

One Family
in Faith Making



ST. MARY
IMMACULATE
Parish

Christ
Known

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



AS THE EARTH BRINGS
FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN
MAKES ITS GROWTH
SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD
GOD MAKE JUSTICE
AND PRAISE SPRING
UP BEFORE ALL THE
NATIONS.

- ISAIAH 61:11

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*“God’s grace
changes lives:
He takes us as
we are, but He never
leaves us as we are.”*

[#GeneralAudience](#)

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	December 14, 2020 James Mander – (Jeff & Rose Waller)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	December 15, 2020 Gerardo & Luz Alvelo – Living Intention – (Self) Robert Coffman – (Daughter Colleen) Evangeline Escobar – (Rosana Melgarejo)
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	December 16, 2020 Joseph Bacani – (Joshua, Ellie & Claire)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	December 17, 2020 Ronald Popernik – Living Intention – (Marielena Lavoie) Raymond & Mae Reid – (Harold & Anne Corrigan) Cheri Hruskoei – (John & Lu Delauriea)
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	December 18, 2020 Richard Goss – (Robert Goss & Family)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. (Parking Lot)	December 19, 2020 Souls in Purgatory – (Pedro & Nirna) People of the Parish
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	December 20, 2020 Shirley Stofko – (Family) Ruth Finnium – (Mark & Nancy Finnium) Alex Maravilla – (Family) S.P. Janina Stachura



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of November 29, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$193,168	\$210,003
Amount Paid:	\$180,087	\$176,391
Amount Due:	\$13,081	\$33,611
Number of Donors:	790	862

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Christmas is going to be different for all of us. Hopefully we are all going to celebrate safely so that everyone remains well, but that certainly isn't going to be the way we would choose to celebrate. Christmas Masses are now open for sign-ups on our website, and we do anticipate that they will "sell out" quickly. Unfortunately, we will not be able to increase our capacity, or add additional Masses at this time. We are doing what we can to accommodate as many people as possible.

We will still be live-streaming Masses for the foreseeable future, and several of our Christmas Masses will be livestreamed as well. In addition, you will be able to listen to all of the Masses celebrated in the main church via our FM radio transmission in our parking lot. For those unable to come inside for Mass because of health concerns, we are planning a parking lot Mass with distribution of Holy Communion, weather permitting, at 7:30 on Christmas morning.

For those who were unable to get tickets for Mass, it will be possible to listen to the FM transmission in our parking lot, and then receive Holy Communion after Mass. We suggest that you park in the main parking lot to watch the Mass via livestream, or listen on our FM station, then exit the lot after Mass at the Frederick Street exit and turn left, then receive Communion in the bus lane of the school. This will be available from 4pm-6:30pm on Christmas Eve and from 10am-12:30pm on Christmas Day. I know it's not a perfect solution, but please bear with us as we try to make something available for as many as possible.

I do want to give a shout-out to our volunteers. This business of checking people in and keeping people safe isn't easy, and we have been blessed by our volunteers giving sometimes hours of their time on weekends for the various Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and confession times here at Saint Mary's. They have helped us to keep people safe and still gather together for Mass during this difficult time. They will be doing extra duty during the Christmas weekend, and that is asking a lot of all of them. I would ask that you take a moment to thank them the next time you see them. And please, even though the logistics are frustrating, please don't give them a hard time. Their generosity needs to be encouraged.

I also want to thank those who have helped us financially during this time. I know times are hard for everyone, and so your generosity is so very appreciated. At this time, we are down considerably in our collection, and if you can help us, it means a lot. I also want to say a word about our We Are Saint Mary's Capital Campaign. We haven't forgotten about it, the needs have not gone away. But in recognition of all that people are going through right now, we have not pressed hard on our fund-raising efforts. To those of you who have contributed anyway, thank you, and know that those funds will be used for their intended purpose. If you had hoped to be part of this but simply cannot right now, please know that we understand that, and we know that you will keep us in mind for the future.

Again, thank you for all that you do for Saint Mary's.

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

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*Estén siempre alegres, oren sin cesar
y den gracias a Dios en toda ocasión;
esta es, por voluntad de Dios, su vocación de cristianos.
1 Tesalonicenses 5:16*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Esta Navidad va a ser diferente para todos nosotros. Ojalá todos celebremos de manera segura para que continuemos bien de salud, ciertamente no será la forma en que elegiríamos celebrar. Las suscripciones para las misas de Navidad ya están abiertas en nuestro sitio web, y anticipamos que se "agotarán" rápidamente. Desafortunadamente, no podremos aumentar nuestra capacidad ni agregar Misas adicionales en este momento. Estamos haciendo todo lo posible para dar cabida a la mayor cantidad de personas posible.

Seguiremos transmitiendo misas en vivo en el futuro previsible, y varias de nuestras misas navideñas también se transmitirán en vivo. Además, podrá escuchar todas las misas celebradas en la iglesia principal a través de nuestra transmisión de radio FM en nuestro estacionamiento. Para aquellos que no puedan entrar a la Misa debido a problemas de salud, estamos planeando una Misa en el estacionamiento con distribución de la Sagrada Comunión, si el clima lo permite, a las 7:30 en la mañana de Navidad.

Para aquellos que no pudieron obtener boletos para la Misa, será posible escuchar la transmisión de FM en nuestro estacionamiento y luego recibir la Sagrada Comunión después de la Misa. Le sugerimos que se estacione en el estacionamiento principal para ver la Misa vía transmisión en Facebook o YouTube o puede escucharla en nuestra estación de radio de FM. Al salir del estacionamiento al término de la Misa en la salida de Frederick Street, gire a la izquierda, podrá recibir la Comunión en la parte trasera de la escuela. Estará disponible de 4 pm a 6:30 pm en Nochebuena y de 10 am a 12:30 pm el día de Navidad. Sé que no es una solución perfecta, pero les pido tengan paciencia con nosotros mientras intentamos hacer disponible lo más que podemos para la mayor cantidad



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posible.

Quiero dar un reconocimiento a nuestros voluntarios. El estar registrando a las personas y mantenerlas seguras no es tarea fácil, y hemos sido bendecidos por nuestros voluntarios que en ocasiones brindan horas de su tiempo los fines de semana para las diversas misas, bautizos, bodas, funerales y confesiones aquí en Santa María. Nos han ayudado a mantener a las personas seguras y así poder reunirnos para la Misa durante estos momentos difíciles. Estarán haciendo tareas adicionales durante el fin de semana de Navidad, y eso es pedirles mucho a todos. Les pido que se tomen un momento para agradecerles la próxima vez que los vean. Y, por favor, aunque la logística es frustrante, no les haga pasar un mal rato. Es necesario alentar su generosidad.

También quiero agradecer a quienes nos han ayudado económicamente durante este tiempo. Sé que los tiempos son difíciles para todos, por lo que agradecemos mucho su generosidad. En este momento, nuestra colecta ha bajado considerablemente, y si puede ayudarnos con algo, significa mucho. También quiero decir unas palabras sobre nuestra campaña de fondos We Are Saint Mary's Capital. No lo hemos olvidado, las necesidades no se han ido. Pero en reconocimiento de todo lo que la gente está pasando en este momento, no hemos presionado mucho en nuestros esfuerzos de recaudación de fondos. A aquellos de ustedes que han contribuido de todos modos, gracias y sepan que esos fondos se utilizarán para el propósito previsto. Si esperaba ser parte de esto pero simplemente no puede hacerlo ahora, sepa que lo entendemos y sabemos que nos tendrá en cuenta en el futuro.

Nuevamente, gracias por todo lo que hacen por Santa María.

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

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*Raducie się zawsze. Módlcie się nieustannie.
W każdych okolicznościach dziękujcie,
bo taka jest wola Boża względem was w Chrystusie Jezusie.
1 Tes. 5:16*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Te Święta Bożego Narodzenia będą inne niż zwykle. Miejmy nadzieję, że wszystko przejdzie dobrze i bezpiecznie chociaż z pewnością nie będzie to sposób, w jaki chcielibyśmy świętować. Msze Bożonarodzeniowe są teraz dostępne do rejestrowania się na naszej stronie internetowej i spodziewamy się, że szybko się „wyprzedadzą”. Niestety, w tej chwili nie będziemy w stanie zwiększyć liczby osób na poszczególnych nabożeństwach ani dodać dodatkowych Mszy. Robimy, co w naszej mocy, aby pomieścić jak najwięcej osób.

W najbliższej przyszłości nadal będziemy transmitować Msze św. na żywo w tym również kilka z naszych Mszy Bożonarodzeniowych będzie transmitowanych na żywo. Ponadto będzie można wysłuchać wszystkich Mszy Świętych odprawianych w głównym kościele za pośrednictwem naszej transmisji radiowej FM na naszym parkingu. Dla tych, którzy wolą pozostać w samochodzie, planujemy Mszę św. na parkingu z rozdaniem Komunii Świętej, przy sprzyjającej pogodzie, o godzinie 7:30 w Boże Narodzenie.

Ci, którym nie udało się zdobyć biletów na mszę, będą mogli posłuchać audycji FM na naszym parkingu, a następnie po Mszy św. przyjąć Komunię Świętą. Sugerujemy zaparkowanie na głównym parkingu, aby obejrzeć mszę za pośrednictwem transmisji na żywo lub posłuchać naszej stacji FM, a następnie po Mszy św. przyjąć komunię świętą (z boku kościoła) na Frederick Street na parkingu autobusów szkolnych). Komunię Św. będziemy udzielać od 16:00 do 18:30 w Wigilię oraz od 10:00 do 12:30 w Boże Narodzenie. Wiem, że to nie jest idealne rozwiązanie, ale proszę o wyrozumiałość, ponieważ staramy się obsłużyć jak największą liczbę osób.

Chciałabym wyrazić ogromne podziękowanie naszym wspaniałym wolontariuszom. Ta praca polega na zapewnianiu bezpieczeństwa parafianom uczestniczącym we mszy św. co często nie jest łatwe. Poświęcają oni swój czas w weekendy na różne msze, chrzciny, wesela, pogrzeby i spowiedzi tutaj, w Saint Mary's. Pomagają zapewnić ludziom bezpieczeństwo abyśmy mogli nadal gromadzić się razem na Mszy w tym trudnym czasie. Będą oni również pełnić dodatkowe obowiązki podczas świątecznego weekendu, a to wymaga od nich wszystkich ogromnego wysiłku i ofiarności. Następnym razem gdy ich zobaczysz, proszę, abyś podziękował/a im za ich służbę. I proszę, nawet jeśli są utrudnienia, nie róbcie im kłopotu. Należy zachęcać ich to jakże pięknego czynu pomocy nam wszystkim.

Chciałabym również podziękować tym, którzy w tym czasie pomogli nam finansowo. Wiem, że czasy są ciężkie dla wszystkich, więc twoja hojność jest bardzo ceniona. W tej chwili nasze składki są skromniejsze dlatego jeśli jesteś w stanie nam pomóc, to proszę pamiętać o nas. Chcę też powiedzieć kilka słów o naszej kampanii We Are Saint Mary's Capital. Nie zapomnieliśmy o niej, potrzeby nie odeszły. Ale uznając wszystko przez co ludzie teraz przechodzą, nie naciskaliśmy zbyt mocno na nasze wysiłki w celu zebrania funduszy. Tym z was, którzy mimo wszystko wnieśli wkład, dziękuję i wiedziecie, że te fundusze zostaną wykorzystane zgodnie z ich przeznaczeniem. Jeśli miałeś/aś nadzieję nas wesprzeć ale po prostu teraz nie możesz, wiedz, że to rozumiemy i wiemy, że będziesz o nas pamiętać na przyszłość.

Jeszcze raz dziękuję za wszystko, co robicie dla Matki Boskiej.

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

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 are available 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT



St. Mary Immaculate is providing additional opportunities to attend the Sacrament of Penance during Advent. We encourage you to do so and accept the grace of God's mercy and love as you let go of the burdens that keep you distanced from Him. What better way to prepare for Christ's coming birth!

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered:

Each Saturday beginning at 2:30 pm until all are heard

Monday, December 14 beginning at 7:00 pm until all are heard

Monday, December 21 beginning at 7:00 pm until all are heard

Please come earlier rather than later so that we don't miss you.

Enter through the Commons

A special note: please be aware that due to COVID restrictions and social distancing guidelines, lines for confessions will extend outdoors. Please make sure you take precautions to keep warm. We suggest staying in your car if the line is long and waiting for the line to get shorter, but if you want to stand in line, bundle up, it will be dark for those Monday night confessions so it may be cold.

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, 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:
Germaine Lobas
Leonne Will
Florian Zimecki
and their families in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Updates regarding Weekend Masses:

Capacity

We are happy to share that we have increased our capacity limits to all of our current Masses. **For Sunday Masses in the Church, capacity will be set at 200 people per Mass. For all Masses in the Gym, capacity will be set at 180 people per Mass.** Tickets will still be required and are available online at www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/

FM Station

The FM station for parking lot Mass has changed. **To listen to the Mass on our FM transmission, please tune your radio to FM 91.3.**

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 Goettert

Going through alcohol rehab



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



ISABELLA ALVARADO

Daughter of Ernesto & Carmen (Ruiz) Alvarado

JOYCE EMILY AVILA-GARCIA

Daughter of Joseph Avila & Elida Garcia

AMELIA MAE ANDREASEN

Daughter of Benjamin & Rachele (Baker) Andreassen

ENZO EDWARD ARMITAGE

Son of Andrew & Andrea (Aguirre) Armitage

KHELANI NEA CABRAL

Daughter of Giovanni Cabral & Carina Rodriguez

DAVID JON CARROLL III

Son of David & Ingrid (Layseca-Huerta) Carroll

PAOLA HERNANDEZ

Daughter of Roberto & Gabriela (Ortega) Hernandez

JACOB MICHAEL PARKER

Son of Michael & Katie (Faragher) Parker

MATTEO JOAQUIN RAMIREZ

Son of Ricardo & Andrea (Gutierrez) Ramirez

DANIEL ISIDRO SANCHEZ-PEREZ

Son of Oscar Sanchez & Roxana Perez

ADRIAN VERDUZCO

Son of Anthony Verduzco & Mariela Contreras

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Carlos & Guadalupe Castaneda
Plainfield, IL

Tom & Melissa Kolodziej
Plainfield, IL

Rodolfo & Gabriela Vargas
Joliet, IL

Eric & Christina Ennin
Plainfield, IL

Ricardo & Andrea Ramirez
North Aurora, IL

David & Grace Zepeda
Plainfield, IL

6 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since December 6, 2020.



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.



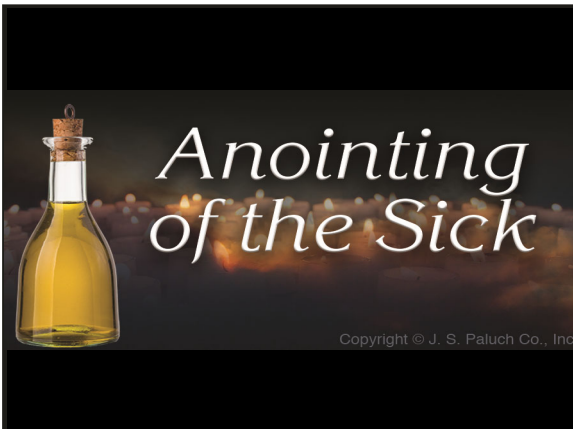
Confirmation

Dec. 14: Parent Teen Class. Recorded session link emailed to families

Dec. 20: High School Zoom Session

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

www.smip.org/confirmation



St. Mary Immaculate will be offering
Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, December 12
after the 4:00 pm Parking Lot Mass

Sunday, December 13
after the 7:30 am, 9:15 am English Masses
after the 11:00 am Spanish Mass

All those sick in body, mind, or spirit can receive this
wonderful sacrament of healing.

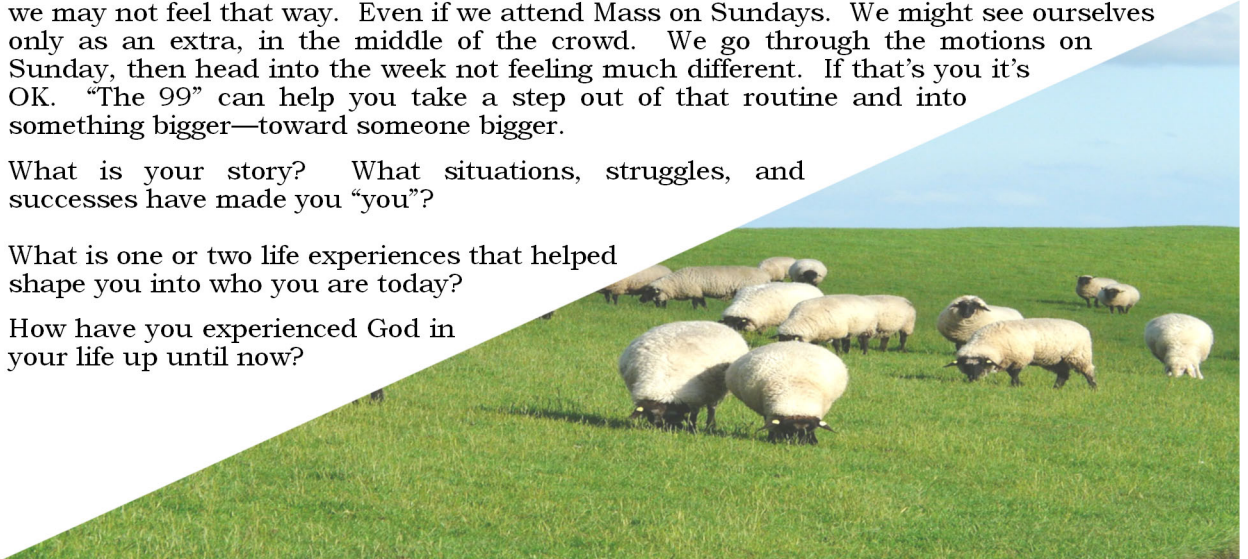
THE 99 EXPERIENCE—A REFLECTION

In her poem “The Dash” Linda Ellis uses the metaphor of a tombstone to shine the light on both our collective human existence and our distinctively individual stories. Ellis points out that while every tombstone is distinct—different names, dates of birth and death, and inscriptions—each one has one feature that is the same—the simple dash. That dash is a life’s worth of stories, of heartbreaks and joys, victories and struggles, accomplishments and failures, and moments of grace. Every person’s story is unique, and everyone’s journey is guided by God’s plan. And your story is an extremely important part of that plan. Sometimes we may not feel that way. Even if we attend Mass on Sundays. We might see ourselves only as an extra, in the middle of the crowd. We go through the motions on Sunday, then head into the week not feeling much different. If that’s you it’s OK. “The 99” can help you take a step out of that routine and into something bigger—toward someone bigger.

What is your story? What situations, struggles, and successes have made you “you”?

What is one or two life experiences that helped shape you into who you are today?

How have you experienced God in your life up until now?





ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food in high-need areas.
Food is free to low-income neighbors in need.
Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food.



Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.



For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp

Date:
Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Time:
5 PM - 6:00 PM

Location:
St. Mary Immaculate Parish

Address:
15629 IL Rte. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

**bags or boxes will be provided as this will be a drive-through style distribution*

Fecha:
Miércoles, 16 de diciembre de 2020

Hora:
5 a 6:00 PM

Lugar:
Iglesia de Santa Maria Inmaculada

Dirección:
15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

**Nosotros le proveeremos bolsas y cajas ya que se le entregará su comida en su auto directamente.*



¿NECECITA USTED ALIMENTOS?

Si usted no alcanza lo suficiente para sustentar su comida, la Despensa Móvil de Northern Illinois Food Bank puede ayudarle.

La Despensa Móvil de Northern Illinois Food Bank distribuye comida nutritiva en lugares con necesidades altas.
La comida es gratis para vecinos con necesidad y de bajo ingresos.
Favor de llevar cajas o bolsas para empaquetar su comida.



La comida se distribuye por orden de llegada, hasta agotar la existencia.



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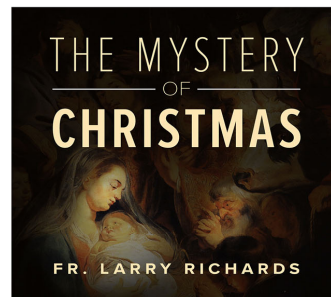
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December 13, 2020

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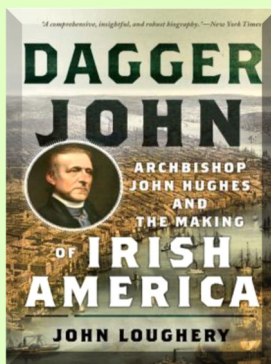
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Book Discussion - January 26, 2021



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When: Tuesday, January 26 @ 7pm.

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- USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”



Palabra de Vida

“Oh, santa Josefina Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que están atrapados en la esclavitud; en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios para que sean liberados de las cadenas de su cautiverio. Que los que han sido esclavizados por los hombres, que Dios les conceda la libertad.”

- USCCB, “Oracion a santa Josefina Bakhita”



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Speaker Series

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

Thursday, December 17 @ 7:00pm

Katie
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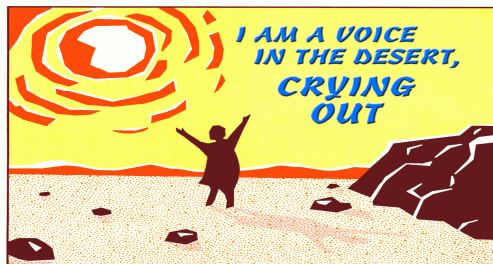
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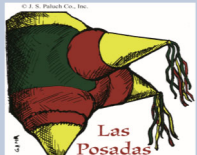
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
7:00 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 91.3 FM) (live stream available)	12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
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		LAS POSADAS BEGINS				7:30 - 8:30 PM AA Meeting (NWA)
						

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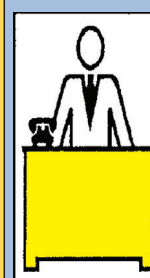
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