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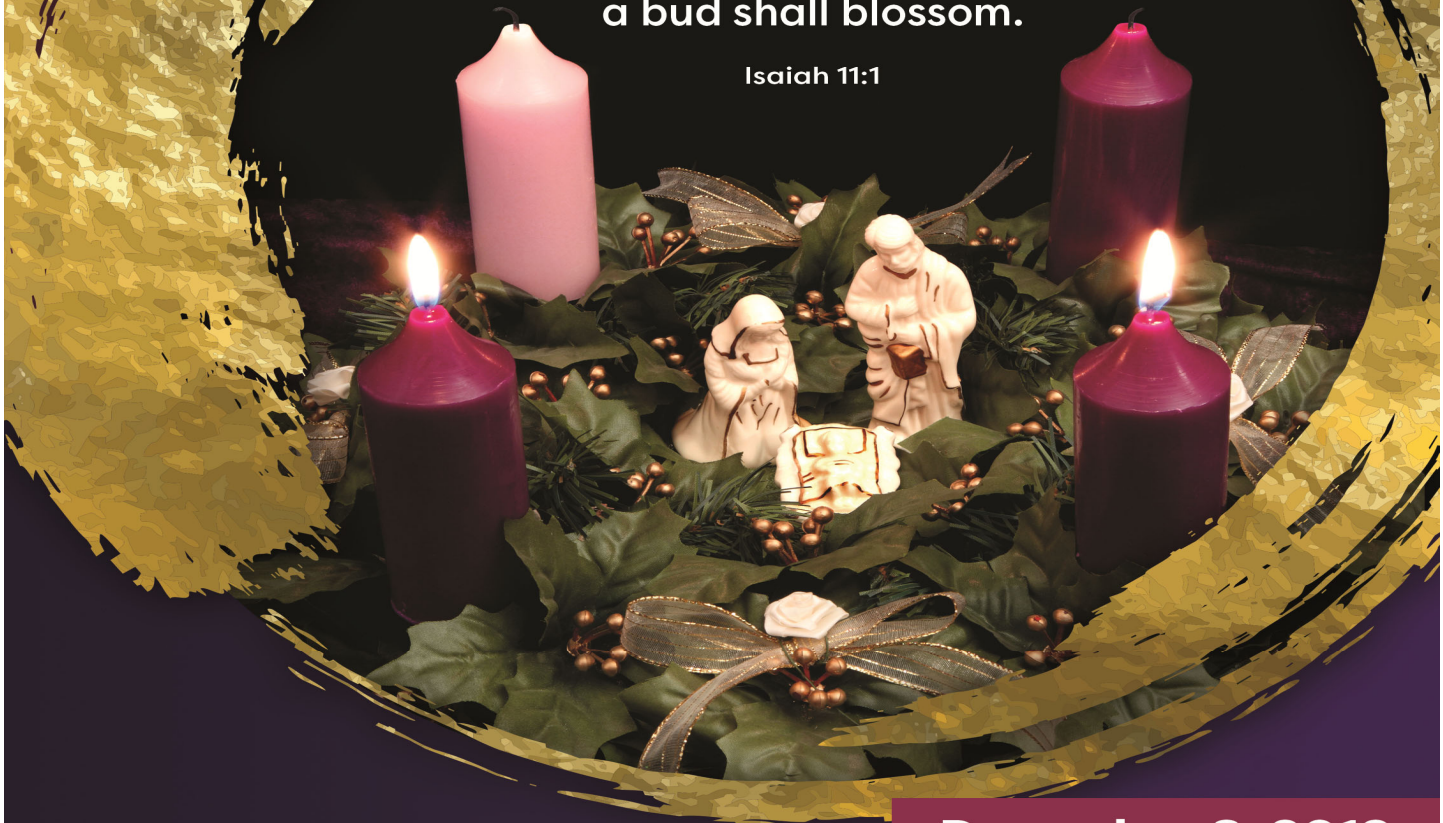
SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1



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December 8, 2019

We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	**8:30 AM**	
Tuesday	**8:30 AM**	**9 :00 AM Holy Hour**
Wednesday	**8:30 AM**	
Thursday	**8:30 AM**	**Prayer Service**
Friday	**8:30 AM**	
Saturday	**4:00 PM**	
Sunday	**8:30 AM**	
	10:30 AM	
Holy Days	**9:00 AM or as announced**	
Rosary	**Monday - Friday 8:00 AM**	
Confessions	**Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM**	
Baptisms & Weddings	**Call the rectory office**	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 7	4:00 PM	+ Margaret Faller by Mary & John Haugh
Sun., Dec. 8	8:30 AM	+ Bonnie Ostarello by Family
	10:30 AM	+ Betty Kroll by Son
		+ Essie by Friend
		Liliane Bolly
Mon., Dec. 9	8:30 AM	People Of Our Faith Community
Tues., Dec. 10	8:30 AM	+ Debra Gregg by Edna Lucas
Wed., Dec. 11	8:30 AM	+ Jean Ferdinand (1st Anniversary) by Family
Thur., Dec. 12	8:30 AM	Prayer Service
Fri., Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
Sat., Dec. 14	4:00 PM	+ Fr. John Harvey & Fr. John Powers
Sun., Dec. 15	8:30 AM	+ Aldo Panozzo by Family
	10:30 AM	+ Linda Chavers Qualls by Margaret Chavers

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Minister of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
December 14 4:00 PM	Robert Horn	Zenovia Evans, Irene Sikorski	Volunteer Needed
December 15 8:30 AM	Pat Anderson	Joan Elliot, Donna Lamoureux Orie Matyasik, Mary Simms	Kenechi Aranonu Kelsey Engel
December 15 10:30 AM	Nnedi Okabuonye	Catherine Byrd, Audrey Mitchell Lorenzo Zamora, Mary Ann Zamora	Eric Lwanyaga

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The wine used at Mass
for the Eucharist for DECEMBER
is a gift from the Onuchukwu Family
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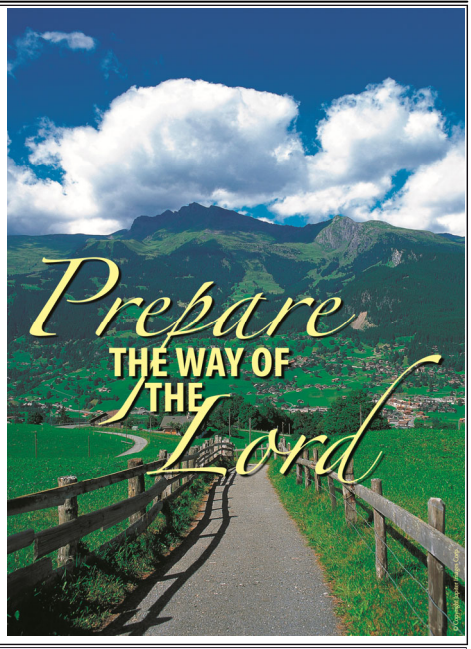
If you would like to provide
the gift of wine for a month the donation would be $65
and the gift of hosts for a month would be $45.
Please contact the Rectory office.

Please pray for the soul of
Stephen Russell.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

From the Dining Room Table of Deacon Mel



The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. This is one of the very few laws of geometry that I can still remember from my high school days. Although it is a basic law of mathematics, it can prove to be very complicated when applied to human life. Getting from one point in our lives to another point is rarely a straight trip. The road to our desired end is often filled with twists, turns and detours that can get us turned in the wrong direction. We can easily become lost and may never get to where we want to go. This is true of both our worldly and spiritual lives.

This week the gospel tells us that St. John the Baptist was sent to fulfill a prophetic role – to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight his path. St. John tells us that the straight line to the Kingdom of Heaven is Jesus Christ. As always the case, however, our path to the Kingdom, our walk with Jesus, is filled with twists, turns and detours. We have a tendency to walk away from Jesus instead of with him. When this happens we need to turn our lives around and head back in the right direction. That is what the word "repent" means in the bible.

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord and his Kingdom. It is a time to set our sights on Jesus and to walk with him. St. John the Baptist's cry is urgent. Now is the time to examine our conscience. Now is the time to seek God's mercy. Now is the time to get on the straight path.

Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,
grant, we pray,
that, as you preserved her from every stain
by virtue of the Death of your Son,
which you foresaw, so through her intercession,
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:30 AM Mass

After the Mass join us in the gym for Mexican refreshments

Loving God, as Advent days continue, we pause to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Honoring Our Lady's message of hope,
we open our hearts and offer our prayers for all who are in special need of her help and care this day.
Honoring Our Lady's message of peace,
we work and pray for the unity of all people, and for true and lasting peace on Earth.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.
Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.
Patron of Mexico, pray for us.
Mother of God, pray for us.
Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).
Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).
Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends who are ill and recovering.

Kathleen Bauer
Matty Beuke
Joey Centrachio
Dolores Cox
Ruben Davilla
Ann Dobias
Mary Faulkner
Sarah Halaburt
Beth Handy
Ruby Ingram
Barbara Bishop
Delores Jerome
Tommy Johnson
Robert Kelliher
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Joan Metzger
Karen Murdaugh
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Barbara Ryan
Pinkie Scarborough
Eleanor Sheeran
Tom Sheeran
Ana Smith
Martrell Smith
Marty Smith
Teresa Spruiell
Anna Szuts
Duane Taylor
Dolores Vanco
Debra Worthy
Vicente Zamora

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, forms are available in the back of the church. Please notify the rectory office when the name can be removed.

SHED**SOME**LIGHT

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DECEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH!

ADVENT, 2019

During the season of Advent, the students meet each week for an Advent Prayer Service to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time. Our theme this year is "Angels Among Us." The students are living this idea by showing love to others through random acts of kindness and compassion. Throughout these four weeks, we will reflect on how we can be "angels" to one another. We will also recognize others who have been angels in our lives.

BOOK FAIR & MUSIC CONCERT

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Christ Our Savior Catholic School the week of December 9. Please feel free to stop in during the week and do some Christmas shopping. The best gift you can give a child is the love of literature! Share this gift with a youngster. The Book Fair will also be open before and after our Christmas Music Concert on Tuesday, December 10. The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Gym. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend our spirit filled Christmas concert.

5/12 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

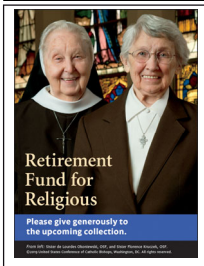
Would you like the opportunity to win a little extra ca$h just in time for Christmas? Then stop by the school office and pick up a 5/12 raffle ticket ….or two… (12 prizes- $5 per ticket). Raffle prizes are as follows: 1st prize - $1,000; 2nd Prize - $250; Prizes 3 thru 12 - $100 each. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, December 10 after our Christmas Concert. Winner need not be present. Thank you for your loyal support!

DRAMA CLUB CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christ Our Savior Catholic School Drama Club will present the play "The Greatest Story Ever Told." on Fri. December 13 at 7 p.m. The play will be held in the school gym, 900 E. 154th Street, South Holland. Ticket price is $20 which includes dinner and the cost of the show. Tickets are $10 for the price of the show only. Reserve your table as soon as possible (7 people to a table). For further information, contact Cheryl Barksdale, Director, at 708-704-9185 or call the school office at 708-333-8173. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

In Christ's Love,

Karen Brodzik
Principal



Support The Aging Religious

Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generosity.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Wishing Tree Gifts are due to be returned to Church this weekend

Your donation of clean, gently used coats, hats and scarves for Catholic Charities can be left in the Church lobby.

Oplatki, the Christmas Wafer used during the holiday season is available in church or in the Rectory office weekdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. The donation is $2.

Flower donations for holiday flowers are still being accepted.

PARISH EVENTS

TUESDAY 12-10 Discussion of the upcoming weekend scripture readings in the Rectory from 10 AM to 12 PM

TUESDAY 12-10 Explore the Gospel of John with Deacon Mel in McMahon Hall from 7-9 PM

THURSDAY 12-12 Senior Holiday Lunch at J.J. Kelly's 2455 Bernice Rd., Lansing at Noon

SATURDAY 12-14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 AM in Room 109

SAT. & SUN. 12-14 & 12-15 Senior Bake Sale in Church Lobby

SAT. & SUN. 12-14 & 12-15 Holy Name Society Nut Sale in Church Lobby

SUNDAY 12-15 Youth Ministry Gathering after 10:30 Mass in Room 101A

THURSDAY 12-19 Senior Hospitality 9:15 AM in McMahon Hall Sign up is needed

SAT. & SUN. 12-21 & 12-22 Media Center in Church Lobby

ReconciliationService

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During Advent,
we are reminded to prepare so that we are ready for His coming.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on
Monday, December 16th 6:30 PM
& Friday, December 20th 11:30 AM

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all
The Thanksgiving Basket Volunteers and Sponsors for their time, talents and treasures.

Fr. Gosbert, Joanne Adducci, Steve Anderson, Jerrie Claire Bond, Pat & Rose Anne Clayton, Victoria Ekwo, Hope Greene, Harry Morris, Mary Jo Jacobsma, Dolores Janich, Adrenia Jones, Marilyn Krolo, Shirley Matlock, Orie Matyasik, David Mauro, Yvonne Mensah, Audrey Mitchell, Diane Pearson, Diane Ostarello, Jim Ostarello, Millie Williams-Reid, Joanne & Tom Ruvoli, Jay & Pinkie Scarborough, Cynthia Scott, Mary Simms, Lee Springer, Nick Ziemkowski, and Mark Ziemkowski

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be decorating the Church for the holiday season on

Monday, December 23, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

Job Opening

Christ Our Savior Parish is looking for a part-time Director of Music. Responsibilities include coordination of weekend and special liturgies in collaboration with liturgy committee. Directing and scheduling of cantors, adult and youth choirs ensuring liturgies are vibrant. They would also be responsible for supervision of audio equipment. The candidate must be available for Masses on Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM, as well as funerals and weddings. Please contact the Rectory office 708-333-3550 for more information.

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