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Grand Opening of the Stormwater Tier One Basins

Stormwater Relief Program's Tier One Grand Opening Brings Niles Together to Celebrate

Niles, Ill. (December 4) – Residents arrived at Our Lady of Ransom before the ceremony

began to take in the beauty of the finished stormwater basin. The projects at Our Lady of Ransom and Maryhill Cemetery have been the result of nearly six years of planning and hard work by the Niles Stormwater Commission, contractors, consultants, and staff.

The ceremony began with a blessing of the Our Lady of Ransom Basin performed by Father Chris Gustafson of Our Lady of Ransom Parish. Father Chris then spoke about the importance of the community coming together to support each other and this project. His blessing is attached below as it embodies much of the spirit of the Tier One Stormwater Projects.

After the blessing of the basin, Mayor Andrew Przybylo welcomed the crowd followed by Trustee and Stormwater Commission Chair Joe LoVerde who spoke passionately about the projects and what they mean for Niles.

Father Chris's Blessing:



Let us pray:

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, we ask that you bless + this field that has been fashioned into a water detention basin. When needed, may it work well for the benefit of all by detaining water that falls from the heavens. May it drain quickly and successfully so that it may function as a place of beauty and recreation. May all who encounter it be held safely in the palm of your hands. And may we always be good stewards of all of the resources, natural and otherwise, that you provide. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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