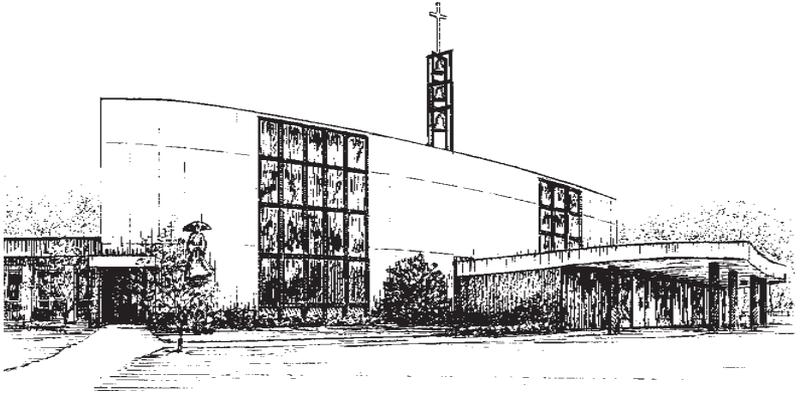


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St. Catherine Labouré

Mission Statement

The Catholic community of St. Catherine Labouré, prompted by the Holy Spirit, encourages its members to love God, self and neighbor. Nourished through the sacraments, liturgy and prayer, we want to deepen our relationship with God by sharing our faith as a gifted people. We strive to grow spiritually, intellectually and socially. Committed to Jesus Christ and the Church, we embrace a vision of service to our parish and the world community by “Sharing Christ with Love.”

This directory is presented as a source of information to our parishioners regarding our parish organizations and services. It will also be a source book for all parishioners, presenting names and numbers of contact people. It is presented with the hope that through your active participation in our parish, we may continue to grow in a sharing, caring and learning Christian community.

St. Catherine Labouré

Catholic Church

RECTORY

3535 Thornwood
Glenview, IL 60026
(847) 729-1414
FAX: (847) 729-5184

CONVENT

3360 Thornwood
Glenview, IL 60026
(847) 729-2220

SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES

3425 Thornwood
Glenview, IL 60026
(847) 724-2240
FAX: (847) 724-5805

Mass Schedule

Daily	8:00 a.m. except Wed. at 8:15 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Spanish Mass	6:00 p.m.
Holy Days	6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday	4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Every Wednesday (except the third)	10:00 a.m. to noon

History of St. Catherine Labouré

While celebrating his 25th anniversary of ordination in Europe, Father William Buckley received a letter from Msgr. Casey, the Vicar General, that Cardinal Meyer wanted him to build a parish in the western Glenview area. It was on this day that Father Buckley and his three traveling companions visited the shrine of St. Catherine Labouré and knelt at the chair where our Blessed Mother sat when she appeared to St. Catherine Labouré. Father was so impressed with the shrine that upon leaving, he announced that St. Catherine Labouré would be the name of his new parish.

Upon returning home, Father Buckley was greeted by Father Dussman and Father Ryan, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who gave Father a place to live. The Superintendent of Public Schools, then Dr. Springman, arranged for Father to rent the Junior High School gym as a temporary place to say Mass and hold services.

Father Buckley visited the site where he was to build a school. The property was a swamp with two lakes and strewn with debris. After a second visit, Father decided that maybe it would be a good place to build a school since it was not on a busy street. The cost of reclaiming the land was then, \$70,000.

In September of 1960, Father Buckley moved into a temporary rectory at 1615 Elmdale and daily Mass began on September 7th in the chapel of this building. He secured the services of the School Sisters of St. Francis for the parish school. The sisters commuted from Our Lady of Perpetual Help for six months, at which time a home was rented for them.

Father Nugent, who built Villa Redeemer Retreat Center, also helped by recruiting Priests to say Mass; they commuted from Edgerton, WI to assist.

By October, 1960, a Ladies' Guild and Holy Name Society had been formed and plans were underway for a combination church-school facility. On April 23, 1961, ground was broken for a church-school structure; the cornerstone was laid on August 26, 1961. Mass was celebrated in the new church quarters on Christmas Eve, 1961. The school was opened on January 3, 1962. Sister Mary Louise O.S.F. was the first principal. Past principals include Sister Veronica Margareth O.S.F., Sister Bernella O.S.F., Sister Sean Morley O.S.F., Sister Elaine Campbell B.V.M., Sister Kathleen Heer S.L.W., Ms. Laurie Konicek, Ms. Patricia Wackenhut, Mr. Adam Dufault and our current Principal is Jodi Reuter.

Cardinal Meyer dedicated the new \$750,000 parish building on April 8, 1962. Father Burns was the first associate pastor, followed by Father Paul Burke, Father James Ouletta, Father William Barry, Father Richard Welc, Father Joseph Altman, Father Walter DeRoeck, Father Alfredo Salera, and Father Lorenzo Gamboa Cadena, currently we are without an associate. Father Julian Harast resided at the rectory until his death in 1983. Father Joseph O'Brien was our Weekend Associate until his death in 2012. Father

Norbert Hess assisted every pastor of SCL since 1960 until his death in 2005. In 1965, a building at 3360 Thornwood Avenue was purchased for use as a convent. On June 4, 1968, John Cardinal Cody approved plans for the erection of a permanent church and groundbreaking took place on June 9, 1968. The church was opened officially on October 3, 1969, and dedicated on December 14, 1969, by Cardinal Cody. In 1970, permission was granted for construction of the 4 bedroom rectory at 3535 Thornwood Avenue.

In the 1990's, several building projects were completed. In 1994, Marian Hall was constructed, the existing Father Buckley Hall was renovated, and the new meeting rooms were created for the parish use. On November 26, 1995, the Feast of Christ the King, the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was dedicated.

In 1998, the church and chapel were renovated and the Pro-Life Shrine was built. Francis Cardinal George joined in the celebration, dedicating and blessing the church, chapel, and shrine on September 11, 1999.

The Rev. James P Murphy Early Childhood Development Center was completed and opened in the fall of 2001. This will be a year-round center, offering a children's program (3 and 4 year olds) for working parents that will be educationally based.

Father Buckley retired on January 1, 1981, and served as Pastor Emeritus. He died on October 7, 1987. He was succeeded by Father Joseph Auer as Pastor until June 1989, when Father James Murphy became the Pastor. Father Robert Mair became Pastor when Father Murphy left in July 2002. Father Maina Waiithaka became Pastor in 2009 and Father Mair is our Pastor Emeritus.

Father Maina, our Pastor, is assisted by:

Father Robert Mair	Pastor Emeritus
Joseph Wojtowicz	Business Manager
Kimberly Micheas-De L'Herbe	Administrative Assistant
Madelynn Macur-Brousil	Bulletin Editor
Barbara Sunko	Bulletin Editor
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Frank & Carolyn Beil	Deacon Couple
Mike & Kathy Bretz.....	Deacon Couple
Jodi Reuter	School Principal
Julie Jenkins.....	School Administrative Assistant
Pat Klein	Religious Education Coordinator
Jessie Kunnel	Altar Servers and Sacristan
Sr. Chris Baker	Director of Music
Sr. Elia Licona.....	Hispanic Ministry
Pablo Quinto Raya.....	Maintenance
Emilio Silva	Maintenance

Sacraments and Services

BAPTISM

Arrangements for the reception of this Sacrament should be made in advance at the Rectory. There is a short training session for first-time parents before the Baptism. The Sacrament is celebrated at Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and at a ceremony only at 12:30 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday. Call (847) 729-1414.

PENANCE-SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on every Wednesday of the month except the third Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment. Traditional form of confession, behind the screen, is available as well as face to face in the Reconciliation room.

EUCCHARIST-FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sacrament of the Church and its celebration requires adequate preparation. Children receive their first Holy Communion in the second grade where they are prepared through their regular classes in our Catholic school or in our Religious Education Program.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the Sacrament in which Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and recommit themselves to the promises made for them at Baptism. Our students are prepared to receive this Sacrament during their 8th grade in our school or through our Religious Education Program. Adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Rectory at (847) 729-1414.

MATRIMONY-THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

This is the Sacrament by which the Church joyfully joins a couple in celebrating the gift of love. The couple is asked to contact the priest at least 4 months in advance. To prepare for their new life together, they must attend a Pre-Cana program. Call (847) 729-1414 for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick emphasizes the healing power of Christ. Therefore, the sick, the elderly, and those facing surgery are encouraged to receive this anointing. Please watch the bulletin for details on communal anointing.

HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITS

The priests, deacons, and lay ministers of the parish are more than happy to visit any parishioner who is ill-whether at home or in the hospital. Please call the Rectory at (847) 729-1414 since the hospitals often neglect to notify us.

FUNERALS

Please notify the Rectory at (847) 729-1414 when a member dies so that our Bereavement Committee may minister to the needs of the family. Arrangements for the funeral and wake are made with a funeral director, who calls the Church regarding the details.

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Parish Organizations

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is the primary advisory and consultative body to the Pastor, established at the direction of the Archbishop of Chicago, responsible for overseeing and supporting the various ministries of the parish faith community of St. Catherine Labouré. The Council is comprised of 12 parishioners each serving a staggered four-year term after which each council member must leave this deliberative body for at least one year. The Pastoral Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month to advise, recommend and review policies, procedures, evangelization initiatives and programs to fulfill the overall mission and needs of our parish. For Parish Council information, please contact the Rectory at (847) 729-1414.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: This area includes those who have an interest or concern in the liturgical and spiritual formation of the parish.

ALTAR SERVERS

Serving our Lord at the altar is a special ministry for our youth. The students in the fifth grade are invited and encouraged to begin pursuing this ministry. The qualifications are: to be willing to accept the responsibility of keeping their appointments; to have respect and reverence for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, our priests, teachers, and fellow students; and to wear the proper attire. This is a great opportunity to give witness to the faith community, to acquire discipline, to build character, and to get to know the priests in the parish. Contact: Jessie Kunnel at (847) 498-5747 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Ministry's mission statement reads, "To support those who are experiencing a loss; to assist them in the process of mending a broken heart; to be instruments of the Holy Spirit; to help them to know the healing power of Christ." Our logo is two hands holding a broken heart with a cross extending from the heart. The motto is "I HAVE HEARD MY PEOPLE CRY-I HAVE WEPT FOR LOVE OF THEM-I WILL HOLD MY PEOPLE IN MY HEART". Our team is there to help the family who has lost a loved one with planning the funeral liturgy along with follow-up support after the funeral. Contact the Rectory at (847) 729-1414.

CATECHUMENATE PROGRAM

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The rite of Christian initiation is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacrament fruitfully. RCIA is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church. Who is RCIA for? 1. Persons in need of Baptism. 2. Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic. 3. Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation. 4. Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith. “Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15) Contact: Mike Corbitt at 847-832-9207 or the Rectory at (847) 729-1414.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION (EMC)

Men and women from the parish are trained and commissioned to assume this Liturgical function of distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. They commit for a minimum of a 3-year term of service as an EMC for the weekend Masses. They serve every 3 weeks. We also train teens for the ministry if they are confirmed and at least 16 years of age. If you are interested in this very special ministry, please contact Amalou Lim at (847) 564-3158 or Jessie Kunnel at (847) 498-5747.

SCL FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

While we recognize the need to arrange for our children to learn about our faith, at least enough for them to partake of the Sacraments, we often fail to continue to learn more about it ourselves. We are all called to be messengers of the Good News; in the last chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Jesus Himself tells the eleven before His Ascension “to go and make disciples of all the nations.” (Matthew 28:19) The question then becomes how do we make disciples if we are ill-informed about the Good News? The answer at SCL is to participate in the new Faith Formation Ministry (“FFM”). The SCL FFM is designed to continue formation for everyone from ages 14 on up.

The FFM is comprised of four (4) sections:

- a) Youth Group, which provides a venue to impart Christian values to our teens through service;
- b) Spiritual Enrichment program, which sponsors SCL's popular Sunday Speakers Series and other presentations through focus on a single theme each "school year";
- c) Adult Faith Formation, which meets on Sunday mornings in the School Library to "Share our Faith" by presenting such programs as "Catholicism" by Bishop Barron and "Doors of Mercy", among others, and all of which teach the faith to adults in very accessible fashion; and
- c) Bible Study, which is offered through four (4) groups which meet on different days of the week to make it possible for all parishioners to find a group to join.

So, if you want to ramp your faith life up a little from the hour you spend at Mass every Sunday, consider participating in one or more of the above. Contact either the Rectory at (847) 729-1414 or Michael LaTona (847) 446-1580 for details.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

The SCL Adult Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass twice a month and for special times: Christmas, Easter, special occasions-events and requests. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings: 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Church. For more information contact the Director: Sr. Chris Baker (847) 729-2220. New members are always welcome. Please call in advance if you are coming to join us. The Contemporary Ensemble Group sings at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The practices are Wednesday nights: Contact Julie Ratschan for more information (847) 498-3064. New members are always welcome.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Team facilitates the SCL community's celebration of its unique and communal experience of God in our lives. The Team strives to bring alive our Roman Catholic rituals and symbols in meaningful and thoughtful ways utilizing all five human senses. Team members utilize a variety of ways to raise awareness, educate and catechize people about the rituals, symbols, and traditions of our prayer celebrations. Team leadership contributes to developing ongoing relevant and vibrant liturgy by coordinating open dialogue between the Liturgy Team, SCL parish, the Chicago Diocesan Office of Divine Worship, and liturgy teams of other parishes. Team members may become involved with education, environment or general assistance, as needed. The Team meets four or five times per year. For more information, contact Carol Staniec at (847) 480-0582.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS)

Ushers are those who welcome parishioners, collect the weekly monetary offerings and assist with various details at the Weekend and Holy Day Masses. If interested in serving as an usher, please contact Rectory at (847) 729-1414.



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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (LECTORS)

Of all the ministries restored to the laity by the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, perhaps none is more important than the ministry of the lector. Along with the deacon, the priest, and the bishop, the lector is entrusted with the crucial task of making the word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the Christian assembly. A well-prepared lector can do much to enhance the celebration of the liturgy by prayerful and powerful proclamation of the word of God. Such a proclamation can touch and move the whole assembly, serving as an instrument of God's grace. Contact Frank Dentzer at (847) 832-1203 for more information.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The very heart of parish life is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Christ's flesh and blood made sacramentally present under the appearances of bread and wine. Vatican II says: "...for the Holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual good, that is, Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread." All are invited to commit to one hour per week, day or night, in personal devotion, prayer or meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Holy Family. This quiet refuge gives us peace and joy by creating a "niche" for ourselves from our hectic weekly schedules to be with Jesus. Your commitment allows the chapel to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week (except during Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. to noon). The entrance code to the side door is 1340*. Children are always welcome. For more information, contact Evie Olivieri at (847) 724-6291.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Rosary Group prays the rosary daily during the week after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on holidays at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Through praying the Rosary and meditating on the Mysteries, they share with Mary, our Mother, in the joy of Christ's birth, in the sorrow of His passion, and in the glory that is Mary's with Him in heaven. They also conduct the First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima following the 8:00 a.m. liturgy on the First Saturday of the month. There is also a Holy Hour on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

HUMAN CONCERNS: This area includes all groups that deal with service and outreach to the parish and larger community.

ALMS PROGRAM

The ALMS program's mission is to raise the consciousness of our parish community to the many diverse needs of the poor in Chicago-land. We offer not only financial help but also an opportunity to volunteer with each agency that we support. Contact Ray Gavin at (847) 729-7242.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (Food Pantry)

This Food Pantry is located on Rand Road in Des Plaines. Volunteers are needed to help pack and distribute groceries to clients during the week. Contact Ray Gavin at (847) 729-7242.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (Meals on Wheels)

Working in conjunction with Maryhaven in Glenview, volunteers are needed to deliver meals for those with special Dietary requirements in Glenview and Northbrook. Contact Ray Gavin at (847) 729-7242.

MINISTERS OF CARE-MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are specially trained and commissioned lay people who take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of St. Catherine Labouré Parish by visiting Glenbrook Hospital, local nursing homes, and parishioner's homes. Ministers of Care are the living witness that SCL has not forgotten the absent sick, the invisible elderly and unseen sufferers. A Minister of Care is a sign that God is and wants to be with them. Please let us know if there is someone who is confined to home and unable to attend Mass with us in our Parish Church on Sunday. We would be happy to bring Communion; call the parish office at (847) 729-1414. We need more Ministers of Care. If you think God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Zeny de Guzman at (847) 480-0159.

OFFICE FOR IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION EDUCATION

Many opportunities are available to gain a deeper understanding of immigration issues through programs, reflections and gatherings throughout the Chicago Archdiocese. Contact Ray Gavin at (847) 729-7242.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Committee fosters a greater awareness of Respect Life issues by supporting spiritual, pastoral care and advocacy within the parish. The Committee coordinates the annual October Respect Life activities and programs initiated by the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office. New members are always welcome. Contact Russell Lundsgaard at (847) 724-6344.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society is an international Catholic lay association serving people in our community that need financial assistance. It was founded in Paris, France in 1833 and has been active in the U.S.A. since 1845. The SCL Conference, whose members are known as "Vincentians", was formed in 2001. At St. Catherine's, SVDP members are engaged in many activities our primary one being to assist SCL parishioners as well as other community members who are having financial difficulties. Two members visit the homes of those who request assistance, help where we can, and also make referrals if further help is needed. All assistance and conversations are held in strict confidence. Our other activities include food and clothing drives, helping at St. Thomas of Canterbury's Soup Kitchen, the "Kits for the Homeless" project, and providing the food for and serving dinner to the poor and homeless at Catholic Charities. We also support Catholic Charities' "New Hope Apartments Program" which provides housing and social services to a homeless family for a period of two years. For information or assistance, contact the Rectory at (847) 729-1414 and a Vincentian will return your call.

EDUCATION: This area covers various parish related education programs.

SCHOOL

St. Catherine Labouré School is an extension of the faith community of the parish. The philosophy of St. Catherine Labouré School is to develop the child as a person with unique abilities and needs. Quality education is stressed at S.C.L. Our Catholic school environment promotes spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth, while nurturing the self-esteem and self-confidence so vital to learning. The child is encouraged to realize full potential through inquiry, creativity, and action. Through integration of spiritual values and high academics, the child is challenged to be a concerned and active individual committed to society, present and future. The school program begins for a child three years of age by September 1st of the school year of registration, and continues through eighth grade. The Principal welcomes all families in the parish and community to observe in the school and discuss the value of Catholic education and the academic program of St. Catherine Labouré School. For more information concerning the school and an opportunity to meet the Principal and staff, contact the Principal, Jodi Reuter, at (847) 724-2240 or visit our website at www.sclschool.com.

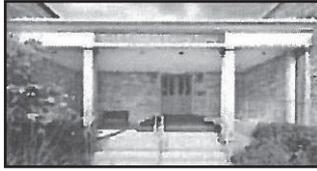
PRE-SCHOOL

The early childhood programs in our pre-school center promotes: Self-confidence, Creative Play, Art-Music, Math Readiness, Language and Listening Skills, Bible stories and values, and Phonetic Readiness. Extended care available: Mornings-7:00 to 8:00 a.m./after school-2:30 to 6:00 p.m. Early education offered in a caring Catholic environment. Come in and see our school! Call for information at (847) 724-2240. Ask about our summer program too!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Catherine Labouré Parish provides a structured program for the religious education of elementary school children attending the public school system. The curriculum includes all dimensions of religious education: doctrine, scripture, liturgy, prayer, service and sacramental preparation. The curriculum is taught in the spirit of cooperative learning and hands on activities that connect religion to everyday experiences. Classes are available on Sundays for kindergarten through eighth graders. Additional liturgical experiences and activities are offered throughout the school year. Parental involvement is an important aspect to the development of our program. Volunteer opportunities are given to every family to experience spiritual growth. New catechists are always welcome to join our program. For additional information please call the religious education office at (847) 724-2240 (Extension # 1).

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HISPANIC OUTREACH

This group provides Latinos in our community the opportunity to live and practice their faith in this parish. The group seeks to empower its members to take leadership roles at SCL. The priority of Hispanic Ministry is evangelization. The group provides family and personal religious education, preparation and celebration of the sacraments, and weekly Spanish-language Sunday liturgy. For further information, please contact, Rosa Hernandez (847) 987-0248 or Rudy Perez (847) 624-1168.

ESTAMOS AL ALCANCE DE LOS HISPANOS

Este grupo le da a latinos de esta comunidad oportunidades de vivir y practicar su fe en esta parroquia. El grupo facilita la participacion de sus miembros en tomar parte en el lideratgo de la iglesia. La prioridad des Ministerio Hispano es la evangelización. Por lo tanto promueve y se esfuerza en una catequesis familiar y personal, preparación y celebración de los sacramentos y liturgia dominical en espanol. Persona de contacto, Rosa Hernandez (847) 987-0248 or Rudy Perez (847) 624-1168.

SPRED (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT)

SPRED is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which assists parishes in their effort to welcome children and adults with developmental learning disabilities. The goal of SPRED is to help the children or adults with disabilities develop awareness of God in their lives; an awareness of themselves as an integral part of the parish community and the entire church. The quiet sacred place, the bonds of friendship, the sharing of life experiences, the proclamation of the Word, and liturgical celebrations help each person discover the gifts and needs of every person in the community. St. Catherine Labouré offers SPRED to our friends with disabilities 17 to 21 years of age. Our neighboring parishes that offer SPRED are: OLPH, 6-10 years of age; St. Norbert's, 11-16 years of age; and St. Isaac Jogues, 22 years of age and up. Anyone who is 21 years or older and is willing to share faith friendship may volunteer for this wonderful ministry. Enrichment is on-going. For more information please contact Madelyn Macur-Brousil (847) 724-6338. Visit website at: www.spred.org.

SCHOOL BOARD

The purpose of the St. Catherine Labouré (SCL) School Board is to promote an effective program of Catholic based learning through, intellectual, cultural, social, and physical education for the children of SCL by developing, defining and evaluating policies for the operation of SCL School. The policies are consistent with those published by the Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Catholic Schools. The board considers and, when appropriate, adopts and implements additional policies designed to promote the overall development of the School. Duties of the Board include: public relations and marketing, information technology, fundraising and budget responsibilities. Board members participate on several committees as well. Committees consist of: Alumni, Budget, Computer, Fundraising, Scholarship, and Marketing. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday evening of each month; regular meetings are open to SCL parishioners and parents of School children. Contact Javier Ubarri at (847) 903-8297 for more information.

PARISH LIFE: This area relates to all groups or organizations that foster social and communal development of their members.

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

This parish organization is open to SCL parishioners. The primary goal of the group is to establish friendly contact between Asian Americans and the religious and social activities of the total parish community. Another objective is to provide financial support to the parish through periodic fund-raising activities. For further information, Contact: Norma Loleng at (847) 338-0259.

BINGO

Our parish has bingo every Tuesday night. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the Bull's Eye game starts the evening off at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and bingo supplies are available and the evening ends at approximately 10:00 p.m. Depending on how many cards you like to play, the cost for the evening can be as little as \$6 or \$7 for three hours of fun and the chance to win as much as \$1,000. Proceeds go to the SCL General Fund to help with maintenance. Join us and get acquainted with your neighbors at this fun parish activity. Our hall is handicapped accessible. Bingo workers are always welcomed to join the staff of volunteers. If you have any question, please call Russ Lundsgaard at (847) 724-6344.

BOOSTER CLUB

This organization is comprised of SCL School parents, faculty and the principal, all of whom support the School and its athletic programs. All meetings are open and all parishioners are welcome to join. In 2014 the Club sponsored a Spring Walk-A-Thon with funds raised by the effort used to help provide an efficient athletic program for SCL students as well as maintain Marian Hall. Call Georgia Mermigis at (847) 729-9880 for more information.

BRIDGE-WOMEN

Women's bridge meets on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, in a designated hostess' home (one table per home). There is a nominal \$15.00 annual fee and prizes are awarded on the last night of play based on the accumulated scores. For more info, Contact: Becky Brennan at (847) 729-6835 or Midge Lackner at (847) 259- 3007.

PARENT CLUB

The Parent Club of St. Catherine Labouré School has one general meeting in a school year. Fund-raising activities are planned and implemented by the Parent Club to raise additional funds for school programs and materials throughout the year. All school parents are considered members of the SCL Parent Club by virtue of the fact that they have children attending our parish school. Contact Stephanie Rascher at (847) 729-5938 for further information.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The main functions of the Women's Club are to promote spiritual development, social activities, and service opportunities for our members and to provide financial support for its programs and for parish needs. There are various spiritual and social programs provided throughout the year to appeal to all its members. There are several guilds which make up the Women's Club of SCL. Guild meetings are held in the homes of members. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday during the months of September through May. Contact Marjie Polerecky at (847) 724-1176 for more information.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group's Mission Statement is: To Enhance the Catholic Faith of high school students by empowering them to grow spiritually and socially in an accepting environment. For more information, please contact Ned & Gail Zerwic at (847) 562-1299.

ADMINISTRATION: This area relates to all who coordinate the functions and activities of parish administration and finances, including fundraising, parish buildings, and facility maintenance.

RECTORY STAFF

St. Catherine Labouré Parish is administered through the Rectory Office by an Administrative Assistant, who works closely with the Pastor and Pastoral Council to meet parish goals. The Rectory Office is open with staff available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Auxiliary staff is available on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon to answer basic questions and to take messages. Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to contact the Rectory Office to gain information concerning Parish Life opportunities available through St. Catherine Labouré Parish or to initiate any scheduling needs that they may have. For information, contact Kimberly at the Rectory by calling (847) 729-1414.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the finance committee is to assist the pastor in the administration of the financial needs of the parish. The committee reviews parish finances and prepares the budgets with an annual financial statement for parish review. For additional information, call Barb Hartmann at (847) 724-2810.

GOLF FUNDRAISER OUTING

In 2014 we started our put the “FUN” in fundraiser by having our 1st Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Dance Event. Because of the wonderful generosity of our parishioners and local businesses, we had a successful fundraiser to benefit SCLs parish life. We have received encouragement to continue this event and with the help of our coordinators, Marcia Doeden, Kathy Snow, and Janice Seipp. We hope you will be able to participate for golf and/or an evening of dancing, raffles, silent auction, and just plain “FUN”. Contact the Rectory at (847) 729-1414 to volunteer to help and watch the bulletin for event updates.

OTHER: The following organizations are not a part of our parish committees, but are available within the parish.

CUB SCOUTS

Come join the fun with SCL Cub Scout Pack 154! We have exciting events such as three campouts a year, a museum overnight and the pinewood derby. As a parent you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual and Scouting has these same goals in mind. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in building character, developing good citizenship and strengthening physical fitness in youth. We know that boys do not join Scouting to get their character built. Boys in grades 1-5 join because it is fun! Scouting is “A GAME WITH A PURPOSE”. Pack 154 meets on Tues. nights (usually the 3rd Tues. of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the lunch room at SCL during the school year. Please contact Keith Bayer at (312) 493-7776 to answer any questions.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world’s preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. With the support of St. Catherine Labouré and parents, several Girl Scout troops are thriving at SCL. There are currently troops at the Junior and Brownie levels. Troops normally meet once per month at the school plus have outside activities that the girls are encouraged to attend. Meeting activities and outings usually revolve around learning and trying new things in a fun and safe environment. If interested in obtaining more information, contact Jenny Szparkowski at (847) 759-0386.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. John J. Dussman Council #3731. The Largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world. Their guiding principles are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They support our Priests and defend the Church, sponsor Seminarians, support the Newman Apostolate at Secular Universities, promote Youth Programs, staff and fund Special Olympics. For more information and/or membership, contact: Larry Theriault (847) 729-3646 or lmth1953@aol.com.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

They support the Knights of Columbus in all of their good works. In addition, the ladies have their own meetings and programs. They also support a Seminarian and a Postulant. For further information and/or membership, contact: Marge Theriault at (847) 729-3646.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Every third Wednesday of the month, a morning of prayerful reflection is available to all women from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church. The Women's Morning of Recollection includes meditations, spiritual reading, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is given by the priests of Opus Dei, who also offer the sacrament of Reconciliation at this time. If you would like more information regarding this activity, please contact Evie Olivieri at (847) 724-6291.

St. Catherine Labouré

On the evening of May 2, 1806, in Fain-les-Moutiers, France, the ringing of the Angelus occurred; unknown to those hearing the heralding of Our Lady's bells, a child was born who would one day be canonized to sainthood. The day after her birth, on the feast of the True Cross, she was baptized Catherine Madeleine Labouré. With the death of her mother, the devotion and love Catherine (age 9) had for Mary was affirmed as she held a statue of Our Lady, kissed it and said, "Now, dear Lady, you are to be my mother."

Catherine (age 24) began her commitment of service to the Daughters of Charity. God blessed her with several visions and her first apparition of the Blessed Virgin was on July 19, 1830. She reappeared to Catherine on November 27, 1830, and said, "Have a medal struck in this form (which she described in detail). All who wear it will have great graces." When the first medal was struck on June 20, 1832, Catherine urged devotion to it, and, because of the power working through it, it was called the "Miraculous Medal."

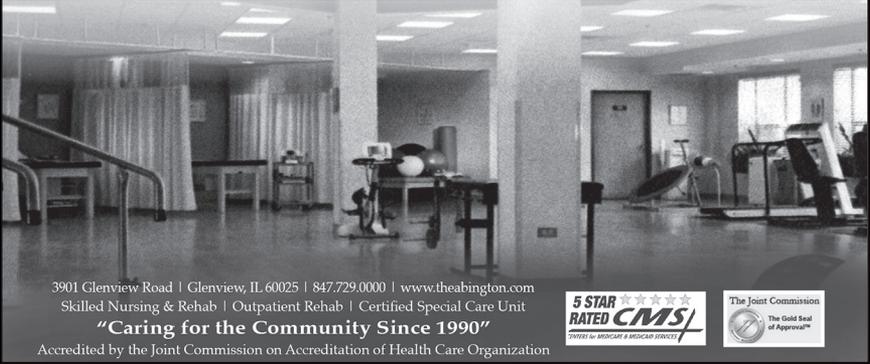
The front of the Medal represents Mary standing on the earth, her foot crushing the head of a serpent, and her hands outstretched to all who ask her assistance. The prayer encircling her contains one of her most precious titles: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The rays of light from her hands symbolize the graces which she is very eager to bestow upon those who wear the Medal and pray to her. As you gaze around our beautiful Sanctuary, you will notice this image of the Blessed Virgin in a place of prominence to the right of the altar.

Catherine died on December 31, 1876. When her body was exhumed in 1933, it was found as fresh as the day it was buried. Her incorrupt body is encased in glass in Paris. St. Catherine Labouré was canonized on July 27, 1947. Her name graces our church and may her spirit of charity and devotion grace our hearts.

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