

One Family  
in Faith Making



ST. MARY  
IMMACULATE  
Parish

Christ  
Known

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

A VOICE CRIES OUT:  
“IN THE DESERT  
PREPARE THE WAY OF  
THE LORD!  
MAKE STRAIGHT IN  
THE WASTELAND A  
HIGHWAY FOR OUR  
GOD!  
EVERY VALLEY SHALL  
BE FILLED IN, EVERY  
MOUNTAIN AND HILL  
SHALL BE MADE LOW.”

- ISAIAH 40:3-4

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“*#Advent* is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that He came down toward us.”

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday –</b> 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>December 7, 2020</b> John White – Living Intention – (Marielena Lavoie) <b>Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Souls in Purgatory – (Maria Diamond)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish -Gym)	
<b>Tuesday –</b> 9:00 a.m. (School Mass) 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Gym) 7:00 p.m. (Spanish – Church)	<b>December 8, 2020 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> People of the Parish Margaret O'Connell For the Souls in Purgatory For the Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday –</b> 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	<b>December 9, 2020</b> Bruce Smith – (Wife) <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
<b>Thursday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>December 10, 2020</b> Nestor Villaluz – (Mimi Posa) Melquiades Gutierrez – (Nora Gutierrez) Andrew Tomko – (Wife) Father's Day Remembrance <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	
<b>Friday –</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. (Spanish)	<b>December 11, 2020</b> Mike Schweitzer – (Ginny Hawkins) <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
<b>Saturday –</b> 9:00 a.m. (Gym) 9:00 a.m. (Spanish)	<b>December 12, 2020</b> Richard Grenier – (SMI CCW) <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> People of the Parish <b>Mass – Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. (Spanish)	
4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	
<b>Sunday –</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	<b>December 13, 2020</b> Matthew Beintum – (Mom & Dad) Nancy & Dale Harn – (Mary & Vito Caroselli) Roberto Diaz – (Diaz-Godinez Family) S.P. Janina Stachura



Prepare the way  
of the Lord,  
make straight  
his paths.”  
- Mark 1:3

## Readings for the Week

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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

*I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.  
Psalm 85:9-10*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope Advent finds you well, in eager anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! What we await in these days is not just the appearance of our God two thousand or so years ago, nor even just his return in glory one day, but also his manifestation in our hearts and lives right here and now. Advent calls us to look for our Lord in all three of these most merciful comings.

For us to really be aware of our Lord's coming, we have to be alert to that coming. And so we take time to be silent, to be at peace, so that we can discern the voice of God from among all the noise that is out there. That being the case, during Advent, I invite you to make some quiet space – even if it's just a few minutes – for you to hear God's voice and notice his presence. Pick a time of day that works best for you, and just sit by the light of the Christmas Tree or Advent Wreath, or a candle, or even looking out the window on a winter day. Reflect on Scripture (you can find all sorts of ideas online). Or just pour out your heart to God, telling him how much you love him, and letting him tell you how much he loves you – even in the midst of life's craziness, even when you're not perfect, even and especially when you're hurting.

Another way to ready yourselves for Christmas during this Advent season is by participating in the Sacrament of Penance. Many of you have already done that, and that's great. If you haven't, I invite you to do so. We have Confessions every Saturday at 2:30pm in English and Spanish and in Polish on Sunday at noon. For Advent, we are also adding confessions on Monday evenings, December 14 and 21, at 7pm. We will not be having a communal Penance Service this year.

We also have a great opportunity for you to spend a holy hour in prayer with us once a week this Advent. Our livestream Holy Hour will be broadcast on our Facebook and YouTube channels. Please watch for details, and plan to join us to pray, or even pray with us later as they will be recorded and available.

This year, we will be having the Anointing of the Sick available at all the Masses next Sunday, December 13 (and including the parking lot Mass at 4pm on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>). All those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, can receive this wonderful sacrament of healing at those Masses. If you are planning surgery in the coming weeks, this is a wonderful opportunity as well.

That's a lot of stuff to cover in one column, but there's so much going on this time of year. I know you feel it too, and I pray that the stress of the season is overcome by the joy of having Christ in our lives, our Lord and Savior who mercifully came into our world to give his life for us and lead us one day to heaven. That's the most important thing this season, and I pray that we all keep that wonderful truth in mind!

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

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*Escucharé lo que Dios proclame;  
el SEÑOR, porque él proclama la paz a su pueblo.  
Cercana ciertamente está su salvación para los que le temen,  
gloria que habita en nuestra tierra.  
Salmo 85: 9-10*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¡Espero que se encuentre bien en este Adviento, en ansiosa anticipación de la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo! Lo que esperamos en estos días no es solo la aparición de nuestro Dios hace aproximadamente dos mil años, ni siquiera su regreso en gloria un día, sino también su manifestación en nuestros corazones y vidas aquí y ahora. El Adviento nos llama a buscar a nuestro Señor en estas tres misericordiosas venidas.

Para que seamos realmente conscientes de la venida de nuestro Señor, tenemos que estar alerta a esa venida. Así que debemos tomarnos un tiempo para estar en silencio, para estar en paz, para que podamos discernir la voz de Dios entre todo el ruido que está ahí fuera. Siendo ese el caso, durante el Adviento, los invito a hacer un espacio de tranquilidad, incluso si son solo unos minutos, para que escuchen la voz de Dios y noten su presencia. Elija la hora del día que mejor se adapte a sus necesidades y siéntese junto a la luz del árbol de Navidad o la corona de Adviento, o una vela, o incluso mirando por la ventana en un día de invierno. Reflexione sobre las Escrituras (puede encontrar todo tipo de ideas en línea). O simplemente derrama tu corazón a Dios, diciéndole cuánto lo amas y dejándolo que te diga cuánto te ama, incluso en medio de la locura de la vida, incluso cuando no eres perfecto, incluso y especialmente cuando estás sufriendo.

Otra forma de prepararse para la Navidad durante este tiempo de Adviento es participando en el Sacramento de la



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

Penitencia. Muchos de ustedes ya lo han hecho, y eso es genial. Si no lo ha hecho, le invito a que lo haga. Tenemos Confesiones todos los sábados a las 2:30 pm en inglés y español y en polaco los domingos al mediodía. Para el Adviento, también estamos agregando confesiones los lunes por la noche, 14 y 21 de diciembre, a las 7 pm. Este año no tendremos un Servicio de Penitencia comunal.

También tenemos una gran oportunidad para que pases una hora santa en oración con nosotros una vez a la semana este Adviento. Nuestra transmisión en vivo de la Hora Santa se transmitirá en nuestros canales de Facebook y YouTube. Este atento a los detalles y planea unirse a nosotros para orar, o incluso orar con nosotros mas tarde, ya que serán grabadas.

Este año, tendremos la Unción de los Enfermos disponible en todas las misas el próximo domingo 13 de diciembre (e incluyendo la misa en el estacionamiento a las 4 pm el sábado 12). Todos aquellos que están enfermos de cuerpo, mente o espíritu, pueden recibir este maravilloso sacramento de sanación en esas misas. Si está planeando una cirugía en las próximas semanas, esta también es una oportunidad maravillosa.

Hay muchas cosas que cubrir en una columna, pero hay muchas cosas que hacer en esta época del año. Sé que ustedes también lo sienten, y oro para que el estrés de la temporada sea superado por el gozo de tener a Cristo en nuestras vidas, nuestro Señor y Salvador que misericordiosamente vino a nuestro mundo para dar su vida por nosotros y llevarnos un día a cielo. Eso es lo más importante de esta temporada, ¡y oro para que todos tengamos en mente esa maravillosa verdad!

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

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*Ustyszę, co zapowiada Bóg;  
bo zwiastuje pokój swojemu ludowi.  
Zaprawdę, Jego zbawienie jest bliskie tym, którzy się Go boją,  
chwała zamieszkująca naszą ziemię.  
Psalm 85: 9-10*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Mam nadzieję, że Advent dobrze was odnajdzie w oczekiwaniu na przyjście Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa! To, czego oczekujemy w tych dniach, to nie tylko pojawienie się naszego Boga dwa tysiące lat temu, ani nawet Jego powrót w chwale pewnego dnia, ale także Jego objawienie się w naszych sercach i życiu tutaj i teraz. Advent wzywa nas do szukania naszego Pana we wszystkich trzech z tych najbardziej miłosiernych przyjść.

Abyśmy naprawdę byli świadomi przyjścia naszego Pana, musimy być czujni. Dlatego poświęćmy czas na milczenie i spokój, abyśmy mogli rozpoznać głos Boga spośród całego hałasu, który nas otacza. W związku z tym, w czasie Adventu zachęcam was do znalezienia cichego miejsca - nawet jeśli to tylko kilka minut - abyście mogli usłyszeć głos Boga i zauważyć Jego obecność. Wybierz najbardziej odpowiednią dla siebie porę dnia i po prostu usiądź przy świetle choinki lub wienca adventowego, świecy, a nawet wyjrzyj przez okno w zimowy dzień. Zastanów się nad Pismem Świętym (w Internecie możesz znaleźć różnego rodzaju pomysły). Albo po prostu wylej swoje serce Bogu, mówiąc Mu, jak bardzo go kochasz, i pozwalając mu powiedzieć ci, jak bardzo cię kocha - nawet w środku zawieruchy życiowej, nawet jeśli nie jesteś doskonały, nawet, a zwłaszcza gdy boli.

Innym sposobem przygotowania się do Bożego Narodzenia w okresie Adventu jest uczestnictwo w Sakramencie Pokuty. Wielu z was już to zrobiło i to świetnie. Jeśli nie, zapraszam do tego. Spowiedzi odbywają się w każdą sobotę o 14:30 w języku angielskim i hiszpańskim, a w niedzielę w południe po polsku. Do Adventu dodajemy również spowiedź w poniedziałkowe wieczory 14 i 21 grudnia o godzinie 19:00. W tym roku nie będziemy mieć wspólnej modlitwy pokutnej.

Mamy również wspaniałą okazję, abyś spędził z nami świętą godzinę na modlitwie raz w tygodniu w okresie Adventu. Transmisja na żywo Świętej Godziny będzie transmitowana na naszych kanałach na Facebooku i YouTube. Szukaj linków i informacji na ich temat i zaplanuj dołączenie do nas wmodlitwie na żywo albo później, ponieważ będą one dostępne online.

W tym roku namaszczenie chorych będzie dostępne na wszystkich Mszach św. W najbliższą niedzielę 13 grudnia (łącznie z Mszą św. Na parkingu o 16:00 w sobotę 12 grudnia). Wszyscy chorzy na ciele, umyśle lub na duchu mogą na tych Mszach otrzymać ten wspaniały sakrament uzdrowienia. Jeśli planujesz operację w najbliższych tygodniach, jest to również wspaniała okazja.

To dużo rzeczy do omówienia w jednej kolumnie, ale tak dużo się dzieje o tej porze roku. Wiem, że ty też to czujesz i modłę się, aby stres sezonu został przezwyciężony radością z obecności Chrystusa w naszym życiu, naszego Pana i Zbawiciela, który miłosiernie przyszedł na nasz świat, aby oddać swoje życie za nas i poprowadzić nas pewnego dnia do nieba. To najważniejsza rzecz w tym sezonie i modłę się, abyśmy wszyscy pamiętali o tej wspaniałej prawdzie!

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

## Witnessing the Holy Spirit During Confirmation Mass

### A Mother and Son's Shared Experience



It was the night of my son's Confirmation. My husband, my son's sponsor, my son, and I entered into Saint Mary Immaculate Church where we were escorted to our seats. We were blessed to be sitting in one of the first pews, front and center. Since COVID, we have not physically been back inside of the church. We arrived early before Mass, settled into our seats, and I immediately began to feel a very peaceful sensation come over me. I thought how wonderful it felt to be back inside the church. Later on, my husband would share with me that he had felt the same way. The Confirmation Mass commenced and was a beautiful celebration.

When we arrived home after Mass, my husband, my mom, who was my son's sponsor, and I started describing the events to my dad and two other children since they were not able to be there due to limited number of people who could attend the Mass because of COVID. I casually mentioned to everyone how I thought I saw a glow of white light outlining Bishop Conlon, Fr. Pat and the others who were up on the altar during Bishop Conlon's Homily. I mentioned how my eyes may have been tired since it was later at night or how the lighting in church may have been playing tricks on my eyes. Instantly, my son who had just been confirmed that night exclaimed, "You saw that too?" We looked at each other wide eyed and smiled at each other. I immediately asked my mom and my husband if they saw what we were describing and they both said that they did not. It was a very surreal moment that my son and I were experiencing together. After my parents left, my son and I had a moment to talk in detail about what each of us saw during the homily that Bishop Conlon gave.

*I shared with my son that during the Homily I noticed that Bishop Conlon, Fr. Pat, and the others who were in the immediate area of Bishop Conlon had a white glow surrounding them.* The objects in the area as well, including the chairs and Bishop Conlon's staff were glowing as well. I felt like the glowing white light just appeared in front of me & came out of nowhere. I told my son that I thought my eyes were tired, look away from Bishop and when I looked back the glow was still there around everyone and everything. I did this several times. Again, I attributed it to the light or being tired. It was just so strange to me at the time because I didn't see this glow of white light outlining anything or anyone during any other part of Mass. I told my son that the only time I witnessed this was during the Homily. I remember at one point I found myself staring at Bishop Conlon, listening to his message, and trying to make sense of the white glow I was seeing.

When I was done describing what I had witnessed, my son told me how happy he was that I was talking about this because he had seen the same thing I did and more. He told me that he felt if he talked about what he saw during the Homily with others that they would think that something was wrong with him. Sharing what I had witnessed during Mass allowed my son to open up and tell me what he saw. He told me at the beginning of Bishop Conlon's Homily, he said he started seeing a bright, white light emitting from Bishop Conlon. He told me how that light started to spread, moving both left and right, from Bishop to the other priests as the homily continued. He described it as a white waving line that steadily formed around the other priests. At the end of Bishop Conlon's Homily, he said that the light around the priests started to fade away back into Bishop Conlon. My son told me that this was the only time during Mass that he saw this happen. My son told me that while he was witnessing this, he knew that he was seeing the Holy Spirit or that some form of God was present but he felt confused as to what was happening before his eyes.

My son and I feel very blessed to have, at the time unbeknownst to each other, witnessed the Holy Spirit during Mass. Bishop Conlon's message at my son's Confirmation Mass that night was to speak up and stand up for injustices and to spread God's love and good news. I am joyful that I witnessed the Holy Spirit, that my son did as well, and how he and I are able to share our experience with each other and with you. My son told me that he believes so much more in God now than he ever has before after he witnessed the Holy Spirit during Mass. When my son and I talk about what we witnessed, we both have the biggest smiles on our faces, we start laughing because it is just still so mind blowing to us, and I tear up with joyful tears in my eyes. **God is all around us.** We just need to ask and He will listen. God is great all the time, all the time God is Great!

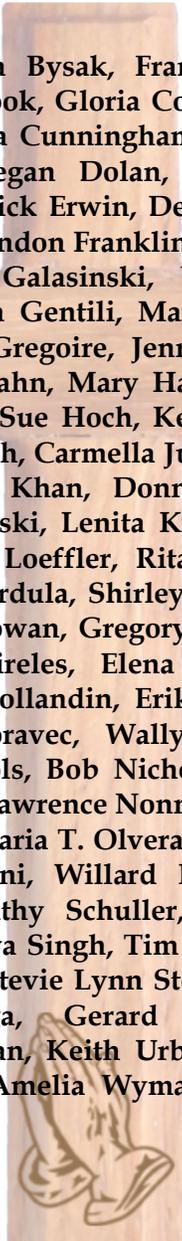
Recommended to watch as further insight into what spiritually happens at each Mass.  
The Veil Removed – YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM>



# 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 Pristo, 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 Tejada-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:  
JoAnn Mulcahy  
William O'Hara  
Florian (Butch) Zimecki  
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/](http://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](http://smip.org/candles)

### *In Honor Of:*      *Intentions:*

Daniel Steik

Carl Goettert

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 7<sup>th</sup> at [www.smip.org/masstickets](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:thenderson@smip.org).





## 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/](http://www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/)

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Monday, December 7th – Vigil Mass – 7:00 pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 8th – 9:00 a.m. (School Mass) Closed to the public - livestream available

Tuesday, December 8th – 12:00 p.m. in the Church

Tuesday, December 8th – 7:00 p.m. in the Church (Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, December 8th – 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

*All Masses are limited to 100 persons.*

*Reservations are required.*

*Please reserve your seat online at [www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/](http://www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/)*



## CONFIRMATION

*Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action*

Dec. 6: High School Online Class

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

Dec. 10: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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

You can reach us at 815-436-2861 and via email at [gwurster@smip.org](mailto:gwurster@smip.org)

[www.smip.org/confirmation](http://www.smip.org/confirmation)





## GIVING TREE 2020 (COVID EDITION)

**GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND  
DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

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 **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **3:30 pm until 5:00 pm**  
On **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, donations can be dropped off beginning at **8:00 am until 1:00 pm**

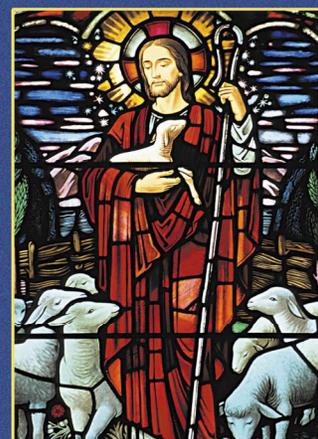
Donations can still be placed in the Giving Tree envelope and dropped in the collection box at Mass or outside the Commons Doors, done online, or mailed to St. Mary's and marked for Giving Tree.  
All donations will be accepted until December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Any questions?** Call Robin Contreras at (815)814-8457  
[www.smip.org/givingtree](http://www.smip.org/givingtree)



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

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$191,108	\$210,003
Amount Paid:	\$177,077	\$176,391
Amount Due:	\$14,031	\$33,611
Number of Donors:	788	862



*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock*



St. Mary Immaculate in Partnership  
with Blueberry Hill Restaurant  
present

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

### DRIVE THRU!!!!

**December 6th** | **\$6.00 per meal**  
**Pancakes, Sausage** | **8:00am**  
**and all the fixins** | **11:00am**

St Mary Immaculate Parking Lot  
15629 Rt 59, Plainfield




### SMI Presents Breakfast with Santa Meal Donation

New this year, if you cannot make it to our breakfast with Santa, we are offering any families the opportunity to buy and donate their meals to families that are struggling during this time. We will take donated meal orders up until the day of the event and Partner with a local organization to deliver those meals to those in need.

#### Ways to send in your Order:

1. Send a picture of your order form to 815-685-8073 and indicate who you are. Send your payment into the School Office.
2. Log in to SchoolSpeak and follow the link for Breakfast with Santa.
3. Send paper copy of the order form with payment into the school office.
4. Return order form to the SMI Parish Office with your check.

Number of Meals. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6 per meal

Family Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SMI Breakfast with Santa Merchandise

#### ORDER FORM



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

Family Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One:  Church Family  School Family\*

\*If School Family:  
Name of Oldest Child \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Price	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2X	A3X	Total
Baseball Tee	\$20										
Pants	\$25										
Long Sleeve Tee	\$20										
Hoodie	\$40										
Hat (Adidas)	\$25										
Sweatband	\$10										
Headband	\$10										
Total											

All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Immaculate Parish School (SMI). Please make sure you write Attn: Sandra Fleck on the outside of the envelope.

Orders will be distributed before Christmas break and will be available in the parish office for pick up the week of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. SMI student's shirts will be sent home with the oldest SMI student in each family if possible or alternative arrangements will be made.

Questions? Email [srfleck23@hotmail.com](mailto:srfleck23@hotmail.com).

**All orders due by Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.**



**ORNAMENT DROP**



**Closest Wins~ Split the Pot  
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2020 Consolation Prize**

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**\$10 per Ornament**

**December 6th, 2020 at 11:30am  
St. Mary Immaculate Parking Lot  
15629 Rt 59, Plainfield**



To purchase your "Ornament" please call  
Sandra Fleck @  
815-685-8073

## **THE 99 EXPERIENCE— A REFLECTION**

Take a moment...find and read Luke 15:1-7.

We have heard this parable for years...but as "cradle Catholics" or someone who goes to Church regularly, that story surely can't be for me but for those "outside" the flock. However, the story of the 99 and the one is about becoming lost and then found. It is about our relationship with Jesus and how each and every one of us is unique and worth looking for. Each of us is the one that Jesus is pursuing. Even if we are "in" Jesus always invites us to know him more. We are the 99 but we don't just stay behind while Jesus goes out to look for the one, we go out and search with him.

Do you feel like you are part of the 99 or the one? How and why?

Jesus invites us to know him more. What is one concrete way you can work on that this week?



## **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](https://smip.org/adventtea)**

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

## National Night of Prayer for Life

*Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego*

**Tuesday Night, December 8 at 11:00 PM until Wednesday Morning, December 9 at 12:00 AM**  
(for one hour)  
On Zoom

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to Juan Diego.

During the hour of unity from 11PM - 12AM central standard time, we will be united with churches across the nation and the world in prayer to end abortion and restore God's blessings. We will pray before the image of the Blessed Sacrament from our parish website on your web device. We will pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and then silent prayer until the end of the Holy Hour. Everyone is invited to join the Reverence for Life and Knights of Columbus for a special time of prayer for life.

To get the zoom link or for more information, please contact Don Hrdlicka by phone at 630-415-6603 or email at [pharmdon@hotmail.com](mailto:pharmdon@hotmail.com).



## PRAY TO END ABORTION

Please join us on **Saturday, December 12 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the Aurora Clinic at 3051 East New York Street to Pray for the End of Abortion. We have been praying as a parish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month since Dec 8, 2007 (13 yrs). Your participation at the clinic is to be a beacon of Hope for Mothers contemplating abortion. A loving, peaceful face to change their hearts to accept God's gift of life. Pray with us. The Holy Spirit will enkindle in your heart much grace.

If you are coming for the first time, stop by and introduce yourself. We will have prayer cards or rosaries.

**This month we will pray the Rosary at 11:00 am with America Needs Fatima and sing Christmas carols with the Pro-Life Action League.**

*God bless and protect all mothers and their babies.*

Contact Don Hrdlicka at [pharmdon@hotmail.com](mailto:pharmdon@hotmail.com)

## WINTER STUDY - Explore the most popular sermon ever delivered!



The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

This is a 6-week study. One of the weeks, Biblical Scholar and Author, Dr. Amy -Jill Levine, will join us live!

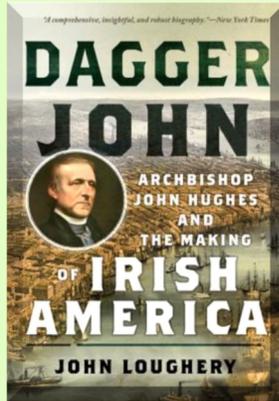
**Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM with Zoom or Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom:**

January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10

Sign up at: [www.smip.org/sermononthemountsignup](http://www.smip.org/sermononthemountsignup)



Book Discussion - January 26, 2021



Join others from the parish as we discuss the book: *Dagger John: Archbishop John Hughes and the Making of Irish America*

Acclaimed biographer John Loughery tells the story of John Hughes, son of Ireland, a friend of William Seward and James Buchanan, founder of St. John's College (now Fordham University), builder of Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, pioneer of parochial-school education, and American diplomat. As archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York in the 1840 and 1850s and the most famous Roman Catholic in America, Hughes defended Catholic institutions in a time of nativist bigotry and church burnings and worked tirelessly to help Irish Catholic immigrants find acceptance in their new homeland. His galvanizing and protecting work and pugnacious style earned him the epithet *Dagger John*. When the interests of his church and ethnic community were at stake, Hughes acted with purpose and clarity.

This discussion will take place via Zoom. We will send you the link for the Zoom meeting the day before the meeting.

When: Tuesday, January 26 @ 7pm.

Register at: <https://www.smip.org/dagger-john>

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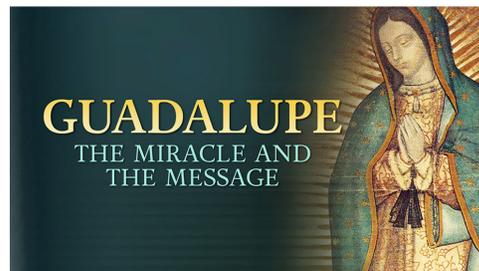
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

WATCH

**GUADALUPE:  
THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE**

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

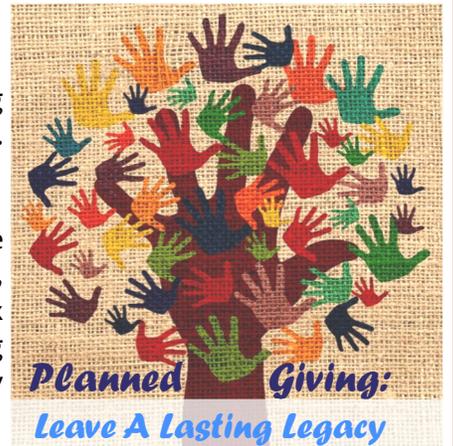


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## Planned Gifts

Fall is a great time to consider your legacy. Whether you are creating your initial will or updating an existing one, consider a bequest to St. Mary Immaculate in your estate planning.

Other planned gift options include Life Insurance Gifts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, Life Estate Arrangement, Lifetime Giving, IRA distribution, and many more. Consult your tax and /or financial planning professionals to determine which giving plan is appropriate for you. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Mary Immaculate.



## Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573



### Intercessions for Life

May God move us to prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us;

We pray to the Lord

### Peticiones por La Vida

Que Dios nos mueva a preparar el camino del Señor actuando con cariño y compasión, especialmente hacia los más vulnerables entre nosotros;

Roguemos al Señor



### Word of Life

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘Care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

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### Palabra de Vida

“Jesús nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a cuidar al orto como a una persona de la que Dios nos ha hecho responsables’ (EV 87). ...La encíclica El Evangelio de la vida reconoce la gama completa de amenazas contra la vida humana, desde la pobreza y la desnutrición hasta el asesinato y la guerra. Sin embargo, se hace especial hincapié en las amenazas a la vida al principio y al final, precisamente cuando mas de sus madres y los que se acercan al final de sus vidas se encuentran ciertamente entre los mas pequeños’ de nuestro mundo”.

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## JOB OPENINGS:

### Immaculate Conception Parish - Elmhurst, IL

Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst, IL is looking for a part-time Accounting Clerk to work approximately 22 hours per week over 4 days. Must be flexible with schedule. Candidates must be reliable and trustworthy, as well as being of strong moral fortitude.

This person will be responsible for timely and accurate preparation of bank deposits, database postings and weekly reports along with other general accounting tasks and clerical support for the Parish Office. Must be able to use a computer, a multi-line phone and calculator. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite applications and ability to learn various accounting software packages required. Must possess a High School diploma or GED and have a minimum of 2 years’ experience in a related position within a Catholic institution.

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

To apply please send your resume to [MKing@icelmhurst.org](mailto:MKing@icelmhurst.org).

# Contact and General Information

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**WEB SITE** WWW.SMIP.ORG **E-mail:** webmaster@smip.org

**RELIGIOUS ED. Pre-K through 6th Grade** 815-436-4501 **Confirmation** 815-436-2861

**PARISH SCHOOL OFFICE** 815-436-3953

## PARISH PRIESTS\*

**Pastor:** Fr. Patrick Mulcahy – 813

**Associate:** Fr. Ramon Sida – 848

**In Residence:** Fr. John Regan – 802

*\*In a Pastoral Emergency call our main number 1-815-436-2651 and select option 7.*

## PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Pat Lombardo – 477

Deacon Tom O'Connell – 479

Deacon Jim Sossong – 481

Deacon Thomas Schroeder – 478

Deacon Mike Perkins – 480

Deacon Glenn Vanek – 482

## PARISH OFFICE – 815-436-2651

**Admin. Asst.:** Margaret O'Leary – 803

**Parish Secretary:** Monica Harness – 800

## PARISH SCHOOL – 815-436-3953

**Principal:** Jennifer Errthum – 834

**Admin. Asst.:** Kris Hitchins – 812

**Secretary:** Hope Bohlin – 830

## BUSINESS OFFICE

**Business Manager:** Denise Rowan – 846

Toni Higgenbotham – 804

## BUILDING SERVICES

**Supervisor:** Steve Perez – 820

## LITURGY DIRECTOR

Kelley Seifert – 810

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Main Number:** 815-436-4501

**Director of Faith Formation:**

Geri Morse – 840

**Confirmation:** 815-436-2861

Georgette Wurster – 878

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

(Middle School, High School, LIFETEEN)

Dianne Rostollan – 814

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Dr. Doug Muir – 889

## FIAT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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## HUMAN RESOURCES/VOLUNTEER MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Laura Van Ham – 887

## PASTORAL MINISTER

Pat Mander, R.N. – 893

## PARISH CEMETERY

Pat Mander / Lori Oberg – 444

## CALENDAR COORDINATOR

Monica Harness – 800

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**Director:** Terry Henderson – 850

Monica Slayman, Jean Cilione – 805

**Youth Choir Director:** Heather Roerig – 805

## DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Pam Angelus – 849

## DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY AND NEW MEDIA

Jackson Brunsting – 838

## BULLETIN EDITOR

Heather Roerig (articles are due 12 days prior to the Sunday the article is to be run. Contact: bulletin@smip.org or the Parish Office.)

## HOLISTIC CENTER STAFF

**Psychologist:** Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy.D. – 486

**Spiritual Director:** Laura Lies, MS – 896

Staff: Joan Lopina, LCPC – 815-919-2847

## MARRIAGE PREP COORDINATORS

Please contact the parish office – 815-436-2651

## ST. VINCENT DePAUL

Bob Shurson – President – 414

## RCIA

Dr. Doug Muir – 889

# Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
<p>9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Vigil Mass Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Mass – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe Reservation Required (G)</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)</p> <p>6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)</p> <p></p> <p>ST. AMBROSE</p>	<p>9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>12:00 PM Mass Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Mass Reservation Required (G)</p> <p>7:00 PM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</p> <p></p> <p>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Mass – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)</p> <p>9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)</p> <p>ST. JUAN DIEGO</p>	<p>9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Mass – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)</p> <p>9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</p> <p>ST. DAMASUS I</p>	<p>9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>11:00 PM Mass – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)</p> <p>2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)</p> <p>4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 107.7 FM) (live stream available)</p> <p></p> <p>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</p>	<p>7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)</p> <p>9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)</p> <p>12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)</p> <p>7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen</p> <p>7:30 - 8:30 PM AA Meeting (NWA)</p> <p></p>	

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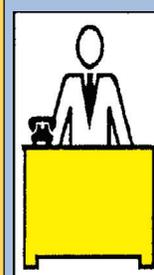
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