

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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February

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2019

Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI
Pastor

Deacon Peter J. Rooney
Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

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Liturgies for the Week

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The following are our parish societies and organizations. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of our activities, kindly contact the parish office or number listed below. We welcome and encourage all members.

Children's Liturgy of the Word *Mr. Joe Ciaccio*

Council of Catholic Women *Mrs. Mary Thon*

Legion of Mary *Mrs. Pauline Mitchell*

Pastoral Care Ministers *Mrs. Pauline Mitchell*

Prayer Group *Ms. Nilda Cinco*

St. Vincent de Paul Society 630-953-4419

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † James Giobbia - Diane Tallent
 † Bessie Supena - Family
 † Tom Loftus - Wife
 † Don Vitullo - Gail Granby

Monday, February 4, 2019

12:00 PM † Mary Ellen Magrini - McCrory Family

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

12:00 PM Intention of Cecelia Bustamante -
Loving Children

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

12:00 PM Intention of Richard Yao (Birthday)
and Family - Lilia Yao

Thursday, February 7, 2019

12:00 PM † William Dean Johnson - Loving Family

Friday, February 8, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Saturday, February 9, 2019

4:00 PM † Ernestine Santucci - Dr. Barbara Santucci
† Diane Klazura - Son and Daughter-in-Law
† J. Kong - Daughter

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Tara Feldman - Feldman Family
† Sylvia Winkler

† Denotes Deceased



*Calendar***Monday**

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 5

*St. Agatha,**Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 6

*St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs*

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 10

*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

Dear Padre,

My son and his wife attend a Christian church because they like the minister and the upbeat service. My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, even though he doesn't go to a Catholic church. I feel frustrated by the whole affair!

Your frustration is certainly shared by many parents and grandparents today. They raised their children Catholic, even sent them to Catholic schools, but their adult children are less disciplined about their faith practices. Recent surveys on religion showed that 80 percent of Americans say they believe in God, and 75 percent consider spirituality important in their lives. But this doesn't mean they commit to religious practices. About 60 percent of Catholics questioned attend religious services only once or twice a month, or never. Many are interested in exploring different teachings and attending different churches. The loyalty to the Church and its disciplines that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is often lacking in today's under-fifty-five crowd.

What can one do about this? The traditional method is to pray for your children while continuing to set an example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church—including attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of other Church disciplines. It would be good to invite your son and his wife to attend church with you when they are visiting. As we age, we often become more religious and traditional. We may become more interested in our family's history, photos, and traditions. The religion of our childhood may begin to appear very attractive again. Be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots.

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A Word from Pope Francis

No matter how many Sunday Masses, if your heart does not reach out to others, if you do not know what is happening to your people, your faith is weak, unhealthy, or dead. It is a faith without Christ; faith without solidarity is faith without Christ, it is faith without God, faith without brothers and sisters.

—Visit to Paraguay, July 12, 2015



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Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Lugo, Mitchell
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: J. Butkovich, DeChristopher, Stephens
Lector: Amstadt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Ciaccio, Neffke, Racila
Lector: Morrissey

C.C.W. COFFEE **Sunday, February 10th**



All are invited to stop after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and 10:00 a.m. Mass for refreshments and fellowship in Corpus Christi Hall.

This week's calendar

Tuesday, February 5: St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference Meeting, 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

Thursday, February 7: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, February 8:

I Thirst Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m., Founder's Foyer
Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and Rosary, 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone



Are you aware that our Pastoral Care Ministers will come to your home to visit and bring Communion to the elderly, sick and homebound?

Please call **Pauline Mitchell at 630-627-0471** to arrange a time.

Father Jose is also more than happy to stop in for a chat, visit and to bring Communion to our "in house" parishioners. Please call the parish office at **630-629-5810** to schedule an appointment OR to advise us of a prolonged hospital or rehab stay.

Children's Liturgy of the Word *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Comboni Fathers of La Grange Park have a job opening: the position is business manager of the Comboni Mission Center at 1615 E. 31st St. in La Grange Park. The position will be part time, with the possibility later of full time. The position will include fundraising and development, data management, and fiscal management. Bilingual preferred, and applicants must support and accept the faith-based mission of the community. Inquiries and resumes can be directed to Fr. Chris Aleti at amadriga67@gmail.com. Job description available on request.

STEWARDSHIP

January 27, 2019 - \$5,338

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and ongoing support.*



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Ascension of Our Lord Parish Lenten Program

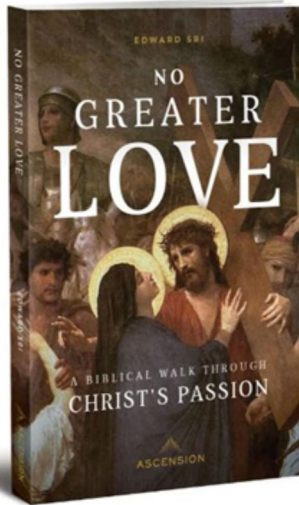
No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall

March 13 & 20 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24

Registration information coming soon!



Some topics this study will address:

- Allusions to Old Testament stories in Christ's passion
- Fulfillment of prophecies in Christ's passion
- Symbolism in the accounts of Christ's passion
- Mary's role in the passion
- The significance of the tearing of the Temple veil
- Differences in the Gospel accounts of the passion
- The last words of Jesus / The Seven Last Words
- Analysis of the behavior of Peter, John, and Judas
- Much more!

Grief Support

A Journey through the Desert this Lenten Season

Fridays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

March 8, 15, & 22 and April 5, 12, & 26

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one through death? Perhaps a friendship came to an end? Maybe a job that brought you so much life no longer exists. We all experience loss more often than we think. Sometimes that loss can take a toll on our own self. A six-week grief support session will begin on Friday, March 8th from 10am-12pm. For some, it is helpful to go on this journey with others. While no two people experience grief the same way, one can rest in the fact nobody has to grieve alone.

Registration is helpful, but not mandatory. As we journey through the Lenten Desert, we remain hopeful in the resurrection that brings us abundant life!

Please contact me if I can answer any questions!

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

KEEPING/RESTORING DECENCY TO LIVES

In our current world of growing divisions among peoples based on wealth, education, political choices, race, ethnicity, religion, and even in which part of the country or neighborhood one lives, it is all the more difficult to assist people in their needs and to find solutions that will restore dignity to the lives of those we attempt to help. Of late we have had individuals who are too embarrassed and sometimes cannot accept our help without feeling the resentment of others in our community who find out they are being aided by a charity. At the same time that our parishioners have generously offered their material support for our work, we have neighbors who say we should not help "THOSE" people as they are not deserving. The ultimate solution is through *PRAYER* -- both those you offer for us and our work and those our Members must continue to provide while working in this time of so many divisions in our world. We need the workings of the Holy Spirit both in our work and in our help to others. In that way we can be assured that we are keeping and restoring decency to lives.

Our Members wish to invite any parishioner or friend who is interested in helping others in the true spirit of St. Vincent de Paul to attend our next Conference Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 3:00 PM in the parish office Conference Room. Our Members would be delighted in meeting with you and sharing how we work with the poor while bringing greater understanding of what and how we might work together to assist the vital needs of those in our community who cannot do it alone. Please consider coming to this meeting and learning how we together can assist those in need.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on Feb 22-24, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com,
E-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com,
or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will present "Did Jesus Really Intend to Establish a Church?" on February 6th when he gives this year's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Lecture at Elmhurst College.

Bishop Conlon previously has served as a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family Life, and he currently is a member of the Canon Law Society of America and the Mundelein Seminary Advisory Board.

**THE CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN LECTURE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
FRICK CENTER, FOUNDERS LOUNGE
190 PROSPECT AVENUE, ELMHURST, IL**

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

Questions? (630) 617-3025 or visit elmhurst.edu

Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat

The CRHP retreat will take place Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 8am-9pm and Sunday, February 17, 2019 from 8am-3pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 820 Division St., Lisle, IL 60532. (No overnight). It will include Mass, Confession, Adoration, and powerful witness talks. All men 19 and over are welcome.

Meals will be provided. Fee is \$50.

For more information and to register, please contact Michael Lewandowski at 630-353-4531 or mlewandowski@sjalisle.org.

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Babies In The Womb Are “Pre-Born”... Not Unborn

Well chosen words have power.

Consider how the *pro*-abortion advocates marketed and sold their endorsement of abortion. It is not called *pro*-murder. It is called *pro*-choice. They appealed to the current culture’s mentality; a mentality that we have been exhibiting since the 1960s. We live in a cafeteria culture. Everyone wants choices. We want to pick and choose our morality. Everyone wants to feel empowered in making their own decisions, right or wrong; moral relativism. Thus, the Madison Avenue advertising gurus cleverly chose *pro*-choice in promoting death, but also in concealing the truth; *pro*-murder. As for images? Oh, they definitely don’t want you to see those, and refuse to show them in any of their promotions or campaigns.

The term "unborn" creates a problem, because it is somewhat vague. It gives the reader or listener an image of someone who is not born and perhaps, never will be. For example, a couple might talk about their future "unborn children" they are planning to have one day, but do not exist as of yet. Pre-born, on the other hand, gives an image of someone who is already in existence, and is waiting to be born. It gives a more human and realistic description of the baby developing right here and now. It describes a very real person who is living and breathing in the present – not the future.

Therefore, with the knowledge and scientific understanding that life begins at fertilization, and that we are living human beings in the womb, why don’t we *all* use the reference *preborn*? If we support life, and acknowledge that a child deserves our respect, support and protection while waiting comfortably in the womb until the birth process, why not give them the dignity they deserve and refer to them as *preborn*? Let’s proclaim life accurately. Because now that we know the truth, referring to them as anything less is not only unkind, it is also uninformed.

Pro-Life Articles