also pray the Rosary after 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please join us any time!

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

May 10-11 Through June 14-15

All Souls is participating in the Baby Bottle Project to benefit the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland, a non-profit organization that assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year, the Women's Center sees over 5,000 expectant mothers in their three locations, one of which is located at Our Lady of Knock in Calumet City. They estimate to have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the Narthex, fill it with your spare change, and return it by Father's Day weekend, June 14-15. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to The Women's Center. You may also visit GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

This is a simple but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note that the baby bottles cost nearly \$1 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please be sure to return them at the end of the project. Thank you for helping to defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.



Upcoming Events

- Memorial Day (Office Closed): May 26
- The Ascension of the Lord (Observed): June 1
- Pentecost: June 8
- Father's Day: June 15

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

*Join us as we **remember** and **honor** those who have served our great country and all our loved ones who have gone before us.*

Please join us for our annual
**MEMORIAL DAY
 FIELD MASS**

May 26, 2025 at 10:30 am

**ST. MICHAEL
 THE ARCHANGEL**
 Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
 Palatine
 847-397-3284
MASS TIME 10:00 AM

<p>ALL SAINTS Most Rev. John S. Siemianowski Des Plaines 847.298.0450</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD Most Rev. Francis J. Kane Orland Park 708.226.9951</p>	<p>MT. OLIVET Rev. William T. Corcoran Chicago 773.239.4422</p>	<p>ST. BENEDICT Msgr. Dennis J. Lyle Crestwood 773.239.4422</p>
<p>ASCENSION Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, OSA Libertyville 847.362.1247</p>	<p>HOLY CROSS Most Rev. Robert L. Lombardo, CFR Calumet City 708.862.5398</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF SORROWS Rev. Stanislav Bindas, CM Hillside 708.449.8300</p>	<p>ST. BONIFACE Msgr. Patrick Pollard Chicago 847.864.3050</p>
<p>ASSUMPTION Rev. David J. Simonetti Glenwood 708.758.4772</p>	<p>HOLY SEPULCHRE Most Rev. Timothy J. O'Malley Alsip 708.422.3020</p>	<p>QUEEN OF HEAVEN Most Rev. Larry Sullivan Hillside 708.449.8300</p>	<p>ST. CASIMIR Most Rev. Mark A. Bartosic Chicago 773.239.4422</p>
<p>CALVARY Msgr. Wayne F. Prist Evanston 847.864.3050</p>	<p>MARYHILL Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry Niles 847.823.0982</p>	<p>RESURRECTION Most Rev. Robert M. Fedek Justice 708.458.4770</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH Rev. Paul Cao River Grove 708.453.0184</p>
<p>CALVARY Rev. Wayne A. Svida Steger 708.758.4772</p>	<p>MT. CARMEL Rev. Antoni Bury Hillside 708.449.8300</p>	<p>ST. ADALBERT Very Rev. Steven Bartzyszyn, CR Niles 847.647.9845</p>	<p>ST. MARY Most Rev. Jose Maria Garcia-Maldonado Evergreen Park 708.422.8720</p>

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS: Offices 9 am - 1 pm | Gates 8 am - 7 pm | Mausoleums 9 am - 6 pm
CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org | 708.236.5400

Lansing Meals on Wheels delivers healthy, delicious meals on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 10:30 a.m. and Noon for only \$4 per meal.

If you or someone you know is a Lansing resident and a senior citizen, a patient recovering from a medical procedure, or a homebound resident, you/they may qualify for the Lansing Meals on Wheels program.

FMI call the Methodist Church Office at 708-474-1144 or Barb Dust at 312-969-0385.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

ONE DAY 12 STEP CIR ADDICTION HEALING RETREAT

REDEMPTORIST RETREAT CENTER

Oconomowoc, WI

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER



Hello, my name is Herman Campuzano, and I've been a part of All Souls Parish since 2004, when my family and I moved to Lansing. I was born in Chicago but spent 14 years living in Mexico before returning in 2000 after marrying my beautiful wife, Leticia "Lety" Campuzano. Together, we've been blessed with three wonderful daughters: Nancy, Jennifer, and Jessica. I grew up in a Catholic home, with my parents Apolinar "Polo" and Gloria, and my two siblings (Gilberto and Elizabeth), and I've known the love of God for as long as I can remember. I was fortunate to attend Catholic schools, which helped build a strong foundation in my faith. I now serve All Souls in the Religious Education Program, as a Lector and on the Evangelization Team.

Currently, my wife and I are enrolled in the Lay Leadership Program at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake (USML) in Mundelein, IL. God willing, I plan to continue into the Deacon Formation Program afterward—a journey that will take six years in total: two years in Lay Leadership and four in formation toward the Diaconate.

Though I had been contemplating the Diaconate for some time, I truly felt God's calling during a retreat led by Deacon Dave Brencic in 2024. I was blessed to have been invited by Father Mark to attend this retreat, and I went with an open heart. I remember sitting in the Chapel and praying to God and telling Him, "Let me know what You want for me. Ask anything of me; just please, be very clear so that I don't confuse Your will with my own thoughts."

At that time, I thought I felt God's calling to become a Deacon, so I decided to go and talk to Deacon Dave, who was leading the sessions. When I got to the door, still uncertain, I turned around and went back to the Chapel. "I said, God, I am going to need you to be more clear." On the last day, I went back to the Chapel, prayed again for clarity. Once finished, I was sitting outside the Chapel when Deacon Dave approached me; during our conversation, he looked at me and said, "Have you thought about becoming a Deacon?" I looked at him, smiled, and told him my story. I went back into the Chapel and thanked God.

On my way home, I called my wife and shared this with her; she immediately supported me. I later spoke to Father Mark, who also gave me his blessing. I feel very fortunate to have such great support in my life.

Like many of us, I have asked God, "Why me? Since you know I am a sinner?" Through the Lay Leadership program and prayer, I have come to better understand the boundless love and mercy of God. Jesus also reminds us through His parables of the Good Shepherd and the Prodigal Son that we are never beyond His grace.

These days, I begin each morning with at least 30-50 minutes of prayer and attending Mass daily when possible. I also try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly—or more often—whenever I feel myself drifting from God. Through the Eucharist and confession, I've discovered a profound peace and closeness with the Lord. I now find myself evangelizing naturally—in the workplace, among friends, and especially with my Confirmation students. I firmly believe in the power of prayer. My relationship with God has deepened my love for service and seeing Christ in everyone I meet.

Some of my favorite bible verses include Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and Isaiah 41:10, "Do not fear, for I am with you."

We are blessed with a vibrant parish family, and I am excited for all that lies ahead as we grow together in faith and community. I eagerly await what God has in store for me. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. May God bless you and your families abundantly.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 14:23-29



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your own toys to a child who has none.



PRAYER

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

Hola, mi nombre es Herman Campuzano, y he sido parte de la parroquia All Souls desde el año 2004, cuando mi familia y yo nos mudamos a Lansing, IL. Actualmente sirvo en el programa de Educación Religiosa, como lector y en el equipo de Evangelización. Nací en Chicago, pero viví 14 años en México antes de regresar en el año 2000, después de casarme con mi hermosa esposa, Leticia “Lety” Campuzano. Juntos hemos sido bendecidos con tres maravillosas hijas: Nancy, Jennifer y Jessica. Crecí en un hogar católico junto a mis padres, Apolinar “Polo” y Gloria, y mis dos hermanos, Gilberto y Elizabeth. Desde muy pequeño he conocido el amor de Dios. Tuve la bendición de asistir a escuelas católicas, lo cual ayudó a formar una base sólida en mi fe.

Actualmente, mi esposa y yo estamos inscritos en el Programa de Liderazgo Pastoral en la Universidad de Saint Mary of the Lake (USML) en Mundelein, IL. Si Dios lo permite, planeo continuar con el programa de formación para el Diaconado, un camino que toma seis años en total: dos años en liderazgo pastoral y cuatro en formación hacia el diaconado.

Aunque había estado considerando el Diaconado por algún tiempo, sentí verdaderamente el llamado de Dios durante un retiro en el 2024, dirigido por el Diácono Dave. Fui bendecido al ser invitado por el Padre Mark a participar en ese retiro. Fui con el corazón abierto; recuerdo estar sentado en la capilla, orando y diciéndole a Dios: “Dime qué quieres de mí. Pídemelo lo que sea, solo te pido que seas muy claro para no confundir tu voluntad con mis propios pensamientos”.

En ese momento sentí el llamado de Dios para convertirme en Diácono, así que decidí ir a hablar con el Diácono Dave, quien dirigía las charlas. Sin embargo, al llegar a la puerta, aún con dudas, me di la vuelta y regresé a la capilla. Le dije a Dios: “Voy a necesitar que seas aún más claro”. El último día del retiro, regresé a la capilla, oré nuevamente y le pedí a Dios que me hablara con más claridad. Al terminar, me senté afuera de la capilla, y fue entonces cuando el Diácono Dave se acercó a mí. Durante nuestra conversación, me miró y me preguntó: “¿Alguna vez has pensado en ser diácono?” Lo miré, sonreí y le conté mi historia. Luego regresé a la capilla y le di gracias a Dios.

De camino a casa, llamé a mi esposa y le compartí lo sucedido; me apoyó de inmediato. Después hablé con el Padre Mark, quien también me dio su bendición. Me siento muy afortunado de contar con tanto apoyo en mi vida.

Como muchos, también le he preguntado a Dios: “¿Por qué yo, si sabes que soy un pecador?”. Sin embargo, a través del programa de Liderazgo Pastoral y la oración, he llegado a comprender mejor el amor inmenso y la misericordia de Dios. Jesús nos lo recuerda en sus parábolas del Buen Pastor y del Hijo Pródigo: nunca estamos fuera del alcance de su gracia.

Hoy en día, comienzo cada mañana con al menos 30 a 50 minutos de oración, y asisto a misa diaria cuando es posible. También procuro confesarme al menos una vez al mes—o con mayor frecuencia—cuando siento que me estoy alejando de Dios. A través de la Eucaristía y la confesión, he encontrado una paz profunda y una cercanía aún mayor con el Señor.

Ahora me encuentro evangelizando de forma natural: en el trabajo, con amigos, y especialmente con mis estudiantes de Confirmación. Creo firmemente en el poder de la oración. Mi relación con Dios ha profundizado mi amor por el servicio y por ver a Cristo en cada persona que conozco.

Algunos de mis versículos favoritos de la Biblia son el Salmo 23: “El Señor es mi Pastor”, e Isaías 41:10: “No temas, porque yo estoy contigo”.

Somos bendecidos con una comunidad parroquial vibrante, y estoy emocionado por todo lo que viene mientras crecemos juntos en fe y unidad. Espero con ansias lo que Dios tiene preparado para mí. Por favor, manténganme a mí y a mi familia en sus oraciones. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias abundantemente.

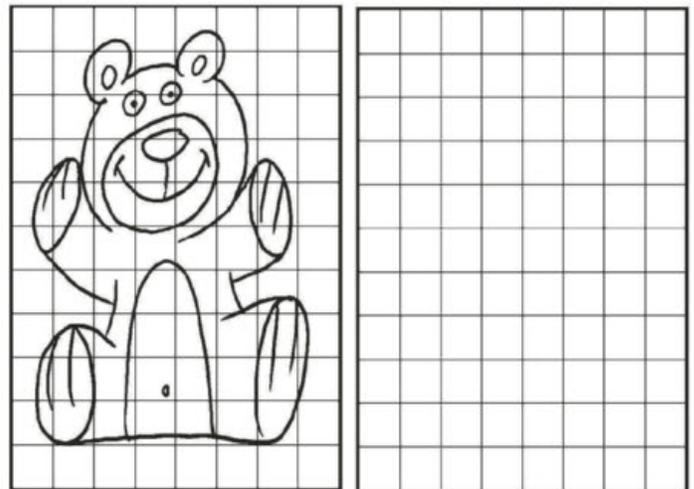


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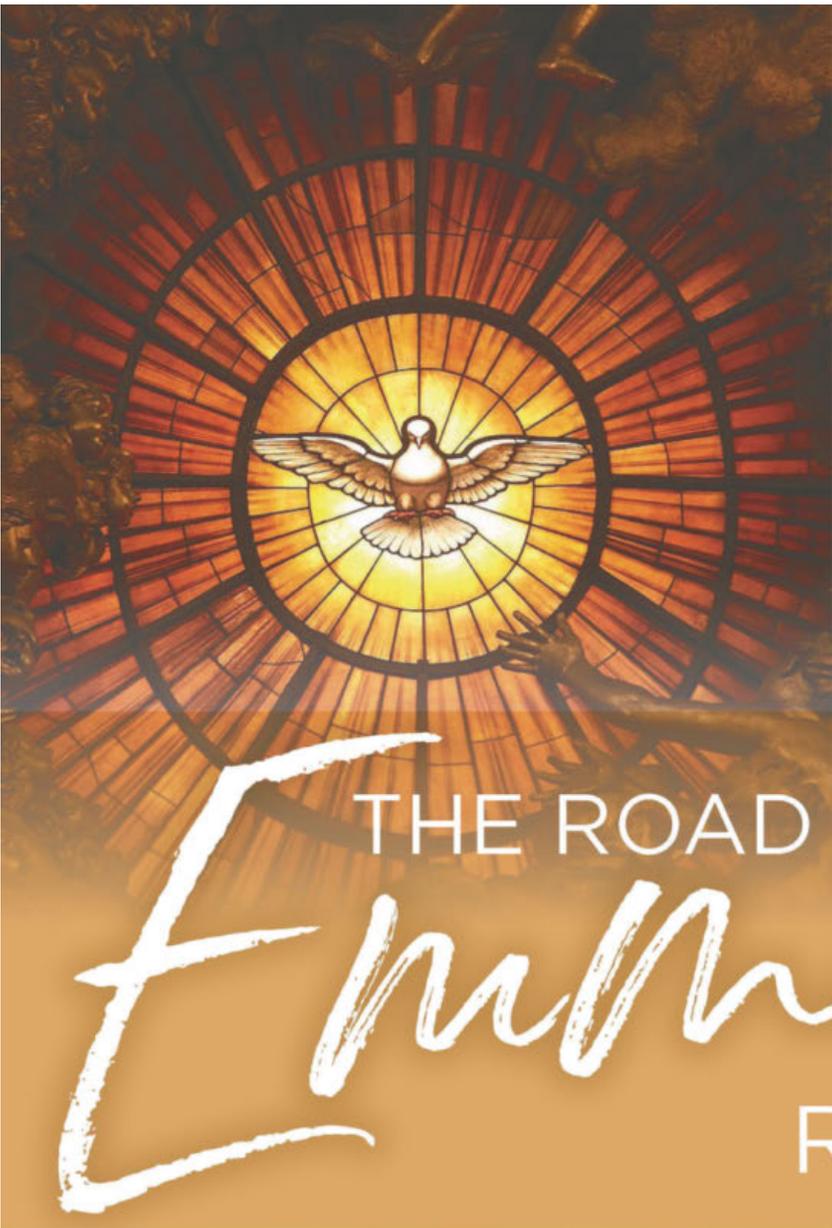
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