

One Family
in Faith Making

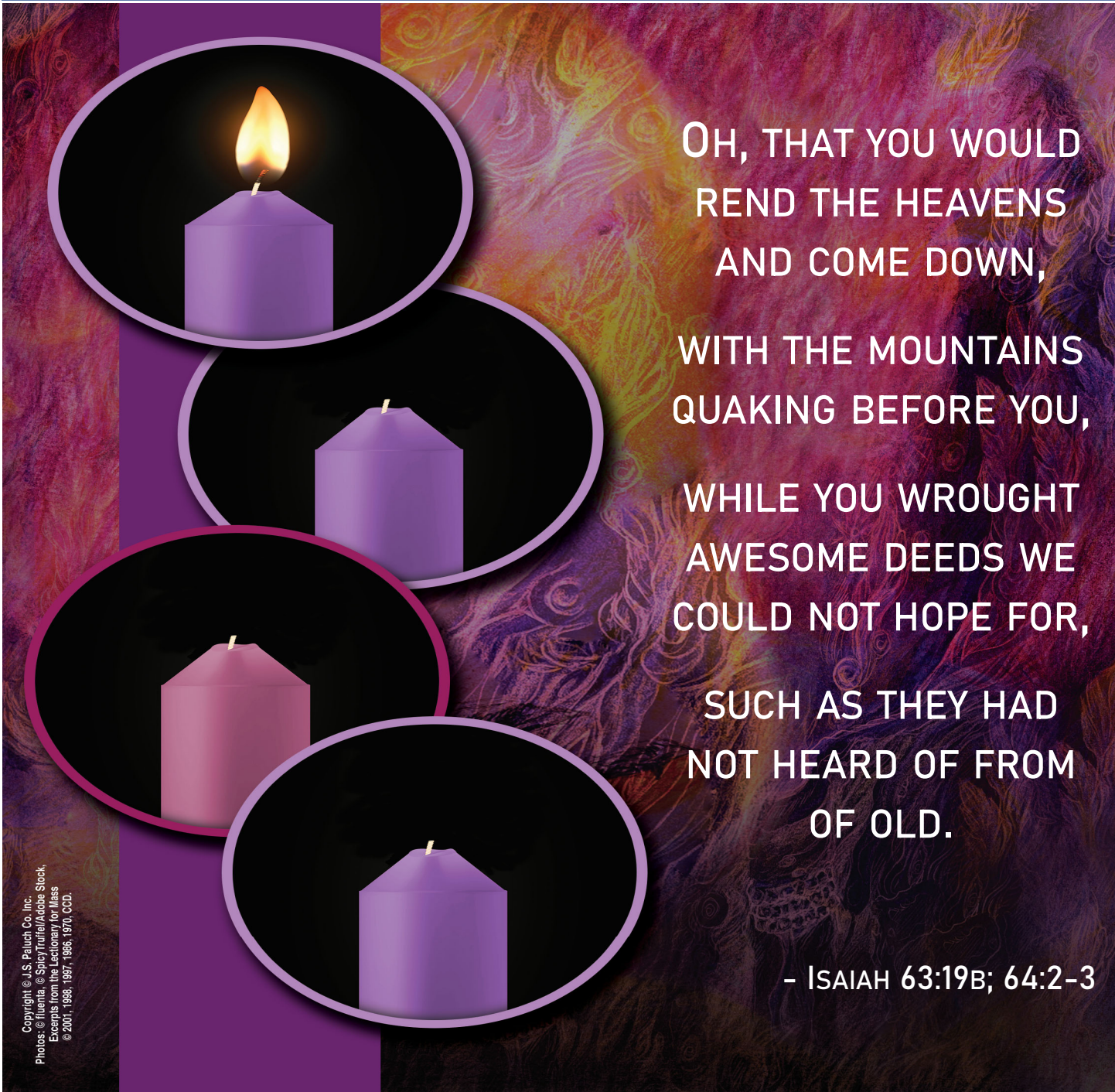


ST. MARY
IMMACULATE
Parish

Christ
Known

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



OH, THAT YOU WOULD
REND THE HEAVENS
AND COME DOWN,
WITH THE MOUNTAINS
QUAKING BEFORE YOU,
WHILE YOU WROUGHT
AWESOME DEEDS WE
COULD NOT HOPE FOR,
SUCH AS THEY HAD
NOT HEARD OF FROM
OF OLD.

- ISAIAH 63:19B; 64:2-3

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"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Lk 2:19).

Everything that happens to her ends up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of [#prayer](#) and be transfigured by it. [#GeneralAudience](#)"

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	November 30, 2020 Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	December 1, 2020 Miguel Chavez-Solis – (Family) Frank Bender – (Skip & Laura Vokaty) Harold & Margaret Corrigan – (Harold & Anne Corrigan)
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	December 2, 2020 Filomena & Gejza Simora – (Elena)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	December 3, 2020 Sue Henkel – (Greg & Mary Lee Dogwiler) Angel Escobar – (Rosanna Melgarejo) Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe Armando Rosales-Flores – (Rodolfo Rosales)
7:00 p.m.	
Friday – 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	December 4, 2020 Jack McBride – (Wife Shirley McBride) Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe Jose Ibarra – (Family)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	December 5, 2020 Angela & Jose Fuentes – (Frank & Lissy Salazar) People of the Parish
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	December 6, 2020 Tim Oberg – (AVL Group Friends) George Beutel – (Beutel Family) German Medina – (Cornelio Family) Dla calej rodzin



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of November 22, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$190,740	\$210,003
Amount Paid:	\$174,101	\$176,391
Amount Due:	\$16,639	\$33,611
Number of Donors:	785	862

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



The Word from Fr. Pat / La Palabra del Padre Pat / Słowo od Ojca Pat

*"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come."
Mark 13:33*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy new year! Today is, of course, the beginning of the new liturgical year. Our liturgical year runs from the first Sunday of Advent through the week of Christ the King of the Universe. So here we are on the precipice of a new year, expectant with whatever awaits us in the year ahead. Hopeful, I think, especially this year, for new grace and blessing.

When we're about to embark on something new, it always pays to look back on the old. What has the past year been like for us, spiritually speaking? Has this year found us growing in our relationship with the Lord? Have we been enriched by taking opportunities to live the Gospel: reaching out to the poor, being God's presence in our community, witnessing to the Truth in every situation we can? Have we been profitable in our repentance from sin, and have we found reconciliation with God a joyful experience of his mercy and love?

If these experiences haven't marked our year, it would be well to note where we have fallen short: What have we done that we wish we didn't do? What have we failed to do? Where have our thoughts and words been uncharitable and our deeds unpraiseworthy? Worse yet, have we been so convinced of our goodness that we resist the whole idea of repentance and downplay our need to change? This year has been a horrifying one: a pandemic, a rancorous political atmosphere, racial injustice, lack of respect for life, and so much more. These have undoubtedly affected us, but have they caused us to grow or fail in our spiritual lives?

I think for most of us, the answers are a little of each. There were probably some highlights in the year for us spiritually, and there has probably also been a little darkness. This Advent "new year" gives us the opportunity to celebrate the good and repent of the bad, opening ourselves to the possibility of change and progress in the spiritual life.

So how do we do that? Here are some suggestions. Let's call them strong suggestions:

1. **Go to confession.** There is nothing like the Sacrament of Penance to jump-start a year of spiritual growth. Taking an honest stock of our lives, leaving the bad at the foot of the Cross, and opening ourselves up to God's mercy will absolutely always give us the grace to grow into holy people. Always. Does this mean you have to go even if you don't know of any mortal sins in the recent past? Well, it certainly couldn't hurt. Whenever we absent ourselves from the Sacrament of Penance we forsake the experience of God's mercy and forgiveness, which is poured out on us most perfectly in this beautiful sacrament. If you haven't been to confession in years, this is your opportunity to start fresh. Know that you won't be judged, know that we priests are humbled and overjoyed when you return, know that we just want you to know God's love.
2. **Try one new spiritual practice this Advent.** Maybe that means going to daily Mass once or twice a week, or spending five minutes at work praying from a little devotional book or online resource, coming to drive-up adoration, or even just reading a few verses of Scripture before bed. One little change can yield a whole year of grace.
3. **Make an effort to live differently.** Dump a bad habit, start a new good habit, make a lifestyle change that lets God in just a bit more. Some ideas include dropping a quarter in a jar whenever you use language that is less than edifying, or making an effort to get to Mass on time if you're habitually running late, or stepping away from the computer or TV for ten minutes so that you have some time to pray, or ending a relationship that leads you into sin. There are many ways to repent, and we all have some need to do that, maybe big, maybe small, but always important. Every little change lets God embrace us in new ways.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be watchful and ready for the Day of his return. Advent is a good time for us to turn our hearts and minds to readiness if we have been lax over the past year. How we live and pray and work all has a bearing on whether or not we're open to his grace. May this Advent find us all actively waiting for the Lord's return and the fulfillment of his promises. May that active waiting open a world of new growth in the spiritual life for every person in this parish!

Yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,
Father Pat Mulcahy, Pastor



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*“Estén preparados y vigilando,
porque no saben cuándo llegará ese momento.”
San Marcos 13:33*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¡Feliz año nuevo! Hoy es, por supuesto, el comienzo del nuevo año litúrgico. Nuestro año litúrgico va desde el primer domingo de Adviento hasta la semana de Cristo Rey del Universo. Así que aquí estamos en el precipicio de un año nuevo, expectantes con lo que nos espera en el próximo año. Nuevas bendiciones y especialmente en este año; esperanza.

Cuando estamos a punto de embarcarnos en algo nuevo, siempre vale la pena recordar lo antiguo. ¿Cómo ha sido el año pasado para nosotros, espiritualmente hablando? ¿Este año nos ha encontrado creciendo en nuestra relación con el Señor? ¿Nos hemos enriquecido aprovechando las oportunidades para vivir el Evangelio: acercándonos a los pobres, siendo la presencia de Dios en nuestra comunidad, dando testimonio de la Verdad en todas las situaciones que podemos? ¿Hemos sido provechosos en nuestro arrepentimiento del pecado, y hemos encontrado la reconciliación con Dios como una experiencia gozosa de su misericordia y amor?

Si estas experiencias no han marcado nuestro año, sería bueno señalar dónde nos hemos quedado cortos: ¿Qué hemos hecho que desearíamos no haber hecho? ¿Qué hemos dejado de hacer? ¿Dónde han sido nuestros pensamientos y palabras poco caritativos y nuestras acciones indignas de alabanza? Peor aún, ¿hemos estado tan convencidos de nuestra bondad que nos resistimos a la idea del arrepentimiento y minimizamos nuestra necesidad de cambiar? Este año ha sido espantoso: una pandemia, una atmósfera política rencorosa, injusticia racial, falta de respeto por la vida y mucho más. Esto sin duda nos ha afectado, pero ¿han hecho que crezcamos o fracasemos en nuestra vida espiritual?

Creo que para la mayoría de nosotros, las respuestas son, un poco de cada cosa. Probablemente hubo algunos momentos destacados en el año para nosotros espiritualmente, y probablemente también hubo un poco de oscuridad. Este “año nuevo” de Adviento nos da la oportunidad de celebrar lo bueno y arrepentirnos de lo malo, abriéndonos a la posibilidad de cambio y progreso en la vida espiritual.

¿Entonces cómo hacemos eso? Aquí hay algunas sugerencias. Llamémoslas sugerencias sólidas:

1. **Vaya a la confesión.** No hay nada como el Sacramento de la Penitencia para iniciar un año de crecimiento espiritual. Hacer un balance honesto de nuestras vidas, dejar lo malo al pie de la Cruz y abrirnos a la misericordia de Dios, nos dará absolutamente siempre la gracia de crecer como personas santas. Siempre. ¿Significa esto que tiene que ir aunque no haya cometido ningún pecado mortal recientemente? Bueno, ciertamente no le afectaría. Siempre que nos ausentamos del sacramento de la penitencia, abandonamos la experiencia de la misericordia y el perdón de Dios, que se derrama sobre nosotros de la manera más perfecta en este hermoso sacramento. Si no se ha confesado en años, esta es su oportunidad de empezar de nuevo. Sepa que no será juzgado, sepa que los sacerdotes nos sentimos humildes y llenos de alegría cuando regresan a la confesión, sepa que solo queremos que conozca el amor de Dios.
2. **Trate una nueva práctica espiritual este Adviento.** Tal vez eso signifique ir a Misa todos los días, una o dos veces por semana, o pasar cinco minutos en el trabajo orando con un pequeño libro devocional o un recurso en línea, venir a la Adoración desde su auto o incluso simplemente leer algunos versículos de las Escrituras antes de acostarse. Un pequeño cambio puede producir todo un año de gracia.
3. **Esfuércese por vivir de manera diferente.** Deje un mal hábito, comience un nuevo buen hábito, haga un cambio de estilo de vida que le permita a Dios entrar un poco más. Algunas ideas incluyen dejar caer una moneda de veinticinco centavos en un frasco cada vez que usa un lenguaje que es menos que edificante, o hacer un esfuerzo por llegar a misa a tiempo si habitualmente llega tarde, o alejarse de la computadora o la televisión durante diez minutos para que tenga algo de tiempo para orar o terminar una relación que te lleva al pecado. Hay muchas formas de arrepentirse, y todos tenemos alguna necesidad de hacerlo, tal vez grande, tal vez pequeña, pero siempre importante. Cada pequeño cambio permite que Dios nos abrace de nuevas formas.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos llama a estar alerta y listos para el Día de su regreso. El Adviento es un buen momento para que volvamos nuestro corazón y nuestra mente a la preparación si hemos sido flojos durante el año pasado. La forma en que vivimos, oramos y trabajamos influye en si estamos abiertos o no a su gracia. Que este Adviento nos encuentre a todos esperando activamente el regreso del Señor y el cumplimiento de sus promesas. ¡Que esa espera activa abra un mundo de nuevo crecimiento en la vida espiritual para cada persona en esta parroquia!

Suyo en Cristo y Su Santísima Madre,
Padre Pat Mulcahy, Párroco



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„Uważaj! Bądź czujny!
Nie wiesz bowiem, kiedy nadejdzie czas.”
Św. Mk 13:33

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku! Dziś jest oczywiście początek nowego roku liturgicznego. Nasz rok liturgiczny trwa od pierwszej niedzieli Adwentu do tygodnia Chrystusa Króla Wszechświata. Jesteśmy więc u progu nowego roku, oczekując tego co nas czeka w nadchodzącym roku. Mam ogromną nadzieję, zwłaszcza w tym roku, na nową łaskę i błogosławieństwo.

Kiedy zaczynamy coś nowego, zawsze oplaca się spojrzeć wstecz na to co minęło. Jaki był dla nas miniony rok pod względem duchowym? Czy wzrastaliśmy w naszej relacji z Panem? Czy zostaliśmy wzbogaceni, gdy korzystaliśmy z okazji by żyć Ewangelią: czy docieraliśmy do ubogich, widzieliśmy obecność Boga w naszej wspólnoty, czy dawaliśmy świadectwo Prawdzie w każdej możliwej sytuacji? Czy umieliśmy wykorzystać czas pokuty a możliwość pojednania z Bogiem była dla nas radosnym doświadczeniem Jego miłosierdzia i miłości?

Jeśli te doświadczenia nie zaznaczyły naszego roku, dobrze byłoby zastanowić się gdzie zawiedliśmy: co zrobiliśmy, a czego nie? Co nam się nie udało? Gdzie nasze myśli i słowa były niemile, a nasze czyny niegodne pochwały? Co gorsza, czy byliśmy tak przekonani o naszej dobroci, że opieraliśmy się idei pokuty i bagatelizowaliśmy potrzebę zmiany? Ten rok był przerażający: pandemia, niemiła atmosfera polityczna, niesprawiedliwość rasowa, brak szacunku dla życia i wiele więcej. Niewątpliwie wpłynęły one na nas, ale czy spowodowały, że wzrastaliśmy lub upadaliśmy w naszym życiu duchowym?

Myślę, że dla większości z nas było wszystkiego po trochu. Prawdopodobnie w tym roku mieliśmy kilka ważnych duchowo wydarzeń i prawdopodobnie było też trochę ciemności. Ten „nowy rok” Adwentu daje nam możliwość celebrowania dobra i pokuty za zło, otwierając się na możliwość zmiany i postępu w życiu duchowym.

Jak więc to robimy? Oto pewne sugestie. Nazwijmy je mocnymi sugestiami:

1. **Idź do spowiedzi.** Nie ma nic lepszego od Sakramentu Pokuty, aby rozpocząć rok duchowego wzrostu. Uczciwe podsumowanie naszego życia, pozostawienie zła u stóp Krzyża i otwarcie się na Boże miłosierdzie absolutnie zawsze da nam łaskę wzrastania w świętości. Zawsze. Czy to oznacza, że musisz pójść do spowiedzi nawet jeśli nie miałeś/aś żadnych grzechów śmiertelnych w niedawnej przeszłości? Cóż, z pewnością nie zaszkodzi. Ilekroć nie bierzemy udziału w Sakramencie Pokuty, porzucamy doświadczenie miłosierdzia i przebaczenia Boga, które w tym pięknym sakramencie rozlewa się na nas najdoskonalej. Jeśli nie spowiadałeś się od lat, masz okazję zacząć od nowa. Wiedźcie, że nie zostaniecie osądzeni, wiedźcie, że my, kapłani, jesteśmy pokorni i szczęśliwi, kiedy wracacie, wiedźcie, że chcemy, abyście po prostu poznali miłość Boga.
2. **Wypróbuj jedną nową duchową praktykę w tym Adwencie.** Może to oznacza chodzenie na codzienną mszę raz lub dwa razy w tygodniu lub spędzanie pięciu minut w pracy na modlitwie z małej księgi nabożeństw lub zasobów internetowych, przyjdzie na Adoracji, a nawet po prostu przeczytanie kilku wersetów Pisma Świętego przed snem. Jedna mała zmiana może przynieść cały rok łaski.
3. **Postaraj się żyć inaczej.** Porzuć zły nawyk, zacznij nowy dobry nawyk, zmień styl życia, który pozwoli Bogu trochę więcej. Niektóre pomysły obejmują wrzucenie pieniążka do słoika za każdym razem, gdy używasz języka, który jest mniej niż budujący, lub wysiłek, aby dojechać na mszę na czas, jeśli zwykle się spóźniasz, lub odejście od komputera lub telewizora na dziesięć minut, abyś miał/a trochę czasu na modlitwę lub zakończenie związku, który prowadzi cię do grzechu. Jest wiele sposobów na pokutę i wszyscy mamy taką potrzebę, być może dużą, może małą, ale zawsze ważną. Każda mała zmiana pozwala Bogu objąć nas na nowy sposób.

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus wzywa nas, abyśmy byli czujni i gotowi na dzień Jego powrotu. Adwent to dobry czas, abyśmy zwrócili nasze serca i umysły do gotowości, jeśli przez ostatni rok byliśmy rozluźnieni. To, jak żyjemy, modlimy się i pracujemy, ma wpływ na to, czy jesteśmy otwarci na Jego łaskę. Niech ten Adwent znajdzie nas wszystkich aktywnie oczekujących powrotu Pana i wypełnienia się Jego obietnicy. Niech to aktywne czekanie otworzy przed każdą osobą w tej parafii świat nowego wzrostu w życiu duchowym!

Wasz w Chrystusie i Jego Najświętszej Matce,
Ojciec Pat Mulcahy, pastor

Our Family in Faith

Please remember the sick and the confined of our parish community, especially...

John Arduino, Marsha Bysak, Frank Carino Jr., Luz Contreras, Camilla Cook, Gloria Cook, Lois Costablile, Pat Cremeens, Patricia Cunningham, Lynette Dattomo, Mary Dickerson, Megan Dolan, Maureen Dranger, Alexander Dynako, Rick Erwin, Deborah Fadden, Jean Fiaoni, Sue Flynn, Brandon Franklin, Dana Freund, Paul Gadomski, Frances Galasinski, Wayne Galasinski, Margaret Gee, Steven Gentili, Mary Lou Gist, Avery Gladkowski, Janice Gregoire, Jennifer Grimm, Mark Gualberto, Donald Hahn, Mary Hanna, Erinn Heines, Dee Hii, Matt Hoch, Sue Hoch, Ken Hood, Pat Hood, Chris Jalove, Joe Jonish, Carmella Justice, Grant Justice, Kelly Kemp, Derek Khan, Donna Knight, Colleen Kowalke, Rita Kowalski, Lenita Krall, Lucille Lamb, Jeffrey Les, Zachary Loeffler, Rita Maksimik, Diane Markley, Michael Mardula, Shirley McBride, Margaret McCarthy, Lois McGowan, Gregory Mendoza, Amparo Mireles, Carmen Mireles, Elena A. Mireles, Raul Mireles, Benjamin Mollandin, Erik Mollandin, Kevin Moore, Michael Moravec, Wally Moskwa, Cheryl Muscato, Betty Nichols, Bob Nichols, Bobby Nichols, Sr. Roselyn Nichols, Lawrence Nonnie, Steve Obremski, Patricia O'Donnell, Maria T. Olvera, Ella Page, Siobhan Peacy, Corrine Pieroni, Willard Pisto, Joel Rivera, Kathy Schipman, Cathy Schuller, Hayley Schwartz, Rose Marie Selke, Mya Singh, Tim Slayman, Roseanne Smith, Dan Sochan, Stevie Lynn Stock, John Szklarski, Maria Tejeda-Ortega, Gerard Titchenal, Bruce Trevillian II, Al Urban, Keith Urban, Aurora Vargas-Rubi, Ed Wolosuk, Amelia Wyman, Everett Wyman, Florian (Butch) Zimecki, Tess Zimecki

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer cross, please contact Pat Mander, Pastoral Minister at 815-436-2651 ext 893.



Please keep:
Panfilo Chavez
Charlotte Fleck
William Jagiello
Josephine Lopez
and their families in your prayers.

In Memoriam

COVID-19 Changes to Masses

Due to the spike of COVID-19 cases in our area, and in order to best protect our SMI community, St. Mary Immaculate has made the following changes:

We have **postponed**, indefinitely, adding the 11:00 am Mass in English in the Gym that we had been advertising the last couple weeks.

We have temporarily lowered our capacity limits to all of our current Masses. **Capacity will be set at 100 people per Mass.** Tickets will still be required and are available online at www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/

Lighting Prayer Intention Candles



For your donation of \$3.00, we will physically light one of the candles near the Adoration chapel for your intention and add your intention to a list in the online bulletin.

To request a prayer intention and make your donation, please go to smip.org/candles

In Honor Of: *Intentions:*

Carl Goetttert

Going through alcohol rehab

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

O Come

Let Us

Adore

Him

Our Tentative Christmas Schedule is here! Please keep in mind that these Masses will only be held if we have enough volunteers to staff them, and is also contingent on no further more restrictive COVID measures. If you would like to volunteer to help at any of these Masses, please fill out the volunteer form at <https://smip.org/volunteer-form>.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

- 3:00 pm in the Church (English) - livestreamed
- 3:15 pm in the Gym (English)
- 5:00 pm in the Church (English)
- 5:15 pm in the Gym (English)
- 7:00 pm in the Church (English)
- 7:15 pm in the Gym (English)
- 9:00 pm in the Church (Polish)
- 11:00 pm in the Church (English) - livestreamed

CHRISTMAS DAY:

- 7:30 am Parking Lot Mass. No ticket required. Stay in your car and the Eucharist will be brought to you (English) - livestreamed
- 9:15 am in the Church (English) - livestreamed
- 9:30 am in the Gym (English)
- 11:00 am in the Church (Spanish) - livestreamed
- 11:15 am in the Gym (Spanish)
- 12:45 pm in the Church (English)
- 1:00 pm in the Gym (Polish)

Tickets will be available beginning December 7th at www.smip.org/masstickets. Anyone who volunteers to help at Mass gets first chance at tickets, to the Mass for which they are helping, for their family.



Volunteers Needed

St Mary Immaculate Parishioners are invited to witness their faith in a variety of ways in the parish and community. Listed below are current opportunities to make a difference through volunteering. Please prayerfully consider how you can share in the ministry of our parish.

Help with Live Streaming Masses:

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with livestreaming our daily and weekend Masses. We will also need help with the upcoming Holiday Masses. Training will be provided. If this is something that you feel you are being called to help in this way, please contact Jackson Brunsting at jbrunsting@smip.org

Soundboard Techs Needed

St. Mary Immaculate is looking for persons to fill the positions of Soundboard Technician. Must be available for weekend Masses and special Holy Days. Experience is preferred, but training is available. Interested persons please contact Terry Henderson, Director of Music, at thenderson@smip.org.





GIVING TREE 2020 (COVID EDITION)

It's not too late to help someone in need!

Signup online at www.smip.org/givingtree thru December 4th.

GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND

NOV. 28TH & 29TH

AND NEXT WEEKEND

DEC. 5TH & 6TH.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity and helping to share Christ's love, while brightening another's Christmas too!

We will be collecting the gift cards behind SMI school, in the bus lane on Frederick Ave. There will be no need to leave your car. ***Please place your gift cards in an envelope, clearly marked with the organization, gift number and person for which they were purchased.*** You will simply hand the envelope to the Giving Tree team member through your car window.

On **November 28th**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **3:30 pm until 5:30 pm**

On **November 29th**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **8:00 am until 1:00 pm**

On **December 5th**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **3:30 pm until 5:30 pm**

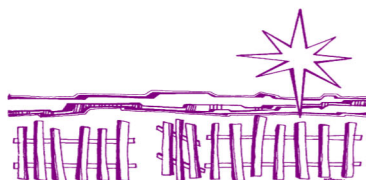
On **December 6th**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **8:00 am until 1:00 pm**

Donations can still be placed in the Giving Tree envelope and dropped in the collection box at Mass or outside the Commons Doors, done online, or mailed to St. Mary's and marked for Giving Tree.

All donations will be accepted until December 6th.

Any questions? Call Robin Contreras at (815)814-8457

www.smip.org/givingtree



**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Please remember to include St Mary Immaculate in your Giving Tuesday donations. Go to our webpage at smip.org and scroll to the bottom to find the Giving icon OR go directly to <http://smip.org/onlinegiving>. You can earmark your donation for the Capital Campaign, Sunday Contributions or any of the regular collections we have here at the parish.

Not computer savvy? Drop a check off in the grey drop box outside the Commons doors, in the memo section note where you would like your donation applied and we will handle the rest. Your contribution will be included in your end of year tax statement.

Thank you so much for your generous support of our parish. Without you our Lord's work would not be possible.



CELEBRATIONS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

New this year! Novena Masses:

Thursday Dec. 03 at 7:00 pm in Church

Friday Dec. 04 at 7:00 pm in Church

Monday Dec. 07 at 7:00 pm **in Gym**

On **Tuesday December 08** we will have a Spanish Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Wednesday Dec. 09 at 7:00 pm in Church

Thursday Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm Church

Friday Dec. 11 at 11:00 pm Church

December 12, 2020

Saturday Dec. 12 at 9:00 am Church

Saturday Dec. 12 at 11:00 am in Church

We will not be having the play of Our Lady apparitions nor the fellowship after Masses. It will be exclusively Masses for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Please note that seating is limited and reservations are required to attend these Masses.

Please reserve your tickets at www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/

Confirmation

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Nov. 29: High School Zoom session

Nov. 30: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dec. 3: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dec. 6: High School Online Class

You can reach us at 815-436-2861 and via email at gwurster@smip.org

www.smip.org/confirmation



First Saturday Devotion on December 5 after 9:00 AM Mass

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are, on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months: Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

Please join us for 9:00 AM Mass.* The recitation of the Rosary will immediately follow in the Church.

** Mass is limited to 100 persons. Attendance at Mass is required to participate in the rosary. Please call the parish office to reserve your seat.*



WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA



Join us for a **virtual** Advent Women's Tea on **Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM**. Get into the Advent/Christmas spirit and share a cup of tea with others. We will have a wonderfully enlightening talk given by Meg Bucaro as she shares insights and thoughts on: **Heaven Help Me! Finding Christ (or Peace) in the Chaos of Christmas.**

Meg is a college instructor, wife to "the Hubs", Mom of three energetic children and a highly skilled PB&J sandwich maker. Meg shares the ups and downs of Motherhood in her candidly humorous writings and speaking programs. She will share how Moms can maintain a life with less stress and more peace by leaning on their Catholic faith.

Thursday December 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Cost is \$5.00

Register at: smip.org/adventtea

Once registered, you will receive an email with the Zoom link.

Please consider St Mary Immaculate in your Year End Charitable Giving



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic-Security (CARES) Act created a temporary change to the tax treatment of charitable donations for those taxpayers that use the standard deduction.

If you no longer itemize charitable deductions, the CARES Act will allow individual taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal income tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above the line deduction up to \$600.

Those individuals over 59 ½ years of age can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100 percent of their adjustable gross income for the tax year.

Individuals 70 ½ and over can donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to a charity annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income. This is an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Please speak to your accountant or financial advisor for the best option, if any, for your particular financial situation.

Blessing of the New Holy Family Statue

On Sunday, November 22, 2020, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Pastor Fr. Pat Mulcahy Blessed the new statue of the Holy Family at St. Mary Immaculate Parish.

Thank you to our Anonymous Donor for purchasing this beautiful Holy Family Statue.

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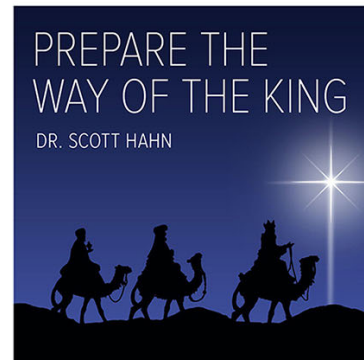
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For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por todos los fieles: Que Dios nos ayude a construir una cultura de la vida esperando vigilantes Su regreso;

Roguemos al Señor



Word of Life

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”
respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary



Palabra de Vida

“Tras haber recibido el don del Evangelio de la vida, somos el pueblo de la vida y un pueblo para la vida. Es nuestro deber proclamar el Evangelio de la vida al mundo. Proclamar a Jesús es proclamar la vida. La gratitud y la alegría ante la incomparable dignidad de la persona humana nos impulsan a llevar el Evangelio de la vida al corazón de todas las personas y hacer que penetre en todas las partes de la sociedad”.

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
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Christians everywhere are asked to unite in prayer for the 2020 intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis. Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's Intentions.



Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for December 2020:

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Suggested Daily Prayer:

Father, Here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day—all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess. With Mary, Mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month Amen.



VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2020

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers –priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet

- 1 Br. Augustine Mallak OSB, Br. Gregory Perron OSB, Br. Richard Poro OSB
- 2 Mark Ranieri, Rodney Sindac, David Stanton, (Deacon Canadates)
- 3 Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF, Sr. Lois Prebil OSF, Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF
- 4 Bishop Conlon
- 5 Sr. Janet Rieden OSF, Sr. Marianne Saieg OSF, Sr. Sandra Salois OSF
- 6 **Seminarian James Barbosa**
- 7 Frs. Krzysztof Janicki S.Ch., Bogdan Molenda S.Ch.
- 8 Sr. Rita Schmitz OSF, Sr. Elaine R. Schneider OSF, Sr. Clarita Schumacher OSF
- 9 Dcns. William Thomas, Arturo Tiongson, Matthew Tretina, Daniel Troy, Robert True
- 10 Fr. Steven Borello
- 11 Sr. Margaret Rose Szczesniak OSF, Sr. Mary Frances Seeley OSF, Sr. Louise Marie Skoch OSF
- 12 Fr. Zygmunt Ostrowski S.Ch.
- 13 Fr. Tomasz Sielicki S.Ch., Fr. Mirosław Stepień S.Ch.
- 14 Fr. Jacek Walkiewicz S.Ch.
- 15 Sr. Patricia Skowronski OSF, Sr. Rose Marie Surwilo OSF, Sr. Faith Szambelanczyk OSF
- 16 **Seminarian Thomas Logue**
- 17 Pope Francis
- 18 Dcns. Joseph Urso, Joseph Verdico, Herbert Waldron, Paul Walen, Robert Wallace
- 19 Dcns. Robert Waring, Douglas Wells, Charles Woods
- 20 Sr. Janet Tucci OSF, Sr. Therese M. Tusek OSF
- 21 Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF, Sr. Patricia Ann Wagner OSF
- 22 **Seminarian Jonathan Hernandez**
- 23 Dcns. Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24 Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek
- 25 Sr. Clare Wand OSF, Sr. M. Yvonne Weidner OSF, Sr. Vivian Whitehead OSF
- 26 Dcns. Guadalupe Villarreal, Francis Vonesh
- 27 Sr. M. Joan Clare Wisner OSF, Sr. Irene Yosick OSF
- 28 Fr. Roderrick Esclanda, Fr. Gerald Cole, Fr. Karl Langsdorf S.P.S.
- 29 Sr. Dolores Zemont OSF, Sr. M. Margaret Ann Zimmerman OSF
- 30 Sr. Lucille Adelman OSF, Sr. Nena Larocco OSF
- 31 Sr. Dorothy Clare Zuleski OSF, Sr. Helen Zulka OSF



Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Pope Francis

Prepared by Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Joliet Area Vocation Association (JAVA) Serra Club of DuPage County

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

JOB OPENINGS:

Immaculate Conception Parish - Elmhurst, IL

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To see a full job description, please visit <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=633>

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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed <i>(appointment required)</i>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed <i>(appointment required)</i>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed <i>(appointment required)</i>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed <i>(appointment required)</i>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed <i>(appointment required)</i>	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration <i>(Church Vestibule)</i>	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)
6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration <i>(In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</i>	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration <i>(Church Vestibule)</i>	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration <i>(In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</i>		2:30 PM Confessions <i>(until all are heard)</i> (COM)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)
					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 107.7 FM) <i>(live stream available)</i>	12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
						7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifteen
						7:30 - 8:30 PM AA Meeting (NWA)
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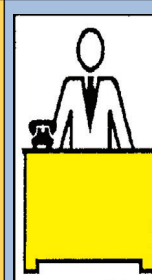
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