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# Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Come,  
celebrate the birth of  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Tuesday, December 24

- ◆ 3:00pm—Children's Liturgy: Children's Choir & Brass Ensemble
- ◆ 5:00pm—English Mass: Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble
- ◆ 10:00pm—English Mass: Cantors & Brass Ensemble
- ◆ Midnight—Polish Mass

### Wednesday, December 25

- ◆ 9:30am—English Mass: Cantors & Brass Ensemble
- ◆ 11:30am—English Mass: Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble
- ◆ 1:30pm—Polish Mass

“Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary  
your wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Across this liturgical year, we hear Saint Matthew's Gospel. And in this holy season that celebrates the birth of Jesus, we hear a story unique to Matthew—the journey of the Magi. He writes: "The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

We can imagine their joy. They discovered the one for whom they longed and searched. He is the newborn Jesus. His mother Mary holds him in her arms and, at the same time, presents him to the world. In this simple gesture, she evangelizes, gives us the living good news of her son. Then and now, it is a moment wrapped in joy.

On our journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, may this image of Mary, mother of the Lord, inspire and encourage us to carry and present Jesus to a world that is so much in need of him. In our marriages, families, workplaces, and communities, may we joyfully carry and present him who is the great light shining in darkness.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Cardinal George T. Sisk, Archbishop of Chicago.

Archbishop of Chicago

Droгие Siostry i drodzy Bracia w Chrystusie,

W bieżącym roku liturgicznym wsluchujemy się w słowa z Ewangelii świętego Mateusza. W tym świętym czasie, kiedy celebrujemy narodziny Jezusa, słyszymy szczególną dla świętego Mateusza historię – opowieść o wędrownie Trzech Króli. Ewangelista napisał: „Gdy ujrzeli gwiazdę, bardzo się uradowali. Weszli do domu i zobaczyli Dziecię z Matką Jego, Maryją”.

Możemy sobie wyobrazić ich radość. Odkryli tego, za którym tęsknili i kogo szukali. On jest nowo narodzonym Jezusem. Jego matka Maryja trzyma Go w ramionach, a jednocześnie przedstawia Go światu. W tym prostym eście ewangelizuje, przekazując nam dobrą nowinę o swoim Synu. Ten moment, podobnie jak wtedy, tak i teraz jest obleczony w radość.

Niech ten obraz Maryi, Matki Pana, inspiruje nas podczas naszej wędrówki ku odnowie Archidiecezji Chicago. Niech dodaje odwagi, abyśmy nieśli światu Jezusa, temu światu, który tak bardzo Go potrzebuje. W naszych małżeństwach, rodzinach, miejscach pracy i wspólnotach z radością nieśmy i przedstawiamy Tego, który jest wielkim światłem jaśniejącym w ciemności.

Niech Pan błogosławi Wam i Waszym najbliższym w tym świętym czasie.

Szczerze oddany Wam w Chrystusie,

Handwritten signature of Cardinal George T. Sisk, Archbishop of Chicago.

Arcybiskup Chicago





Dear Friends,

“Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, and Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.” (Is. 9:1, 5 and Lk. 1:33) With these words the Sacred Liturgy announces the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. It is truly a joyous day in which we join Christians all over the world in welcoming into our hearts the King and Ruler of all creation born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I hope this season of Advent and then Christmas finds you and your family in good health and grace.

It has been about six months since my appointment to St. Thomas of Villanova parish and this is my very first Christmas here. My heart is full of gratitude to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon this parish community and I am overwhelmed with the warm welcome that I have received here from you.

We do many wonderful things here in our parish and school, but for me as a priest and pastor the most important is to be a spiritual leader, a person who brings Christ to people and brings people closer to Christ, through the sacraments, by celebrating liturgies and by prayer. We do all that here, and in this passing year of 2019 we joyfully welcomed newly baptized members into the Catholic faith, we witnessed young people joining their lives together in marriage, and offered Holy Communion for the first time to second grade students, and we confirmed our graduates. But then also in those less happy moments, we witnessed the suffering, sickness, and death of our parishioners and loved ones. My heart is with all of you and I pray that this parish is a place that all of you can call home, where you can find comfort, happiness, friendship and love.

As with each place in life, our parish home needs to be kept in good and clean condition. We want consistently to do this here so that we can be proud of what we have and can serve all those who come into our parish home. Please consider being as generous as possible this Christmas to our parish, your home. Part of being a pastor and a leader is to be a good steward who takes good care of God’s home. I have never met a pastor that likes to ask for money, and I don’t like doing it either. But I have to do it. I know that you are very generous, but maybe this Christmas you might be able to give even more. Without your help, we won’t be able to serve one another in so many different ways. And this is what Christ wants us to be, his servants.

And finally, I want to remind you that celebrating the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gives us the opportunity to once again return to the true spirit and joy of this blessed season. The danger for us is to get too caught up in the commercialized side of the holiday so that we forget the heart of what we celebrate. The greatest sin today of our modern culture is the sin of complacency and indifference. Many are satisfied with stripping this holy season of Jesus Christ; we must fight this temptation and bring Christ to the center of our celebrations. You and I must be witnesses of the Lord Jesus by reminding all our neighbors and friends of the true meaning of this feast.

As you gather with your family and friends, consider the lights of the Christmas tree and the trees and bushes outside your homes. These are the hidden symbols of Jesus Christ who is the “Light of the World”. Allow the Light of Christ to penetrate deep into your hearts and souls so that rediscovering your faith, renewing your commitment to Him, and reliving the mysteries we celebrate, you will truly have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

May the Infant Child Jesus and his most Blessed Mother grant you the joy and peace of this holy season and keep you and your loved ones safe. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Kris



*Image by Fr. Kris Janczak*

# Parish Events

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 22

9:40am Children's Liturgy MRD  
7:00pm Volleyball—POLISH RAC

### Monday, December 23

—OFFICE CLOSED—

10:00am Church Decorating Church

### Tuesday, December 24

—OFFICE CLOSED—

### Wednesday, December 25

—OFFICE CLOSED—



### Thursday, December 26

2:30pm STV School Athletics RAC

### Friday, December 27

No Activities

### Saturday, December 28

—OFFICE CLOSED—

7:00pm VOICES Winter Formal RAC

### Sunday, December 29

9:40am Children's Liturgy MRD  
7:00pm Volleyball—POLISH RAC

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday 12/23:** Closed

**Tuesday 12/24:** Closed

**Wednesday 12/25:** Closed

**Thursday 12/26:** 9am—5pm

**Friday 12/27:** 9am—5pm

**Saturday 12/28:** Closed

**Monday 12/30:** 9am—5pm

**Tuesday 12/31:** Closed

**Wednesday 1/1/2020:** Closed

# TODAY

- **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY PROGRAM** Begins today through next weekend (Page 5)

# UPCOMING

- **CHURCH DECORATING** Monday, December 23 (See below)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Friday, December 27 at 1pm. Group lunch at Olive Garden—630 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights.
- **VOICES PRE—NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE** Saturday, December 28 (Page 7)
- **DAILY HERALD AD PROJECT** Next Weekend (Page 6)
- **STV SCRIPTURE STUDY—WINTER SESSIONS** (Page 6)
- **MEN'S RETREAT** January 17—19, 2020 (Page 6)
- **COUPLES BAGS TOURNAMENT** January 18, 2020 (Page 6)

## CHURCH DECORATING

On Monday, 23 December – 10:00am, the Art & Environment Team invites you to help us decorate the Church for Christmas. All grown-up size willing hands (teens and adults) are welcome. We will meet in the Church. *We hope to see you there.*



## ADVENT PRAYER WREATH

Advent Wreaths are in the Gathering Area and the Narthex for you to share your Advent hopes and prayers with your Parish Family by writing your intention on the papers provided and then hanging them on the wreath. At the end of the Advent season, your prayers will be placed in a gift box and placed in the Church crèche.



## 2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Please take home a 2020 calendar compliments of Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home. These Catholic appointment edition calendars are available in both English and Polish at all the Church exits. Be sure to add all the upcoming STV events so you don't miss out!

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**



**A "Faith in Action" Program**

*Presented by the Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council #4977 & STV's Christian Family Movement*



**Overview**

To help your family live out the joy of Christ, a special *Consecration to the Holy Family prayer card* will be distributed at next weekend's Masses in order that families might come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Preparing for the *Consecration to the Holy Family* is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

**The Program's Timeframe**

This week-long program begins today and concludes on December 28 / 29—the Church's "Feast of the Holy Family".

**Consecration to the Holy Family Action Steps**

- We suggest that your family pray together each day for the week prior to the consecration (at Dec 28/29 masses). The Holy Family prayer card will help with your family prayer.
- We encourage each family to intentionally fast at least a week prior to the consecration. Consider fasting from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts, and moves us to be more focused on God.
- We strongly encourage each member of your family to go to confession before the consecration.



It is our hope that you are able to embrace this program as a family, and solemnly participate in our week-long *Consecration to the Holy Family* program.

**2020 LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

Mark your new 2020 calendar today because Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A. will be with us for three nights—**Sunday through Tuesday, March 15, 16 & 17, 2020**. We'll meet in the Church at 7pm each night to hear "*What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?*" Stay after the Mission for hospitality and community sharing in the Gathering Area. More info soon...



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA  
Religious Education Community

*Catechist Corner*  
*Getting to know our Catechists*

*Michelle Peterson*

**Teaches:**

1st

**Years Taught:**

4

**Why Volunteer?**

I enjoy working with children. My daughter is studying to be an elementary



teacher, and she co-teaches with me when she is home from college.

**Hobbies:**

I enjoy scrapbooking, traveling, reading, playing board games and shopping!

**Fun fact:**

I'm a Disney addict and have been to Disney World 47 times.

*Jaime Steinike*

**Teaches:**

2nd

**Years Taught:**

This is year 1!

**Why Volunteer?**

I love working with kids!

**Hobbies:**

Reading, scrapbooking and relaxing!

**Fun fact:**

I have been a special education teacher for almost 20 years!



## DAILY HERALD AD PROJECT

On January 22, 2020 we mourn 47 years since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Since that fateful day, over 60 million unborn children have lost their lives to abortion. At least as many women and men are living with a lifetime of regret. (See abortion recovery help-line below.)

Catholic Parishes in Vicariate I are again sponsoring ads in the Daily Herald to acknowledge the dignity and humanity of each of these human lives.

Please consider contributing \$5.00 (minimum) toward the cost of the ad. Sponsors have the option of listing their names in the ad or remaining anonymous. The ad will run on Sunday, January 19 in the first section of the Daily Herald.

Members of the Respect Life Team will be available to accept your donations after Mass next weekend (Dec. 28/29) or you can complete the form below and drop it off at the table or the Parish Office by Monday, January 6. You can see a sample of the ad at the tables on Dec. 28/29, too.

### RESPECT LIFE DAILY HERALD AD CAMPAIGN

I/we wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help sponsor the newspaper ad in the Daily Herald.

I/we wish my/our name to appear in the Daily Herald as a supporter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we DO NOT wish my/our name to appear in the Daily Herald

Thank you for your support!

## STVSS - WINTER OFFERINGS 2020

STV Scripture Study (STVSS) will begin again in January. Take a look at what we will be offering:



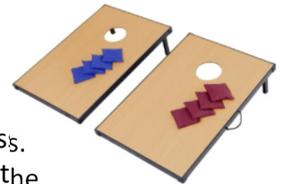
- ◆ **Romans: The Gospel of Salvation** (An 8-week study)—Cost: \$30 • Friday mornings from 9:30-11:15am, beginning January 10, 2020 AND • Tuesday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning January 14, 2020
- ◆ **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** (A 8-week study)—Cost: \$22 • Saturday mornings from 8:45-10:30am, beginning January 11, 2020
- ◆ **Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance** (An 8-week study)—Cost: \$29 • Monday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning January 13, 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!

To register: Contact Nancy Hulsebosch at [nhulsebosch@gmail.com](mailto:nhulsebosch@gmail.com) or 847-757-5630 Scholarships available.

## COUPLES BAGS TOURNAMENT

The 13th Annual St. Thomas of Villanova Couples Bags Tournament will be held in the Rowley Activity Center on **Saturday, January 18th, 2020** after the 5:00pm Mass. All engaged and married couples are welcome. Watch the bulletin for further details. See you there! If you would like to help with this event, please call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999.



## TAILGATING WITH GOD!

Encountering Jesus in Our Everyday Lives

Men's Weekend of Reflection

January 17-19, 2020



Prayer, Presentations, Discussion, & Quiet Time  
**JOSEPH & MARY RETREAT HOUSE**

on the beautiful & peaceful grounds of Mundelein Seminary!

Retreat Leader: **Deacon Mark Duffey**

Kickoff: Dinner Fri. 1/17 at 6pm; Final Whistle: Mass Sun. 1/19 at 11am

Attire: Casual – wear your favorite team gear!

All meals professionally prepared, including a tailgate-style lunch on Saturday!

Registration/Questions: 847-566-6060 or [jcumings@josephandmaryretreat.com](mailto:jcumings@josephandmaryretreat.com).  
\$250 for the full weekend



*Third Homily*

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

I want to express a sincere thank you to all of the parishioners who expressed their condolences and prayers on the recent death of my Uncle Leo Rzepiela. He is the last of the Aunt and Uncle generation. He passed away suddenly at the age of 94. He lived in California for the past 47 years. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in California. Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Funeral Mass here last Saturday at St. Thomas.

I want to also thank all the parishioners who came to "my house" last Sunday - St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. The Open House was a fun experience for all. The twenty beautifully decorated Christmas trees are lovely. The refreshments were fantastic. Even Santa had a great time.

And lastly, Merry Christmas to our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family. It is a great time of family life, peace and love. May Jesus who was born in the town of Bethlehem open our minds and hearts to God's love and our arms and hands to those in need in our towns of Palatine and Arlington Heights.

Wherever you might be on Christmas, remember I will be praying for you to experience the peace that only Baby Jesus can give. Celebrate God's love in yourself and in your family.

Wishing you God's blessings and a Merry Christmas!!!

*Father Tom*

Father Tom Rzepiela, Pastor Emeritus

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Did you miss Confirmation as an adolescent? Adult Confirmation classes will begin for men & women, 18 years old and above (not in high school), February 24, 2020 at St. Edna Parish—2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts.

**WHO MAY ATTEND:**

A candidate must:

- ⇒ be 18 years old and out of high school
- ⇒ have already received the sacraments of Baptism & First Communion

**PREPARATION SESSIONS:**

Mondays at 7:00pm—9:00pm; February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 30, April 6, 20, 27

**REHEARSAL (required) & RECONCILIATION:**

Thursday May 7, 7 p.m. Tentative; Location- TBA

**CONFIRMATION MASS:**

Thursday May 14, 7 p.m. Tentative; Location- TBA

For more information, please e-mail Lorie Crepeau at [lcrepeau@stedna.org](mailto:lcrepeau@stedna.org).



**VOICES**

**STV Youth Group**

**FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS**

**PRE-NEW YEAR'S EVE FORMAL**

Saturday, December 28

7pm—10pm

Rowley Activity Center



Join us for a festive night of socializing, dancing and ringing in the New Year... well, a little early! Please dress fancy for the formal. So, ladies— pull out those homecoming and prom dresses you wore once and get glammed up! Guys—put on your best bow tie and collar shirt and get ready to party!

Snacks, Hors d'oeuvres and Drinks will be provided at no cost!

For more information:

[Jeff@stvoices.org](mailto:Jeff@stvoices.org)

[www.stvoices.org](http://www.stvoices.org)

**NOTE:**

**NO WEDNESDAY DROP-IN  
DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1**

## From the Principal's Desk

What a wonderful weekend of faith and fellowship! We enjoyed the December Family Fun and Movie night, helped out our community with the Gift of Love project and celebrated the lighting of our Christmas tree. Thanks to all who participated and attended!



Pajama Fun at the Christmas Movie & Fun Night



Serving Others at the Gift of Love Program



Christmas Cheer at the Tree Lighting Ceremony

God Bless,  
Mary Brinkman



## ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Thomas of Villanova School welcomed twenty new students for the 2019-2020 school year under the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program, thanks to generous donors. As we continue to grow our enrollment, a terrific opportunity is available to help us provide a quality, Catholic education to families who might not otherwise afford it.

A group of generous donors have agreed to pool resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. **For every dollar designated to St. Thomas of Villanova School through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020, St. Thomas will receive two dollars in matching funds for need based scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year.** The donations are capped at \$50,000 per school. This equates to \$150,000 of scholarships.

**Donors can receive a 75% Illinois state income tax credit for donating to needs based scholarships through the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2019 taxes should begin the process by Dec 16, 2019 to ensure enough time to make their gift by December 31, 2019.**

This is a huge opportunity for kids and families. You can provide a St. Thomas of Villanova School education to children from low-income families while also receiving a state tax credit for yourself. It's a Win-Win situation. Visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more or contact the school.

The Illinois Invest in Kids Act provides for scholarship giving that is different from charitable giving to FRIENDS of St. Thomas of Villanova School or to the Parish. Please visit the archdiocese website to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program. **You must designate St. Thomas of Villanova School and donate through Empower Illinois to benefit our school.**

*If you want to apply for a need-based scholarship to St. Thomas of Villanova School for the 2020-2021 school year, the application process will begin mid-January 2020. If you received a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year, you must reapply for 2020-2021 school year.*

**2019 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$21,400.00
Dec 1	\$ 19,844.30	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 21,187.30	(\$ 212.70)
Dec 8	\$ 17,608.91	\$ 3,143.00	\$ 20,751.91	(\$ 648.09)
Dec 15		Not available at time of publication		
Dec 22				
Dec 29				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 492,200.00
YTD Actual	\$ 468,396.90
Over / (Under)	(\$ 23,813.10)

**THANK YOU!**



**ON-LINE GIVING**

GiveCentral online giving is a convenient way for St. Thomas of Villanova to receive your Sunday Sacrificial Giving (SSG) support, as well as other giving opportunities. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

You can donate to these funds:

- **Sunday Giving**
- **Sharing / Ministry of Care**
- **“To Teach Who Christ Is”**
- **Parish Christmas 2019**

**How to sign up:**

1. Go to [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)
2. Click **“FIND YOUR CHARITY”**
3. Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture when it appears.
4. Choose a fund to which you would like to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click **“ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET.”**
5. You may click **“CHECKOUT”** at any time, or add more donations, if you wish.
6. Click **“CONTINUE,”** then **“COMPLETE PROFILE”** to register.
7. Complete the registration form, then click **“REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT.”**
8. *You’re registered!* You will receive a confirmation email from GiveCentral.

**THANK YOU!**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Along with your Sunday offering, our collections on Christmas, Easter and other Holy Days provide the income which pays our Parish Family’s operational expenses. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings in the Christmas envelope. To meet our goal of \$100,000, we suggest that each Parish household donate a gift of at least \$175.00.



For some, this might be impossible. For others, a larger gift may be a fitting expression of thanks and of praise to God for all of His blessings, especially the gift of His Son. If possible, you might increase your Christmas gift in the name of those parishioners who cannot give as they would like because of their current financial situations.

*To provide your Christmas donation electronically, please use GiveCentral.*

THANK YOU for all your generosity! *Your Finance Committee*

**DOLLAR SHOPPING POWER (DSP)**

**No submission today or on Sunday, December 29.**

All orders placed now will be included in the next submission on January 5 and cards will be available on January 9.

- ◆ If paying by check, your last opportunity to drop off payment will be by Friday, January 3 to the Parish office by 9am.
- ◆ If paying by Prestopay, you must submit your order by 12pm on Sunday, January 5.

If you have any questions, please contact the DSP Coordinator at [stvdspshopping@gmail.com](mailto:stvdspshopping@gmail.com).



# Our Weekly Prayers

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 23

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am All Who Are Sick  
 † Lou & Chic Anderson



### Tuesday, December 24 —CHRISTMAS EVE—

3:00pm Mass—ENGLISH  
 5:00pm Mass—ENGLISH  
 10:00pm Mass—ENGLISH

### Wednesday, December 25 —CHRISTMAS DAY—

Midnight Mass—POLISH  
 9:30am Mass—ENGLISH  
 11:30am Mass—ENGLISH  
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

### Thursday, December 26

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Mark Savich  
 9:30am Mass—POLISH

### Friday, December 27

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Jim Burke

### Saturday, December 28

8:00am † Ron Schaefer  
 5:00pm † Marcy Weckler Barr

### Sunday, December 29

7:30am † Bernadette Dempsey  
 All Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 9:30am † Jennifer Lis  
 † Sylvia Gronski  
 † Ken Doruff  
 11:15am † Marie Kay  
 Int. for Judy & Frank Notaro  
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

## FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton	David Hicks	Elayne Maruska	Jane Samojla
Barbara Amato	Barbara Kerlin	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Shirley Serena
Baby Aubrey	Mary King	Brunilda Melendez	Virgilio Sotto
Richard Barnes	Andy Kist	Joanne Moser	Kristina Sromek
Alex Bingham	Roswitha Kist	Paul Moser	Richard Steelman
Carmen Cline	Mary Alice Kobler	Jeff Moskala	JoAnn Swanson
Jason Dean	Susan Kordell	Lana Murley	Robert Szott
Mary Depies	James LaCapra	Baby David Paprocki	Sharon Tadsen
Jeanne Formanski	Louis LaCapra	Amie Parisi	Jack Treanor
Parker Forseth	Mary Margaret Lazich	Larry Peterson	Alfreda Wasilewska
Steve Fortunski	John Lenz	Emily Piscitelli	Susan Wilberding
Bill Gerl	Harold Lewis	Jean Pope	Deacon Rich Willer
Phil Gerould	Ron Magnuson	Brad Rohrsen	Fr. Ray Yadron
Grace Gorska	Alexa Rae Mang	Rosalyn Rubino	Charmaine Zuchel
Edward Grygowski	Bob Maruska	Dick Samojla	Erin Zwadoo

## IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

### U.S. Army

- Lt. Col Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- SPC Jack Davis
- SSG Christopher M. Fedrick

- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger

### U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

### U.S. Marine Corps

- LCpl Nicholas G. Dean
- WO2 Thomas Grygowski
- SGT Cameron Miller
- SGT Kyle Rich
- CAPT Jake Schlenbecker

### U.S. Navy

- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AP James Steininger

And all those serving in the Middle East.

## OUR SEMINARIANS

Pray for all Seminarians as they continue their priestly formation, especially: Casey Flack, Andy Matijevic and AJ Sales



## ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of KIMBERLY PETTINGER  
 A Special Granddaughter

## FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† *Walter Kowalski*  
 Daughter of Danielle Tangorra

## WEEKLY READINGS

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: 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



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## Jesus Christ Our Lord

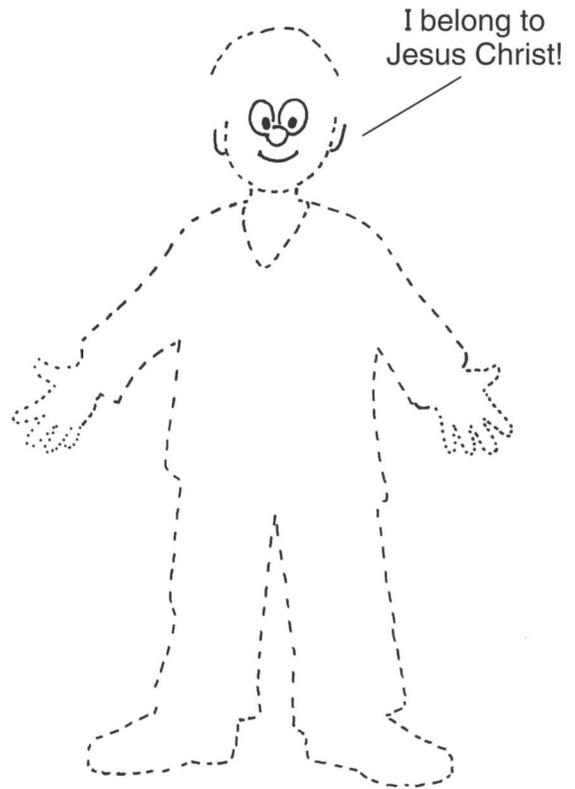
Paul wrote a letter to the Romans about Jesus.

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 28 / 29

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
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# Parish Information

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am  
1:30pm (*Polish*)  
  
Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)  
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** All are welcome!  
Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferably before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Class: Jan 9, Jan 21 & Feb 10.*

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

**COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

**PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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### IV NIEDZIELA ADWENTU – Wiara św. Józefa

Zdarza się, że szlachetne plany zostają nagle zburzone. Pojawia się wówczas bunt i niezrozumienie, nawet w formie modlitwy. Czy jednak idzie za nią posłuszne wypełnianie tego, co Bóg zamierzył? Sytuacja Józefa była analogiczna. Jego życie legło w gruzach. Był zaręczony z Maryją, a tu okazało się, że zanim zamieszkali razem, znalazła się w stanie błogosławionym. Czy możemy sobie wyobrazić jego ból, wątpliwości a nawet rozpacz? Górę wzięła jednak miłość do Maryji i posłuszeństwo wobec Boga. Miłość do Małżonki kazała mu szukać rozwiązania, które obroniłoby Jej godność i cześć, nawet kosztem uznania go za tchórza. Zaufanie Bogu wyrażone w posłuszeństwie wiary przezwytyczyło wszelki lęk. Wiara św. Józefa to droga milczenia, zasłuchania w Boże słowo, męznego posłuszeństwa Jego zamiarom.



### UROCZYŚCZOŚĆ NARODZENIA PAŃSKIEGO – Bóg jest bliski

Wszyscy chcą świętować. Czy jednak wiedzą co...? Świętowanie nie może być gorszeniem się tymi, którzy tajemnicę Bożego Narodzenia widzą w obficie zastawionym stole i zaśpiewanej kolędzie. Powinno być odpowiedzią na pytanie, jak obecnie ta tajemnica wpływa na moje życie. Oto Bóg staje się człowiekiem, wchodzi w ludzką rzeczywistość bym miał udział w Jego życiu, które jest pełnią szczęścia bez końca. To życie wzrasta we mnie zawsze, kiedy przyjmuję Słowo i wprowadzam Jego porządek. Boże Narodzenie to nie święto biernej akceptacji przyjścia Boga na ten świat. Pasterze wskazują, że trzeba wybrać się w drogę, odnaleźć Dziecię i wsłuchać się w treść Dobrej Nowiny, którą przynosi, zapytać Maryji i Józefa, którzy są najbliższą tej tajemnicy. Trzeba wyjść ze swoich przyzwyczajęń na poszukiwanie Nowonarodzonego, by zadziwić się wielką miłością Boga do człowieka...



### 26. grudnia – ŚWIĘTO ŚWIĘTEGO SZCZEPANA, PIERWSZEGO MĘCZENNIKA – Konsekwencje przyjęcia Jezusa

Opowiedzenie się za Jezusem i przyjęcie Go do swojego życia może wielu się nie spodobać. W XXI wieku co roku około 170 tys. ludzi ginie za wiarę w Jezusa. Kiedy On do mnie przychodzi, daje mi zapewnienie swojej obecności i opieki. Małe Dziecię to Bóg prawdziwy, który narodził się nie po to, by przez chwilę uradować nas swoim przyjściem. Jego bycie Emmanuelem, Bogiem z nami, wyraża się w obietnicy, że będzie z nami po wszystkie dni, aż do skończenia świata. Chce być źródłem ludzkiej mocy, wyzwalać z lęku przed światem. Co mam czynić, by Go nie zawieść? Postawa Szczepana, człowieka pełnego łaski i mocy, jest wskazówką. Mam ożywić i dynamizować w swoim sercu gorące pragnienie bycia z Jezusem we wszystkim i na zawsze, nawet w niełatwych doświadczeniach. A serce swoje napełniać łaską, obecnością Ducha Świętego, który jest darem Jezusa. Oto moja troska.

#### INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA

Intencje mszalne można zamówić po Mszy św. niedzielnej w pokoju marszałków lub zakrystii.

#### MSZE ŚW. W JĘZ. POLSKIM—

Niedziela: 1:30pm;

Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

#### Pierwsza Sobota miesiąca:

**Nabożeństwo 'Pierwszych 5. Sobót' i**

**Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;**

**Trzeci Piątek miesiąca: Nabożeństwo do Bożego Miłosierdzia i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm.**

#### SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.

Sakrament Chrztu Św. w jęz. polskim jest udzielany w każdą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. w języku polskim—prosimy o wcześniejszy kontakt z ks. Marcinem.



### Pierwsze Soboty Miesiąca

- Warunki nabożeństwa wynagradzającego:
- 1. spowiedź św. - może być odprawiona wcześniej,
- 2. różaniec - jedna część,
- 3. Medytacja (15 minut),
- 4. komunie św..

- Wszystkie warunki wypełniamy, wzbudzając intencję wynagradzającą Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi.

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#### SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym przynajmniej 6. miesięcy przed planowanym ślubem w celu ustalenia daty ślubu i spotkania się z księdzem.

#### SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Niedziela 12:45pm- 1:15pm.

#### RÓŻA RÓŻANCOWA

Spotkania w drugą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w każdą niedzielę przed Mszą św. o godz. 1:00 pm.

#### KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ

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