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OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.

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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

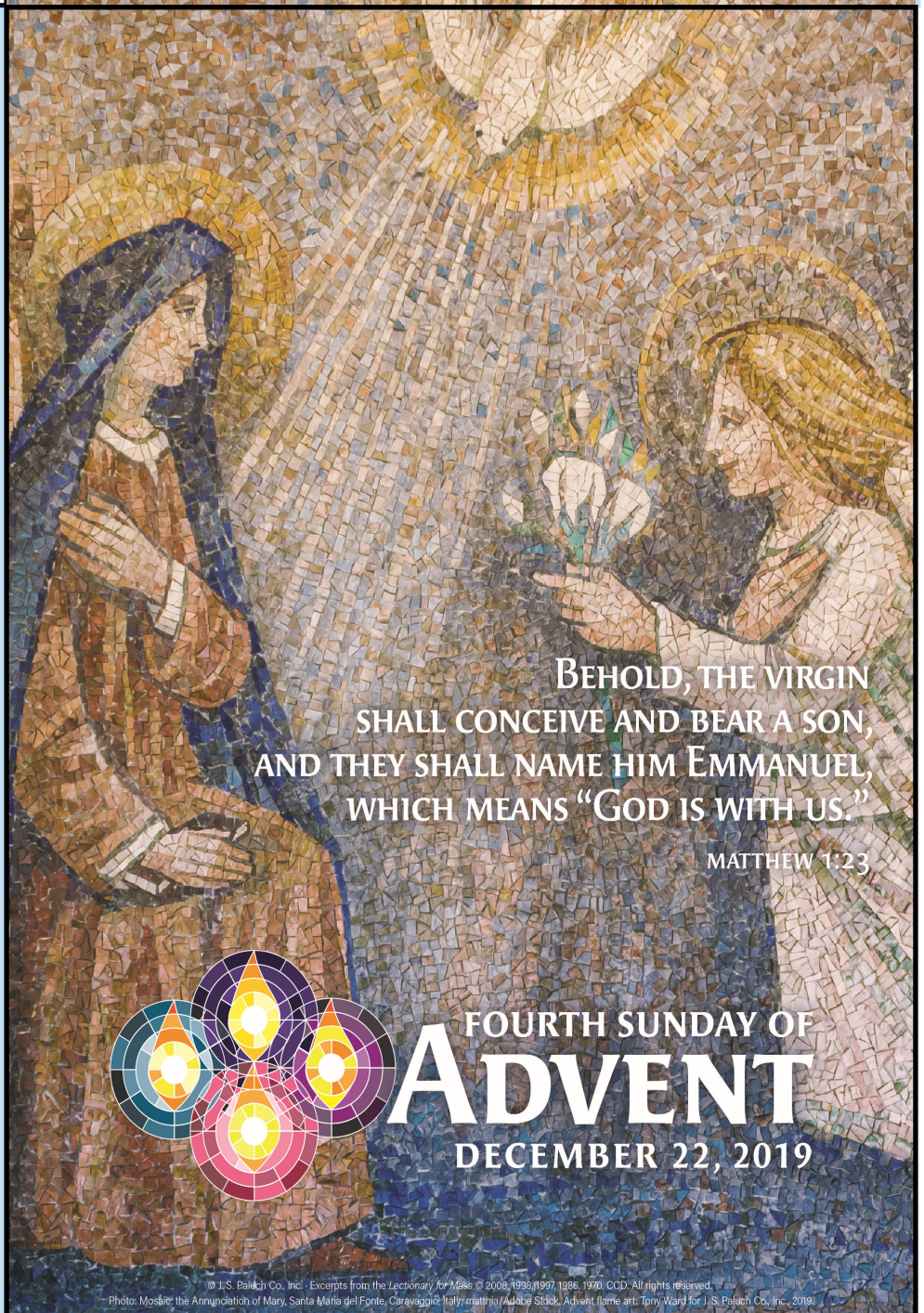
Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm



BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!!

After three Sundays of Advent with no mention of the birth of Jesus in our Scripture readings at Mass, finally we have them today, the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. In our first reading, Isaiah the prophet and king Ahaz of Judah have a dramatic encounter amid the threat of an attack against Jerusalem and the king's efforts to build up the city's defenses. Isaiah challenges the king to consider what he is doing to secure his kingdom's relationship with God. Isaiah invites the king to choose any sign at all that will convince him of God's love and protection over the city. Isaiah wants the king to trust that the attack he so much fears will never materialize. Surprisingly, the king refuses the invitation to trust. He already has his own plans in place and feels that asking for a sign from God will be an imposition. Isaiah has had enough of such talk! The king is already making the people weary with his fears and limited thinking. Isaiah reproaches the king for this latest example showing his lack of faith, which the prophet imagines must by now be proving tiresome to God as well. Isaiah announces that God is going to give the king a sign that will make it perfectly clear his fear of attack is entirely without foundation. A virgin will conceive and bear a son who will be given the name *Emmanuel*, meaning, "God is with us." This name will give testimony to the faith of that young woman, who knew of God's power to save and give life. Her faith stands in stark contrast to the lack of faith displayed by King Ahaz and his royal household.

In Matthew's gospel account today, his focus is on another person of faith – Joseph. In the Gospel proclaimed on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we heard Mary say "yes" to God's plan for her life – even though she did not totally understand what God was asking of her. Today we hear Joseph give his "yes" also – to the dream, the angel's message, and to the responsibility of being a husband and a foster father.

Although we have little time even to consider saying "yes" to one more thing, this is exactly what God is inviting us to do! Consider opportunities to say, "yes" to His invitation between now and Christmas Day. While Christmas celebrates the Word made flesh, Christ has no body now but yours, to carry on His mission. Some suggestions....invite someone without family to join yours for Christmas dinner. Leave a card and small gift for neighbors or at the nursing home. Take a plate of homemade cookies to a new mom or make a generous donation to a charity. What IS God asking you to do to celebrate Christmas?

Have a Blessed Christmas in 3 days!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Int. Myles Jabonero, by Agnes Schlobohm

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Church † Mike & Carole Brogan, by Pat & Tom Hughes

3:00 PM PLC † Melva Purnell by John Salentine

5:00 PM † Rita & Bill Sander, by their Daughters

6:30 PM † Feldman, Ernsting & Sanders Families, by Angie Vanaria

Midnight The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

† Jesus Pena, by Agnes Schlobohm

11:00 AM † Cathy Dodd, by Family

12:30 PM † Trinidad Family

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen, the First Martyr

8:00 AM † Dorothy McLaughlin, by Fr. Don McLaughlin

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 AM † Barbara DeZellar

Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Vigil - The Holy Family

† David Schremp

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Melva Purnell, by John Salentine

9:00 AM The People of Our Lady of Mercy

10:45 AM † Jim Schemmel, by Richard Funk

12:30 PM Int. Uriel Ruiz

5:30 PM † L. Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. Garcia Sifuentes Family | 10. Msgr. Tom Powers |
| 3. Eduardo Garcia | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Robin Pazos |
| 5. Mason's Well Being | 13. Tristian Pazos |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Special Intention-J.G. | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines
 Mason Webber, Army
 LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema
 Mel Schmudde
 Kathryn Martini
 Mary Moody
 Brady Pembroke
 Wayne Draper
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Billy Walowski
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki

Helga Manglinong
 Michael Dandan
 Charlene Oates
 Maria Luna
 William Nimmow
 Jill Brisceno
 Lexi Brisceno
 Michael Butler
 Mary Ellen Reiter
 Hailey Hartnett
 Thomas F. Sterling
 Henrietta Pineda

La Moua
 Valerie Plesha
 Deacon Bob Vavra
 Hedy Sterling
 Christopher Rich
 Diane Pazos
 Diane Ramonas
 Diane Singer
 Joyce Craig
 Bob Chima Mary Ubi
 John Swanston
 Baby Otto

Christopher Rich

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Después de tres domingos de Adviento sin mencionar el nacimiento de Jesús en nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras en la Misa, finalmente los tenemos hoy, el cuarto y último domingo de Adviento. En nuestra primera lectura, el profeta

Isaías y el rey Ajaz de Judá tienen un encuentro dramático en medio de la amenaza de un ataque contra Jerusalén y los esfuerzos del rey para construir las defensas de la ciudad. Isaías desafía al rey a considerar lo que está haciendo para asegurar la relación de su reino con Dios. Isaías invita al rey a elegir cualquier canción que lo convenza del amor y la protección de Dios sobre la ciudad. Isaías quiere que el rey confíe en que el ataque que tanto teme nunca se materializará. Sorprendentemente, el rey rechaza la invitación a confiar. Él ya tiene sus propios planes y siente que pedirle una señal a Dios será una imposición. ¡Isaías ha tenido suficiente de esa conversación! El rey ya está cansando a la gente con sus miedos y su pensamiento limitado. Isaías le reprocha al rey este último ejemplo que muestra su falta de fe, que el profeta imagina que a estas alturas también debe ser aburrido para Dios. Isaías anuncia que Dios le dará al rey una señal que dejará en claro que su miedo al ataque no tiene fundamento. Una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo que recibirá el nombre de *Emmanuel*, que significa "Dios está con nosotros". Este nombre dará testimonio de la fe de esa mujer joven, que sabía del poder de Dios para salvar y dar vida. Su fe contrasta marcadamente con la falta de fe mostrada por el rey Ajaz y su familia real.

En el relato del evangelio de Mateo hoy, su enfoque está en otra persona de fe: José. En el Evangelio proclamado en la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, escuchamos a María decir "sí" al plan de Dios para su vida, a pesar de que no entendía totalmente lo que Dios le estaba pidiendo. Hoy escuchamos a José dar su "sí" también: al sueño, al mensaje del ángel y a la responsabilidad de ser esposo y padre adoptivo.

Aunque tenemos poco tiempo incluso para considerar decir "sí" a una cosa más, ¡esto es exactamente lo que Dios nos invita a hacer! Considera oportunidades para decir "sí" a Su invitación desde ahora hasta el día de Navidad. Mientras la Navidad celebra, la Palabra hecha carne, Cristo no tiene cuerpo ahora sino el tuyo que hoy continúa Su misión. Algunas sugerencias... inviten a alguien sin familia a unirse a la suya para la cena de Navidad. Deje una tarjeta y un pequeño obsequio para los vecinos o en el hogar de ancianos. Lleve un plato de galletas caseras a una nueva mamá o haga una donación generosa a una organización benéfica. ¿Qué te ESTÁ pidiendo Dios que haga para celebrar la Navidad?

¡Que tengan una bendecida Navidad en 3 días!

Padre John

CONFIANZA EN DIOS

En este último domingo de Adviento las lecturas se enfocan en el nacimiento histórico de Jesús: el hijo de David e Hijo de Dios, niño y rey, Jesús y Emmanuel.

El profeta Isaías le suplica a Ajaz que pida una señal, para permitir a Dios que le asegure la sobrevivencia de la dinastía de David. El rey hipócrita rehúsa "tentar al SEÑOR" de esa manera (Isaías 7:12), pero el profeta predice el nacimiento de un hijo, un heredero al trono, quien probará la duradera protección divina del linaje elegido del trono de David. El niño será llamado Emmanuel.

Mateo se refiere a esta historia en su descripción de los puntos principales del nacimiento de Jesús que contrasta a Ajaz quien rehúsa confiar por falta de fe, y la completa confianza en Dios que María y José demostraron al cooperar con el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Martes:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Miércoles:	<u>Vigilia:</u> Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Noche:</u> Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14 <u>Aurora:</u> Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20 <u>Día:</u> Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Jueves:	Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Viernes:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sábado:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Domingo:	Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

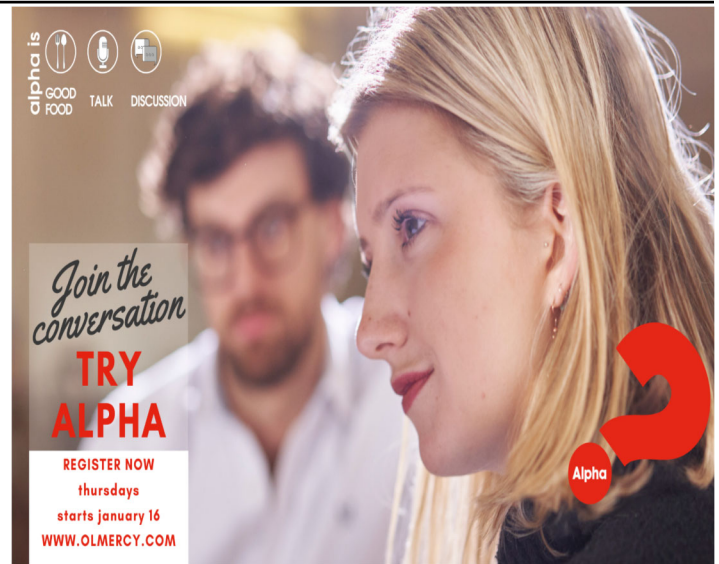
Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

We hear in today’s Gospel that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means “GOD IS WITH US.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him - more humble, more holy, more happy, more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and know that “God is with us.” Thank you for your generosity throughout the year and A Blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The residents of Alden had a wonderful time listening as our EDGE students sang Christmas carols.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Service and Discipleship projects are available for teens! Sign-up online! Go to the LIGHT webpage for more details!

Teen Bible Study meets on Wednesday's from 6-7pm in the youth center. Any teen is welcome to attend.

Signup for LIGHT Mini-Courses now! Courses for teens are filling up fast. Get the LIGHT Guidebook on the LIGHT webpage or in the lobby wall display.

Faith Conversations with high school teens interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in November. Check out the LIGHT webpage for more details.

Parents and Interested Adults in the parish community are invited to consider helping with the Senior High Youth Ministry! We are in need of mini-course facilitators, Alpha hospitality and kitchen crew members as well as trip and event chaperones. Please contact the youth ministry office or see the LIGHT webpage for more details.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE PLUS

Sun. Dec. 29	COOKING AT OLM FOR HESED	2/4 PM	(OLM KITCHEN)
Mon. Dec. 30	BOWLING AT PARKSIDE	1/3 PM	(PERM. FORM NEEDED)

Please find all forms needed on OLM website w/links

CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATE!! This invitation is for all parishioners. On Sunday, January 11, OLM will participate in the *Chicago March for Life*. We will be joining many other Joliet Diocese parishes as we **SPEAK WITH OUR FEET!** We will be taking the bus from St. Petronille's Church in Glen Ellyn.

Cost:	\$15 PP/\$45 Family of 4. (\$5 each additional child.)		
Agenda:	11:30 am	Meet the bus in front of St. Pet's Church	
	11:40 am	Depart from St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn	(Lunch on the bus.)
	12:45 pm	Arrive in Chicago, Daley Plaza	
	1/3 pm	Rally & March	
	3 pm	Board bus at Congress Hotel to return	
	4:30 pm	Back at St. Petronille Church	

DEADLINE OF MON. DEC. 16 IS FIRM! Permission forms will be available through EDGE Nights, in front of RE Office & on OLM website. **WE WILL BE NEEDING CHAPERONES FOR THIS TRIP.** If you are a parent attending, please fill out a permission form.

PASTORAL CARE

May the gifts of Christmas, peace, joy and love be with you all year long. Merry Christmas!

Open HEARTS Ministry

The ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. Through the ministry, we pray that individuals and their loved ones feel comfortable reaching out for support and prayer, that the stigma associated with mental health is broken and that people realize that treatment is available.

The next opportunity to come together in a safe and sacred space that honors confidentiality to support one another with resources, sharing of experiences, praying together and sharing food and fellowship is Monday, January 20 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. Gatherings will take place on the third Monday of the month in 2020 in room 114 at 7:00PM.

There is no registration for coming to the gatherings. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at jaeppli@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Ministries

If you are in need of pastoral caregiver support, mental health and wellness support, health management assistance, personal health counseling, end-of-life concerns or are unable to make it to Mass and would like a Minister of Care to bring Communion to the home, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolen-

Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas

In Memory/Honor of:

Sherdy Ferrer
Alceste & Amerina Pieri
Jo Skill
Pat, Terry & Tracie Neary
Nancy & Bill Comstock
Ulpiana Madamba
Bill Fleckenstein

Given By:

Sheena
Ida Phillips
Tom & Liane Skill
Tom & Liane Skill
Jennifer Porter
The Madamba Family
Bernadette & Kathy
Fleckenstein



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Parish Office Holiday Hours

December 23

The parish offices will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

December 24 - January 1

The parish offices will be closed.

In the event where a priest is needed to anoint someone gravely ill or if a death occurs, please call 1-630-851-3444 and press 1.

Poinsettia Remembrances for Christmas

In Memory/Honor of:

John Deane
 Cathy Grodsky
 Margaret & William Rehmer
 Frank Tokarski
 Mr & Mrs John Paluch
 Florence Emling
 Mr & Mrs Walter Budny
 Robert P Wolter
 Samuel P Varughese
 Mary Jane & Raymond Kirchner
 David & Judith Cluver
 Lofstom & Tracey Families
 Patrick Cormaney
 Pat Kalata
 Scott Davidson
 Loretta Jakobowski
 Joseph P. O'Bryan
 Phyllis O'Bryan
 Joseph D. O'Bryan
 Harry & Ruth Davidson
 Our Parents
 Sophie & Stan Kerkla
 Rose Molina
 Alejandro & Rebeca Lara
 Edward & Sophie Jastremski
 Ted & Alice Kulawiak
 Betty Miller
 Charles Miller
 Scott Chase
 William Hardin
 Louise Hardin
 Joseph & Louise Landino
 Robert Klemaszewski
 Michelle Morse Thomas
 Robert Huesing
 Martha & Peter Ziegler
 Florence & Jacob Pluskota
 Nathalya D'Souza
 Roque Fernandes
 Saamer & Luna Families
 Dorothy Stech
 Arlene Mary Lisak Grant
 Stephanie Zeremba Lisak
 Edwin & Virginia Biegon
 Ross & Cleona Weiser
 Catherine Campion
 Virginia Kinney
 Neil Campion
 Jack Kinney
 Samantha Campion
 George Gatto, Jr.
 Joanne Kellermann
 Donald Pylar
 Donna Pylar
 Mr & Mrs Bruno & Arlene Buszkiewicz
 The Salzj Family
 Donald Hastings
 Trudy & Bernard Neuberger
 Victoria Tiu Lo
 Hubert & Mary & Marie Schumacher
 William & Rita Sanders

Given By:

Diane Pazos
 Diane Pazos
 Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer
 Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer
 Stan & Toni Paluch
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 Stan & Toni Paluch
 Stan & Toni Paluch
 Michael & Chaba Wolter
 Biju & Cible Zacharia
 Mary & Mike Cluver Family
 Mary & Mike Cluver Family
 Judy Lofstrom
 Emily Drane
 Dennis Kalata
 Dor Davidson
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 Mark & Eileen Hoesly
 Carolyn Kerkla
 Michael & Claudia Molina
 Michael & Claudia Molina
 Ken & Therese Kulawiak
 Ken & Therese Kulawiak
 The Chase Hardin Family
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 The Chase Hardin Family
 Helen Keene
 Helen Keene
 The Hoffman Family
 Susan Mead
 Carol & James Pluskota
 Carol & James Pluskota
 Ruark & Lavina Fernandes
 Ruark & Lavina Fernandes
 Jose & Nancy Luna
 Rebecca Stech
 Rick Grant
 Rick Grant
 Audrey Biegon
 Patsy Peterson
 Tom & Joan Campion
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 Denise & Rita Gatto
 Darlene & Kim Kellermann
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 Darlene & Kim Kellermann
 Meyers Family
 Deb & Rudy Neuberger
 Deb & Rudy Neuberger
 Elizabeth Lo & Joy Carrillo
 Jerry Sanders
 Jerry Sanders

In Memory/Honor of:

Jeffrey Thompson
 Joyce Markus
 Jeanne LeRoy
 Joseph Salata
 Milton LeRoy
 Carol Anne Kahlfeldt
 Thaoldeus A. Chase
 James & Rose Krcmarik
 Dr Frank & Rita Grill
 Catherine Smith
 Casey R. Boguslaw
 Laquercio Family
 Ariel Loquercio
 Theresa Kerchner
 Helen Kerchner
 Ignacio Faustino
 Rosita Faustino
 Isabella Drucco
 Glaude & Berg Families
 Deceased Family & Friends
 John & Rosemary Watters
 Mike Strobl
 Robert P. Wolter
 Gary Sorich
 Edward Sorich
 Timothy J. Fahey
 Anne Heckel
 Dan Podczerwinski
 Ruth & Tom Walsh
 Lena & Al Yannuzzo
 Rose Fisher
 Deceased Trusiak & Sarro Families
 Bud & David Schremp
 Our Parents
 Thomas, Eleanor, Stephen Conroy
 Cathy Dodd
 John Dodd
 Marge Raskopf
 Walter Raskopf
 Verde & Passaretti Families
 Christmas Memories
 Raymond Keller
 Michael & Gertrude Trendle
 Joseph & Marie Keller
 Ralph & Jean Scott
 Wayne & Marian Leckey
 Michael McGrew, Sr.
 Dale Ramaeker
 John Carra
 Edilberto & Juanita Rivera
 Cherter & Marian Szymki
 Jessie & Stanley Ryba
 Barbara Surina
 Frank & Katherine Ciombor
 Karen Carollo
 Mary & Frank Kobal
 Mary & Joseph Damato
 Pacana & Salvador Family
 Rose Haido
 Mary Mrocza

Given By:

Kathi Thompson
 Family
 Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 Michael Kahlfeldt
 Stefania Chase
 Mary Krcmarik
 Mary Krcmarik
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 David Kerchner
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 Carl & Paulette Berg
 Jim & Cathy Schmid
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 Lynn Sorich
 Susan M. Dudley
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 James & Rose Fisher
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 Peter & Virginia Trusiak
 Gerry Schremp Family
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 Kathleen Conroy
 Steve & Margaret Dodd
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 Barb & Bill Jesse
 Michele Keller
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 G. Scowins
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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/08/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	722,311
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	736,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(13,689)
12/8/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	34,560
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	2,560

Thank you for your generosity!!



2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	133,400
Amount Pledged	\$	164,225
Amount Paid	\$	145,506
Remaining Balance	\$	18,719
Rebate Amount	\$	8,474
# of Families Pledged		611

GEMS

TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND ALL O.L.M. PARISHIONERS AGE 50 AND OVER...

CHILI COOK-OFF AND BINGO!!!!

FEELING HUNGRY? January is time for our traditional "Chili Cookoff" luncheon. So dust off your best chili recipes and let's see great participation. As always, dessert contributions to share are appreciated. Our meeting will be at Noon on January 8 in the PLC.

Also, in true OLM fashion, please consider donating either single or double sized bed sheets for use at Hesed House.

Our GEMS advisory group meets on the first Thursday of each month to formulate plans and ideas for future GEMS activities...come join us...out next meeting will be on January 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

We will continue to collect GEMS dues (\$20 per person under age 80).

SIGN UP NOW: A special trip to Drury Lane Theater has been planned for Thursday, February 20 to view a performance of "An American in Paris". Those planning on participating should get their money in to Rose ASAP.



Gifts of Appreciated Stock

A gift of stock in certificate form should be post-marked by December 31st or your financial advisor can arrange for a year-end gift of stock from your account. Your gift of appreciated stock is fully deductible up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

Instructions for making a stock donation to the CEF can be found here:

http://cefjoliet.org/Ways_To_Give/Stock_Donation

3PM IN THE CHURCH & PLC
Christmas Eve 5PM
Tuesday 6:30PM
Dec 24 12AM MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day 9AM
Wednesday 11AM
Dec 25 12:30PM

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MASSES

Vigil of Mary
Tuesday 4pm
Dec 31 of God

Come thou long expected Jesus

Solemnity of Mary
Wednesday 9AM & 11AM
January 1

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WITH ORCHESTRA
MIDNIGHT MASS
 12/24/2019 | 11:30PM
 AT THE CHURCH

A CHRISTMAS CAROL PROGRAM
 12/24/2019 | 11:30PM
 CHURCH

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Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	December 22	
9:00-10:00a	Art & Environment	Church/MPR
9:00-11:00a	Faith Conversations	Rm 211/213
MONDAY	December 23	
8:30-10:00a	Art & Environment	Church/MPR
TUESDAY	December 24	
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
WEDNESDAY	December 25	
	No Activities	
THURSDAY	December 26	
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	PLC
FRIDAY	December 27	
	No Activities	
SATURDAY	December 28	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
SUNDAY	December 29	
12:00-2:00p	Faith Conversations	Rm 211
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

**Our Lady of Mercy
 Christmas Masses
 December 24 & 25**

Tuesday	3:00p PLC	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia
	3:00p Church	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper
	5:00p	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tiongson
	6:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
Wednesday	Midnight	Fr Don McLaughlin & Fr Mark Bernhard
	9:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Phil Rehmer
		Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tiongson
		Fr Mark Bernhard

**Weekend Masses
 December 28 & 29**

Father Mark will Preach at all Masses

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr Mark Bernhard
Sunday:	7:30a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Martini
	9:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tiongson
	10:45a	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
	12:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
	5:30p	Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper

SAVE THE DATE

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)
 Renewal Weekend**

Men's Renewal Weekend
February 29 & March 1, 2020

Women's Renewal Weekend
March 7 & 8, 2020

LENT 2020

Men's Contact | Bob Maxwell
CRHPOLM@gmail.com

630.962.8464

Women's Contact | Imelda Orig
CRHPOLM@gmail.com

312.409.1644



Widowed and feeling stuck?

Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed

Ministry program presents a

Retreat/workshop for men & women

March 14 & 15, 2020

at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

WEDDINGS: The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

HOSPITALITY: "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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