

# ST. DAMIAN PARISH

## Parish Offices:

5250 W. 155th St.  
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452  
Phone: (708) 687-1370  
Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 8:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM  
SUNDAY CLOSED  
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(708) 687-4230

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## Mass Schedule:

### Daily

9:00 AM: Monday through Saturday. Note: Tuesday Masses are currently reserved for the students only when school is in session.

### Weekend

Sat: 5:00 PM | Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

### Sunday 9:30AM Mass only:

**Nursery** for 2-3 year olds, no pre-registration required.

**Little Lambs** for 4-5 year olds, pre-registration required.

### Livestream

Watch on our St. Damian Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

**Mass:** 9:00 AM Daily, 5:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM Sunday

### Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Sign up sheet in Narthex.

## Pastor's Corner by Fr. Michael Olson

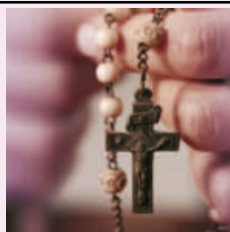
Today we celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. John the Baptist is called the forerunner to Christ, meaning that he is the one who was called to prepare the way of the Lord. John accomplished this task by preaching repentance and baptizing his followers with water. He proclaimed that the Messiah would come after him and would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire for the forgiveness of their sins. The Baptism of Jesus, signifies in many ways the ending or decreasing of John's ministry and the beginning or increasing of Jesus' public ministry. Some of us may find it strange, as John did, that Jesus chose to be baptized. Jesus is God and there was no need for him to do this. Yet, Jesus, being the Way, the Truth, and the Life, humbles himself and shows us what we must do to be forgiven of our sins and be members of God's family. "But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God." (John 1:12-13).

All four Gospels have an account of the Baptism of the Lord. Each account is beautiful and illuminates for us what happens in our own baptism. This year we read from the Gospel of Luke; "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Luke 3:21-22). At our baptism heaven opens for us, and the Holy Spirit does indeed descend down upon us. The Holy Spirit makes his dwelling within us, or put another way, we receive an indelible mark on our soul. "Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark..." (CCC #1272). Once you have been baptized you belong forever to Christ. We are forgiven of original sin and all of our personal sins up to that moment in our life. We have died to sin and all that is contrary to God, and we are given a new birth into Christ Jesus. Thus we are members of the Body of Christ. God the Father sees us as if he were looking at his own Son. While we may not hear this audibly, God the Father, does indeed say to us "you are my beloved

child with you I am well pleased."

Baptism is the first sacrament, it can only be received once, and opens the door for us to receive the other sacraments. Before Jesus' public ministry he chose to be baptized. The Holy Spirit drives Jesus into actively working on the mission of the Father. "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert" (Luke 4:1). And "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." (Luke 4:14-14). So too, we must first be baptized. It is here we are made into a new creation and open to receiving grace from the Almighty. Likewise, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to do the will of the Father. Parents and Godparents are given the duty of raising and handing on the faith as well as helping the newly baptized live as a child of God. Later we must choose to live out this call, by clothing ourselves in Christ. This can be lovingly seen first during our baptism when we receive the white baptismal garment. "You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May this white garment be a sign to you of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring it unstained into eternal life." (Order of Baptism #63).

Baptism is an extraordinary sacrament that wonderfully creates us anew. There is so much that we should reflect on and unpack, just from the baptismal accounts of Jesus in the Gospels. Seeing how the Ritual of Baptism beautifully mirrors sacred scripture and Jesus' Great Commission given to the Apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). We could study this sacrament our whole life and we would barely scratch the surface for just how precious this gift of Baptism is. On this beautiful feast day remember your baptism, and the fact that you are a beloved child of God. Proudly live out your Catholic faith and put on Christ!



## A Daily Novena of 9 Pro-Life Rosaries

**Monday, January 17 -  
Friday, January 21**

The Rosary will be prayed every half hour beginning at 10:00AM with meditations by Priests for Life. The last rosary begins at 2:00PM in the Chapel

Sign Up to pray a Rosary;  
the form is on the Information Table in the Narthex.

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

**Saturday, January 22**

- + Mass at 9:00AM
- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church  
(May be moved to Chapel in case of a Funeral Mass)
- + Pro Life Rosary prayed on the half hour
- + Holy Hour Prayer begins at 2:00PM
- + Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed communally at 3:00PM
- + Benediction with Fr. Joe Noonan at 3:15PM

ALL ARE WELCOME - STAY FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them.

But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.

In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.

*"United States Conference of Catholic Bishops"  
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## In Loving Memory

**Robert J. Sukolowsky**

**Irene L. Rodenbaugh**

## Pray for the Sick

Linda Carey	Pat Duggan	Bob Sutter
Mary Anne LaHayne	Wanda Roper	Clara Zarnowski
Linda Ruisz	Jean Ranos	Thomas Stacy
Linda Lisikiewicz	Aaron Hendrickson	Debbie Fogarty
Celine Lisikiewicz	Megan Erick	Daniel Flynn
Rick Davis	Pablo Flores	Larry Twardy
Greg Plesha	Fr. Thomas Baima	Iris Beltrame
David Olson	Carlos Diaz	Shirley Booth
Yolanda Flores	Dale Elenteny	Clem DeRosa
Guinivere Fobert	Andrea Riedl	Ken Spajer
Minerva Fobert	Edward Lisikiewicz	Ardis Merino
Barbara Bremer	Walter Lisikiewicz	Mike Merino
Michael Morgan	Robert Moll	The Barz Family
Janet Abramic	Deborah Klun	Sylvia prokop
Michele Worden	Lucy Gannon	Sandra Prokop
Kathy Rauter	Marilyn Harms	Michael Prokop
Maureen Holmes	James Gerrard	Joseph McKeever
John Morgan	Kathy Rodifer	Isabel Perez
Al Belluomini	Bill Conn	Brenda Diaz
Tony Mazurowski	Lauren Hardesty	Belen Gaceta
Klara Szabo	Nancy Nehls	
Brian Frank	George Lubben	
Virginia Horvath	Carolyn Koppers	

## Parish Support

**December 24-26, 2021**

Collected	\$13,795
Budgeted	\$18,000
Difference	(\$5,620)
Year-to-Date Collected	\$419,676
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$468,000
Year-to-Date Difference	(\$48,324)
Votives	\$208
Sharing Parish	\$146
Capital Donation	\$1,639
Flowers	\$276
Initial Offering	\$132
Music Ministry	\$100
Christmas	\$46,978
Giving Tuesday	\$20
Solemnity of Mary	\$211
Immaculate Conception	\$91
Retired Religious	\$393
Church in Latin America	\$102

***Thank you for your generosity!***



### St. Damian Men's Club Tuesday, January 11 7:30PM in Shaw Hall

Our guest speakers will be Mike O'Sullivan, CLTC, financial advisor, Mike Brady, attorney, and Mike Minnis, CLU.

All men 21 and over interested in becoming a member are welcome to join us for an informative meeting focusing on parish activities, and afterward for refreshments and socializing.

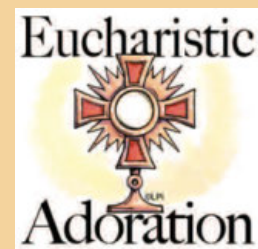
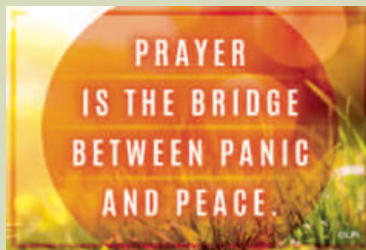
All members are requested to bring non-perishable food items for distribution by the St. Damian Food Pantry. See you there!

### St. Damian Prayer Group Meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30PM

in the large meeting room at the east end of the School, Door "F."

Are you looking for a welcoming place to grow in your faith and strengthen your relationship with God? Join us!

**Our next meeting is January 11.**



Every Wednesday in the Chapel  
9:30AM - 7:00PM

Our chapel is open for private prayer Monday through Friday  
8:30AM - 8:00PM

The Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has returned to Thursday evenings in the Chapel, 6:30-7:30PM

### LET THE LIGHT SHINE IN

St. Damian continues to make renovations to enhance our church and chapel environment. Last fall we engaged liturgical artists from Inspired Artisans, Ltd. to look at our chapel side windows to create a design that would coordinate the windows with the beautiful angels and cross in the front of the chapel. Inspired Artisans, Ltd. has helped us with other projects.



We want to thank Gianfranco and Gino Tassara for the new window designs that are beautiful and allow more light to filter through the chapel. We also wish to extend our gratitude to the benefactors who have underwritten the cost of the new window designs.

We invite you to see for yourself. Our Chapel is open every day for private prayer, 9:30AM to 8:00PM. Eucharistic Adoration is in the Chapel on Wednesdays, 9:30AM to 7:00PM. Take a few minutes to clear all the mental busyness. Come to the quiet and be refreshed. You can hear our dear Lord better in the silence of a sacred space. Come and see for yourself.

### Southwest Young Adult Group Forming

Southwest side Catholic Churches (St. Julie, St. George, St. Damian, Our Lady of the Woods, St. Stephen) are working together to form a Young Adult Catholic group. A Young Adult is roughly 21-35 at any stage of life.

The group has just begun discussion about their direction, what type of events would be fun to host, etc...and we need someone to represent St. Damian in the discussion. You will have support from the parish.

If this sounds interesting to you, please call Connie at 708-342-8527.

### Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/  
Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/  
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Pope Francis delivers his Angelus address at the Vatican, January 2, 2022.

“Dear brothers and sisters, often we keep our distance from God because we think we are not worthy of him for other reasons. And it is true. But Christmas invites us to see things from his point of view,” he said.

“God wishes to be incarnate. If your heart seems too contaminated by evil, if it seems disordered, please, do not close yourself up, do not be afraid: he will come. Think of the stable in Bethlehem. Jesus was born there, in that poverty, to tell us that he is certainly not afraid of visiting your heart, of dwelling in a shabby life.”

In his live-streamed address, Pope Francis reflected on the day’s Gospel reading, John 1:1-18, which proclaims that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

He said: “And this is the word: *to dwell*. ‘To dwell’ is the verb used in today’s Gospel to signify this reality: it expresses a total sharing, a great intimacy. And this is what God wants: he wants to dwell with us, he wants to dwell in us, not to remain distant.”

The pope suggested that the famous words from the opening of St. John’s Gospel contained a paradox. “They bring together two opposites: the Word and the flesh,” he said.

“‘Word’ indicates that Jesus is the eternal Word of the Father, infinite, existing from all time, before all created things; ‘flesh,’ on the other hand, indicates precisely our created reality, fragile, limited, mortal.”

The pope said that these “two separate worlds” were united in Jesus.

“Faced with our frailties, the Lord does not withdraw. He does not remain in his blessed eternity and in his infinite light, but rather he draws close, he makes himself incarnate, he descends into the darkness, he dwells in lands that are foreign to him,” he commented.

“And why does God do this? Why does he come down to us? He does this because he does not resign himself to the fact that we can go astray by going far from him, far from eternity, far from the light. This is God’s work: to come among us.”

“If we consider ourselves unworthy, that does not stop him: he comes. If we reject him, he does not tire of seeking us out. If we are not ready and willing to receive him, he prefers to come anyway. And if we close the door in his

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“He is truly the Good Shepherd. And the most beautiful image of the Good Shepherd? The Word that becomes flesh to share in our life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who comes to seek us right where we are: in our problems, in our suffering... He comes there.”

The pope challenged the faithful to allow God access to our “inner spaces” often denied to him.

“Today I invite you to be specific,” he said. “What are the inner things that I believe God does not like? What is the space that I believe is only for me, where I do not want God to come?”

He added: “Everyone has their own sin — let us call it by name. And He is not afraid of our sins: He came to heal us. Let us at least let Him see it, let Him see the sin. Let us be brave, let us say: ‘But, Lord, I am in this situation but I do not want to change. But you, please, don’t go too far away.’ That’s a good prayer.”

He also encouraged people to stop in front of nativity scenes during the Christmas season and “talk to Jesus about our real situations.”

“Let us invite him officially into our lives, especially in the dark areas,” he said. Concluding his address, the pope said: “On this first Sunday of the year, I renew to you all the Lord’s blessings of peace and good.”

“In joyful moments and in sad ones, let us entrust ourselves to him, he who is our strength and our hope.” And do not forget: let us invite the Lord to come within us, to come to our real life, ugly as it may be, as if it were a stable: ‘But, well, Lord, I would not like you to enter, but look, and stay close.’ Let’s do this.”

## We are looking for St. Damian parishioners interested in becoming NEW Ministers of Care.

Ministry of Care to the sick is a pastoral ministry of caring for those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or confined to private homes. This ministry is provided by trained and certified lay men and women, ordained deacons, vowed religious sisters and brothers and priests within the Archdiocese of Chicago. Ministers are trained and formed to conduct pastoral visits with time to listen and pray about the concerns of the sick or shut-in person and to share Eucharist with them.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Minister of Care please send an email to Deacon Tom Ruzevich at [ruzy@comcast.net](mailto:ruzy@comcast.net) - subject line - New Minister of Care.

Please provide Deacon Ruzevich with your full name, address, email and phone numbers.

Deacon Ruzevich will contact you at a future time regarding your interest in the wonderful and rewarding Ministry of Care.

## NEW Eucharistic Minister Training and NEW Lector Training

A Lector is a liturgical minister who proclaims the assigned scriptures aloud during the Mass or other liturgical celebrations. The Eucharistic Minister is trained to distribute the consecrated Body and Blood of Jesus with the congregation during Communion.

**Date:** January 18, 2022

**Time:** 7:00PM - 7:30PM - New Eucharistic Ministers  
7:45PM - New Lector Training

**Location:** St. Damian Church



If you intend on attending either or both trainings please email Deacon Tom Ruzevich at [ruzy@comcast.net](mailto:ruzy@comcast.net)

Please provide Deacon Ruzevich with your full name, address, email and phone numbers.

## St. Damian Mental Health Awareness Support Group Thursday, January 20, 7:00-8:30PM

The St. Damian Mental Health Awareness (MHA) Support Group hosts regularly monthly meetings open to all. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Pastoral Center.

To start off the New Year, a special presentation by Deacon Jerry T. Souta, Jr. from St. George Parish will address the topic of "Transformation". A "toolbox" of "transformation tools" will be provided.

How do we come to understand that physical, spiritual, emotional suffering is the grounds for transformation and the birth of new life. Common metaphors for transformation are the caterpillar birthing into a butterfly and the grains of sand swallowed by an oyster that birth into a pearl. In the gospel of Mark 2:18-22, Jesus offers his own metaphors for transformation. The focus of this presentation will be the theme of transformation.

We will discuss saints who dealt with mental illness, including St. Benedict, Joseph Labre, St. Dymphna, St. Christina the Astonishing, and Venerable Matt Talbot, to name a few. Join us!

For more information call the Pastoral Center (708) 687 1370 or (708) 284 6511.

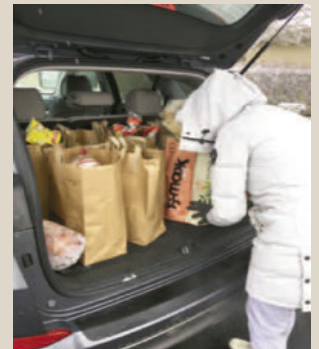
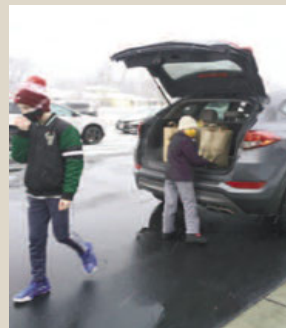


## January Food Pantry Distribution Saturday, January 15

We are in need of drivers to deliver groceries. Please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3HrBvVw>

We were hoping to return to a more normal pantry distribution this month, with volunteers packing bags. Unfortunately, we will not be able to just yet. Please keep an eye out for more information on when we can return to our usual routine.

**Thank you for your continued support!**





## Prayer Vigil for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

The Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* legalized abortion in every state on January 22, 1973. Previously, abortion law had been a State issue. The Supreme Court is once again considering abortion law in the ongoing legal case of *Dobbs v Jackson Health in Mississippi*.

A decision is not expected until June 2022. Until then, Christians across the nation are uniting in prayer for the legal protection of the Unborn.

Do you have uncertainties about changing the current abortion laws? Questions? Please visit our parish website and choose the menu "PRAYING FOR LIFE."

There are many links to helpful websites and resources exploring the issue of abortion. Information on the Dobbs case and the Catholic Bishop's statement on abortion can also be found there. Printed materials outlining the Dobbs case and the Catholic Bishop's statement on *Roe v Wade* can be found in the Information Rack in our Church Narthex.

## If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing?

Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities offers guidance on "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion" on their website, <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/how-talk-friend-whos-had-abortion>.

Abortion's aftermath is largely ignored by the public. Groups organized to protect the availability of abortion claim that abortion is no different from any surgical procedure and that pro-life groups are fabricating the existence of post-abortion suffering. Consequently, many women think that their grief reactions are somehow abnormal and believe that there is nowhere to turn for help. Rachel's Vineyard exists to offer hope, healing and peace to those men, women and families suffering after abortion. For confidential help: [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) 888-456-HOPE (888-456-4673)

For the nearest Project Rachel Ministry, click on the 'Find Help' map at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).



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WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 6  
2022

7:00 - 9:30PM

**MADE FOR MORE**  
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

This event was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.  
New Date: Weds. April 6, 2022

Your previously purchased Tickets are good for the new date! Additional Tickets are \$25 each  
[southchicago.eventbrite.com](http://southchicago.eventbrite.com)

**Made for More** is a multi-media event based on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It provides an enlightening look at how God created us in His image - in love - and for love.

Our bodies have meaning. Our identity is God-given.

Christopher West, a renowned expert on this teaching, presents these truths powerfully and simply.

This presentation is recommended for those 15 and over with a guardian. Call Connie at 708-342-8527 for more information.

## St. Damian School News

The 3rd graders enjoyed preparing for the birth of Jesus. They were excited to attend the Kindergarten presentation of the Nativity and reminisced about their roles when they were in Kindergarten. They also exchanged Christmas presents with each other, played Christmas Bingo, and read The Story of Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**Come visit St. Damian School & Preschool Academy**  
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# MISSIONARIES NEEDED

May 31 – July 30, 2022

Training: May 31 – June 10, 2022

Program begins June 12



Lead youth in enriching their faith while strengthening your own relationship with Jesus.

- Paid salary, including food and lodging
- Nine-week commitment (excludes week of July 4th)
- Team and individual daily prayer and retreats

Apply at [chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/missionary-teacher-information](http://chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/missionary-teacher-information)

For more information please email: [totustuus@archchicago.org](mailto:totustuus@archchicago.org)

**SERVE | PRAY | EXPERIENCE (CHICAGO) | HAVE FUN**

### Memorial Name Plates Still Available

The new Gather Hymnals are finally here! The family of St. Damian will be using these books for many years to come.

Look inside the front cover of a hymnal. Name plates to memorialize a loved one or donate a book from your family are still available for a \$25 donation.

Order forms are on the Information Table in the Narthex and by the SHOP table.

### Having trouble finding a Covid-19 test?

#### FREE

Covid - 19 Saliva Tests, scheduled according to your availability.

Tester is local & mobile.

For an appointment call  
(608) 618-0431

or email:  
[covidtestfacilitator@gmail.com](mailto:covidtestfacilitator@gmail.com)

Results are emailed to you  
within 36-48 hours.

### Young at Heart Seniors

For the safety of our Members, The St. Stephen's Seniors Young at Heart January Meeting will be postponed.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 14th at 10:00AM. We will be planning an event for this day so watch for information in your Church Bulletin.

Our Board Members wish everyone a healthy and safe 2022.

### Oak Forest Senior Commission Luncheon

Thursday, January 27

Park Place at Central

### Senior Luncheon favorite - Edizon Dayao returns!

Edizon plays many instruments including the saxophone, keyboard and guitar. His musical selections range from the 60's to the present. His playful style and energy make him a crowd favorite.

Doors open at 10:00AM, Luncheon begins at 11:00AM. Tickets are only \$5 at City Hall. Park Place at Central is our new building next to the main Park District building.

## ST. DAMIAN PARISH



### Parish Registration

We welcome new parishioners! For your convenience, a registration form is located on our website [www.stdamianchurch.org](http://www.stdamianchurch.org).

### Religious Instruction for Children and Adults

Call Cheryl Plesha at 708.687.7778 for information about becoming Catholic or continuing education.

Visit our parish website under Faith Formation.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Pastoral Center 708.687.1370 to request a priest to anoint persons who are ill.

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Confessionals are located in the Sacred Heart Room, west side of the Narthex.

### Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:45 PM. Call the Pastoral Center to arrange participation in the Baptismal Preparation Program. Arrangements should be made three months prior to the birth of your child.

### Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the date of the wedding. Contact one of the priests prior to setting a date at 708.687.1370.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 10

9:00 James Lefaiver

### Tuesday, January 11

9:00 Deacon Francis Leonard Steinbeigle  
Maria Carmen Vieyra

### Wednesday, January 12

9:00 Weitz Family Living & Deceased

### Thursday, January 13

9:00 Jason Drish, Mansour Baggili,  
Michael H. Garrity

### Friday, January 14

9:00 Intentions of the Celebrant

### Saturday, January 15

9:00 Parishioners of St. Damian

### Vigil Mass

5:00 Marie Innocenti, John Murphy,  
Robert Sicher, Pearl & Stanley Pacholski

### Sunday, January 16

7:30 Connie Wheeler, Michael McConnell  
9:30 Bernadette Schulze, Leonard Steinbeigle,  
Charles M. Jenkins  
11:30 Philip Shifrer, Leonard Steinbeigle,  
James Grisolano, Diana Danalewich

## Liturgical Ministers January 16, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Cantor	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Tricia Mazurowski Brian Paladin	Andrea Sagel	Kate Cabrera Dolores Cozzolino	Lynn LoBianco Linda Wagner Laura Ruzevich	Bryce Hoffman Nora Van Kuiken
7:30 AM	Steve Kachlik Ken Noelle	Tony Berardi	Brenden Infante Laura Sullivan	Janet Siuda Mary Lou Stachnik Pat Weitz	Teagan Hayes Kevin Sullivan
9:30 AM	Deb Hartigan Vickie Janicki	Francesca and Anthony Chimera	Marybeth Hennessy Pat McCarthy	Diana Dilger Brad Weert Tom Murphy	Moises Garcia Marianne Lake
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