

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

4:00PM AND 10:00PM

(MUSIC PROGRAM 15 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS)

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

8:00AM ~ 10:00AM ~ 12NOON

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24-26, 2019

Ascension of Our Lord Parish

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(2nd Sunday of the month)

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

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

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.

PARISH STAFF

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Aurora Mangahas – Ortiz Family
†Bill Cizek, Sr. - Bojan Family
†Francis Discipio - Family
†Alessandro Mattiuz - Irene Mattiuz
†Marie Cordero - Lito and Zeny Dungca
†David SanJuan, Jr. - Sister

Monday, December 23, 2019

12:00 PM †Edward Murphy - Bill and Genie Crane

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Intention of Presider
10:00 PM Intention of Presider

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - Christmas Day

8:00 AM Intention of Presider
10:00 AM Intention of Presider
12:00 PM Intention of Presider

Thursday, December 26, 2019 -

12:00 PM Julia Rose Clements - Family

Friday, December 27, 2019

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

Saturday, December 28, 2019

4:00 PM †Rose and Frank Giandonato - James & Karen
†Filomena Caro – Niece
† Bill Tietz– Sue Burgess
†Dorothy Ann Gonzalez– Pauline Mitchell
†Diane Klazura - Anthony & Veronica Klazura
†Mr. Jae Ho Kong - Anthony & Veronica Klazura
Demma Families - K & M Demma

Sunday, December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Eugene V. Pellegrini – Bojan Family
†Anthony Bustamante - Family
Intention of Nilda Cinco - Caridad Cuasay
Intention of Bessie Dangca - Caridad Cuasay

† Denotes Deceased



Dear Parishioners,

We are a few days away from celebrating Christmas. It is the most joyful time of the year. I wanted to share one of my favorite stories with you.

There is a very moving scene in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* when, after the Jewish couples' five daughters were married and had their own families, the husband, now alone again with his wife in their house, asks her, do you love me? The wife, quite surprised with the question of her husband says, "For 25 years, I live with you, I cooked your food, I cleaned your house, I washed your clothes, I gave you five beautiful daughters. After 25 years, you now ask me, Do you love me?" If that's not love, then what is?

One truth expressed so powerfully by the gospel is that love, if it is to be true, is to be seen in deeds.

God loved the world so much that he sent His only son that we might be saved through Him. "Christmas is about celebrating the importance of "being with" each other and with God...His love that translates into action is Emmanuel, God is with us.

So, to everyone this Christmas. I pray that this is a time of enjoying "being WITH each other", and giving thanks for each other as family, friends, and colleagues.

As we gather to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, we remember that Christmas is not just one day, but something we can celebrate day after day; week after week. As you think about your favorite Christmas song or carol, perhaps it is something you can celebrate on the 25th of every month.

Have a blessed Christmas as you share this time of "being with and giving thanks for the ones you love."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Father Jose



Parish News



We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the recent deaths of

*Nancy R. O'Connell
Constance Giorgolo
Thomas M. McCarthy*



Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Tuesday, December 24 4:00pm ~ 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Wednesday, December 25
8:00am ~ 10:00am ~ 12noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - MASS (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00am

Year End Giving

We hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given us. Charitable giving is one way. Please remember Ascension of Our Lord Parish - Improvement Fund or the Diocese Capital Campaign as you discern your year-end gifts.

If you should have any questions, contact our Business Manager - Ed Rylko
630-629-5810

Thank you for your continued support to Ascension of Our Lord Parish.

*** ATTENTION ***

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AS DESIGNATED BY THE POSTED SIGNS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BEFORE AND AFTER MASS TO AVOID COLLISIONS AND KEEP THE TRAFFIC MOVING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: P. Mitchell, J. Palmer, B. Santucci
Lector: M. Kennedy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose and Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: D. Amstadt, A. Stephens
Lector: P. Rooney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29- 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: T. Jeske, M. Neffke, J. Racila
Lector: R. Sandoval

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23: REJOICE ADVENT 10:00AM,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, MASS 4PM & 10PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS! MASS 8AM, 10AM & 12NOON, PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MASS, 12NOON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27: GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP - TEEN ZONE - 7:00PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28: CONFESSION 3:15PM



Blessing of a Christmas Tree The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

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- When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.
 - The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."
 - The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.
R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Titus 3:4](#) (lines 4-7) or [Ezekiel 17:22](#) (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.
R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. **R/.** Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". —From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

BRING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We all have an opportunity at any time to bring help to people in need. But this is especially so at this time of the year when we commemorate the birth of Christ and His life on earth within the Holy Family that sacrificed much simply to show the mission that everyone should help one another even if it requires some sacrifice on our part. We learn from Scripture, it is better to help the stranger rather than those we expect to get special recognition or something in return. It is our mission to bring the love of Christ to the homeless and other individuals struggling to survive. Our mission needs to help families stay together and grow as self-sustaining and supportive of one another. And our mission is to support the elderly, those who no longer have the strength or resources to care for all their needs as they reach their end zone on earth. That is the work of our SVDP Members but also the work of all who follow Christ's example from His birth to His death and redemption for all mankind. Let us follow His example and help those who cannot fully help themselves.

In the next several weeks our SVDP Members hope to engage others in helping families and individuals with their needs and enough to celebrate the Holydays of Christmas. We can start by bringing special gifts to those we know are in need and to provide transportation so that these same individuals can celebrate Christ's birth with others in Church at this time. Every one of us can probably identify individuals in our own community that may need some help at this and other times throughout the year.

Let us all try to bring the "Spirit of Christmas" to others.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

Christmas Concert

Featuring Irish Tenor,

Gavin Coyle 

Friday, December 27th

7pm-8pm

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

0S233 Church Street, Winfield IL 60190

630-668-0918, ext. 0

TICKETS:

\$10.00 in Advance, \$11.00 Online, \$15.00 at the Door

Tickets are available:

Online at www.stjohnwinfield.org

After Weekend Masses

At the St. John's parish office, 8a-4p, Monday-Friday

Joyful Again!

*Widowed and feeling stuck?
Come and find ways to move toward inner
peace and new hope in life.*

*Joyful Again! Widowed
Ministry presents a*

*Retreat/workshop for men &
women*



March 14 & 15, 2020
Mount Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: (708) 354-7211

e-mail us at: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org



MORE PARISH NEWS



THANK YOU!

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt. 25:35-36,40.

This Advent our parish community was given the opportunity to help those in need in the inner-city and locally through the York Food Pantry. Your response was very generous. On behalf of “Brother Jim,” and the York Food Pantry, Fr. Jose and I would like to thank all of you who gave so generously.

May our Father in Heaven bless you all and your families during this holy season.

***Merry Christmas,
Deacon Peter***