



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

JULY 14, 2024 - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US
SEE YOUR
KINDNESS.

psalm 85



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA- SAINT LUCY CHURCH

38 North Austin Boulevard,
Oak Park, Illinois
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Weekend Mass
Sunday at 9:00 AM

SAINT GILES CHURCH

1045 Columbian Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois
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Daily Masses
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at 6:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at 8:30 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM
(Confessions following Mass)

Weekend Masses
Saturday at 4:30 PM,
Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Family Mass Community
Sunday at 10:00 AM
McDonough Hall

FATHER CARL'S CORNER



BEWARE ... scammers are once again sending emails in my name asking for money or gift cards to help me out of a jam or to show support to our parish staffs. IGNORE them! They are not from me. The sender's e-mail address is a bit of a giveaway if you

look carefully. If I really needed help, I would call someone directly. SO BE AWARE!

On the 4th of July, Father Rex and I celebrated a beautiful Mass at our Saint Edmund worship site. About 100 folks attended, and those present represented members from both of our unified parishes. I believe this was the first time the Oak Park community gathered for a holiday at just one Mass. The prayers and music were beautiful; but what was most special were the people and what they represented. There was an openness to trying and doing something new and different that worked and was a sign of unity.

At the end of Mass, I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to add this comment which I want to share with all today. For some, it was the first time in Saint Edmund Church. I commented that this was one of four unique and beautiful churches in the Oak Park Community. I have been privileged to offer Mass in each one. While our history is one that identifies us with our church buildings and the communities we worship with, what is it that really makes us one no matter what building or table we celebrate around? WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST!

During this time of Spiritual Renewal with change and transition for us all, we cannot lose sight of this fact. It is Jesus who is the true cornerstone of our faith wherever we are and whoever is worshiping with us. May our minds, hearts, and souls find joy and strength to let this truth guide us in word and action as we walk the journey of renewal together.

After Mass on the 4th of July, several folks asked that I share my homily. The Gospel was the Beatitudes where Jesus offers a vision of the Kingdom of God. This is a kingdom characterized

by humility, mercy, purity, and peace. These teachings challenge us as citizens of this nation to embody these virtues in our lives and in our actions in our communities. I chose four to speak about, but I am sharing the one that I feel is at the top of the list.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. As Americans, we cherish the ideals of freedom and opportunity. Yet, true freedom begins with recognizing our need for God and one another. In our INDEPENDENCE, let us not forget our INTERDEPENDENCE. We are called to support those who are struggling, to lift up the marginalized, and to ensure that all have the chance to thrive. Our greatest strength lies not in our might, but in our ability to embody the values of the Beatitudes.

Finally ... delays and flexibility are a fact of life and a value to be practiced. What do I mean? At the Saint Giles worship site, the installation of the newly refurbished organ has been delayed. Our installation date was May, now late July with completion in the fall, hopefully September.

At the Saint Edmund worship site, the scaffolding was to be taken down beginning on June 25. It was planned to be down by July 14, the 117th anniversary of the first Catholic Mass celebrated in Oak Park in the stable on the Scoville Estate. However, due to weather, the holiday, and other unforeseen delays, it will not all be down until... TBD! Again, delays and the need for flexibility are a part of life!

A shared Mass, where we will be blessing and sending forth BOTH ASP groups from our two parishes, will be held this Sunday, July 14, at 5:00 PM in the courtyard on the Saint Giles campus, weather permitting. NOTE: The regular 5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes' Mass at Saint Edmund Church will still take place as usual.

Be safe and well.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

F. Carl

SPIRIT AND LIGHT LIFELONG LEARNING

THEOLOGY ON THE GREEN



Upcoming Theology on the Green

~~Tuesday, July 16~~ - Theology on the Green is cancelled on July 16. Due to a scheduling conflict, Representative. La Shawn Ford is no longer able to join us that evening. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday, July 23 - Rich Kordesh will speak about living faith in a secular world.

Tuesday, July 30 - Rebecca Leven will offer faith-filled ways to support peace between Israel and Palestine.

Light refreshments will be served and be sure to bring a chair. See you on the Green!



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS IN ENGLISH

Have you or someone you know thought about being baptized, joining the Catholic Church or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? Maybe you have decided but are not sure where to start? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process to guide you in your discernment as well as a pathway to become Catholic.

If you would like to talk, we are willing to listen. Contact Marci Madary at mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org or 708-383-3430 Ext 404.

OAK PARK YOUNG ADULTS PRESENT

THEOLOGY ON TAP

THURSDAY, JULY 25
7:00 PMLocation: Saint Edmund
188 S. Oak Park Ave.

RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

Featuring Shannon Wimp-Schmidt, author of "Fat Luther, Slim Pickings: A Black Catholic Celebration of Faith, Tradition, and Diversity." Shannon is also co-host of the podcast "Plaid Skirts and Basic Black".

All Are Welcome!
(21+)

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MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT GILES CHURCH

MONDAY, JULY 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 AM The Deceased of the Daley & Archibald Family
Frances Hammer
Irma Kroth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

6:30 AM Daniel Whiston
Mary Catherine Kessler
William Sullivan
Chester Hammer

8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 AM Bill Rice
Kelley Halper

FRIDAY, JULY 19

6:30 AM Richard Fimoff

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr, BVM

8:00 AM Marilyn Hammer
Rose Jantelezio

4:30 PM Wanda Orlowski
Terry Malagoli
Bob Quane

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marion Haddad
The Deceased of the Shaker Family
Owen Petrzelka

10:00 AM Family Mass Community in
McDonough Hall

*10:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

* This Mass will be live-streamed from the Saint Giles website, stgilesparish.org

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA - SAINT LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Johnnie Ernst
Evie Stockinger
Louis Gosset, Jr.

SAINT EDMUND CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are hospitalized or homebound including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Fred Bartholomew, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Baby Sofia Rose Bond, John Botti, Danita Bowie, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Melissa Brumund, Pat Burke, Susan Cadero, Phil Calabrese, Jim Cimms, Ray Cimms, Theresa Claps, Mary Cozzi, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Liz Decker, Judy DesLauriers, Carole DiCicco, Andrea Dickson, Virginia Evans, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Carla Michelle Rodas Ferreira, Katherine Fisher, Mary Ellen Frank, Paul Frauenfelder, Bernadette Gaffney, Earl Gallermo, Jack Gallo, Michael Gallo, Sister Regina Gallo, Samantha Gennell, Mary Fran Gleason, Marcial Gomez, Alice Gruszka, Baby Michael Haiduke, Jennifer Hanna, Deborah Harris, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Helen Horn, Ben Houghton, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Joe Karas, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Carla Lally, Brian Leonard, Kimberly Lester, Gabriela Rodriguez Machado, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Regina Martin, Lynne Tallon Matassa, John Megall, Leolina Rodriguez Meira, Sebastian Mitchell, Willa Montgomery, Anne Muldihill, Gene Newberry, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Marianne Nelson O'Donoghue, Amelia Patterson, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Maureen Sloan, Nick Sorrentino, Sister Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Eleanor Stone, Samantha Struett, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Maria Vaccaro, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, Nichol Williams, LaShonda Wilson, Brenda Zych

Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intersessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intersessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

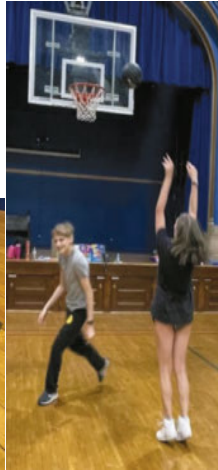
Bible Study at Central Plaza

It's Friday, and the Catechist is preparing this afternoon's Bible Study. Anywhere from four to fifteen residents gather in a circle for an hour or so in the activities room of Central Plaza. Sometimes a staff member joins us, more often she works at her desk in the corner of the room. There is a lot of coming and going – and noise – in the hallway outside the room, but we keep the door open in case passersby stop in to join us. We take turns reading verses of Scripture, and then the Catechist leads a discussion around the passage's theme. We offer prayers. We (always!!) sing. We are the two or more gathered.

You are welcome to be with us – be a guest, or become a member!
Details: Connie Rakitan, 708-383-9276 or
faith_fellowship@hotmail.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY OPEN GYM AND DROP IN NIGHTS!



Hey Teens!

Looking for a fun way to spend your evening? Our teens from both of our Oak Park Parishes are invited to come and join us for an awesome night at our Youth Ministry Open Gym and Drop-In Events held at Saint Edmund School Gym! It's the perfect chance to hang out with friends, play some games, and enjoy a great time in a welcoming and safe environment.

Tuesdays during the Summer

July 16, 30 - August 6, 13, 20

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saint Edmund School Gym, 200 S. Oak Park Ave.

What to Expect:

Basketball, Volleyball, and More:

Our gym will be open for all your favorite sports.

Not into sports? No problem! You can bring your favorite board games and other fun activities.

Enjoy snacks and refreshments.

Meet New Friends: This is a great opportunity to connect with other teens in the community.

Outgoing 8th graders to outgoing seniors in High School are welcome.

Feel free to bring your friends!

If you have questions, please contact Cooky Perez-Eraci, Director of Youth Ministry for the Oak Park Catholic parishes at mperezeraci@spiritandlightcenter.org.

OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

June 30, 2024

	Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	\$1,590,000.00
Envelopes	\$25,572.00	\$887,975.01
Loose	\$6,957.12	
Electronic*	\$34,094.50	\$629,154.56
Balance the Budget		\$94,490.00
Total Giving	\$66,623.62	\$1,611,619.57
*6/25/24—6/30/24		
Overage	\$36,623.62	\$21,619.57

Thank you to all who answered the call and made an extra donation to help us close our Offertory budget gap. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated.

Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church websites:

www.stgilesparish.org or
www.stcatherinestlucy.org

Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430, Ext. 420 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you.

Mass Count - Week of June 30, 2024

Saturday, June 29

4:30 PM - 150

Sunday, June 30

8:00 AM - 124

9:00 AM - 80

10:30 AM - 261

Family Mass - 113

Total Mass Count - 728

Want to know all the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news via our broadcast email program, flocknote! To sign up, just scan the QR Code here or go to this URL in your browser: <https://ztgileparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Fifteen shawls and lap blankets were received at the June meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles parish. Of these, ten were distributed to

individuals needing support and comfort. Prayer Shawl Ministers also delivered eight shawls to the Oasis Nursing Home on Harlem Avenue.

Our ministry is open to all and we welcome new participants. We meet at 1:00 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Parish Center on the Saint Giles campus – the next meeting will be August 12. If you or someone you care about needs some extra support and comfort, please get in touch with Margie Rudnik via the Parish Center at 708-383-3430 and one of our ministers will deliver or send out a prayer shawl.

May you feel the warmth of God's love.

Margie Rudnik, for the Prayer Shawl Ministry

DO YOU LIKE TO GARDEN?



Can you come to the Saint Giles raised bed garden to pick vegetables? You will get fresh air and exercise, and enjoy the bounty and beauty of nature. At the same time, you will be helping hungry

people in our community. The produce goes to the Beyond Hunger Food Pantry in Oak Park, or to Ascension Church, and then to Saint Simon of Cyrene in Chicago.

This week, the garden produced zucchini, cucumbers, lettuce, chives, and basil. Last year, our amazing garden produced a total of almost 600 pounds of vegetables! You can be part of this garden ministry!

For more information, contact Mary Swiontoniowski at 21132ms@gmail.com.

PRAYING THE ROSARY ON ZOOM FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/> -
Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490 -
Passcode: 634955



COURTYARD CONCERTS AT SAINT GILES!

This Friday—July 19

Summer Concerts in the courtyard at Saint Giles Church are back! Our very own "Minivinia" season is in full swing with some of our favorite musicians from our parish community.



The concert will feature the Dennis O'Brien Band and our own Jim Cerceo. Join us on Friday, July 19 at 7:30 PM. Bring a chair and your favorite beverage and snacks.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING BRIDGE?



Join the Oak Park Catholic Community Bridge for All (BFA)! Monday night games are Contract "Party" Bridge style, while Friday night games are Duplicate. Leagues run September through June on the third Monday of the month or on the first Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. There are no December games. Sign up NOW to join the league for the 2024-25 season, or anytime to be added to the sub list.

For Monday Night Party Bridge, contact Shena Keith or Derek Briggs at stgilesbridge@shaker.com. For Friday Night Duplicate Bridge, contact Mary Darnall at mary_darnall@sbcglobal.net.

Gatherings are held in the Gleeson Conference Room on the Saint Giles Campus – 1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor, in Oak Park. Bridge players of all faiths are welcome!

FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF MAGDALA CELEBRATION MONDAY, JULY 22 - 7:00 PM



"Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus," mosaic from the Washington National Cathedral

Mary of Magdala has been named the Apostle to the Apostles by Pope Francis. We will celebrate the prophetic presence of Saint Mary of Magdala by honoring women whose words of wisdom are a guiding light for us. Celebrate with us as we raise our voices in prayer, song, reflection and sharing.

We will gather on Monday, July 22, at 7:00 PM in Saint Giles Church. We hope you will join us!



MEMORIAL MASS - SISTER TERESITA WEIND

On Saturday, August 24 at 11:00 AM at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Church, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated followed by a reception celebrating the life and ministry of Sister Teresita Weind.



ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month.

We offer a friendly and safe place for Ascension and Saint Edmund, Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish and the Saint Giles Family Mass Community LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and friends to share through deep listening circles.

If you have questions, please contact: Kathie Nash at kathienash1023@att.net

THE PURITY OF FAITH

"Heaven is not a secure vault protected from outsiders, but a hidden treasure, reached by cultivating virtues. The mission that Jesus entrusts to Peter... is helping everyone to find the way to enter, in faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus." (Pope Francis, 6/29/24, Vatican)

On the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the Pope reflected on Jesus giving Saint Peter, the first Pope, the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, at the site of the noblest temple ever raised by man. Beneath a towering canopy lie the great apostles, in death, as in life, undivided; and there is the Chair of St. Peter. All around rest the martyrs of Christ—Popes, Saints, Doctors—and high over all, the words, "Thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my Church." It is the threshold of the apostles, and the center of the world.

Peter lives on in his successors, and rules and feeds the flock committed to him. The reality of our devotion to him is the surest test of the purity of our faith. He was the first apostle to feel the joy and freedom from meeting the Lord. He received the Keys, not by being perfect—Peter was a sinner—but because he was humble and honest. The Father had given him sincere faith. He understood that authority is a service required to open the door to Jesus.

Before praying the Angelus, Francis recalls how Jesus in miracles allows himself to be touched, and is not afraid to touch. He challenges the false religious belief that "God places the pure on one side, and the impure on the other. God does not make this kind of separation, because we are all God's children." In the face of the wounds our souls bear, the situations that crush us, and even in sinning, God does not keep us at a distance.

Francis said "God draws us near, to let himself be touched, and to touch us. He always raises us from death."

Tom Lynch,
tg17714@gmail.com, 7/14/24
Sources: NCR, 7/2/24; "Lives of the Saints," Benziger Bros.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of my family, I want to personally thank all of you for your prayers and support for me and my sons, Gabriel and Diego, upon the unexpected loss of my beloved wife, Angeles. Our hearts are broken at the sudden loss of my wife and mother to my sons.

We felt so supported by all your prayers, condolences, messages and presence at the wake or Funeral Mass. Her wake and Funeral Mass were a testimony to the community of believers who celebrated her life and the promise of eternal life that she received at Baptism. Father Sergio Rivas, who presided at her Funeral Mass, spoke of the continued presence of our deceased family members who we still have a relationship with albeit very different.

Father Rivas also spoke about imitating the virtues of my wife Angeles, who was a woman deeply committed to her faith, her church and to her family. My sons and I will continue to be deeply committed to our faith in Jesus Christ.

I want to thank Father Carl and the entire Catholic Community of Oak Park who supported me and my family in so many ways in these recent weeks. I have often meditated on one particular prayer in the Roman Missal for the celebration of the Funeral Mass. It reads *"In him the hope of the blessed resurrection has dawned... Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed and not ended and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."* May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Matt Brophy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024 AND 2025

Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for special intentions may come to the Parish Center to do so. Masses will be scheduled on a first-come basis.

There are three intentions open for each Mass (except where the intention of the parish "All Parishioners and Benefactors" appears).

All Holy days and all holidays are designated for the intentions of the parish; no individual intentions may be added to those days.

Open dates for Mass intentions are still available in the 2024 Mass Book. Please contact the Parish Center with any requests that you may have.

 ST. GILES SCHOOL

Has your child GROWN this year?

At St. Giles, the average student exhibits

179%
growth in
Reading

131%
growth in
Math

*Saint Giles School is ranked #1 in the western suburbs for growth in Reading.

These award-winning numbers could be true for your child.

See what a Saint Giles School education might look like for your student.

Schedule a tour to learn more.
708-383-6279

DID YOU KNOW?

A Saint Giles education offers:

Small class sizes & tight-knit school community

Faith-based curriculum & character development

Diverse student body



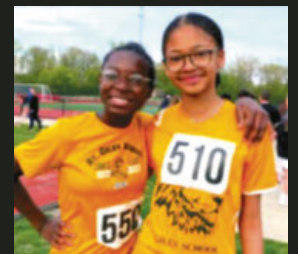
Before & after care available to all.

No-cut sports in 4th-8th grade

A cellphone-free learning environment

Algebra for all 8th graders

Middle School block schedule to improve



www.stgilesschool.org - 708-383-6279



MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: *WHAT A YEAR! SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!*

On June 27, we celebrated our first anniversary of the Migrant Ministry Mornings. It was on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 that we welcomed our first group of asylum-seeking migrants sleeping at the District 15 Chicago police station to the closed rectory of Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy so they could take showers. We served a simple breakfast and provided new underwear and socks.



One year later, we are working out of the former Saint Edmund School (now called Centro San Edmundo) with three large classrooms operating as "free stores." Another classroom is a delightful playroom for children. We serve a hot breakfast and provide social services, ESL classes, health care, spiritual accompaniment, and immigration support services. The third floor has been restored into an art room, and we are sponsoring a clinic at the end of the month with a volunteer immigration lawyer to help fifteen migrants complete their asylum application.

We serve approximately 250 migrants per week and estimate that in the past year we have served between 15,000 and 16,000 migrants. And of course, our HOUSING MINISTRY has resettled eleven families and has agreed to settle another family of six.

All of this has been accomplished due to your generous support and the amazing dedication of the volunteers. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Migrant Ministry. We welcome your donations, especially light summer clothes. We are very short on summer clothes for older girls and pants for boys. Please consult UPDATED DONATIONS FLYER 5/9/24 For more information, contact us at immigrantministry@gmail.com.

Updated Donations Flyer 5/9/24

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_7tS6lzyWEOk9Is_Mt0HlaMR7Cs8ts/view?

Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VKSYQWISEBOM?ref_=wl_share

If you would like to help by donating money toward the purchase of items needed, or if you would like to help defray expenses to provide meals and clothing items for the migrants, you can donate online through GiveCentral using the QR code or the link below, OR send donations to Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park, Illinois 60302. Include a note that the donation is for the "Migrant Ministry". Thank you for your generous hearts!



Donate Online

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>

Thank you!

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions – just as he sends us. But make no mistake – he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked. Let's get to work.



Maryville is dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families through comprehensive services in four key areas - Family Services, Residential Services, Healthcare Services, and Education Services. These services are available in Bartlett, Berwyn, Chicago, Des Plaines and Niles. Many of their programs are community based and are designed to be of assistance to you, or those you know or serve.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO): (312-491-3534)- provides a safe and positive environment for young athletes in Cook and Lake Counties through sports leagues/camps, open gyms and tournaments.

Children's Healthcare Center: (773-205-3606)- is a welcoming, supportive facility that offers 24-hour nursing care for children who are medically fragile and technology dependent. The nursing staff gives parent/caregiver training to safely transition the children back to their homes.

Crisis Nurse: 24-Hour Helpline-(773-205-3637) -one of seven in Illinois and the only one serving Cook and Lake counties. It offers free child care services to parents with children under age 7 who are experiencing an emergency or crisis. It provides a safe, secure and loving environment for 4-72 hours in one stay and up to 30 days a year.

Family Behavioral Health Clinic: (847-390-3004)- has counseling services, DUI evaluations, risk education (English, Spanish, and Polish, in-person or telehealth appointments), smoking/vaping cessation services and play therapy. Medicaid and private insurance (not HMO) are accepted. NARCAN training for groups is available.

Maryville Academy Mother's Recovery Home Network (Saint Monica and Saint Josephine Bakhita Homes) : (312-491-3500 / 872-250-9720) - is a recovery and unification program that helps moms become sober, self-sufficient and independent so they can care for their children and keep them safe. Moms 18-35 years of age accompanied by children younger than 11, receive recovery, vocational and parenting coaching. Referral is via the Department of Children and Family Services INTACT unit or from an assessment by our Family Behavioral Health Clinic.

Charles H. Walsh Sr. Academy and Career Tech High School: (847-390-3020)-opened in November 2023 and continues Maryville Jen School's founding vision of preparing diverse learners to enter high-demand trades or be college-ready for a successful future. Walsh Academy has an open enrollment

policy and welcomes students 14-22 who are within a one-hour driving distance from the Academy. It is a leader in providing a comprehensive curriculum that offers academics, integrated social-emotional learning, and career-technical educational instruction for students.

Maryville also continues to provide residential programs:

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We invite you to partner with us by praying each day for Maryville's children, families and staff; supporting our fundraisers; becoming a "Maryville Ambassador" to connect us with your parish; joining our team (go to maryvilleacademy.org for job opportunities); volunteering for a few hours each week (please visit our website to apply); contacting DCFS for information to become foster or adoptive parents—some of our Maryville children need families; or inviting our outreach coordinator to speak to your faith community or parish ministry or group about Maryville.

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you to strengthen and help children and families so they are safe, healthy and supported in growing to their full potential. We look forward to furthering our relationship with you. For more information, please contact Dolores (Dee) Stanton, community/parish outreach coordinator at 847-294-1899 or stantond@maryvilleacademy.org.

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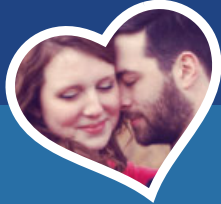


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